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The NOAA KLM User's Guide is a comprehensive document describing the orbital and spacecraft characteristics, instruments, data formats, miscellaneous but pertinent information of the NOAA-K,L,M,N,N' satellites, as well as, the Metop series satellites as it pertains to the NOAA instruments.

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