

UPCOMING LAUNCH

STARLINK MISSION

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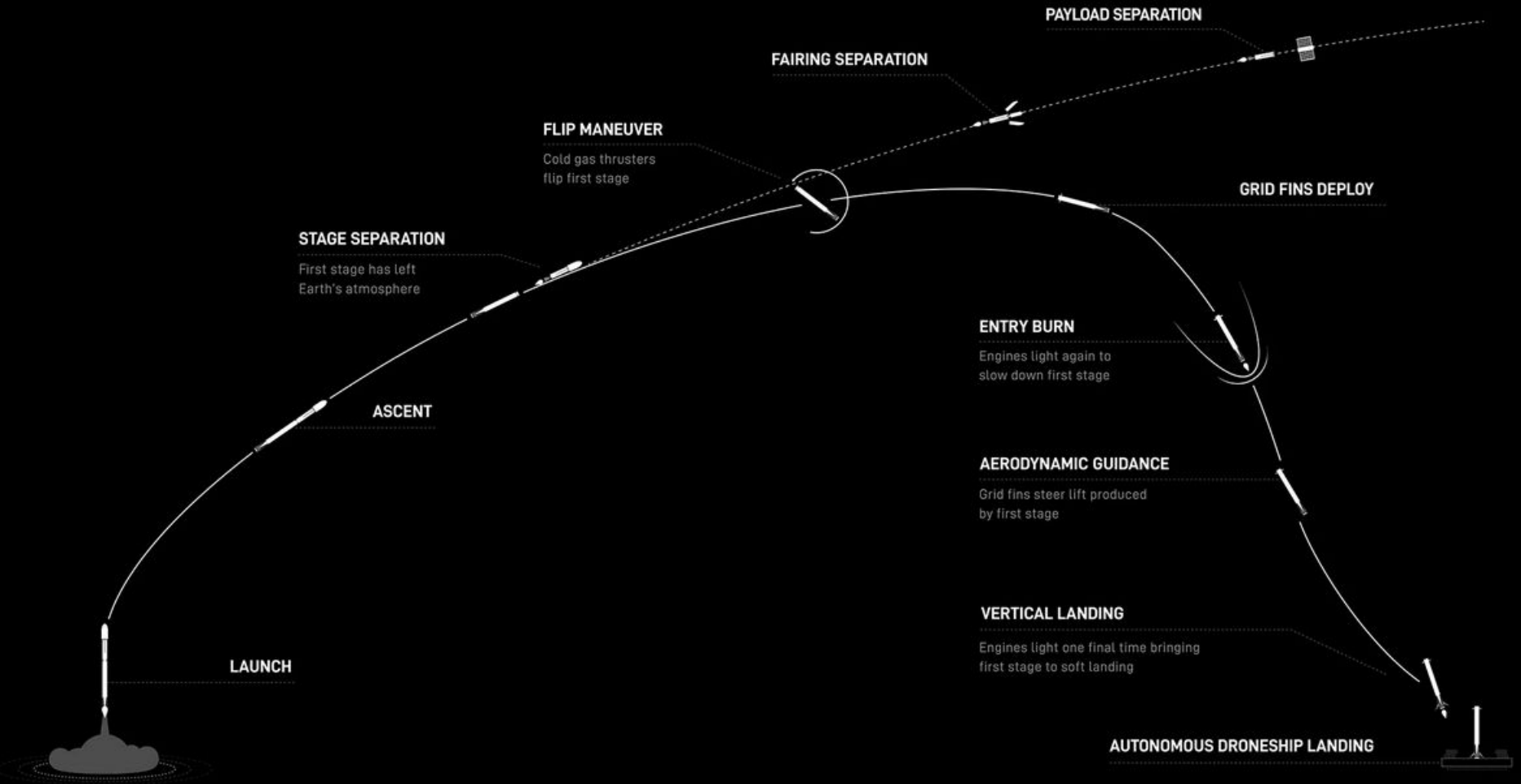
SpaceX is targeting Thursday, May 1 for a Falcon 9 launch of 28 **Starlink** satellites to low-Earth orbit from Space Launch Complex 40 (SLC-40) at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida. The four-hour launch window opens at 9:51 p.m. ET, with backup opportunities available until 1:51 a.m. ET on Friday, May 2. If needed, additional opportunities are also available on Friday, May 2 starting at 9:25 p.m. ET.

A live webcast of this mission will begin about five minutes prior to liftoff, which you can watch here and on **X @SpaceX**. You can also watch the webcast on the new X TV app.

This is the 18th flight for the first stage booster supporting this mission, which previously launched Ax-2, Euclid, Ax-3, CRS-30, SES ASTRA 1P, NG-21, and 11 Starlink missions. Following stage separation, the first stage will land on the Just Read the Instructions dronship, which will be stationed in the Atlantic 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
00:01:10	Max Q (Moment of peak mechanical stress on the rocket)
00:02:25	1st stage main engine cutoff (MECO)
00:02:28	1st and 2nd stages separate
00:02:36	2nd stage engine starts (SES-1)
00:02:57	Fairing separation
00:05:59	1st stage entry burn begins
00:06:25	1st stage entry burn ends
00:07:45	1st stage landing burn begins
00:08:10	1st stage landing
00:08:40	2nd stage engine cutoff (SECO-1)
00:54:06	2nd stage engine starts (SES-2)
00:54:08	2nd stage engine cutoff (SECO-2)
01:05:15	Starlink satellites deploy