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00:00:04,870 --> 00:00:02,389
welcome to nasa's jet propulsion

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00:00:07,590 --> 00:00:04,880
laboratory in southern california

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00:00:10,070 --> 00:00:07,600
i'm vacuum viennueva the ingenuity

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00:00:12,549 --> 00:00:10,080
helicopter is now standing on its own

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00:00:13,110 --> 00:00:12,559
on mars after hitching a ride to the red

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00:00:16,150 --> 00:00:13,120
planet

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00:00:18,630 --> 00:00:16,160
on the perseverance rover today we are

8
00:00:20,390 --> 00:00:18,640
looking ahead to ingenuity's takeoff

9
00:00:21,510 --> 00:00:20,400
with some of the members from the mars

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00:00:24,070 --> 00:00:21,520
helicopter team

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00:00:26,550 --> 00:00:24,080
who will be answering your questions

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00:00:27,349 --> 00:00:26,560
ingenuity project manager mimi um will

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00:00:30,870 --> 00:00:27,359

join us

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00:00:34,709 --> 00:00:30,880

later with us now is ingenuity deputy

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00:00:36,549 --> 00:00:34,719

deputy operations lead teddy sanetos

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00:00:37,990 --> 00:00:36,559

teddy thanks for joining us thank you

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00:00:41,430 --> 00:00:38,000

for having me remember

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00:00:44,549 --> 00:00:41,440

to use the mars helicopter hashtag

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00:00:47,510 --> 00:00:44,559

to ask a question so teddy

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00:00:50,470 --> 00:00:47,520

can you walk us through how the mars

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00:00:53,990 --> 00:00:50,480

helicopter was able to stand on its own

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00:00:55,750 --> 00:00:54,000

sure so the whole team's super excited

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00:00:57,590 --> 00:00:55,760

right now we

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00:00:58,790 --> 00:00:57,600

just got through a lot of huge

25

00:01:00,389 --> 00:00:58,800

milestones

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00:01:02,229 --> 00:01:00,399

now that we are in our official

27

00:01:03,590 --> 00:01:02,239

helicopter mission phase

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00:01:05,429 --> 00:01:03,600

to get to the point where we're standing

29

00:01:07,190 --> 00:01:05,439

on all four feet required

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00:01:09,750 --> 00:01:07,200

a lot of intricate deployments from the

31

00:01:11,830 --> 00:01:09,760

rover perseverance

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00:01:13,350 --> 00:01:11,840

since launch we've been in the belly

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00:01:16,950 --> 00:01:13,360

compartment of perseverance

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00:01:19,590 --> 00:01:16,960

so underneath the deck and

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00:01:21,109 --> 00:01:19,600

after we went through edl last you know

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00:01:22,550 --> 00:01:21,119

since arriving on mars

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00:01:25,350 --> 00:01:22,560

we've been staying there getting charged

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00:01:27,270 --> 00:01:25,360

periodically kept warm from from the

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00:01:30,390 --> 00:01:27,280

energy from perseverance

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00:01:31,910 --> 00:01:30,400

um but we just completed uh recently our

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00:01:32,950 --> 00:01:31,920

deployment sequence where we've been

42

00:01:35,190 --> 00:01:32,960

unfolded

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00:01:36,149 --> 00:01:35,200

uh our legs have been deployed we went

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00:01:37,830 --> 00:01:36,159

vertical

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00:01:39,350 --> 00:01:37,840

and very recently we were just dropped

46

00:01:40,310 --> 00:01:39,360

onto the surface for the first time and

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00:01:42,550 --> 00:01:40,320

now

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00:01:44,469 --> 00:01:42,560

we're on our own we're we're a separate

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00:01:47,429 --> 00:01:44,479

uh spacecraft on mars uh

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00:01:51,590 --> 00:01:47,439

on our own energy uh and and the team

51
00:01:57,910 --> 00:01:55,109
oh it was uh it was a dream come true uh

52
00:01:59,190 --> 00:01:57,920
it it to to see the culmination of the

53
00:02:02,310 --> 00:01:59,200
entire team's hard work

54
00:02:04,789 --> 00:02:02,320
really pay off um being dropped

55
00:02:06,389 --> 00:02:04,799
right that's one huge milestone but the

56
00:02:08,389 --> 00:02:06,399
massive one for us

57
00:02:10,229 --> 00:02:08,399
uh over the last two days has been

58
00:02:12,390 --> 00:02:10,239
realizing not only did we

59
00:02:13,270 --> 00:02:12,400
drop um but we actually survived the

60
00:02:16,390 --> 00:02:13,280
first night

61
00:02:18,869 --> 00:02:16,400
that is huge that is that was one of the

62
00:02:20,390 --> 00:02:18,879
huge huge achievements that we've been

63
00:02:22,309 --> 00:02:20,400

looking forward to

64

00:02:24,710 --> 00:02:22,319

and now we can move on to the rest of

65

00:02:26,869 --> 00:02:24,720

the mission but being able to drop

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00:02:28,390 --> 00:02:26,879

uh under our own energy sustain

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00:02:29,830 --> 00:02:28,400

ourselves keep ourselves warm throughout

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00:02:31,990 --> 00:02:29,840

the night and then wake up

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00:02:33,750 --> 00:02:32,000

and talk with perseverance and say yep

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00:02:35,830 --> 00:02:33,760

we're here we're alive and healthy

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00:02:37,430 --> 00:02:35,840

uh the team couldn't be happier now you

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00:02:39,670 --> 00:02:37,440

said this was a dream come true could

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00:02:42,070 --> 00:02:39,680

you kind of talk us through your career

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00:02:43,350 --> 00:02:42,080

which led you to eventually be on the

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00:02:46,229 --> 00:02:43,360

mayor's helicopter team

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00:02:47,910 --> 00:02:46,239

sure uh ever since i was a little kid

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00:02:52,070 --> 00:02:47,920

i've been infatuated with

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00:02:54,550 --> 00:02:52,080

computers electronics robotics my dad

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00:02:55,509 --> 00:02:54,560

got me started at about eight to nine

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00:02:58,470 --> 00:02:55,519

years old

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00:02:59,430 --> 00:02:58,480

uh playing with robotic components

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00:03:01,910 --> 00:02:59,440

playing with

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00:03:03,589 --> 00:03:01,920

with some sewing machine parts and

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00:03:04,949 --> 00:03:03,599

eventually taught me how to build my own

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00:03:07,589 --> 00:03:04,959

first computer

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00:03:08,790 --> 00:03:07,599

from there it kind of snowballed and i

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00:03:09,990 --> 00:03:08,800

went to study computer science

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00:03:12,790 --> 00:03:10,000

electrical engineering

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00:03:14,229 --> 00:03:12,800

for undergrad and graduate school and

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00:03:16,070 --> 00:03:14,239

from there on i was hooked

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00:03:18,070 --> 00:03:16,080

any time that i saw something doing

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00:03:19,830 --> 00:03:18,080

anything on its own autonomously

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00:03:22,550 --> 00:03:19,840

i want to know how does it work i want

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00:03:25,110 --> 00:03:22,560

to take it apart i want to figure it out

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00:03:26,390 --> 00:03:25,120

and after graduate school i worked a

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00:03:27,910 --> 00:03:26,400

couple years in the field

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00:03:29,350 --> 00:03:27,920

and then was eventually lucky enough to

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00:03:30,949 --> 00:03:29,360

land a job here at the jet propulsion

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00:03:33,030 --> 00:03:30,959

laboratory to work on

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00:03:34,229 --> 00:03:33,040

once in a lifetime kind of project like

101
00:03:37,830 --> 00:03:34,239
ingenuity

102
00:03:38,390 --> 00:03:37,840
that's great all the questions i have

103
00:03:41,670 --> 00:03:38,400
for you

104
00:03:42,149 --> 00:03:41,680
can we now go to our social media

105
00:03:45,430 --> 00:03:42,159
questions

106
00:03:48,550 --> 00:03:45,440
please all right let's head over

107
00:03:52,710 --> 00:03:48,560
to the first question

108
00:03:57,589 --> 00:03:55,670
deja soo on twitter asks are all

109
00:03:58,390 --> 00:03:57,599
ingenuity rotor blades basically

110
00:04:01,589 --> 00:03:58,400
identical

111
00:04:04,309 --> 00:04:01,599
and is it best to say it has two blades

112
00:04:05,990 --> 00:04:04,319
or four so there are four separate

113
00:04:08,070 --> 00:04:06,000

blades on ingenuity

114

00:04:09,750 --> 00:04:08,080

uh and there are two comprising the two

115

00:04:10,470 --> 00:04:09,760

rotors so each rotor has two blades one

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00:04:12,229 --> 00:04:10,480

on the top

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00:04:13,750 --> 00:04:12,239

one on the bottom and they spin counter

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00:04:16,629 --> 00:04:13,760

to each other

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00:04:17,509 --> 00:04:16,639

so in terms of are they different the

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00:04:19,030 --> 00:04:17,519

the the two

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00:04:21,509 --> 00:04:19,040

directionalities of the blades are

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00:04:22,710 --> 00:04:21,519

different but the aerodynamic designs of

123

00:04:24,790 --> 00:04:22,720

them are similar

124

00:04:26,469 --> 00:04:24,800

you'll also note that there are counter

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00:04:28,629 --> 00:04:26,479

there are pitch weights

126

00:04:29,830 --> 00:04:28,639

those little pointy things at the root

127

00:04:31,270 --> 00:04:29,840

of the blades

128

00:04:32,629 --> 00:04:31,280

those obviously between the upper and

129

00:04:33,189 --> 00:04:32,639

the lower are different but aside from

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00:04:34,469 --> 00:04:33,199

that

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00:04:35,990 --> 00:04:34,479

the direction in which they're designed

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00:04:37,110 --> 00:04:36,000

to spin and the direction that the pitch

133

00:04:40,390 --> 00:04:37,120

weights go

134

00:04:43,189 --> 00:04:40,400

they're effectively the same now transit

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00:04:44,950 --> 00:04:43,199

signal on twitter notes it appears that

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00:04:47,270 --> 00:04:44,960

the mars helicopter ingenuity

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00:04:48,150 --> 00:04:47,280

has a bit of dust on its solar panels

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00:04:51,590 --> 00:04:48,160

already

139

00:04:53,670 --> 00:04:51,600

is that a problem uh no we saw some

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00:04:56,629 --> 00:04:53,680

initial images from the rover

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00:04:57,749 --> 00:04:56,639

we got some high resolution uh haz cam

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00:04:59,670 --> 00:04:57,759

images

143

00:05:00,790 --> 00:04:59,680

looking down at a kind of upward angle

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00:05:02,230 --> 00:05:00,800

onto the solar panel

145

00:05:04,390 --> 00:05:02,240

which is great it's fantastic to see

146

00:05:05,909 --> 00:05:04,400

that that new imagery

147

00:05:07,749 --> 00:05:05,919

and you can see there there looks like

148

00:05:08,710 --> 00:05:07,759

there's some dust accumulation but in

149

00:05:11,029 --> 00:05:08,720

fact yesterday

150

00:05:12,070 --> 00:05:11,039

was the first time that we got our noon

151
00:05:14,390 --> 00:05:12,080
time mars

152
00:05:15,510 --> 00:05:14,400
uh solar ray characterization a huge

153
00:05:17,590 --> 00:05:15,520
step for us

154
00:05:18,950 --> 00:05:17,600
and the solar array is working perfectly

155
00:05:21,189 --> 00:05:18,960
uh

156
00:05:22,310 --> 00:05:21,199
it lined up right where we had expected

157
00:05:24,310 --> 00:05:22,320
it to

158
00:05:25,590 --> 00:05:24,320
and as a result of that we know that it

159
00:05:27,110 --> 00:05:25,600
charged our batteries up

160
00:05:29,110 --> 00:05:27,120
right before we communicated with it so

161
00:05:30,950 --> 00:05:29,120
the system energetically

162
00:05:32,230 --> 00:05:30,960
it's working fantastic uh we couldn't be

163
00:05:34,150 --> 00:05:32,240

happier

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00:05:35,430 --> 00:05:34,160

that's good news and now henry on

165

00:05:37,430 --> 00:05:35,440

twitter asks

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00:05:39,110 --> 00:05:37,440

how is the mars helicopter protected

167

00:05:41,830 --> 00:05:39,120

from a harsh environment

168

00:05:42,629 --> 00:05:41,840

storms etc can the helicopter be

169

00:05:47,029 --> 00:05:42,639

protected

170

00:05:49,350 --> 00:05:47,039

by perseverance no uh so so

171

00:05:51,029 --> 00:05:49,360

the the mission is designed so that once

172

00:05:52,150 --> 00:05:51,039

we get to our flight phase

173

00:05:54,550 --> 00:05:52,160

perseverance is going to be at a

174

00:05:56,070 --> 00:05:54,560

standoff distance uh

175

00:05:57,749 --> 00:05:56,080

a safe distance away so that we could

176

00:06:00,230 --> 00:05:57,759

fly in our flight zone

177

00:06:00,950 --> 00:06:00,240

uh and execute our five flights coming

178

00:06:03,909 --> 00:06:00,960

up

179

00:06:04,390 --> 00:06:03,919

um so there's no notion of guarding

180

00:06:07,110 --> 00:06:04,400

against

181

00:06:08,150 --> 00:06:07,120

wind or any other uh effect or dust or

182

00:06:09,990 --> 00:06:08,160

something like that

183

00:06:11,590 --> 00:06:10,000

we're on our own right and and that's

184

00:06:13,029 --> 00:06:11,600

that's part of the challenge that's part

185

00:06:16,469 --> 00:06:13,039

of the excitement

186

00:06:17,990 --> 00:06:16,479

of what's to come here um we just uh

187

00:06:20,070 --> 00:06:18,000

like i said we just got through our noon

188

00:06:23,029 --> 00:06:20,080

time wake up yesterday

189

00:06:24,870 --> 00:06:23,039

but there are important steps up ahead

190

00:06:26,629 --> 00:06:24,880

the next two soles on mars will be doing

191

00:06:28,150 --> 00:06:26,639

energy evaluation

192

00:06:30,309 --> 00:06:28,160

wanting to make sure that our thermal

193

00:06:31,909 --> 00:06:30,319

models are tuned our thermal set points

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00:06:34,469 --> 00:06:31,919

are tuned correctly

195

00:06:36,390 --> 00:06:34,479

inside the gold box here is where all of

196

00:06:39,110 --> 00:06:36,400

our precious electronics are and our

197

00:06:40,469 --> 00:06:39,120

lithium ion batteries and we're going to

198

00:06:41,430 --> 00:06:40,479

look at the data from the next two days

199

00:06:43,270 --> 00:06:41,440

to make sure that

200

00:06:45,510 --> 00:06:43,280

they're staying warm well throughout the

201
00:06:47,430 --> 00:06:45,520
night and that by the time the sun rises

202
00:06:48,550 --> 00:06:47,440
and we get more photons on the solar

203
00:06:50,629 --> 00:06:48,560
panel

204
00:06:52,790 --> 00:06:50,639
we still have enough energy to make it

205
00:06:55,830 --> 00:06:52,800
there speaking of the batteries

206
00:06:57,749 --> 00:06:55,840
valentine on youtube asks how long can

207
00:07:01,029 --> 00:06:57,759
it fly on full batteries

208
00:07:04,070 --> 00:07:01,039
sure 90 seconds is what we're targeting

209
00:07:06,629 --> 00:07:04,080
for the average of our flights uh

210
00:07:08,390 --> 00:07:06,639
the first flight though right that's

211
00:07:10,629 --> 00:07:08,400
going to be the most critical

212
00:07:12,710 --> 00:07:10,639
and right now that's a simple take off

213
00:07:15,110 --> 00:07:12,720

hover and land back down

214

00:07:17,270 --> 00:07:15,120

but 90 seconds is is kind of the average

215

00:07:18,950 --> 00:07:17,280

uh flight length that we're looking for

216

00:07:20,150 --> 00:07:18,960

everything after that first flight not

217

00:07:21,909 --> 00:07:20,160

as critical that first one's the

218

00:07:23,270 --> 00:07:21,919

important one we are a tech demo and we

219

00:07:23,830 --> 00:07:23,280

want to make sure that first light works

220

00:07:27,029 --> 00:07:23,840

out

221

00:07:30,070 --> 00:07:27,039

coming in sure here

222

00:07:32,469 --> 00:07:30,080

on youtube asks what is the voltage

223

00:07:33,270 --> 00:07:32,479

and amperage of the battery of the

224

00:07:36,390 --> 00:07:33,280

helicopter

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00:07:36,950 --> 00:07:36,400

sure at 100 state of charge it's 25.2

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00:07:39,749 --> 00:07:36,960

volts

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00:07:40,629 --> 00:07:39,759

so there we have six lithium ion cells

228

00:07:43,830 --> 00:07:40,639

uh each one

229

00:07:45,830 --> 00:07:43,840

at 100 is 4.2 volts so you multiply that

230

00:07:48,230 --> 00:07:45,840

out you get 25.2

231

00:07:49,909 --> 00:07:48,240

and again that's at 100 state of charge

232

00:07:53,589 --> 00:07:49,919

that fluctuates throughout the day

233

00:07:56,309 --> 00:07:53,599

as we use energy to power electronics

234

00:07:56,950 --> 00:07:56,319

talk back with perseverance and then the

235

00:07:58,469 --> 00:07:56,960

big

236

00:08:01,189 --> 00:07:58,479

chunk of energy goes into heating

237

00:08:03,909 --> 00:08:01,199

ourselves overnight

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00:08:04,950 --> 00:08:03,919

and that kind of leads us into celebi on

239

00:08:08,230 --> 00:08:04,960

youtube

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00:08:11,110 --> 00:08:08,240

asks what extent do cold nights on the

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00:08:12,790 --> 00:08:11,120

surface of mars affect the ingenuity

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00:08:15,670 --> 00:08:12,800

helicopter i assume they're saying does

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00:08:19,029 --> 00:08:15,680

it affect its lifespan

244

00:08:19,510 --> 00:08:19,039

so from uh let me break that question up

245

00:08:21,270 --> 00:08:19,520

into

246

00:08:22,629 --> 00:08:21,280

the separate part so okay uh to what

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00:08:25,589 --> 00:08:22,639

extent does it affect us

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00:08:26,950 --> 00:08:25,599

massively right temperatures are huge

249

00:08:28,469 --> 00:08:26,960

and that's what we're spending the next

250

00:08:30,710 --> 00:08:28,479

two soles on mars doing

251
00:08:31,510 --> 00:08:30,720
is is proving out our models making sure

252
00:08:34,310 --> 00:08:31,520
that that

253
00:08:34,709 --> 00:08:34,320
we have enough margin to to to to like i

254
00:08:36,550 --> 00:08:34,719
said

255
00:08:38,149 --> 00:08:36,560
come out in the morning with enough

256
00:08:39,670 --> 00:08:38,159
juice in the tank so to speak

257
00:08:41,190 --> 00:08:39,680
uh to communicate to perseverance when

258
00:08:43,990 --> 00:08:41,200
it's time um

259
00:08:45,509 --> 00:08:44,000
so it's a huge focus for the team uh

260
00:08:46,790 --> 00:08:45,519
yesterday was a massive success and

261
00:08:48,230 --> 00:08:46,800
again the next two souls are really

262
00:08:51,190 --> 00:08:48,240
going to be tuning that in

263
00:08:53,030 --> 00:08:51,200

in terms of the uh lifetime the mission

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00:08:57,509 --> 00:08:53,040

lifetime is only 30 souls

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00:08:59,590 --> 00:08:57,519

so uh while examples of other

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00:09:00,630 --> 00:08:59,600

uh robotic platforms that we've sent to

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00:09:02,630 --> 00:09:00,640

mars right

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00:09:04,150 --> 00:09:02,640

have definitely lasted longer than the

269

00:09:07,269 --> 00:09:04,160

initial lifetime

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00:09:09,750 --> 00:09:07,279

our mission is is to knock out a

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00:09:11,030 --> 00:09:09,760

one flight and then four additional

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00:09:13,430 --> 00:09:11,040

flights after that

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00:09:15,110 --> 00:09:13,440

within those 30 salts you mentioned it's

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00:09:16,630 --> 00:09:15,120

similar to sojourner exactly

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00:09:19,110 --> 00:09:16,640

yeah just like sojourner was a

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00:09:21,509 --> 00:09:19,120

technology demonstration for

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00:09:23,190 --> 00:09:21,519

what we have now for rovers right we

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00:09:25,110 --> 00:09:23,200

didn't always have large

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00:09:26,470 --> 00:09:25,120

very capable rovers on mars it started

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00:09:28,150 --> 00:09:26,480

off as a technology demonstration that

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00:09:30,550 --> 00:09:28,160

we see here

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00:09:31,910 --> 00:09:30,560

we hope that ingenuity will do the same

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00:09:33,990 --> 00:09:31,920

for the future of martian aerial

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00:09:36,310 --> 00:09:34,000

exploration

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00:09:37,430 --> 00:09:36,320

and up next that kind of leads us to

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00:09:39,750 --> 00:09:37,440

john's question

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00:09:41,110 --> 00:09:39,760

on twitter he asks what will the mars

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00:09:44,710 --> 00:09:41,120

helicopter do

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00:09:47,350 --> 00:09:44,720

what's its purpose uh so

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00:09:49,670 --> 00:09:47,360

hinted at that earlier um we are a

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00:09:51,430 --> 00:09:49,680

technology demonstrator period

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00:09:53,750 --> 00:09:51,440

ingenuity does not carry any science

293

00:09:57,030 --> 00:09:53,760

payloads we are not a

294

00:09:59,509 --> 00:09:57,040

science uh you know oriented mission

295

00:10:01,269 --> 00:09:59,519

our goal plain and simple is to prove

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00:10:03,670 --> 00:10:01,279

that we can fly on mars

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00:10:05,350 --> 00:10:03,680

once we do that we hope that this is

298

00:10:06,150 --> 00:10:05,360

going to blow the doors open for the

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00:10:08,790 --> 00:10:06,160

future

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00:10:09,990 --> 00:10:08,800

of of martian exploration unlocking that

301
00:10:11,430 --> 00:10:10,000
aerial dimension

302
00:10:13,670 --> 00:10:11,440
we think is going to be extremely

303
00:10:16,790 --> 00:10:13,680
exciting for humanity uh

304
00:10:17,190 --> 00:10:16,800
and for scientists within nasa um and

305
00:10:19,670 --> 00:10:17,200
the

306
00:10:21,509 --> 00:10:19,680
you know larger exploration community uh

307
00:10:23,509 --> 00:10:21,519
we really think this is going to be

308
00:10:26,949 --> 00:10:23,519
that kind of breakthrough moment for us

309
00:10:29,670 --> 00:10:26,959
to try out new ways to explore mars

310
00:10:30,150 --> 00:10:29,680
and up next um michael on youtube wants

311
00:10:33,509 --> 00:10:30,160
to know

312
00:10:34,069 --> 00:10:33,519
how high will it go uh so a handful of

313
00:10:37,110 --> 00:10:34,079

meters

314

00:10:40,550 --> 00:10:37,120

um uh especially for that first flight

315

00:10:42,790 --> 00:10:40,560

we want to just maintain you know uh a

316

00:10:44,470 --> 00:10:42,800

close range uh we're not gonna be going

317

00:10:45,350 --> 00:10:44,480

for any long-range distances like i said

318

00:10:47,990 --> 00:10:45,360

we're just gonna

319

00:10:48,470 --> 00:10:48,000

take off hover a couple meters off the

320

00:10:50,790 --> 00:10:48,480

ground

321

00:10:52,470 --> 00:10:50,800

and then come back down and for american

322

00:10:54,790 --> 00:10:52,480

viewers how much is that in

323

00:10:56,949 --> 00:10:54,800

feet uh about we're gonna go about 15

324

00:11:00,230 --> 00:10:56,959

feet off the ground

325

00:11:02,470 --> 00:11:00,240

now ralph on youtube asks did you use

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00:11:03,910 --> 00:11:02,480

open source hardware software just for

327

00:11:06,790 --> 00:11:03,920

this tech demo

328

00:11:08,470 --> 00:11:06,800

uh yeah so there's there's a good amount

329

00:11:10,949 --> 00:11:08,480

of open source software

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00:11:13,030 --> 00:11:10,959

um f prime which those of you at home

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00:11:15,590 --> 00:11:13,040

can go onto github right now and

332

00:11:16,710 --> 00:11:15,600

look at the f-prime repositories that

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00:11:19,990 --> 00:11:16,720

are open sourced

334

00:11:23,030 --> 00:11:20,000

runs ingenuity that is the key

335

00:11:25,750 --> 00:11:23,040

to to all of the software architecture

336

00:11:27,509 --> 00:11:25,760

that ingenuity runs on and not just

337

00:11:29,590 --> 00:11:27,519

ingenuity but the base station for

338

00:11:31,829 --> 00:11:29,600

ingenuity on the rover as well

339

00:11:33,590 --> 00:11:31,839

so yeah huge component of how we we

340

00:11:37,190 --> 00:11:33,600

operate

341

00:11:39,509 --> 00:11:37,200

and up next is pilot pico on youtube

342

00:11:41,590 --> 00:11:39,519

says let's hope a dust devil doesn't

343

00:11:44,230 --> 00:11:41,600

come along and knock over ingenuity

344

00:11:46,389 --> 00:11:44,240

before its first inaugural flight now is

345

00:11:49,430 --> 00:11:46,399

that scenario possible

346

00:11:49,829 --> 00:11:49,440

right so uh this question has come up a

347

00:11:51,829 --> 00:11:49,839

lot

348

00:11:53,350 --> 00:11:51,839

uh for a bunch of different uh team

349

00:11:56,629 --> 00:11:53,360

members

350

00:11:58,230 --> 00:11:56,639

the way that martian uh dust storms and

351

00:12:00,550 --> 00:11:58,240

windstorms are portrayed

352

00:12:02,069 --> 00:12:00,560

in movies is a little exaggerated um the

353

00:12:03,670 --> 00:12:02,079

thing that that you need to keep in mind

354

00:12:06,230 --> 00:12:03,680

is that the martian atmosphere is one

355

00:12:08,470 --> 00:12:06,240

percent the density of earth's

356

00:12:09,509 --> 00:12:08,480

not a lot of not a lot of you know

357

00:12:12,550 --> 00:12:09,519

molecules

358

00:12:14,870 --> 00:12:12,560

falling around or flowing around in the

359

00:12:15,750 --> 00:12:14,880

air to impart a lot of inertia to knock

360

00:12:17,590 --> 00:12:15,760

something over

361

00:12:19,750 --> 00:12:17,600

that's not to say that it wasn't looked

362

00:12:22,069 --> 00:12:19,760

at and analyzed

363

00:12:23,269 --> 00:12:22,079

our engineers did look at you know what

364

00:12:25,030 --> 00:12:23,279

are some of the peak

365

00:12:26,389 --> 00:12:25,040

wind velocities that we could see on the

366

00:12:28,069 --> 00:12:26,399

surface and

367

00:12:29,430 --> 00:12:28,079

you know how might that pose a risk to

368

00:12:30,870 --> 00:12:29,440

us that's

369

00:12:32,550 --> 00:12:30,880

a landed concern and then there's also

370

00:12:33,910 --> 00:12:32,560

the flight concern right how do those

371

00:12:37,350 --> 00:12:33,920

winds affect us

372

00:12:38,870 --> 00:12:37,360

uh when we're aloft right and

373

00:12:40,389 --> 00:12:38,880

that's part of the testing campaign the

374

00:12:41,670 --> 00:12:40,399

extensive testing campaign that we did

375

00:12:43,750 --> 00:12:41,680

here at jpl

376

00:12:46,470 --> 00:12:43,760

we're lucky enough to have a space

377

00:12:50,470 --> 00:12:46,480

simulator uh 25-foot space simulator

378

00:12:52,949 --> 00:12:50,480

um 25 feet wide uh several stories tall

379

00:12:54,790 --> 00:12:52,959

and we built our own martian wind tunnel

380

00:12:57,670 --> 00:12:54,800

in there to to test that out

381

00:12:59,430 --> 00:12:57,680

see how does the baby perform in a

382

00:13:01,190 --> 00:12:59,440

little bit of crosswind

383

00:13:02,790 --> 00:13:01,200

so it's not the same image that people

384

00:13:06,230 --> 00:13:02,800

might have of a dust devil on earth

385

00:13:08,710 --> 00:13:06,240

at all no all right scott on youtube

386

00:13:09,750 --> 00:13:08,720

says from the photos it appears that the

387

00:13:11,910 --> 00:13:09,760

solar powers oh

388

00:13:13,269 --> 00:13:11,920

we already took a question similar to

389

00:13:14,389 --> 00:13:13,279

that so i'm going to go on to terry on

390

00:13:16,389 --> 00:13:14,399

youtube who asks

391

00:13:18,389 --> 00:13:16,399

will you be checking for wind gusts

392

00:13:22,150 --> 00:13:18,399

before it takes off

393

00:13:25,670 --> 00:13:22,160

uh so we're gonna try and characterize

394

00:13:27,269 --> 00:13:25,680

uh soul to soul um as best we can

395

00:13:28,790 --> 00:13:27,279

the environment leading up to first

396

00:13:30,310 --> 00:13:28,800

flight but

397

00:13:32,629 --> 00:13:30,320

there won't be an instantaneous

398

00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:32,639

pre-flight check for wind gusts

399

00:13:38,150 --> 00:13:36,240

uh the way operations works with mars is

400

00:13:40,069 --> 00:13:38,160

we need to kind of send the signals up

401
00:13:40,870 --> 00:13:40,079
we go to bed and we wake up the next day

402
00:13:43,990 --> 00:13:40,880
and find out

403
00:13:46,870 --> 00:13:44,000
how things went so there is no

404
00:13:48,629 --> 00:13:46,880
notion for flight operations of being

405
00:13:50,870 --> 00:13:48,639
able to do an immediate lifetime check

406
00:13:55,509 --> 00:13:50,880
like that

407
00:13:57,910 --> 00:13:55,519
and then up next we have uh

408
00:13:59,269 --> 00:13:57,920
barat on twitter asks is it going to be

409
00:14:03,110 --> 00:13:59,279
possible to watch

410
00:14:06,710 --> 00:14:03,120
the mars helicopter while flying

411
00:14:08,790 --> 00:14:06,720
uh i guess there's two ways i guess

412
00:14:10,710 --> 00:14:08,800
that question may be meant to be phrased

413
00:14:12,629 --> 00:14:10,720

so uh

414

00:14:15,030 --> 00:14:12,639

you can follow along with us after we

415

00:14:17,269 --> 00:14:15,040

downlink uh the telemetry and

416

00:14:18,150 --> 00:14:17,279

and later on some images but that won't

417

00:14:20,150 --> 00:14:18,160

be live that

418

00:14:21,670 --> 00:14:20,160

like i said that'll again be the soul

419

00:14:23,670 --> 00:14:21,680

after um

420

00:14:25,110 --> 00:14:23,680

or several souls after we fly to get all

421

00:14:28,710 --> 00:14:25,120

that telemetry back

422

00:14:30,230 --> 00:14:28,720

uh there's also the component of what

423

00:14:32,150 --> 00:14:30,240

will perseverance be doing uh

424

00:14:34,069 --> 00:14:32,160

we're going to try to get some images

425

00:14:36,310 --> 00:14:34,079

from perseverance's perspective of

426

00:14:39,269 --> 00:14:36,320

ingenuity when we're in flight as well

427

00:14:41,110 --> 00:14:39,279

but again that won't be live what will

428

00:14:44,389 --> 00:14:41,120

it be like for you watching

429

00:14:46,310 --> 00:14:44,399

and waiting for a

430

00:14:47,910 --> 00:14:46,320

one of the most uh nervous moments of my

431

00:14:50,310 --> 00:14:47,920

life um

432

00:14:51,110 --> 00:14:50,320

and the whole team uh you know we're

433

00:14:53,590 --> 00:14:51,120

gonna send

434

00:14:54,710 --> 00:14:53,600

that sequence up the night before and

435

00:14:57,509 --> 00:14:54,720

and you know

436

00:14:58,069 --> 00:14:57,519

knock on wood we're gonna cross cross our

437

00:14:59,750 --> 00:14:58,079

fingers and

438

00:15:01,350 --> 00:14:59,760

hope that everything goes the way that

439

00:15:02,230 --> 00:15:01,360

we've tested and planned and tested

440

00:15:04,470 --> 00:15:02,240

again

441

00:15:05,670 --> 00:15:04,480

um but there's no telling right space is

442

00:15:07,189 --> 00:15:05,680

hard so we're gonna

443

00:15:08,710 --> 00:15:07,199

we're gonna see how that first flight

444

00:15:09,990 --> 00:15:08,720

goes and then build off that

445

00:15:12,230 --> 00:15:10,000

well we definitely have our fingers

446

00:15:13,750 --> 00:15:12,240

crossed for you knocking out some wood

447

00:15:15,750 --> 00:15:13,760

that is all the time we have for

448

00:15:16,710 --> 00:15:15,760

questions today thank you so much for

449

00:15:17,269 --> 00:15:16,720

joining us thank you very much

450

00:15:19,990 --> 00:15:17,279

appreciate it

451
00:15:21,030 --> 00:15:20,000
thanks i'm going to have you step back

452
00:15:24,790 --> 00:15:21,040
and we're going to

453
00:15:26,230 --> 00:15:24,800
actually sanitize the chair for mimi to

454
00:15:28,230 --> 00:15:26,240
come step in so

455
00:15:29,749 --> 00:15:28,240
while we wait remember that you can send

456
00:15:32,870 --> 00:15:29,759
in your questions using

457
00:15:35,910 --> 00:15:32,880
the mars helicopter hashtag and

458
00:15:36,629 --> 00:15:35,920
when we're ready we will get to mimi you

459
00:15:43,430 --> 00:15:36,639
can come step

460
00:15:51,829 --> 00:15:47,269
hi mimi hi good morning good morning

461
00:15:55,110 --> 00:15:51,839
so how does it feel how are you doing

462
00:15:58,870 --> 00:15:55,120
as teddy said our team is over the moon

463
00:16:00,710 --> 00:15:58,880

very happy not there yet so we we

464

00:16:02,550 --> 00:16:00,720

we're very happy about where we are so

465

00:16:05,829 --> 00:16:02,560

far and it's been wonderful

466

00:16:08,310 --> 00:16:05,839

so perseverance rover delivered us

467

00:16:09,509 --> 00:16:08,320

with its mars helicopter delivery system

468

00:16:12,550 --> 00:16:09,519

mhds

469

00:16:13,269 --> 00:16:12,560

perfectly to the ground ingenuity woke

470

00:16:16,550 --> 00:16:13,279

up

471

00:16:19,030 --> 00:16:16,560

exactly as designed two hours 15 minutes

472

00:16:20,550 --> 00:16:19,040

later took a couple pictures went back

473

00:16:22,150 --> 00:16:20,560

to sleep and

474

00:16:24,470 --> 00:16:22,160

last night we got the first set of data

475

00:16:27,590 --> 00:16:24,480

back so we couldn't be happier but

476

00:16:29,189 --> 00:16:27,600

cautiously happy many many steps between

477

00:16:29,509 --> 00:16:29,199

now and the first flight like can you

478

00:16:32,470 --> 00:16:29,519

get

479

00:16:33,110 --> 00:16:32,480

into what are those next steps coming up

480

00:16:35,430 --> 00:16:33,120

yeah so

481

00:16:36,470 --> 00:16:35,440

the next step really the today and

482

00:16:39,749 --> 00:16:36,480

tomorrow

483

00:16:40,310 --> 00:16:39,759

really fully confirm this energy thermal

484

00:16:42,949 --> 00:16:40,320

model

485

00:16:44,710 --> 00:16:42,959

and you know the whole uh interview has

486

00:16:45,990 --> 00:16:44,720

been about energy and thermal at the end

487

00:16:47,670 --> 00:16:46,000

of the day

488

00:16:48,870 --> 00:16:47,680

because if we don't have enough energy

489

00:16:50,150 --> 00:16:48,880

you know we can't fly and we can't

490

00:16:52,389 --> 00:16:50,160

survive the night so

491

00:16:54,470 --> 00:16:52,399

we're carefully taking more temperature

492

00:16:56,949 --> 00:16:54,480

data the battery state of charge

493

00:16:58,790 --> 00:16:56,959

and really looking at the the current

494

00:16:59,910 --> 00:16:58,800

you know coming in from the solar panel

495

00:17:02,150 --> 00:16:59,920

and confirm

496

00:17:04,710 --> 00:17:02,160

and we will use that information to

497

00:17:07,029 --> 00:17:04,720

actually optimize the time to fly

498

00:17:09,829 --> 00:17:07,039

the helicopter we really want to fly it

499

00:17:12,150 --> 00:17:09,839

when the battery has charged up

500

00:17:13,669 --> 00:17:12,160

fully and then we want to fly early

501
00:17:14,470 --> 00:17:13,679
enough so that after the flight we can

502
00:17:16,789 --> 00:17:14,480
charge again

503
00:17:18,150 --> 00:17:16,799
before the evening arrives to be ready

504
00:17:20,150 --> 00:17:18,160
to survive that long

505
00:17:21,429 --> 00:17:20,160
cold night so we'll be doing that the

506
00:17:22,949 --> 00:17:21,439
next two days

507
00:17:24,470 --> 00:17:22,959
and then we will be ready to start

508
00:17:27,510 --> 00:17:24,480
turning our attention

509
00:17:28,470 --> 00:17:27,520
to the rotor system and so the first

510
00:17:30,630 --> 00:17:28,480
thing we'll do

511
00:17:32,390 --> 00:17:30,640
in about three days is uh and three

512
00:17:35,110 --> 00:17:32,400
salts i guess martian days

513
00:17:35,510 --> 00:17:35,120

three saws two is to release the blades

514

00:17:38,870 --> 00:17:35,520

the

515

00:17:40,310 --> 00:17:38,880

blade pitch restraint

516

00:17:42,150 --> 00:17:40,320

that's why they are now pointing

517

00:17:44,470 --> 00:17:42,160

straight north south right now

518

00:17:46,310 --> 00:17:44,480

and we will be ready to release them and

519

00:17:48,710 --> 00:17:46,320

that takes uh rotating the

520

00:17:50,390 --> 00:17:48,720

the blades um in the same direction

521

00:17:52,630 --> 00:17:50,400

instead of counter rotating in the same

522

00:17:54,549 --> 00:17:52,640

direction just for a fraction of a cycle

523

00:17:55,990 --> 00:17:54,559

and that will release the blades major

524

00:17:56,789 --> 00:17:56,000

deal the blades have to be fully

525

00:17:59,110 --> 00:17:56,799

released

526
00:18:01,190 --> 00:17:59,120
and then we will check out wiggle the

527
00:18:01,830 --> 00:18:01,200
blades the day after that and do a very

528
00:18:03,909 --> 00:18:01,840
slow spin

529
00:18:06,150 --> 00:18:03,919
50 revolutions per minute and that will

530
00:18:07,190 --> 00:18:06,160
confirm that our motor control the servo

531
00:18:09,270 --> 00:18:07,200
controls our s

532
00:18:10,870 --> 00:18:09,280
the way we've designed it and then

533
00:18:12,630 --> 00:18:10,880
lastly still on the ground

534
00:18:14,630 --> 00:18:12,640
we're going to do a full speed spin

535
00:18:15,190 --> 00:18:14,640
approximately 2 400 revolutions per

536
00:18:17,270 --> 00:18:15,200
minute

537
00:18:19,430 --> 00:18:17,280
full speed spin to fully check out

538
00:18:22,070 --> 00:18:19,440

without taking off check out the rotor

539

00:18:23,110 --> 00:18:22,080

performing at that point we'll be as

540

00:18:25,110 --> 00:18:23,120

ready as we can be

541

00:18:27,029 --> 00:18:25,120

and will take one day to again fully

542

00:18:28,950 --> 00:18:27,039

charge the vehicle to maximize

543

00:18:30,549 --> 00:18:28,960

probability of success for that very

544

00:18:31,430 --> 00:18:30,559

very first flight the most important

545

00:18:34,630 --> 00:18:31,440

first flight

546

00:18:36,789 --> 00:18:34,640

you've been mentioning

547

00:18:39,029 --> 00:18:36,799

souls how are they different from earth

548

00:18:42,789 --> 00:18:39,039

days for our audience at home

549

00:18:45,190 --> 00:18:42,799

sure a soul is about 39 about 40 minutes

550

00:18:46,789 --> 00:18:45,200

longer the martian day is about 40

551

00:18:49,990 --> 00:18:46,799
minutes longer than earth's uh

552

00:18:51,990 --> 00:18:50,000
day so uh all the events of the

553

00:18:53,270 --> 00:18:52,000
helicopter activities are time at the

554

00:18:55,669 --> 00:18:53,280
martian time

555

00:18:57,270 --> 00:18:55,679
and so teddy had mentioned just now you

556

00:19:00,070 --> 00:18:57,280
know we took measurement at noon

557

00:19:01,029 --> 00:19:00,080
uh yesterday and then for example today

558

00:19:04,630 --> 00:19:01,039
we're looking around

559

00:19:07,350 --> 00:19:04,640
2 p.m martian time and so events happen

560

00:19:10,310 --> 00:19:07,360
at mars following the daytime at mars

561

00:19:11,430 --> 00:19:10,320
and then we we stay awake just following

562

00:19:14,789 --> 00:19:11,440
the martian time

563

00:19:15,510 --> 00:19:14,799

on earth so well this helicopter has

564

00:19:18,310 --> 00:19:15,520

certainly been

565

00:19:18,789 --> 00:19:18,320

on its journey i wanted to talk to you

566

00:19:20,470 --> 00:19:18,799

about

567

00:19:22,150 --> 00:19:20,480

your personal journey can you kind of

568

00:19:24,950 --> 00:19:22,160

explain your career path

569

00:19:26,470 --> 00:19:24,960

and what led you here to eventually work

570

00:19:29,830 --> 00:19:26,480

on the team

571

00:19:32,150 --> 00:19:29,840

sure i came to nasa's jet propulsion

572

00:19:34,870 --> 00:19:32,160

laboratory jpl here 30 years ago

573

00:19:37,190 --> 00:19:34,880

and i started i've always been in the

574

00:19:39,510 --> 00:19:37,200

deep space exploration

575

00:19:41,190 --> 00:19:39,520

and the first thing was to uh write the

576

00:19:43,430 --> 00:19:41,200

signal processing communication

577

00:19:44,310 --> 00:19:43,440

algorithms to track these tiny tiny weak

578

00:19:46,950 --> 00:19:44,320

signals

579

00:19:48,549 --> 00:19:46,960

coming from deep space right and in fact

580

00:19:50,150 --> 00:19:48,559

we have now spacecraft that are out that

581

00:19:50,630 --> 00:19:50,160

have left our solar system right like

582

00:19:53,430 --> 00:19:50,640

the

583

00:19:54,870 --> 00:19:53,440

voyager anyway so we really working on

584

00:19:57,110 --> 00:19:54,880

the algorithms and up

585

00:19:59,029 --> 00:19:57,120

when uh deep space network was upgrading

586

00:20:00,789 --> 00:19:59,039

the receiver digital

587

00:20:02,710 --> 00:20:00,799

making the first digital receiver to

588

00:20:05,190 --> 00:20:02,720

check the signals from there so

589

00:20:07,029 --> 00:20:05,200

that's how i started at jpl and over the

590

00:20:08,390 --> 00:20:07,039

years i transitioned over to the

591

00:20:11,110 --> 00:20:08,400

spacecraft site

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00:20:13,270 --> 00:20:11,120

and uh got involved with you know

593

00:20:16,470 --> 00:20:13,280

spacecraft design and systems

594

00:20:18,390 --> 00:20:16,480

and specifically uh over the last 15 uh

595

00:20:20,870 --> 00:20:18,400

years a little more than that i have

596

00:20:23,669 --> 00:20:20,880

really fallen in love with

597

00:20:24,870 --> 00:20:23,679

increasingly autonomous capabilities of

598

00:20:26,789 --> 00:20:24,880

space systems

599

00:20:28,230 --> 00:20:26,799

that we need to develop so we have

600

00:20:31,270 --> 00:20:28,240

wonderful you know orbiters

601
00:20:31,909 --> 00:20:31,280
lenders and rovers but there is plenty

602
00:20:34,070 --> 00:20:31,919
of room

603
00:20:35,029 --> 00:20:34,080
for spacecraft to be more autonomous

604
00:20:37,350 --> 00:20:35,039
being able to

605
00:20:39,190 --> 00:20:37,360
function and make decisions on his own

606
00:20:41,350 --> 00:20:39,200
and explore more autonomously

607
00:20:42,630 --> 00:20:41,360
so that's the area that i've been uh

608
00:20:45,750 --> 00:20:42,640
dedicating myself

609
00:20:47,909 --> 00:20:45,760
to and along the line

610
00:20:49,990 --> 00:20:47,919
mars helicopter came along and that's an

611
00:20:52,630 --> 00:20:50,000
ultimate autonomous uh

612
00:20:53,029 --> 00:20:52,640
machine and so here i am and so about uh

613
00:20:56,470 --> 00:20:53,039

six

614

00:20:58,549 --> 00:20:56,480

in and uh

615

00:21:00,470 --> 00:20:58,559

you know uh joined the mars helicopter

616

00:21:02,470 --> 00:21:00,480

effort and it's been wonderful

617

00:21:04,149 --> 00:21:02,480

well was it an interest you always had

618

00:21:06,070 --> 00:21:04,159

as a child or when did you know you

619

00:21:09,510 --> 00:21:06,080

wanted to get into this

620

00:21:10,149 --> 00:21:09,520

oh it's uh you know i grew up in asia i

621

00:21:14,149 --> 00:21:10,159

was

622

00:21:16,390 --> 00:21:14,159

doing getting their phds at the

623

00:21:17,750 --> 00:21:16,400

university of illinois but after they

624

00:21:21,430 --> 00:21:17,760

received their phd i

625

00:21:23,430 --> 00:21:21,440

um my formative years were in myanmar

626

00:21:25,430 --> 00:21:23,440

and then also in malaysia and then i

627

00:21:27,990 --> 00:21:25,440

came back when i was 16 years old

628

00:21:28,549 --> 00:21:28,000

so having grown up in a other part of

629

00:21:31,750 --> 00:21:28,559

the world

630

00:21:33,270 --> 00:21:31,760

it wasn't like i had a direct dream i've

631

00:21:34,630 --> 00:21:33,280

always been fascinated with space i mean

632

00:21:36,549 --> 00:21:34,640

you can see stars and the

633

00:21:37,830 --> 00:21:36,559

fundamental questions of is there life

634

00:21:39,590 --> 00:21:37,840

there are we alone

635

00:21:40,950 --> 00:21:39,600

that's something that question just run

636

00:21:42,630 --> 00:21:40,960

deep inside of me i mean

637

00:21:44,230 --> 00:21:42,640

it runs deep inside of most people right

638

00:21:45,590 --> 00:21:44,240

it's the ultimate question of humanity

639

00:21:48,070 --> 00:21:45,600

are we alone

640

00:21:49,510 --> 00:21:48,080

but i really didn't know if i would have

641

00:21:53,190 --> 00:21:49,520

the opportunity

642

00:21:55,350 --> 00:21:53,200

to be a part of nasa a space exploration

643

00:21:56,950 --> 00:21:55,360

so always dreamed but didn't know if i

644

00:21:58,950 --> 00:21:56,960

could get there but one step at a time

645

00:22:00,390 --> 00:21:58,960

you follow the path to education i came

646

00:22:03,350 --> 00:22:00,400

back to the u.s

647

00:22:04,789 --> 00:22:03,360

followed my educational path and ended

648

00:22:06,310 --> 00:22:04,799

up at jpl and it

649

00:22:07,510 --> 00:22:06,320

i think the realization was when i

650

00:22:09,669 --> 00:22:07,520

finished my master's degree in

651
00:22:11,830 --> 00:22:09,679
electrical engineering it was time to

652
00:22:13,190 --> 00:22:11,840
interview for jobs and then one of the

653
00:22:15,750 --> 00:22:13,200
professors said

654
00:22:17,990 --> 00:22:15,760
nasa jpl you know they have these

655
00:22:19,110 --> 00:22:18,000
extremely large antennas with very low

656
00:22:20,789 --> 00:22:19,120
noise amplifiers

657
00:22:22,390 --> 00:22:20,799
extremely lowest noise temperature

658
00:22:24,230 --> 00:22:22,400
amplifiers you know

659
00:22:25,510 --> 00:22:24,240
possible to really be able to track the

660
00:22:27,830 --> 00:22:25,520
very weak signals

661
00:22:28,950 --> 00:22:27,840
and then all the old dreams and the

662
00:22:31,430 --> 00:22:28,960
current moment

663
00:22:33,669 --> 00:22:31,440

clicked together and i did everything i

664

00:22:35,430 --> 00:22:33,679

could to get an interview at jpl and

665

00:22:36,789 --> 00:22:35,440

got the interview and was hired and it's

666

00:22:38,149 --> 00:22:36,799

been a dream ever since

667

00:22:40,230 --> 00:22:38,159

well you're certainly doing a lot to

668

00:22:42,070 --> 00:22:40,240

inspire the future generations those

669

00:22:43,350 --> 00:22:42,080

are all the questions i have now we're

670

00:22:43,990 --> 00:22:43,360

going to get to some social media

671

00:22:47,029 --> 00:22:44,000

questions

672

00:22:50,390 --> 00:22:47,039

that's all right uh first up

673

00:22:53,590 --> 00:22:50,400

we have wilson on youtube

674

00:22:58,149 --> 00:22:53,600

asks what does the mars helicopter sound

675

00:23:00,950 --> 00:22:58,159

like oh well the helicopter is a

676
00:23:01,350 --> 00:23:00,960
very high power operation the peak power

677
00:23:04,630 --> 00:23:01,360
of

678
00:23:05,270 --> 00:23:04,640
close to 350 watts you know it's a very

679
00:23:08,710 --> 00:23:05,280
high

680
00:23:09,750 --> 00:23:08,720
uh power operation to 2 400 revolutions

681
00:23:12,710 --> 00:23:09,760
per minute

682
00:23:13,669 --> 00:23:12,720
even in the thin atmosphere so if you

683
00:23:16,310 --> 00:23:13,679
have seen

684
00:23:18,310 --> 00:23:16,320
some of the test videos out there it can

685
00:23:20,549 --> 00:23:18,320
be quite loud

686
00:23:23,110 --> 00:23:20,559
in the test chamber that we have because

687
00:23:25,590 --> 00:23:23,120
it's an enclosed room right that we have

688
00:23:27,510 --> 00:23:25,600

pumped out uh most of the air and then

689

00:23:29,270 --> 00:23:27,520

come back in with carbon dioxide to

690

00:23:31,110 --> 00:23:29,280

you know simulate this approximately one

691

00:23:32,070 --> 00:23:31,120

percent of the density compared to earth

692

00:23:34,789 --> 00:23:32,080

right so

693

00:23:36,470 --> 00:23:34,799

in the chamber it's extremely loud on

694

00:23:40,149 --> 00:23:36,480

mars in open space

695

00:23:42,470 --> 00:23:40,159

uh there are a lot of debates and uh

696

00:23:44,070 --> 00:23:42,480

of guessing you know how audible it

697

00:23:45,830 --> 00:23:44,080

would be so i think it would be

698

00:23:47,909 --> 00:23:45,840

it would be difficult to hear if you are

699

00:23:48,630 --> 00:23:47,919

standing on mars with a flight you know

700

00:23:51,350 --> 00:23:48,640

uh that's

701
00:23:53,029 --> 00:23:51,360
50 100 meters away but uh it sure is

702
00:23:54,549 --> 00:23:53,039
high power and you can definitely hear

703
00:23:55,909 --> 00:23:54,559
it very loudly in the chamber test

704
00:23:57,669 --> 00:23:55,919
chamber here

705
00:23:59,029 --> 00:23:57,679
well that will be exciting uh this next

706
00:24:02,549 --> 00:23:59,039
one we might

707
00:24:05,430 --> 00:24:02,559
make use of our helicopter model uh

708
00:24:06,630 --> 00:24:05,440
alex on youtube asks why is there a

709
00:24:09,830 --> 00:24:06,640
little hole

710
00:24:10,470 --> 00:24:09,840
on one of the feet on the helicopter oh

711
00:24:13,590 --> 00:24:10,480
yes

712
00:24:16,070 --> 00:24:13,600
so um very good eye and

713
00:24:16,789 --> 00:24:16,080

it is not on this model for a very good

714

00:24:18,870 --> 00:24:16,799

reason

715

00:24:20,789 --> 00:24:18,880

um when we built the flight model

716

00:24:22,950 --> 00:24:20,799

ingenuity this is the copy that's at

717

00:24:26,870 --> 00:24:22,960

mars right ingenuity itself

718

00:24:30,710 --> 00:24:26,880

the feet uh were all the same and then

719

00:24:33,669 --> 00:24:30,720

later after the helicopter was developed

720

00:24:35,350 --> 00:24:33,679

we started designing the the rover team

721

00:24:36,470 --> 00:24:35,360

started designing the mars helicopter

722

00:24:38,470 --> 00:24:36,480

delivery system on

723

00:24:39,590 --> 00:24:38,480

how to hold the helicopter under the

724

00:24:42,950 --> 00:24:39,600

belly pen

725

00:24:44,789 --> 00:24:42,960

and really to minimize protrusion

726
00:24:46,470 --> 00:24:44,799
of like a helicopter hanging down under

727
00:24:47,430 --> 00:24:46,480
the belly pan instead of hanging

728
00:24:49,830 --> 00:24:47,440
vertically

729
00:24:51,590 --> 00:24:49,840
the helicopter was stored sideways you

730
00:24:55,110 --> 00:24:51,600
know with the blades aligned

731
00:24:58,470 --> 00:24:55,120
and restrained and the legs actually

732
00:25:00,870 --> 00:24:58,480
pulled back and held by you know some

733
00:25:03,909 --> 00:25:00,880
systems that later you know released uh

734
00:25:07,029 --> 00:25:03,919
a few days ago right so in order to hold

735
00:25:08,310 --> 00:25:07,039
uh it turned out uh one of the feet had

736
00:25:10,549 --> 00:25:08,320
to be redesigned

737
00:25:11,350 --> 00:25:10,559
to match the mars helicopter delivery

738
00:25:13,590 --> 00:25:11,360

system

739

00:25:14,870 --> 00:25:13,600

so in that sense that's why one of the

740

00:25:18,390 --> 00:25:14,880

lakes is different

741

00:25:21,269 --> 00:25:18,400

but uh also all the lakes we actually

742

00:25:21,669 --> 00:25:21,279

of the in ingenuity were retrofitted

743

00:25:24,789 --> 00:25:21,679

because

744

00:25:26,310 --> 00:25:24,799

in order to fit into the mhds the lakes

745

00:25:28,230 --> 00:25:26,320

actually had to be capable of bending

746

00:25:30,630 --> 00:25:28,240

back and be held like that for

747

00:25:32,149 --> 00:25:30,640

over a year right since before launch

748

00:25:34,470 --> 00:25:32,159

and have springs in them

749

00:25:36,310 --> 00:25:34,480

and have flexure so that after being

750

00:25:39,110 --> 00:25:36,320

held when they're released they still

751
00:25:39,430 --> 00:25:39,120
have the tension to snap down and latch

752
00:25:42,149 --> 00:25:39,440
and

753
00:25:42,789 --> 00:25:42,159
see the legs come into the position that

754
00:25:46,070 --> 00:25:42,799
they have

755
00:25:48,789 --> 00:25:46,080
done so it looks very um simple

756
00:25:49,750 --> 00:25:48,799
but there is quite a bit of mechanical

757
00:25:52,470 --> 00:25:49,760
engineering

758
00:25:53,350 --> 00:25:52,480
in this uh late edition and so that's

759
00:25:54,950 --> 00:25:53,360
why they're

760
00:25:56,789 --> 00:25:54,960
a little bit different and we that's why

761
00:25:59,750 --> 00:25:56,799
we're extraordinarily happy

762
00:26:00,870 --> 00:25:59,760
when the laces came down and they it we

763
00:26:02,470 --> 00:26:00,880

knew that they latched

764

00:26:03,990 --> 00:26:02,480

and they're standing you know exactly

765

00:26:05,269 --> 00:26:04,000

the helicopter standing exactly the way

766

00:26:08,390 --> 00:26:05,279

it was designed for

767

00:26:10,470 --> 00:26:08,400

every milestone is very important all

768

00:26:13,029 --> 00:26:10,480

right up next we have

769

00:26:16,470 --> 00:26:13,039

um patrick on youtube who asks why was

770

00:26:19,510 --> 00:26:16,480

the flight date postponed to april 11th

771

00:26:22,149 --> 00:26:19,520

oh yes um so

772

00:26:23,190 --> 00:26:22,159

you know i'm gonna give a very long

773

00:26:26,230 --> 00:26:23,200

story

774

00:26:29,190 --> 00:26:26,240

this is the first ever test

775

00:26:31,110 --> 00:26:29,200

experiment on mars and you know it's a

776

00:26:34,149 --> 00:26:31,120

very very rare opportunity

777

00:26:34,950 --> 00:26:34,159

that we are extremely protective about

778

00:26:37,350 --> 00:26:34,960

so

779

00:26:38,149 --> 00:26:37,360

uh short answer is to be extremely

780

00:26:40,470 --> 00:26:38,159

careful

781

00:26:41,190 --> 00:26:40,480

and so we were originally targeting

782

00:26:44,230 --> 00:26:41,200

april 8

783

00:26:45,190 --> 00:26:44,240

to fly and we moved it to april 11th for

784

00:26:48,390 --> 00:26:45,200

two reasons

785

00:26:50,870 --> 00:26:48,400

one when we were getting ready to uh

786

00:26:52,470 --> 00:26:50,880

drop the helicopter the hell mhds had

787

00:26:54,870 --> 00:26:52,480

turned rotated the

788

00:26:55,990 --> 00:26:54,880

helicopter to a vertical position and

789

00:26:58,149 --> 00:26:56,000

before we dropped

790

00:26:59,590 --> 00:26:58,159

uh we also wanted to take the time to

791

00:27:02,470 --> 00:26:59,600

make sure that the

792

00:27:03,190 --> 00:27:02,480

under some harnesses under the belly pan

793

00:27:05,990 --> 00:27:03,200

uh

794

00:27:07,669 --> 00:27:06,000

of the rover that they were going to be

795

00:27:08,870 --> 00:27:07,679

clear you know now that we're on actual

796

00:27:10,470 --> 00:27:08,880

terrain the rover's in the actual

797

00:27:12,789 --> 00:27:10,480

terrain and when we drop

798

00:27:14,630 --> 00:27:12,799

you see this little antenna here that's

799

00:27:17,269 --> 00:27:14,640

sticking up here

800

00:27:18,310 --> 00:27:17,279

we uh looking at the images that the you

801
00:27:19,909 --> 00:27:18,320
know the rovers

802
00:27:21,750 --> 00:27:19,919
watson camera had taken we wanted to

803
00:27:22,710 --> 00:27:21,760
make sure that the little antenna

804
00:27:24,870 --> 00:27:22,720
sticking up

805
00:27:26,470 --> 00:27:24,880
wouldn't catch on in harnesses or

806
00:27:28,710 --> 00:27:26,480
anything else under the rover

807
00:27:30,230 --> 00:27:28,720
on this actual terrain that there is no

808
00:27:32,549 --> 00:27:30,240
chance of it snagging

809
00:27:34,710 --> 00:27:32,559
and so we wanted to take an extra you

810
00:27:36,310 --> 00:27:34,720
know extra time to look at that

811
00:27:39,190 --> 00:27:36,320
and that's the first one and then

812
00:27:41,510 --> 00:27:39,200
secondly uh for this energy story

813
00:27:42,630 --> 00:27:41,520

uh we decided that after the drop we

814

00:27:45,029 --> 00:27:42,640

wanted to add

815

00:27:46,470 --> 00:27:45,039

uh extra days to make sure that we can

816

00:27:49,110 --> 00:27:46,480

actually characterize

817

00:27:50,950 --> 00:27:49,120

uh the energy uh story and make sure the

818

00:27:51,510 --> 00:27:50,960

solar panel is charging the way we think

819

00:27:53,990 --> 00:27:51,520

it is

820

00:27:55,830 --> 00:27:54,000

and the hour by hour profile of the

821

00:27:58,230 --> 00:27:55,840

energy right as you're charging up

822

00:28:00,149 --> 00:27:58,240

expanding the energy charging up again

823

00:28:02,070 --> 00:28:00,159

that our energy is positive uh

824

00:28:04,870 --> 00:28:02,080

throughout all of the day so

825

00:28:06,789 --> 00:28:04,880

uh everything is healthy on you know the

826
00:28:07,590 --> 00:28:06,799
rover's deployment size helicopter site

827
00:28:10,630 --> 00:28:07,600
but we really

828
00:28:13,029 --> 00:28:10,640
decided together to take care so

829
00:28:13,669 --> 00:28:13,039
wow well thank you so much for joining

830
00:28:16,710 --> 00:28:13,679
us and

831
00:28:17,110 --> 00:28:16,720
good luck this week i'm very excited for

832
00:28:20,549 --> 00:28:17,120
you

833
00:28:22,310 --> 00:28:20,559
lots more

834
00:28:23,909 --> 00:28:22,320
lots of milestones ahead that we are

835
00:28:26,710 --> 00:28:23,919
looking forward to and

836
00:28:27,590 --> 00:28:26,720
learning from every single step ahead of

837
00:28:29,029 --> 00:28:27,600
us

838
00:28:30,710 --> 00:28:29,039

all the way up leading to the first

839

00:28:32,710 --> 00:28:30,720

flight well thank you mimi

840

00:28:36,070 --> 00:28:32,720

and thank you for your social media

841

00:28:39,350 --> 00:28:36,080

questions so for updates on ingenuity

842

00:28:42,230 --> 00:28:39,360

follow at nasa jpl and use

843

00:28:43,029 --> 00:28:42,240

the mars helicopter to keep asking your

844

00:28:46,149 --> 00:28:43,039

questions

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00:28:49,990 --> 00:28:46,159

also visit go.nasa.gov

846

00:28:52,230 --> 00:28:50,000

ingenuity for images and videos and

847

00:28:53,990 --> 00:28:52,240

upcoming webinars in fact there's one