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SpaceX Overview

- SpaceX designs, manufactures, launches, and lands advanced rockets and spacecraft
- Founded in 2002 to revolutionize space technology, with the ultimate goal of enabling people to live on other planets
- World's fastest growing launch provider
- Over 70 missions on manifest representing more than \$10 billion in contracts
- Over 4,500 full-time employees
- Honored to partner with NASA to provide cargo services and return American crew carrying capability



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SpaceX Vehicles

Falcon 9



Falcon Heavy



Dragon







Ongoing and Future Developments

Commercial Cargo & Crew

Reusability

Mars









The Falcon Has Landed

- In December 2015, SpaceX landed the first stage of the Falcon 9 after successfully delivering 11 commercial satellites to orbit
- Historic milestone in spaceflight and reusability
- Major step toward lowering costs to access space and improve reliability



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December 21, 2015 – Falcon 9 Stage 1 Recovery





Partnership with NASA

SpaceX and NASA have developed a strong partnership through the Commercial Crew & Cargo programs





Cargo Program Overview

- SpaceX has provided ongoing cargo services to the International Space Station since 2012
- Dragon is the first commercial spacecraft in history to deliver cargo to the International Space Station and return it to Earth
- 9 missions successfully completed including 2 demonstrations and 7 operational missions
- 20 total missions on current Commercial Resupply Services (CRS) contract
- SpaceX awarded cargo resupply services through 2024 under the new CRS2 program







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Crew Program Overview

- SpaceX is developing a safe, reliable and complete Crew Transportation System certified to fly humans
- All key elements will be certified for crew, including Dragon, Falcon 9, ground systems, and all operations (Ground, Launch, Mission, Crew, and Recovery)
- Crew Dragon has SuperDraco thrusters for safety aborts and for propulsive landing
- Upcoming Crew Missions:
 - Demonstration 1 to International Space Station (ISS) without crew
 - ✓ In-Flight Abort Test
 - ✓ Demonstration 2 to ISS with crew
 - ✓ Multiple ongoing operational missions









Crew System Architecture

- Spacecraft Segment (Dragon)
 - Crew Module, Service Section and Trunk
 - Launch Abort System (internally integrated into Dragon)
- Launch Segment (F9)
 - Merlin engines
 - LOX & RP-1 propellants
 - Landing legs (stowed in ascent)
- Ground and Operation Segment
 - Ground Systems
 - Launch Pad (LC-39A), Launch Pad facility, Ground software, ground communications & Launch Control Center
 - Operations System
 - Mission Control Center, Crew Operations, Training & Simulations, & Recovery



Program Milestones & Status

- Recent completions:
 - Certification Baseline Review
 - Pad Abort Test
 - Avionics Test Bed Activation
 - Initial Propulsion Module Testing
 - Docking system qualification
 - Critical Design Review
 - Launch Site Operational Readiness (LSORR)
 - Propulsive Descent Testing
 - Post-Certification Mission 1 Initiation Review
 - Delta Critical Design Review
- Major upcoming milestones
 - Delta Critical Design Review 2 (dCDR2)
 - LSORR for Crew
 - Environmental Control and Life Support System (ECLSS) Integrated Test
 - Validation Propulsion Module Testing
 - Space Suit Qualification
 - Flight Test without Crew Certification Review (FTCR)
 - Demo 1 autonomous flight to ISS
 - Parachute Qualification Complete
 - In-Flight Abort Test
 - Design Certification Review (DCR)
 - Flight Test Readiness Review (FTRR)
 - Demo 2 crewed flight to ISS
 - Operations Readiness Review (ORR)
 - Certification Review (CR)
 - Post Certification Missions

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Dragon Precision Propulsive Hover Test



