

A middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair is shown from the chest up, speaking. He is wearing a red polo shirt with a dark collar and a NASA logo on the left chest. His right hand is raised in a fist. The background is a large, industrial structure with a complex metal lattice and a large circular opening, possibly a rocket engine or a large storage tank. The lighting is bright, suggesting an indoor industrial setting.

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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,354
MUSIC.

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00:00:04,554 --> 00:00:05,819
So what we have right here is the

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00:00:06,019 --> 00:00:07,187
Launch Vehicle Stage Adapter which

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00:00:07,387 --> 00:00:09,347
is the initial adapter above the

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00:00:09,547 --> 00:00:11,523
launch vehicle and that also holds

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00:00:11,723 --> 00:00:14,556
the upper stage that is nestled

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00:00:14,756 --> 00:00:16,056
inside of there so when we get in

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00:00:16,256 --> 00:00:17,994
to orbit it will separate and come

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00:00:18,194 --> 00:00:19,794
out of the Launch Vehicle Stage

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00:00:19,994 --> 00:00:21,675
Adapter and again put the Orion

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00:00:21,875 --> 00:00:23,083
Crew Capsule on its orbit.

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00:00:23,283 --> 00:00:24,479
Now we're very proud of that

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00:00:24,679 --> 00:00:25,987

adapter along with the Orion

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00:00:26,187 --> 00:00:27,939

Stage Adapter...we built both of

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00:00:28,139 --> 00:00:29,283

those adapters here at Marshall

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00:00:29,483 --> 00:00:30,500

Space Flight Center using some

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00:00:30,700 --> 00:00:32,532

friction stir welding capability

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00:00:32,732 --> 00:00:35,435

that we have. So the panels were

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00:00:35,635 --> 00:00:37,052

made out in California. They are

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00:00:37,252 --> 00:00:38,523

a lightweight aluminum alloy.

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00:00:38,723 --> 00:00:40,179

And then they're shipped here to

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00:00:40,379 --> 00:00:41,035

Marshall Space Flight Center.

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00:00:41,235 --> 00:00:43,035

Then we weld eight panels on the

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00:00:43,235 --> 00:00:44,579

aft cone, eight panels on the

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00:00:44,779 --> 00:00:45,842

forward cone and then we weld

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00:00:46,042 --> 00:00:47,707
the two cones together. And then

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00:00:47,907 --> 00:00:49,795
we go through an analysis phase.

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00:00:49,995 --> 00:00:51,420
But then we want to make sure

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00:00:51,620 --> 00:00:52,908
that analysis is accurate so

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00:00:53,108 --> 00:00:53,955
that's why we perform these

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00:00:54,155 --> 00:00:56,051
structural test articles, so we

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00:00:56,251 --> 00:00:58,354
can actually apply loads, greater

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00:00:58,554 --> 00:01:00,027
than what we expect to see during

34
00:01:00,227 --> 00:01:01,787
the mission, to prove that we have

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00:01:01,987 --> 00:01:03,475
sufficient margin to assure mission

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00:01:03,675 --> 00:01:04,963
success. We have been doing

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00:01:05,163 --> 00:01:06,195
instrumentation for about three months

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00:01:06,395 --> 00:01:08,348

on this Launch Vehicle Stage Adapter

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00:01:08,548 --> 00:01:10,162

and now we are getting ready to lift

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00:01:10,362 --> 00:01:12,547

it and put it on the KMAG and transport

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00:01:12,747 --> 00:01:14,555

it to the test stand. So once we get it

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00:01:14,755 --> 00:01:16,690

to the test area we will have to de-mate

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00:01:16,890 --> 00:01:19,233

it from the KMAGS and then we will begin

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00:01:19,433 --> 00:01:22,074

the process of attaching the 300 ton

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00:01:22,274 --> 00:01:24,154

mobile crane and lifting it and putting

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00:01:24,354 --> 00:01:27,346

it into 4699 test stack. And then we

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00:01:27,546 --> 00:01:29,274

will apply all the loads that are required

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00:01:29,474 --> 00:01:31,539

of us and collect all the data. Then we

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00:01:31,739 --> 00:01:33,787

will turn all that data over to the stress

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00:01:33,987 --> 00:01:37,747

analysts, which is NASA, Teledyne Brown

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00:01:37,947 --> 00:01:40,082
Engineering, United Launch Alliance with

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00:01:40,282 --> 00:01:41,522
Boeing. So there's actually several test

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00:01:41,722 --> 00:01:46,739
requesters for this test that are responsible

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00:01:46,939 --> 00:01:48,739
for different pieces of the test stack, that