



FEBRUARY 21, 2026 21:00 NETHERLANDS TIME - FEBRUARY 22, 2026 01:00 NETHERLANDS TIME

STARLINK MISSION

WATCH →

SpaceX's Falcon 9 is targeting the launch of 25 [Starlink](#) satellites to low-Earth orbit from Space Launch Complex 4 East (SLC-4E) from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.

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 X TV app.

This is the 11th flight for the first stage booster supporting this mission, which previously launched SDA TITL-B, SDA TITL-C, and eight 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.

There is the possibility that residents of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura counties may hear [one or more sonic booms](#) during the launch, but what residents experience will depend on weather and other conditions.

COUNTDOWN

HR/MIN/SEC	EVENT
00:38:00	SPACE X 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	SPACE X 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
00:01:12	MAX Q (MOMENT OF PEAK MECHANICAL STRESS ON THE ROCKET)
00:02:27	1ST STAGE MAIN ENGINE CUTOFF (MECO)
00:02:30	1ST AND 2ND STAGES SEPARATE
00:02:37	2ND STAGE ENGINE STARTS (SES-1)
00:02:58	FAIRING DEPLOYMENT
00:06:00	1ST STAGE ENTRY BURN BEGINS
00:06:20	1ST STAGE ENTRY BURN ENDS
00:07:52	1ST STAGE LANDING BURN BEGINS
00:08:15	1ST STAGE LANDING
00:08:40	2ND STAGE ENGINE CUTOFF (SECO-1)
00:52:57	2ND STAGE ENGINE STARTS (SES-2)
00:52:58	2ND STAGE ENGINE CUTOFF (SECO-2)
01:01:49	STARLINK SATELLITES DEPLOY

