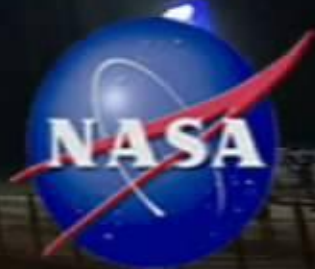


A night-time photograph of the Space Shuttle Columbia being mated to the External Tank and Solid Rocket Boosters on the Vehicle Assembly Building's Mobile Launcher Platform. The orbiter is suspended vertically from the top of the Mobile Launcher Platform. The orbiter is white with a yellow nose cone and black nose gear doors. The External Tank is orange and the Solid Rocket Boosters are white. The orbiter has the NASA logo on its side. The Mobile Launcher Platform is a complex structure of metal scaffolding and walkways, illuminated by warm yellow lights. The background is dark, suggesting a night launch. In the bottom left corner, there is a red horizontal line. In the bottom right corner, there is the NASA logo.

**STS-132 Astronauts
Practice Launch Countdown**



1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:07,060
Music.

2
00:00:07,060 --> 00:00:12,090
In preparation for liftoff of space shuttle Atlantis on the STS-132 mission,

3
00:00:12,090 --> 00:00:17,410
the six-member crew arrived at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

4
00:00:17,410 --> 00:00:22,340
The astronauts flew to Kennedy to conduct the prelaunch training and countdown dress rehearsal,

5
00:00:22,340 --> 00:00:26,430
officially known as the Terminal Countdown Demonstration Test.

6
00:00:26,430 --> 00:00:30,450
The training began with the standard instruction on driving the M-113 armored

7
00:00:30,450 --> 00:00:35,290
personnel carriers as part of their emergency escape training.

8
00:00:35,290 --> 00:00:42,440
They rehearsed evacuation procedures at Launch Pad 39A, where Atlantis is undergoing launch preparations.

9
00:00:42,440 --> 00:00:48,270
Crew members had an opportunity for a final fit check of their familiar orange launch-and-entry suits,

10
00:00:48,270 --> 00:00:54,520
and a chance to answer questions from media representatives who gathered for a news conference at the launch

11
00:00:54,520 --> 00:00:56,700
Ken Ham/STS-132 Commander: There's an incredible amount of activity going on right

12
00:00:56,700 --> 00:01:00,260
now in the space world and we should all be enjoying it.

13
00:01:00,260 --> 00:01:03,410

I can tell you for sure the six of us are.

14

00:01:03,410 --> 00:01:06,900

The centerpiece of the crew's most recent training was a launch dress rehearsal and

15

00:01:06,900 --> 00:01:12,050

practice countdown with the look and feel of a real launch day.

16

00:01:12,050 --> 00:01:18,050

This sets the stage for Atlantis and crew to fly a 12-day mission to the International Space Station.