



CubeSat Mission Integration: A Launch Vehicle Perspective

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Agenda



- Orbital's Historical Perspective
- Recent and Current CubeSat Missions
- Sage Advice from the Rocket Guys

Launch Vehicle Products





Space Launch Vehicles





Interceptor Launch Vehicles





Target Launch Vehicles

- In the Last 25 Years, the Company Has Developed and Built, or Is Now Under Contract to Produce, 610 Launch Vehicles
 - ➤ 433 Launch Vehicles Built and Delivered During 1982-2006
 - ➤ 177 Additional Vehicles Under Contract for 2007-2014 Deliveries
- Orbital's Main Launch Vehicles Are Fully Developed and In Production
 - ➢ 98% Full Mission Success Achieved Over Last 10 Years
 - ➤ 100% Full Mission Success Achieved Over Last 5 Years

Orbital's Multiple Payload Space Launch Experience



- Orbital Has Averaged >2 Spacecraft/Mission Across All Space Launch Missions
 - ➢ 37 Pegasus Missions, 81 Spacecraft: >2/Mission
 - ➤ 7 Taurus Missions, 11 Spacecraft: ~1.4/Mission
 - ➤ 7 Minotaur I Missions, 16 Spacecraft: ~2.3/Mission
 - 24 Spacecraft, 3.4/Mission if six picosats separated from OPAL spacecraft (JAWSAT mission) and two from MightySat are counted



MUBLCOM

Taurus

GFO/ ORBCOMM

Minotaur I







Minotaur Family Flight History and Firm Manifest



13 Missions Successfully Launched in 2000-2007

Minotaur I JAWSAT	Minotaur II TLV-Demo	Minotaur I MightySat	Minotaur II IFT-7/TLV-1	<i>Minotaur II IFT-8/TLV-2</i>	Minotaur II IFT-9/TLV-3	Minotaur II IFT-10/TLV-4	Minotaur I XSS-11	Minotaur I STP-R1	Minotaur I COSMIC
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26 Jan 2000	28 May 2000	19 July 2000	3 Dec 2001	15 Mar 2002	15 Oct 2002	11 Dec 2002	11 Apr 2005	22 Sep 2005	14 Apr 2006



7 Missions for 2007-2009 Launches



TBS = To Be Scheduled



• Operationally Responsive Space (ORS) Demonstration

- ➢ Rapid Launch Vehicle Build and Call-up (<7 Months)</p>
 - Utilized Existing Long-Lead Hardware
- Timed Critical Operations for ORS Baseline
 - Demonstrated 6 Day Integration (24/7)
- Stood-by "On Alert" for 5 Days While Spacecraft Issues Were Resolved and Launched When Called-up
- Multiple "Firsts" Demonstrated While Meeting Compressed Launch Integration Timeline
 - First Minotaur I Mission From Wallops
 - First Flight Larger 61 Inch Diameter Minotaur I Fairing
 - Four Month Integration of NASA Ames GeneSat-1 Secondary Pico-spacecraft:
 - RocketCamTM Onboard Video
 - Tightest Orbital Accuracy Requirement to Date for Minotaur I





Secondary Payload – NASA Ames GeneSat and Poly PicoSat Orbital Deployer (P-POD)



- GeneSat-1/P-POD Integration Accomplished in Less Than 4 Months from Turn-On to Launch
- GeneSat-1/P-POD Sponsored by NASA Ames
 - GeneSat-1 demonstrates the capability to conduct biologically-based investigations autonomously
 - Demonstrated P-POD integration to enable secondary payloads for future Minotaur missions
 - Established ICDs and Integration Processes
 - Support was "Best Effort Non-Interference"

• GeneSat-1 Satellite Details

- Deployment from P-POD after CCAM
- Size: 14 by 4 by 4 inches
- ➢ Total Mass: 4.4 kg







P-POD







- Minotaur I TacSat-3 Mission March 2008
 - ➤ Two P-PODS planned
 - PharmaSat (3U CubeSat for NASA Ames)
 - AFRL (3 Single CubeSats)
 - CP-X (Cal Poly)
 - AeroSat (Aerospace Corp.)
 - HawkSat
- NASA Launch Services Program Study
 - P-PODS on Taurus
- Future Opportunities...the Cat's Out of the Bag!
 - ➢ More Minotaur I and IV missions are being planned stay tuned!
 - DoD and NASA See Value in CubeSats and are Supportive...but...
 - More Formal Manifest Process Will be Expected by Air Force and NASA
 - Air Force: Space Test Program (SDTW, Kirtland AFB, NM)
 - NASA: KSC Launch Services Program?



- Four "Be P's":
 - 1) Be Professional
 - Biggest challenge: Convincing the primary mission/payload customer that CubeSats pose ZERO risk to their mission
 - 2) Be Prepared
 - Firm ICD's and Requirements
 - Don't make late "tweaks"
 - Meet deadlines (documents, HW delivery, etc.)
 - Have spacecraft ready...early! (You CAN be replaced!)
 - **3) Be Persistent**
 - Keep trying don't give up if at first you don't succeed.
 - But...see #1 above
 - 4) Be Patient
 - Govm't and Industry run at a slower clockspeed than college projects



Questions?

Minotaur I TacSat-2 Launch 16 Dec 07 Wallops Island, VA