American companies are in final preparations to launch astronauts to space from American soil.

In February, SpaceX prepared for its first demonstration flight test from Kennedy Space Center.

On March 2, the SpaceX Crew Dragon launched on its debut flight to the International Space Station.

Docking to the space station on March 3, the Crew Dragon delivered 400+ pounds of supplies.

Onboard is a lifelike test device named Ripley, outfitted with sensors monitoring for effects on humans.

This is the first commercially-built & operated American crew spacecraft to autonomously dock with the station.

The Crew Dragon will remain docked to the space station for five days, set to depart on March 8.