

UPCOMING LAUNCH

NROL-153 MISSION

WATCH

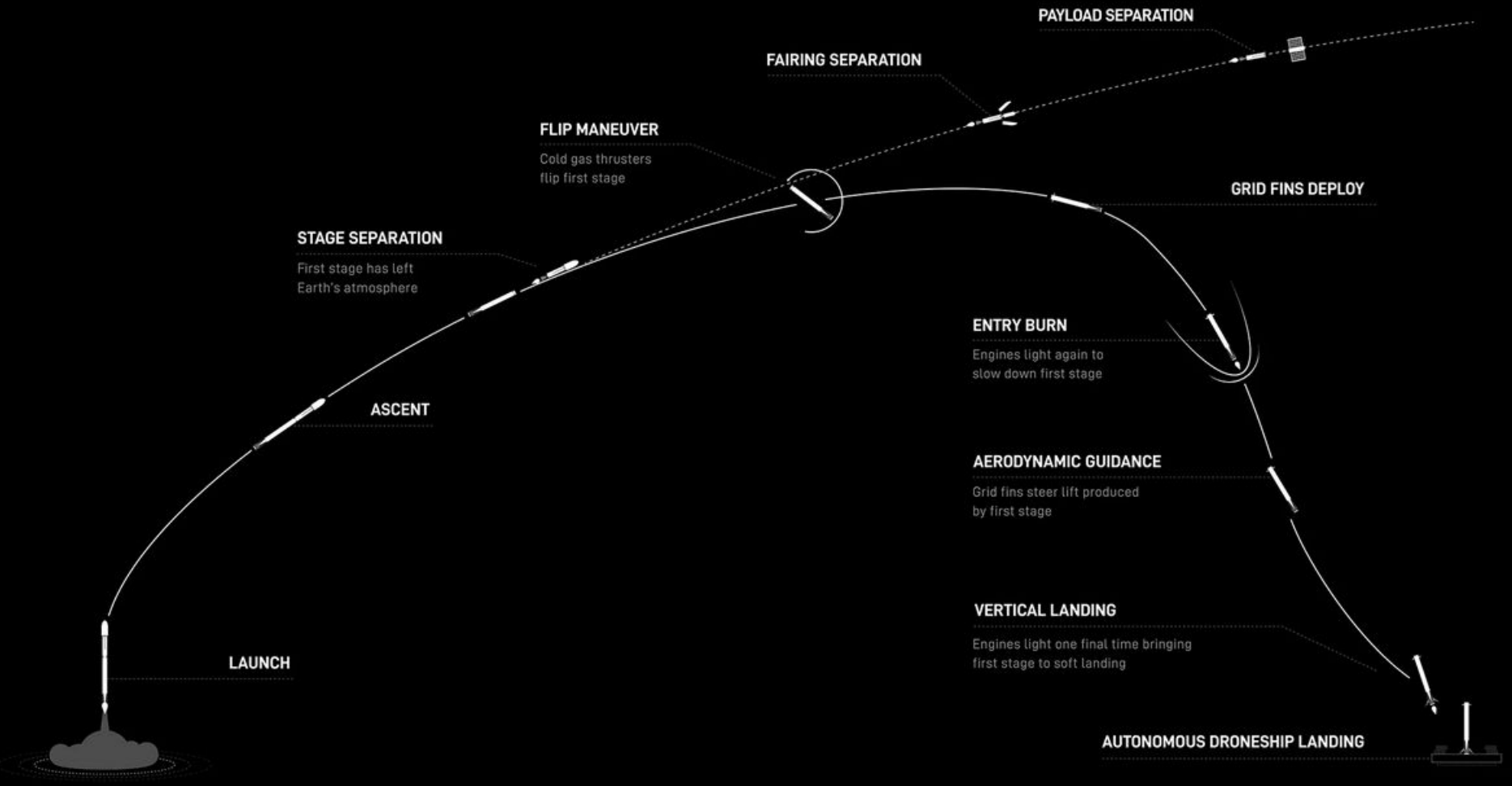
SpaceX is targeting Thursday, January 9 for a Falcon 9 launch of the NROL-153 mission from Space Launch Complex 4 East (SLC-4E) at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. Liftoff is targeted for 7:52 p.m. PT. If needed, a backup opportunity is available on Friday, January 10 starting at 7:34 p.m. PT.

A live webcast of this mission will begin about ten 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 will be the 22nd flight of the first stage booster supporting this mission, which previously launched NROL-87, NROL-85, SARah-1, SWOT, Transporter-8, Transporter-9, NROL-146, Bandwagon-2 and 13 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
00:01:06	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)
00:03:01	Fairing deployment
00:06:11	1st stage entry burn begins
00:06:31	1st stage entry burn ends
00:07:48	1st stage landing burn begins
00:08:15	1st stage landing
00:08:39	2nd stage engine cutoff (SECO-1)
00:52:27	2nd stage engine starts (SES-2)
00:52:29	2nd stage engine cutoff (SECO-2)