# THE VEHICLE

# THE **SATELLITE**

## **PROTON HISTORY**

- Lead designer was Vladimir Chelomei, who designed it with the intention of creating both a powerful rocket for military payloads and a high-performance ICBM. The program evolved, and the rocket was developed exclusively for launching spacecraft.
- First named UR-500, but adopted the name "Proton," which also was the name of the first three payloads launched.
- Proton launched Russian interplanetary missions to the Moon, Venus, Mars, and Halley's Comet.
- Proton launched the Salyut space stations, the Mir core segment and both the Zarya (Dawn) and Zvezda (Star) modules for today's International Space Station.
- First commercial Proton launch 9 April 1996.

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## **PROTON DESCRIPTION**

Total Height 58.2 m (191 ft) Gross Liftoff

**Weight** 705,000 kg (1,554,000 lb)

**PROPELLANT** UDMH and NTO

INITIAL LAUNCH 16 July 1965 Proton-1 Spacecraft

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### BREEZE M UPPER STAGE

The Breeze M is powered by one pump-fed gimbaled main engine that develops thrust of 20 kN (4,500 lbf). It is composed of a central core and an auxilliary propellant tank which is jettisoned in flight following depletion. The Breeze M control system includes an on-board computer, a three-axis gyro stabilized platform, and a navigation system. The quantity of propellant carried is dependent on specific mission requirements and is varied to maximize mission performance.

#### **PROTON BOOSTER**

The Proton booster is 4.1 m (13.5 ft) in diameter along its second and third stages, with a first stage diameter of 7.4 m (24.3 ft). Overall height of the three stages of the Proton booster is 42.3 m (138.8 ft).

#### Third Stage

Powered by one RD-0213 engine, this stage develops thrust of 583 kN (131,000 lbf), and a four-nozzle vernier engine that produces thrust of 31 kN (7,000 lbf). Guidance, navigation, and control of the Proton M during operation of the first three stages is carried out by a triple redundant closed-loop digital avionics system mounted in the Proton's third stage.

#### Second Stage

Of conventional cylindrical design, this stage is powered by three RD-0210 engines plus one RD-0211 engine and develops a vacuum thrust of 2.4 MN (540,000 lbf).

#### First Stage

The first stage consists of a central tank containing the oxidizer surrounded by six outboard fuel tanks. Each fuel tank also carries one of the six RD-276 engines that provide first stage power. Total first stage vacuum-rated level thrust is 11.0 MN (2,500,000 lbf).

The Proton and the Breeze M are built by Khrunichev State Research and Production Space Center.



### SATELLITE OPERATOR SES WORLD SKIES

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### SATELLITE MANUFACTURER

Orbital Sciences Corporation www.orbital.com

> PLATFORM Star 2.4E

SEPARATED MASS 3112 kg

SATELLITE DESIGN LIFE 15 Years

## SATELLITE MISSION

SES-3, the 29th satellite in the SES WORLD SKIES fleet, is part of a total fleet of more than 40 satellites of parent company SES. The satellite is expected to replace AMC-1 at 103° West longitude in mid 2012 and provide continuity of service to the enterprise, government and media sectors from the center of the North American arc. SES-3 will be the home of key media companies delivering educational, international and highdefinition video channels throughout the U.S. The satellite will also be powering mobile communications, private networks and thousands of VSAT terminals for the enterprise community. SES-3 is the third satellite in a new generation of SES WORLD SKIES satellites bearing the "SES" name, joining the existing line of AMC satellites over North America and the NSS satellites covering the rest of the world.



## **Mission Overview**



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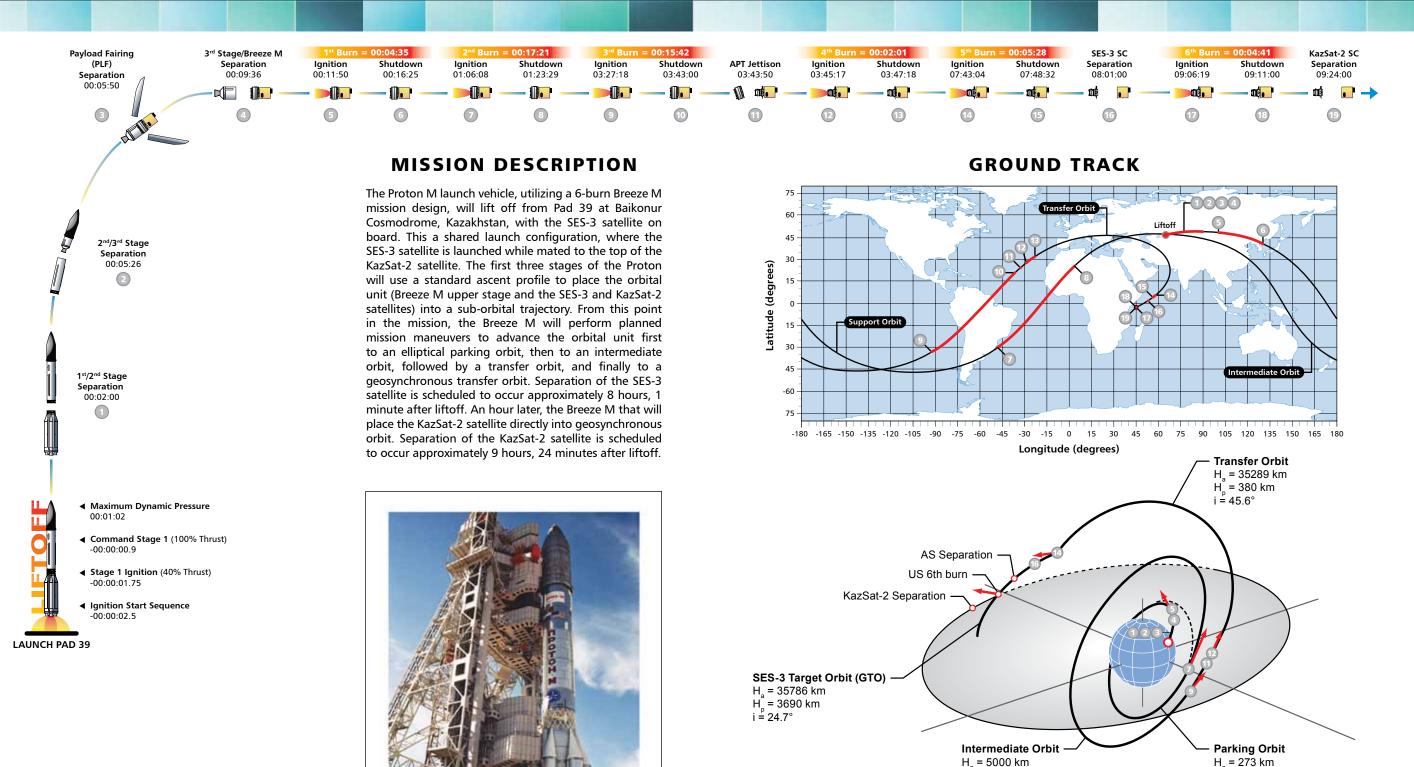


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# SES-3

- 1st Shared ILS Proton Launch
- 18th SES Satellite Launched on ILS Proton
- 4th Orbital Satellite Launched on ILS Proton

# THE MISSION



## **ASCENT PROFILE**

### **PROTON ON PAD 39**

FLIGHT DESIGN

H<sub>\_</sub><sup>°</sup> = 133 km

i = 48.0°

H \_ = 240 km

i = 46.8°