



SpaceX Sets May 19 for Starship Version 3 Launch

Description

SpaceX will try to launch its new Starship V3 rocket on Tuesday, May 19. This news came after a successful test of its fuel system on Monday.

The mission is called Flight 12. It will be the first launch from a new site called Pad 2. This pad is for launching and catching rockets. The Starship V3 will use new Raptor 3 engines.

The main goal of the test is to show that all new parts work well together. SpaceX wants to use what it learned from earlier tests to make rockets that can be reused quickly.

After takeoff, the first part of the rocket will splash down in the Gulf of Mexico. The second part will try to land in the Indian Ocean about an hour later.

SpaceX will also deploy 22 test satellites during the mission. Two of these have new abilities to check the rocket's heat shield. Only one heat shield tile will be missing at launch to see how it affects the rocket's flight.

This launch is important for NASA's plans for future Moon missions.

Vocabulary List:

1. **mission** //ˈmɪʃən// (noun): an important trip with a clear purpose
2. **deploy** //dɪˈplɔɪ// (verb): to send out things so they can work
3. **satellites** //ˈsætəˌlaɪts// (noun): machines sent into space to collect information
4. **shield** //ʃiːld// (noun): a cover that protects from heat or damage
5. **reused** //riːˈjuːzd// (adjective): used again instead of being thrown away
6. **engines** //ˈɛn.dʒɪnz// (noun): machines that make power to move rockets

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the name of SpaceX's new rocket being launched?

Option: Starship V2



- Option: Starship V3
- Option: Starship V4
- Option: Starship V1

2. What date is the launch of the Starship V3 scheduled for?

- Option: May 19
- Option: May 20
- Option: May 21
- Option: May 18

3. What is the mission name for the Starship V3 launch?

- Option: Flight 10
- Option: Mission 12
- Option: Flight 12
- Option: Launch 12

4. What type of engines will the Starship V3 use?

- Option: Raptor 1
- Option: Raptor 2
- Option: Raptor 3
- Option: Raptor 4

5. What is the primary goal of the Starship V3 test?

- Option: To launch satellites
- Option: To test the fuel system
- Option: To show that all new parts work well together
- Option: To land in the Indian Ocean

6. Where will the first part of the rocket splash down?

- Option: Indian Ocean
- Option: Atlantic Ocean
- Option: Gulf of Mexico
- Option: Pacific Ocean

True-False

7. The Starship V3 is launching from a new site called Pad 1.



8. SpaceX will deploy 22 test satellites during the mission.
9. Only one heat shield tile will be missing at launch.
10. The second part of the rocket will land in the Gulf of Mexico.
11. SpaceX aims to make rockets that can be reused quickly.
12. This launch is unrelated to NASA's Moon missions.

Gap-Fill

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16. The second part will try to land in the _____ Ocean about an hour later.
17. Only one heat shield tile will be missing at launch to see how it affects the rocket's _____.
18. This launch is important for NASA's plans for future _____ missions.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Starship V3 2. May 19 3. Flight 12 4. Raptor 3 5. To show that all new parts work well together 6. Gulf of Mexico

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

Gap-Fill: 13. Monday 14. 3 15. Mexico 16. Indian 17. flight 18. Moon

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