

UPCOMING LAUNCH

NROL-186 MISSION

WATCH

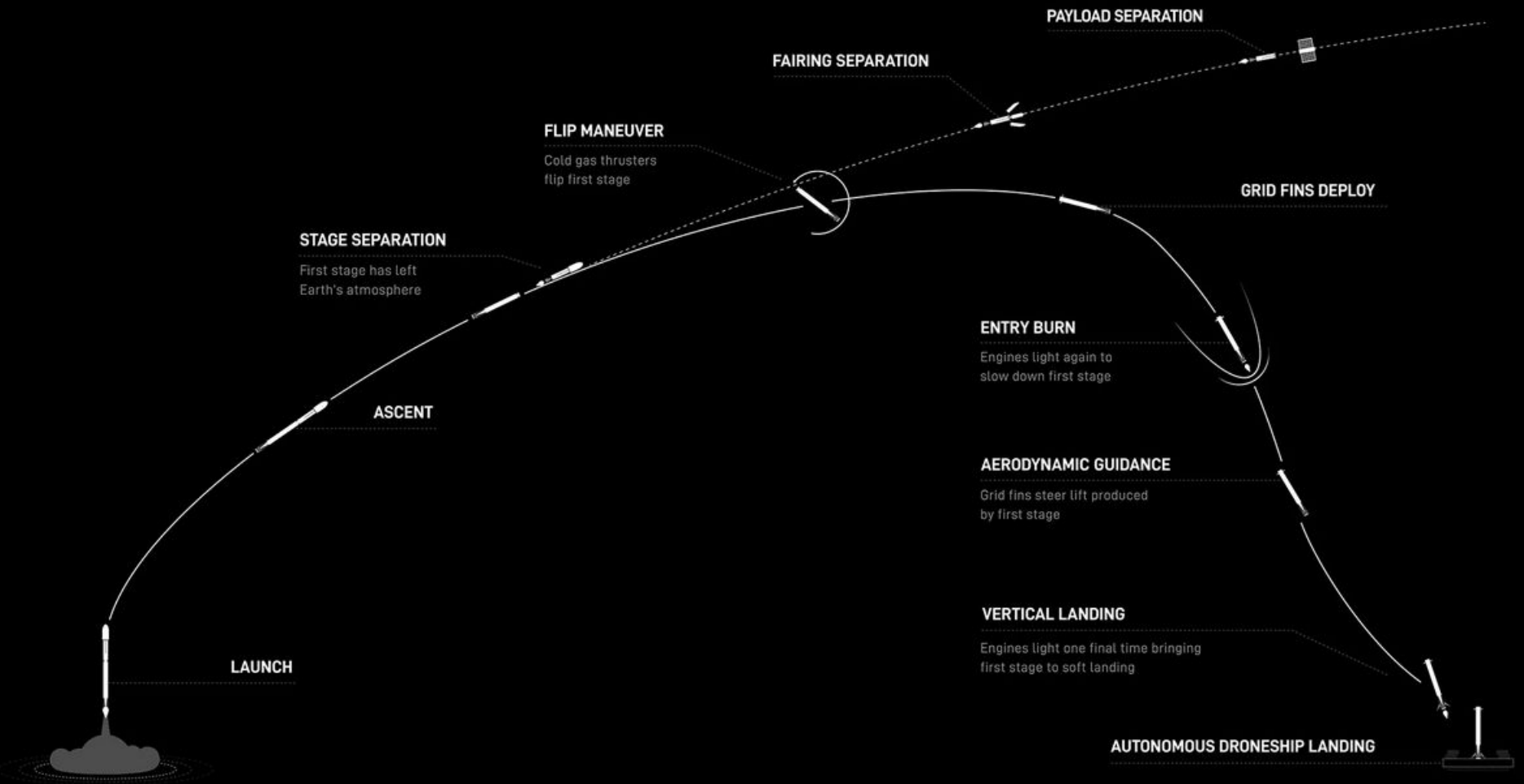
SpaceX is targeting Friday, June 28 for a Falcon 9 launch of the NROL-186 mission from Space Launch Complex 4 East (SLC-4E) at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. The two-hour launch window opens at 8:14 p.m. PT. If needed, a backup opportunity is available on Saturday, June 29 starting at 8:00 p.m. PT.

A live webcast of this mission will begin about 10 minutes prior to liftoff, which you can watch here and on [X @SpaceX](#).

This is the eighth flight for the first stage booster supporting this mission, having previously launched Crew-7, CRS-29, PACE, Transporter-10, EarthCARE, and two Starlink missions. Following stage separation, the first stage will land on the Of Course I Still Love You dronship, which will be stationed in the Pacific Ocean.

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 begins
00:35:00	1st stage LOX (liquid oxygen) loading begins
00:16:00	2nd stage LOX loading begins
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

All Times Approximate

HR/MIN/SEC	EVENT
00:01:08	Max Q
00:02:26	1st stage main engine cutoff (MECO)
00:02:30	1st and 2nd stages separate
00:02:37	2nd stage engine starts (SES-1)
00:03:05	Fairing deployment
00:06:08	1st stage entry burn begins
00:06:28	1st stage entry burn ends
00:07:51	1st stage landing burn begins
00:08:13	1st stage landing
00:08:39	2nd stage engine cutoff (SECO-1)
00:53:13	2nd stage engine starts (SES-2)
00:53:15	2nd stage engine cutoff (SECO-2)