

which, that

Use **that** for restrictive clauses; use **which** for non-restrictive clauses. A restrictive clause cannot be omitted from a sentence without changing the meaning. A non-restrictive clause merely adds incidental facts that do not significantly limit the meaning of the principal clause.

A satellite **that is inflated with gas** is very vulnerable. (Eliminating the boldface words, a restrictive clause, would change the meaning of the sentence.)

Echo 1, **which was inflated with gas**, circled the earth every hour and a half. (The boldface words, a non-restrictive clause, may be omitted without affecting the meaning of the sentence.)