



SPACE LAUNCH SYSTEM

**SLS CubeSats: First Flight and
Future Opportunities**

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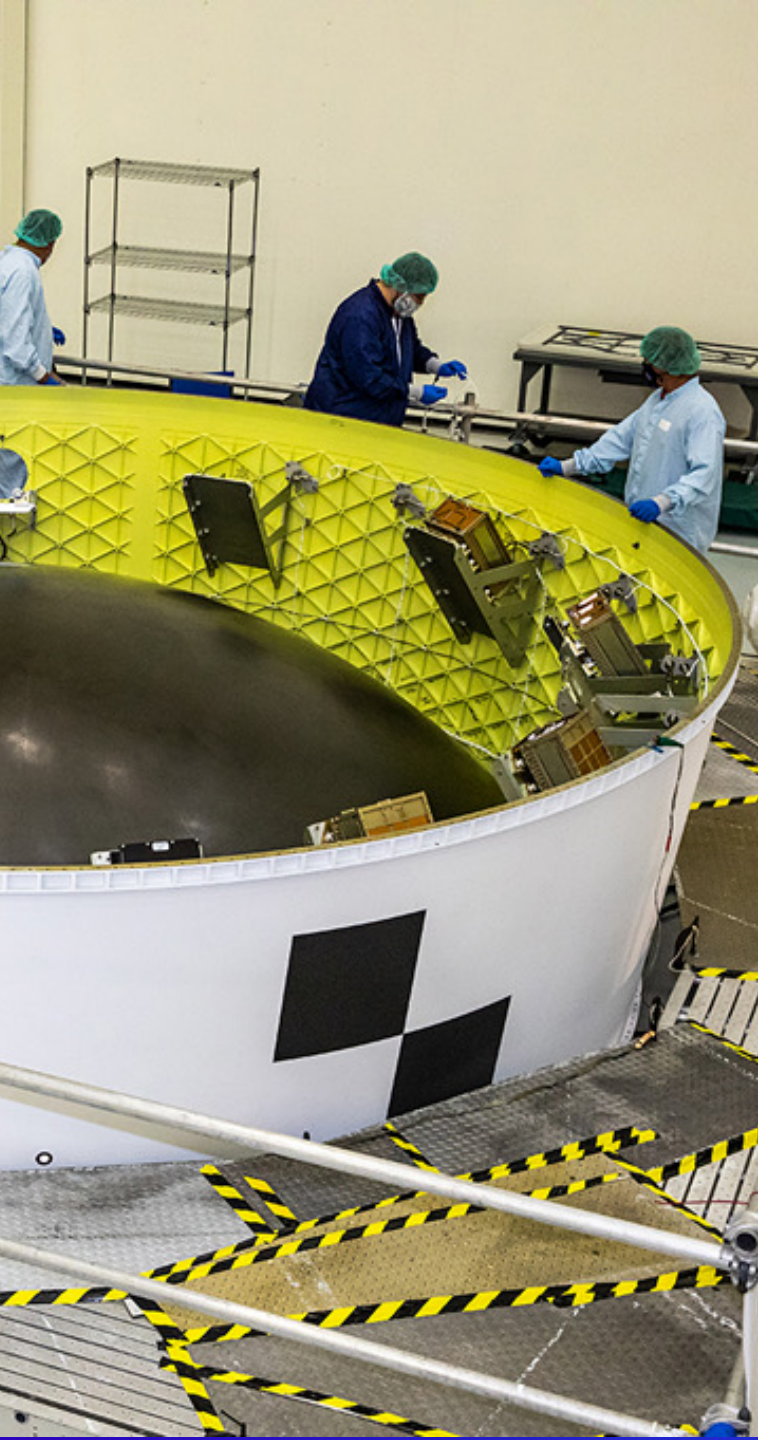


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ALL PRELIMINARY POST-FLIGHT DATA INDICATES THAT SLS IS READY TO SUPPORT A CREWED FLIGHT ON ARTEMIS II.

- The SLS core stage inserted ICPS and Orion into an initial Earth orbit at a velocity of 25,579.86 ft./sec – 6.58 ft./sec. off a perfect bullseye
- Orbital insertion apogee was just 2.9 miles shy of the perfect bullseye target
- Insertion velocity was 99.64% accurate: symmetry in motion





ARTEMIS I SECONDARY PAYLOADS

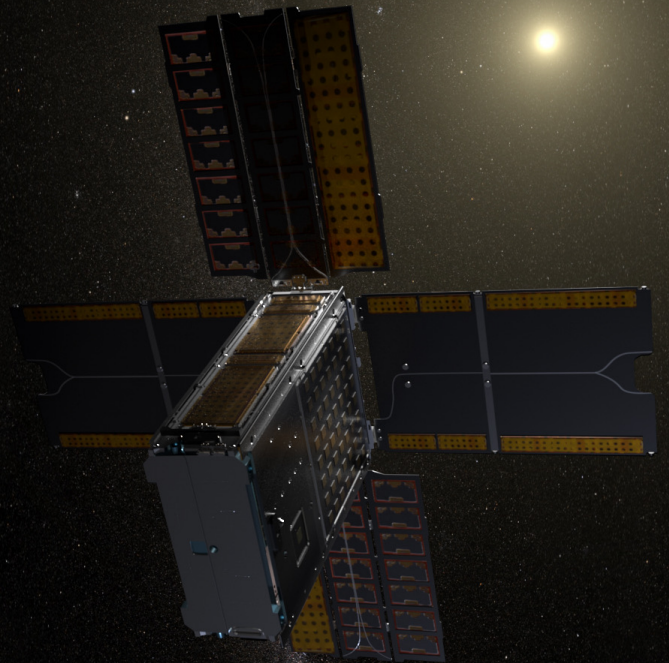
- Possible 17 dispenser locations
- Due to 1,000 lbs. mass limit for secondary payloads and deployment system, 13 berths prepared
- Only 10 CubeSats made it to KSC for integration
- Payloads meeting battery requirements were provided battery charging in the OSA
- Dispensers mounted on vibration isolation system to mitigate launch vibe forces
- SLS upper stage was pointed at the Sun and placed into 1-rpm roll to provide reasonable thermal conditions
- Bus stops were created to give payload developers a choice in departure time location along the trajectory

ARTEMIS I PAYLOADS

Artemis I Secondary Payloads – Deployed November 16, 2023		
CubeSat	Developer / Location	Destination
Argo Moon	ASI; Turin, Italy	High Earth / Moon Orbit
BioSentinel	Ames Research Center; Moffett Field, CA	Heliocentric Trajectory
CuSP	Southwest Research Institute (SwRI); San Antonio, TX	Heliocentric Trajectory
EQUULEUS	JAXA; Tsukuba, Japan	Earth-Moon L2
Luna H-Map	Arizona State University (ASU); Tempe, AZ	Lunar Orbit
Lunar IceCube	Morehead State University; Morehead, KY	Lunar Orbit
LunIR	Lockheed Martin Space Systems; Denver, CO	GEO
NEA Scout	Marshall Space Flight Center; Huntsville, AL	Near Earth Asteroid
OMOTENASHI	JAXA; Tsukuba, Japan	Lunar Surface (lander)
Team Miles	Fluid & Reason, LLC; Tampa, FL	Lunar Orbit

RESULTS:

- Payload deployment system performed nominally
- 80 percent of payloads confirmed contact with developers post-deployment
- Half of the Artemis I payloads experienced at least partial mission success





ARTEMIS II

FIRSTS:

- Crewed integrated flight test of the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket, Orion spacecraft, and EGS at Kennedy
- Demonstration of Orion life support systems
- Collection of human data in lunar orbit, transit to and from the Moon, and through reentry and splashdown

NEW ELEMENTS:

- Orion life support systems
- Launch Complex 39B emergency egress system for crew and new liquid hydrogen system

COMMON ELEMENTS:

- SLS rocket Block 1 configuration
- Orion crew spacecraft
- Mobile Launcher 1 and upgraded ground systems

ARTEMIS: LANDING HUMANS ON THE MOON



Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter: Continued surface and landing site investigation



Artemis I: First human spacecraft to the Moon in the 21st century



Artemis II: First humans to orbit the Moon and rendezvous in deep space in the 21st Century



Gateway begins science operations with launch of Power and Propulsion Element and Habitation and Logistics Outpost



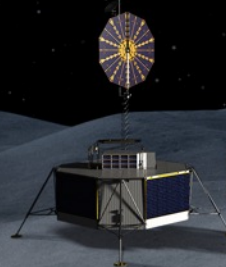
Artemis III-V: Deep space crew missions; cislunar buildup and initial crew demonstration landing with Human Landing System



Early South Pole Robotic Landings
Science and technology payloads delivered by Commercial Lunar Payload Services providers



Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover
First mobility-enhanced lunar volatiles survey



Uncrewed HLS Demonstration



Humans on the Moon - 21st Century
First crew expedition to the lunar surface



LUNAR SOUTH POLE TARGET SITE

ENABLING DISCOVERY

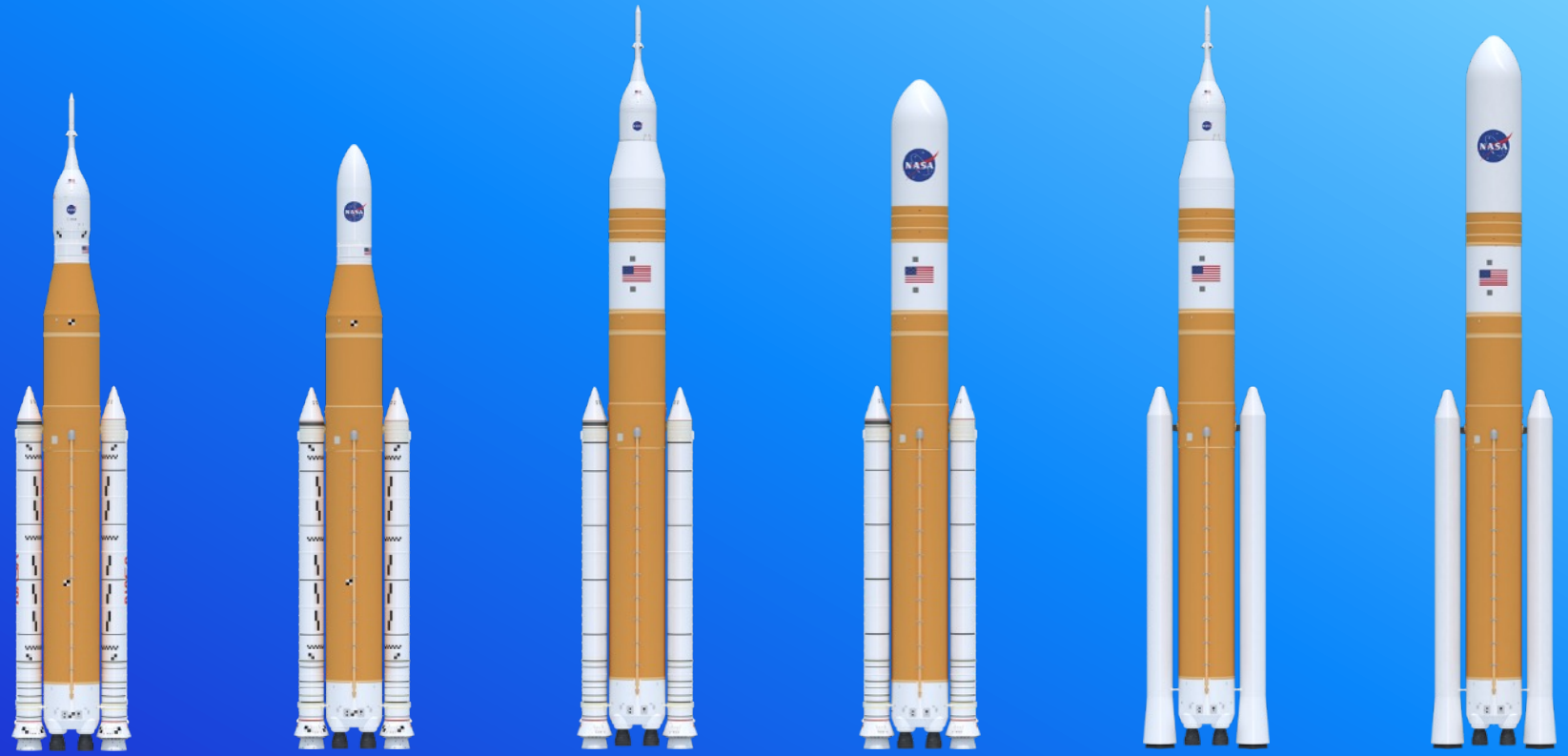
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Payload to LEO	95 t (209.4k lbs.)	95 t (209.4k lbs.)	105 t (231.4k lbs.)	105 t (231.4k lbs.)	130 t (286.6k lbs.)	130 t (286.6k lbs.)
Payload to TLI/Moon	> 27 t (59.5k lbs.)	> 27 t (59.5k lbs.)	38 t (83.7k lbs.)	42 t (92.5k lbs.)	> 43 t (94.7k lbs.)	> 46 t (101.4k lbs.)
Payload Volume	516 ft ³ (14.6 m ³)	8,118 ft ³ (229.9 m ³)	10,100 ft ³ (286 m ³)**	21,930 ft ³ (621.1 m ³)	10,100 ft ³ (286 m ³)**	34,910 ft ³ (988 m ³)

Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) represents a typical 200-km circular orbit at 28.5 degrees inclination.

Trans-Lunar Injection (TLI) is a propulsive maneuver used to set a spacecraft on a trajectory that will cause it to arrive at the Moon. A spacecraft performs TLI to begin a lunar transfer from a low circular parking orbit around Earth.

The numbers depicted here indicate the mass capability at the TLI point.



SLS Block 1 Crew

SLS Block 1 Cargo

SLS Block 1B Crew

SLS Block 1B Cargo

SLS Block 2 Crew

SLS Block 2 Cargo

** Not including Orion/Service Module volume

Maximum Thrust	8.8 M lbs.	8.8 M lbs.	9.2 M lbs.	9.2 M lbs.	9.5 M lbs.	9.5 M lbs.
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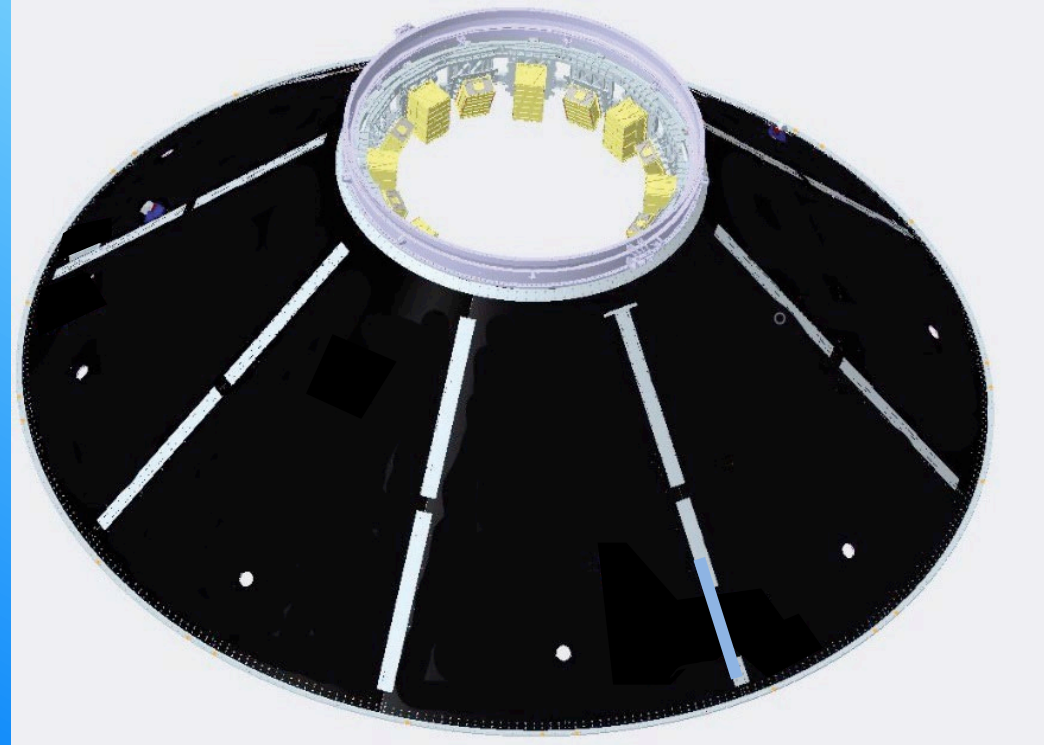
ARTEMIS V AND BEYOND

ARTEMIS V PAYLOAD COMPLEMENT:

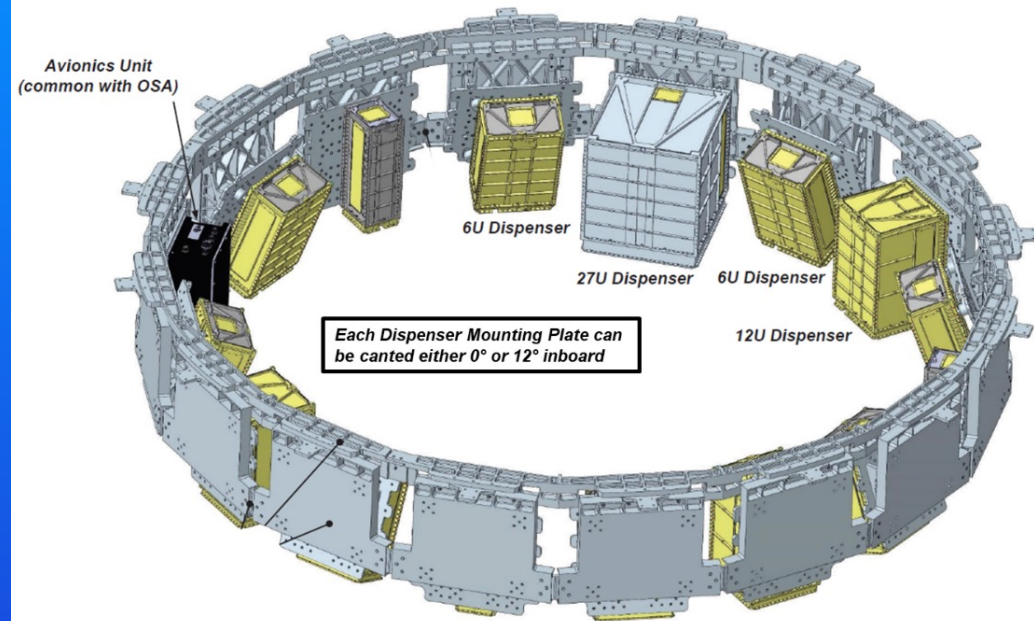
- Secondary payloads housed under a primary or co-manifested payload
- 15 mounting locations for dispensers
- Accommodate 6U, 12U, & 27U CubeSats

DEPLOYMENT CAPABILITIES:

- CubeSats released straight out or at a 20° angle
- 6U dispensers can be stacked two deep (provided sufficient mass allocation from SLS)
- Deployment positive feedback will be available



Nest Design Details





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