

Orion @ Ames

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Artemis Mission Objectives



- With Artemis missions, NASA will establish the first long-term presence on the Moon. The exploration and settlement on Moon will enable the next giant leap sending the first astronauts to Mars
- The primary goal of Artemis I is to thoroughly test the integrated systems by launching Orion atop the SLS rocket, operating the spacecraft in a deep space environment, testing Orion's heat shield, and recovering the crew module after reentry, descent, and splashdown before crewed missions.

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Artemis Elements





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Orion Spacecraft Overview





NASA Prime Contractor: Lockheed-Martin ESA Prime Contractor: Airbus

Orion Spacecraft Capabilities Maturation





Previously flown

Orion Quick Facts



Performance	Height
Number of crew 4	Crew module + 26 ft.
Mission Duration up to 21 days	service module
	Orion stack (launch abort 67 ft.
	system + crew module
	+ service module)
	SLS Block 1 Configuration 322 ft.
	(Orion + SLS stack)
Trans-Lunar Insertion Mass	Post-Trans Lunar Insertion Mass
Artemis I 53,000 lbs.	Artemis I 51,500 lbs.
Artemis II 58,000 lbs.	Artemis II 57,000 lbs.
	Usable Propellant 19,000 lbs.
	Total Change in Velocity (ΔV) with Fully Loaded
Gross Liftoff Weight	Propellant Tank
Artemis I 72,000 lbs.	Artemis I 53,000 lbs.
Artemis II 78,000 lbs.	Artemis II 58,000 lbs.

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(for 8/29 launch)

- Flight Day 1 (8/29, 8:33 a.m.) Liftoff through trans-lunar injection
- Flight Day 2-5 Outbound transit
 - Flight Day 5 (9/3): Outbound Flyby (burn 9:11 p.m.), Lunar Closest Approach (~60 miles)
- Flight day 6-9 Transit to Distant Retrograde Orbit (DRO) around the Moon
 - Flight Day 8 (9/5): Labor Day
- Flight Day 10-23 In DRO
 - Flight Day 10 (9/7): DRO Insertion (burn 8:54 a.m.)
 - Flight Day 11 (9/8): Orion passes Apollo 13 Record
 - Flight Day 15 (9/12): JFK speech 60th
 anniversary
 - IAC (9/18-22)

- Flight Day 24-34 Exit DRO
 - Flight Day 24 (9/21): DRO Departure (burn 2:52 a.m.)
 - Flight Day 26 (9/23): Max distance from Earth
- Flight Day 35-42 Return transit
 - Flight Day 35 (10/3): Return Flyby (burn 12:06 a.m.), Second Closest Approach (~500 miles)
- Flight Day 43 (10/10)- Entry and splashdown (11:53 a.m.)
 - Columbus day

Artemis 1 Mission Overview





Artemis I Payloads





Moonikin Campos

The Moonikin is a male-bodied manikin previously used in Orion vibration tests. Campos will occupy the commander's seat inside and wear an Orion Crew Survival System suit





MARE

Crew Interface Technology Payload (CITP) Creates an interactive experience between Orion and

Radiation shielding Personal Protection Equipment (radiation vest)

for astronauts.

Radiation Sensors There will be three types of

Dosimeters, Hybrid Electronic



Bio-Experiment-1

Battery-powered life sciences payload for biology research beyond low-Earth orbit (LEO)

the public during the mission



Key Artemis Contributions by NASA Center





Orion NASA Organization



- Multi NASA Center Program
- Strong, independent Engineering, Safety and Health & Medical Technical Authorities
- Orion to
 ESD/Gateway/HLS
 integration led by VIO
 and supported by
 Product Teams
- NASA/ESA integration led by EIO and supported by Product Teams
- Significant insight into Prime Contractor and ESA partner activities
- Evolution to "lean" production org in work



ARC Technical Support Areas



Crew Service Module (CSM) : TS, AA and RE





Heatshield testing, system analysis, recovery and post flight support

Backshell testing, analysis recovery and post flight support



Arcjet testing



TPS Development Flight Instrumentation (DFI)

Vehicle Integration Office (VIO): TS, AA, TN and AO



Aerothermal environment and Aerothermal database generation







Launch abort environments, acoustics and vibrations

Vehicle Aerodynamics, wind tunnel test support and aero database wind tunnel testing

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Orion TPS - Heat Shield



- The Apollo Honeycomb/Gunned (HC/G) system was flown on EFT-1 in 2014
 - Avcoat 5026-39 HC/G
 - Composite/Ti carrier structure



- For Artemis missions, the Orion baseline is Molded Avcoat blocks
 - Avcoat 5026-39 M
 - No honeycomb
 - Bonded to the carrier with EA9394 epoxy
 - RTV-560 between blocks
 - Composite/Ti carrier structure
 - Reduced mass from EFT-1





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Reference : https://www.nas.nasa.gov/pubs/ams/2022/04-07-22.html

Heatshield Fun Facts



- » During return to Earth from a mission to the Moon, Orion and its heat shield must protect the vehicle and crew from external temperatures up to around 5,000°F.
 - » This is hotter than the melting point for titanium, which is about 3,000°F.
 - » It's also about half the surface temperature of the Sun, which is about 10,000°F.
- » While the outside temperatures during entry into Earth's atmosphere will reach 5,000°F, inside the spacecraft it will be in the mid-70s – hotter than molten lava on the outside and cool as a cucumber on the inside.
- » The heat shield on the bottom of the crew module is 16.5 feet wide. It is the largest ablative heat shield in the world. Orion's thermal protection system is one of the most important parts of the spacecraft and is responsible for protecting the astronauts during their return.



AVCOAT block bonding on the Artemis II heat shield

Heat shield back shell panels are prefitted on the Orion Spacecraft 8/24/2022

Orion TPS - Backshell & FBC



- Alumina-Enhanced Thermal Barrier (AETB-8 tiles) with RCG over TUFI coating (Shuttle heritage)
- Removable panels with threaded tile plugs providing fastener access
- Flexible Reusable Surface Insulation (FRSI) used on upper apex surface
- Penetrations utilized thermal barriers, carbon phenolic, RTV and FRSI



Panel A, Tiles Partially Installed POC: Jeremy Vander kam, Marc Rezin



Forward Bay Cover, with Side Panel Removed

Back Shell TPS, Wind Side (Forward Bay Cover Not Shown)

Orion TPS – Arcjet Tests



Orion TPS team designs, plans and executes the heatshield and backshell material and system level tests to provide a preview of performance in entry like conditions and generate data for thermal response and aerothermal databases. Test campaigns are conducted in

- ≻ IHF/LEAF
- ≻ AHF
- ≻ PTF





Orion panel test article mounted in IHF/LEAF for combined convective and radiative test

Orion heatshield material exposed to arcjet plasma

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Orion TPS - Arc Jet Test Summary



Orion Arc Jet Test History at Ames

= Total Sum of No of Test Samples

Heat Shield

Ablator Selection

Constellation

EFT-1, Switch to

Block System

- Since 2006, Orion has completed > 1,420 arc jet tests at NASA Ames Research Center
 - Does not include arc jet tests at NASA JSC and the Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC) in Tennessee - another ~200 tests



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Orion TPS – Systems Analysis



ARC System analysis group provides insight/oversight for LM analysis, thermal analysis, thermal response analysis, arc-jet and other test data interpretation, guidance in arcjet test design and planning etc.



In addition, ARC TPS team is actively supporting pre and post Artemis 1 flight planning, recovery and post flight TPS analysis.

Orion TPS DFI (Development Flight Instrumentation)

- Objective deliver Artemis 1, 2, 3 + instrumentation hardware (heatshield and backshell) for measuring aerothermal environments, vehicle wind-relative orientation, and atmospheric density during the atmospheric entry of the Crew Module (CM).
- Both heatshield as well as the backshell has numerous embedded sensors that include Thermal plugs, Flush Air Data System, Kulites, Radiometer, spectrometer, Optical recession sensors,



Artemis 1& 2 Thermal Plugs with embedded Thermocouples



Artemis-1 Radiometer sub-assembly

POCs: Ed Martinez, Jose Santos

DFI Sensors





Flush Mounted Radiometer through Backshell Tile (Illustration by LMSSC)





Artemis 2 Heat Shield Optical Recession Sensor (ORS)

Artemis 2 Heat Shield Thermocouple (TC) plug



Artemis 2 Heat Shield Spectrometer Optics

Orion Aerosciences



- CFD is used to develop environments for Aerodynamics and Aerothermodynamics for all phases of flight
- CFD tools are validated utilizing ground and flight test data before applying it in design analyses
- Key challenges for CFD in Orion Aerosciences
 - Aero: Complex geometries, turbulence, wake flows, plume flows, fluid-structure interaction (parachutes)
 - Aerothermal: Complex geometries, turbulence, wake flows, plume flows, gas-surface chemical interaction, radiation











Aerosciences - Aerothermodynamics



ARC aerothermal team supports aerothermal database generation, launch and flight environment predictions, data verifications, ground test design and verifications.



Aerosciences - Aerodynamics



ARC aerodynamics team provide technical support in the development of CFD best practices for aerodynamic analysis and delivery of CFD simulations for NASA's Orion Aerodynamic databases for all Artemis missions

- Support of Orion's LAV Aerodynamics Database V0.96
- Root Cause Investigation of AA-2 [07/02/2019 test] LAV Drag Miss
- Artemis-1 Best Estimated Trajectory (BET) reconstruction support





POC – Joseph Garcia

Orion Launch abort System Support



- Collaboration between Orion Loads and Dynamics team at Johnson Space Center and Launch, Ascent, and Vehicle Aerodynamics (LAVA) team at Ames
- Goal: Incorporate Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) predictions to the wind tunnel, ground, and flight test data used to characterize the vibro-acoustic environment of the Orion Launch Abort System (LAS) – to ensure it doesn't shake itself apart
- Motivation:
 - To help reduce uncertainty: WT/ground/flight tests are few in number, have limited sensors, are costly, and don't cover all possible abort trajectories
 - To help better understand how altitude, Mach number, and acceleration, affect the strength and distribution of vibrations on LAS

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Launch Abort System





Ensuring Astronaut Safety

NASA is developing technologies that will enable humans to explore new destinations in the solar system. America will use the Orion spacecraft, launched atop the Space Launch System rocket, to send a new generation of astronauts beyond low-Earth orbit to places like an asteroid and eventually Mars. In order to keep astronauts safe in such difficult, yet exciting missions, NASA and Lockheed Martin collaborated to design and build the Launch Abort System.

Ascent Abort Flight Test (AA-2)





- Date: July 2, 2019
- Vehicle: Launch abort vehicle atop Northrop Grumman
 - provided booster
- Trajectory: Abort occurs at Mach 1.17 and accelerates to Mach 1.6

AA-2 Mach 1.2 Simulation





Effect of Mach Number on OASPL







POC - Jay Panda (NASA ARC)

Wind tunnel Tests for Aeroacoustics



Several windtunnel tests have been conducted at ARC to understand the launch environments.

The aeroacoustics test to study the surface pressure fluctuations at CM_SM umbilical was successfully conducted at 11-ft Unitary wind tunnel in 2019.

The results show significant reduction in the overall acoustic environment and efforts continue to further reduce the environment based on this test data.



7.5% Orion scaled model exposed to Mach0.8-1.4 with AoA and beta sweep



flow over the umbilical cover showing complex shock-wave patterns, and interactions with separated flow and the upcoming wake

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Summary



ARC continues to be a key contributor for Orion program in support of Artemis Mission in several areas that include heatshield development, testing and recovery, flight sensors development, aero sciences, launch abort environments and wind tunnel tests.



QUESTIONS?

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