

Daily Space Snapshot

April 16, 2026 • Fresh stories, source-linked

TOPLINE

Launch cadence + lunar surface ops are leading today's signal mix.

Days ahead of the planned third launch of a New Glenn rocket, Blue Origin was tapped by the U. S. Space Force to proceed towards developing its first launch site in California. The Space Force said it picked Blue Origin's proposal to develop Space Launch Complex 14 (SLC-14) at Vandenberg Space Force Base, the next step towards the company gaining permission for construction and future launch operations.



TOP SIGNAL

Blue Origin one step closer to launching New Glenn from Vandenberg Space Force Base

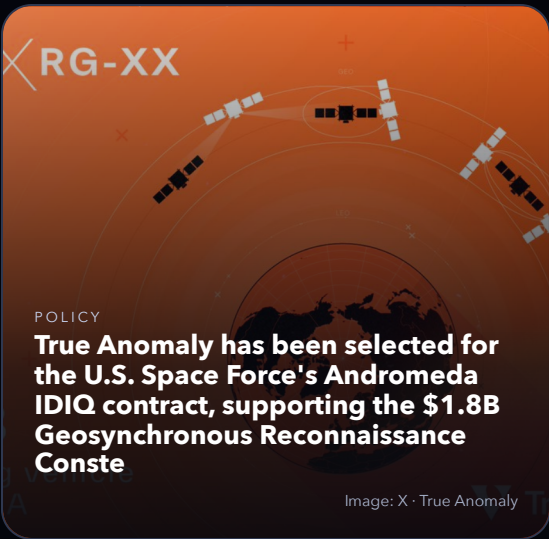
Image: Spaceflight Now



MARKET MOVE

Voyager to fly private astronaut mission to ISS

Image: SpaceNews



POLICY

True Anomaly has been selected for the U.S. Space Force's Andromeda IDIQ contract, supporting the \$1.8B Geosynchronous Reconnaissance Conste

Image: X · True Anomaly



LAUNCH OPS

At Europe's Spaceport in French Guiana, the payload fairing of Ariane 6 for mission VA268 has received its final visual identity. Logos and

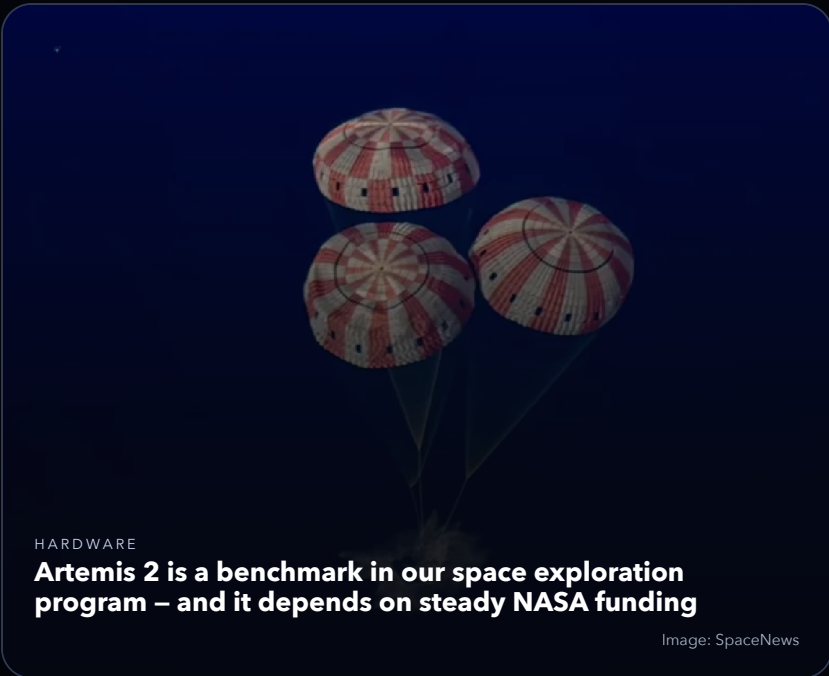
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PROGRAM WATCH

Blue Origin has a new employee stock plan, but not everyone is happy

Image: Ars Technica Space



HARDWARE

Artemis 2 is a benchmark in our space exploration program – and it depends on steady NASA funding

Image: SpaceNews



SCIENCE / PUBLIC

NASA Selects Voyager for Seventh Private Mission to Space Station

Image: NASA

SIGNAL METER

Topic Heat



LAUNCH WINDOW

Upcoming Launches

- Apr 17, 2026 • Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, China**
CASC launch listing
- Apr 18, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, U...**
Starlink Group 17-22
- Apr 19, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida...**
BlueBird Block 2 FM2
- Apr 20, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida...**
GPS III SV10
- Apr 22, 2026 • Wallops Flight Facility, Virginia, USA**
Bubbles

NARRATIVE BALANCE

Signal Split

