

A large orange and white Space Shuttle SLS is shown ascending vertically against a dark blue sky. The shuttle is angled slightly to the right. A large, bright orange and white plume of fire and smoke trails behind it, extending from the bottom left towards the center. In the bottom left corner, a small, semi-transparent globe of the Earth is visible, showing the Americas. The overall scene is a high-angle, low-perspective shot of the shuttle's ascent.

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The vehicle reaches  
the point when  
SLS undergoes  
maximum dynamic  
pressure.

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A virtual glimpse into our Artemis 1 mission

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A key piece of hardware arrives for our Orion spacecraft ...

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And a testing milestone for our Space Launch System rocket ... a few of the stories to

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tell you about – This Week at NASA!

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We've got an online video that shows what you can expect to see during the upcoming

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launch of our Artemis 1 mission - the first uncrewed integrated flight test of our Orion

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spacecraft and Space Launch System or SLS rocket.

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The video shows the pre-launch sequence at our Kennedy Space Center in Florida and all

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the flight operations.

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The primary goal of Artemis 1 is to assure a safe crew module entry, descent, splashdown,

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and recovery.

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You can check out the video at [go.nasa.gov/artemis321](https://go.nasa.gov/artemis321).

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On July 10, the heat shield that will protect astronauts during the re-entry phase of the

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Artemis 2 mission – the first flight of SLS and Orion with a crew – was transported

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to the Neil Armstrong Operations and Checkout Building at our Kennedy Space Center, for

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assembly and integration with the Orion crew module.

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Artemis 2, the first flight of humans to the Moon aboard Orion and SLS, will confirm all

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spacecraft systems operate as designed in the actual environment of deep space with

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astronauts aboard.

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Our Artemis program aims to return humans to the Moon by 2024.

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A milestone at our Marshall Space Flight Center, where structural testing of our Space Launch

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System rocket is more than halfway complete:  
The rocket's liquid oxygen tank structural

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test article – the last structural test  
article – was recently delivered for testing.

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Testing is a critical part of ensuring the  
safety of the crew and the success of our

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missions as we prepare to make the next giant  
leaps off our planet – forward to the Moon

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and eventually to Mars.

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We hope you will join us in celebrating the  
50th anniversary of our first giant leap – the

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Apollo 11 Moon mission.

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We'll look back on the historic mission  
and forward to the future of exploration to

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the Moon and Mars with a live, two-hour television  
broadcast at 1 p.m. Eastern on Friday July

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19, followed by a special STEM-education themed  
show at 3 p.m.

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Other partner-led events are taking place across the country July 16 through July 20.

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A programming note - due to the Apollo 11 coverage, the next This Week @NASA will air

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on July 22 instead of July 19.

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A scientific team at our Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, used synthetic aperture

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radar data from a Japanese satellite to produce a map showing damage from two strong earthquakes

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that rattled Southern California on July 4 and July 5 – a magnitude 6.4 and 7.1, respectively.

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Each color cycle represents 4.8 inches of ground displacement in the radar line-of-sight.

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Officials are using the map to assess damages and to map the faults that broke during the

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quakes as well as the thousands of aftershocks that have followed.

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That's what's up this week @NASA ...