

# America's Next Manned Rocket for NASA's Deep Space Exploration to the Moon: Revolutionizing Space Travel

Exploring the vastness of space has been an enduring dream of humankind. Over the years, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has played a significant role in making this dream a reality. As we stand on the cusp of a new era of space exploration, NASA is gearing up to launch America's next manned rocket for deep space exploration, revolutionizing our understanding of the Moon and beyond.

With the successful completion of the Apollo missions in the 1960s and 1970s, NASA made history by landing humans on the Moon. The Apollo program paved the way for scientific discoveries, technological advancements, and inspired generations to push the boundaries of what is possible. Now, more than 50 years later, NASA's Artemis program is set to revive the glory days of Moon exploration.

Artemis, named after the Greek goddess of the Moon, aims to land the first woman and the next man on the lunar surface by 2024. This ambitious mission marks an important milestone in NASA's efforts to establish a sustainable human presence on the Moon and prepare for future crewed missions to Mars.



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## **The Birth of the SLS Rocket**

Central to NASA's Artemis program is the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket, the most powerful rocket ever built. Designed to be America's workhorse for deep space exploration, the SLS rocket promises to revolutionize space travel. It is the key that unlocks the door to our destiny among the stars.

The SLS rocket consists of two powerful boosters and a core stage powered by four RS-25 engines, which are upgraded versions of the Space Shuttle's main engines. Additionally, an upper stage, known as the Interim Cryogenic Propulsion Stage (ICPS), provides the necessary thrust to propel the crewed Orion spacecraft beyond the Moon's gravitational pull.

One of the most remarkable features of the SLS rocket is its unprecedented lift capability. It can carry a payload of up to 130 metric tons to low Earth orbit (LEO). This immense power enables NASA to send larger payloads, including crewed spacecraft, scientific instruments, habitats, and landers, to destinations far beyond our planet.

## **The Orion Spacecraft: A State-of-the-Art Vehicle for Lunar Missions**

In conjunction with the SLS rocket, the Orion spacecraft serves as the crew module for Artemis missions. It is designed to carry astronauts safely to and from

lunar orbit, providing a reliable and comfortable living space during their journey.

Equipped with advanced technologies and decades of research and development, the Orion spacecraft is built to withstand the harsh conditions of space and ensure the well-being of its occupants. It features innovative life support systems, radiation shielding, and advanced thermal protection to keep astronauts safe and sound.

The Orion spacecraft's ability to support long-duration missions is crucial for NASA's deep space exploration plans. It can accommodate up to four astronauts and carry essential supplies for extended stays on the Moon, conducting scientific experiments, and preparing for future missions to Mars and other celestial bodies.

## **Revolutionizing Space Travel: Breaking Barriers and Inspiring Progress**

The launch of America's next manned rocket for deep space exploration represents a significant leap forward in our quest to explore the Moon and beyond. It holds the potential to revolutionize space travel and push the boundaries of human ingenuity.

One of the key advantages of the SLS rocket is its versatility. Its high lift capability allows for the transportation of larger payloads, opening doors for more ambitious scientific experiments and exploration missions. Furthermore, it enables the deployment of infrastructure and resources necessary for sustaining long-term human presence in space.

NASA's Artemis program, with the SLS rocket at its core, also plays a crucial role in international collaboration. It brings together nations from around the world to work towards a common goal of expanding human presence beyond Earth. The program serves as a catalyst for innovation and fosters global partnerships,

where expertise and resources are shared, driving technological advancements and scientific breakthroughs.

Moreover, the Artemis program inspires the next generation of scientists, engineers, and dreamers. It ignites a spark of curiosity and wonder, encouraging young minds to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The technological advancements made in the pursuit of space exploration have far-reaching benefits for society, including improved communication systems, advanced medical technologies, and sustainable energy solutions.

## The Future Awaits: America's Lunar Return

As we embark on this exciting new chapter of human space exploration, America's next manned rocket for NASA's deep space exploration to the Moon promises to redefine our understanding of the cosmos. The SLS rocket and Orion spacecraft, along with the Artemis program, signify a giant leap for humanity and are testament to our relentless pursuit of knowledge.

Let us gaze towards the stars with hope, courage, and wonder, for the next frontier awaits us, and the possibilities are infinite.



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Coverage includes: vehicle configurations (Block 1, 1A, and 2); RS-25D engine (the Space Shuttle Main Engine); SRM; ground systems development and operations program including the Crawler-Transporter (CT); Mobile Launcher (ML); J-2X engine; exploration systems development status; exploration test flight previews; affordability implementation; progress reports; SLS driving objectives; NASA 90-day report to Congress on the SLS and Orion Multi-purpose Crew Vehicle; the Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF); and the Advanced Booster program.

The Space Launch System will provide a safe, affordable and sustainable means of reaching beyond our current limits and opening up new discoveries from the unique vantage point of space. The first developmental flight, or mission, is targeted for the end of 2017.

The Space Launch System, or SLS, will be designed to carry the Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle, as well as important cargo, equipment and science experiments to Earth's orbit and destinations beyond. Additionally, the SLS will

serve as a backup for commercial and international partner transportation services to the International Space Station.

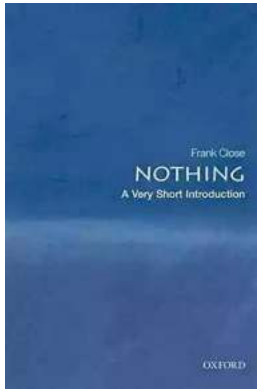
The SLS rocket will incorporate technological investments from the Space Shuttle Program and the Constellation Program in order to take advantage of proven hardware and cutting-edge tooling and manufacturing technology that will significantly reduce development and operations costs. The rocket will use a liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen propulsion system, which will include the RS-25D/E from the Space Shuttle Program for the core stage and the J-2X engine for the upper stage. SLS will also use solid rocket boosters for the initial development flights, while follow-on boosters will be competed based on performance requirements and affordability considerations.

The SLS will have an initial lift capacity of 70 metric tons. That's more than 154,000 pounds, or 77 tons, roughly the weight of 40 sport utility vehicles. The lift capacity will be evolvable to 130 metric tons more than 286,000 pounds, or 143 tons -- enough to lift 75 SUVs.

This architecture enables NASA to leverage existing capabilities and lower development costs by using liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen for both the core and upper stages. Additionally, this architecture provides a modular launch vehicle that can be configured for specific mission needs using a variation of common elements. NASA may not need to lift 130 metric tons for each mission and the flexibility of this modular architecture allows the agency to use different core stage, upper stage, and first-stage booster combinations to achieve the most efficient launch vehicle for the desired mission.

The new vehicle is designed to be flexible and evolvable for crew or cargo missions. Lessons from previous programs have been incorporated so the

system is safe, affordable, and sustainable to advance human exploration of space.



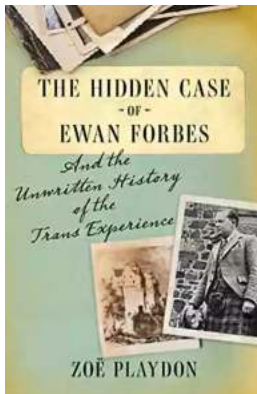
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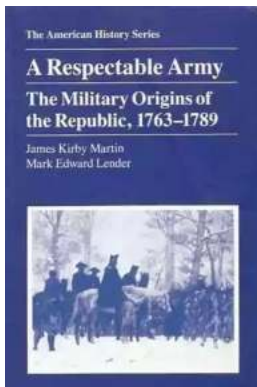
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