

STARLINK-26 MISSION



MISSION OVERVIEW

SpaceX is targeting Tuesday, May 4 for launch of 60 [Starlink](#) satellites from Launch Complex 39A (LC-39A) at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The instantaneous window is at 3:01 p.m. EDT, or 19:01 UTC, and a backup opportunity is available on Wednesday, May 5 at 2:39 p.m. EDT, or 18:39 UTC.

The Falcon 9 first stage rocket booster supporting this mission previously supported launch of Telstar 18 VANTAGE, Iridium-8, and six Starlink missions. Following stage separation, SpaceX will land Falcon 9's first stage on the "Of Course I Still Love You" droneship, which will be located in the Atlantic Ocean. One half of Falcon 9's fairing previously supported two Starlink missions.

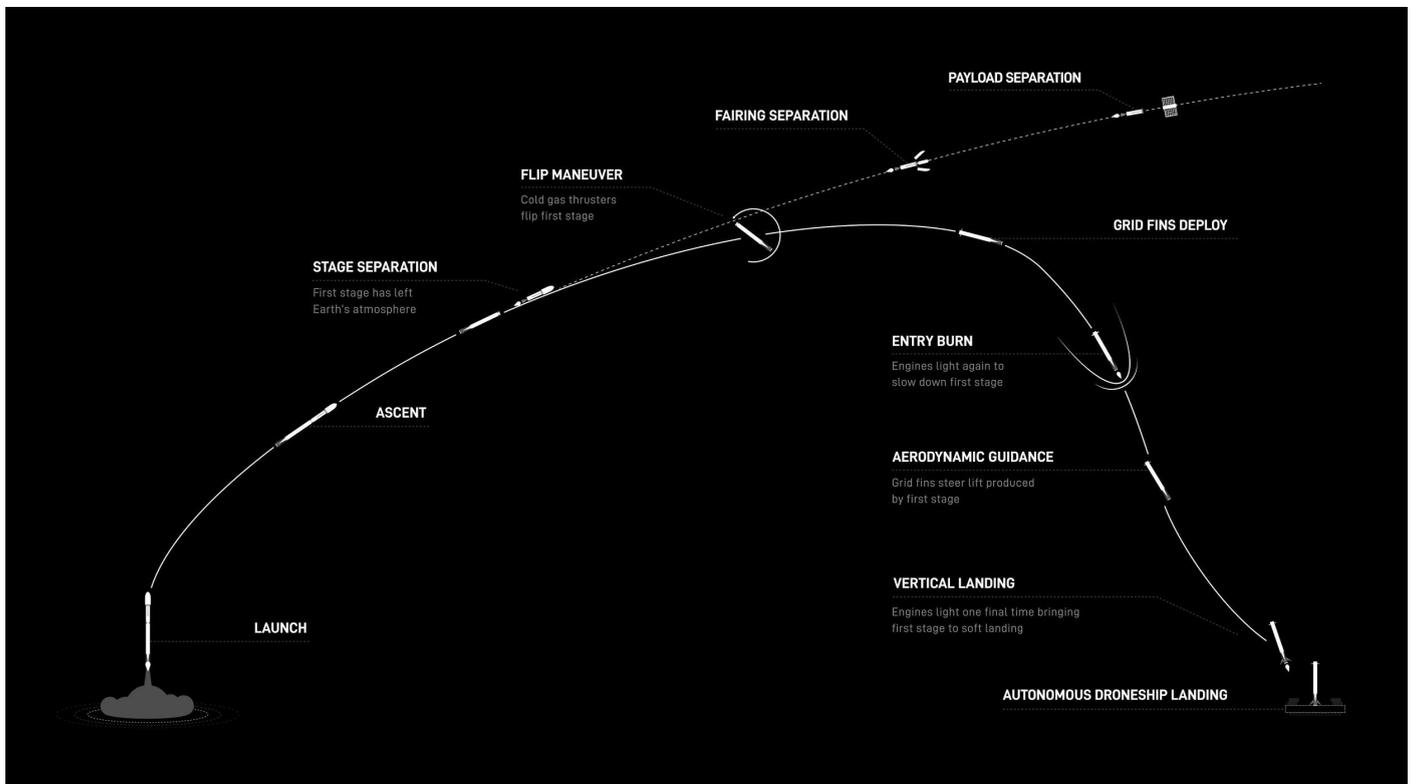
WEBCAST

[The live webcast](#) will begin about 15 minutes before liftoff.

PHOTOS

High-resolution photos will be posted at [flickr.com/spacex](https://www.flickr.com/photos/spacex/).

MISSION PROFILE



MISSION TIMELINE (ALL TIMES APPROXIMATE)

COUNTDOWN

Hr/Min/Sec	Event
- 00:38:00	SpaceX Launch Director verifies go for propellant load
- 00:35:00	RP-1 (rocket grade kerosene) loading underway
- 00:35:00	1st stage LOX (liquid oxygen) loading underway
- 00:16:00	2nd stage LOX loading underway
- 00:07:00	Falcon 9 begins engine chill prior to launch
- 00:01:00	Command flight computer to begin final prelaunch checks
- 00:01:00	Propellant tank pressurization to flight pressure begins
- 00:00:45	SpaceX Launch Director verifies go for launch
- 00:00:03	Engine controller commands engine ignition sequence to start
- 00:00:00	Falcon 9 liftoff

LAUNCH, LANDING AND DEPLOYMENT

Hr/Min/Sec	Event
00:01:12	Max Q (moment of peak mechanical stress on the rocket)
00:02:32	1st stage main engine cutoff (MECO)
00:02:35	1st and 2nd stages separate
00:02:43	2nd stage engine starts
00:03:03	Fairing deployment
00:06:57	1st stage entry burn complete
00:08:39	1st stage landing
00:08:46	2nd stage engine cutoff (SECO-1)
00:45:32	2nd stage engine restarts
00:45:33	2nd stage engine cutoff (SECO-2)
01:03:49	Starlink satellites deploy