



SpaceX Set to Launch Classified National Reconnaissance Payload

Description

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket will launch a secret mission for the National Reconnaissance Office. The launch is set for Thursday, July 30, from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. The rocket will lift off at 3:10 a.m. EDT.

Spaceflight Now will show the launch live about one hour before it happens. The 45th Weather Squadron says there is a 70 percent chance of good weather for the launch. However, they are watching the skies for possible clouds and storms.

Meteorologists, who study the weather, are unsure how long the storms will last. They say there might be more weather problems than usual for this time of year, but they still hope for good conditions.

The rocket, named B1096, will try to land at Landing Zone 2 after about 8.5 minutes. If it lands successfully, it will be the 18th landing at this site and the 642nd for SpaceX.

This is the third mission for the NRO on a Falcon 9 rocket. SpaceX got this job in August 2024.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the name of the rocket launching for the National Reconnaissance Office?

- Option: B1096
- Option: Falcon Heavy
- Option: Dragon
- Option: Starship

2. When is the Falcon 9 rocket scheduled to launch?

- Option: July 30
- Option: August 30
- Option: June 30
- Option: September 30

3. Where will the Falcon 9 rocket launch from?

- Option: Cape Canaveral Space Force Station
- Option: Kennedy Space Center



Option: Vandenberg Space Force Base

Option: Baikonur Cosmodrome

4. What time is the rocket expected to lift off?

Option: 3:10 a.m. EDT

Option: 3:10 p.m. EDT

Option: 4:10 a.m. EDT

Option: 2:10 a.m. EDT

5. How many successful landings has SpaceX had at Landing Zone 2 if this mission is successful?

Option: 18

Option: 20

Option: 15

Option: 25

6. What percentage chance of good weather is forecasted for the launch?

Option: 60%

Option: 70%

Option: 80%

Option: 90%

True-False

7. The Falcon 9 rocket will launch from Cape Canaveral on July 30.

8. Spaceflight Now will show the launch live one hour after it happens.

9. Meteorologists are confident that there will be good weather for the launch.

10. This is the first mission for the NRO on a Falcon 9 rocket.

11. The rocket B1096 will attempt to land at Landing Zone 2 after about 10 minutes.

12. There is a chance of storms affecting the launch according to the weather briefing.

Gap-Fill



13. The rocket B1096 will lift off at 3:10 a.m. EDT on July 30, and the live coverage will begin

_____.

14. The 45th Weather Squadron predicts a _____ percent chance of good weather for the launch.

15. If the landing at Landing Zone 2 is successful, it will mark the _____ landing at this site.

16. The launch is taking place at Cape Canaveral Space _____ Station.

17. This is the _____ mission for the NRO on a Falcon 9 rocket.

18. SpaceX received the contract for this job in _____ 2024.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. B1096 2. July 30 3. Cape Canaveral Space Force Station 4. 3:10 a.m. EDT 5. 18 6. 70%

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. True

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