

A large crawler-transporter carrying a Space Shuttle orbiter on the Mobile Launcher Platform (MLP) is being mated to the External Tank (ET) and Solid Rocket Boosters (SRBs) on the Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) crawler-transporter. The scene is set at dawn, with a bright orange and yellow sky and dark, silhouetted clouds. The MLP is being lowered into position by a crane. The VAB crawler-transporter is visible in the background, carrying the ET and SRBs. The orbiter is being mated to the MLP, which is being moved by the crawler-transporter. The orbiter is being lowered into position by a crane. The VAB crawler-transporter is visible in the background, carrying the ET and SRBs. The orbiter is being mated to the MLP, which is being moved by the crawler-transporter.

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THIS WEEK @ NASA

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The first space station\h
spacewalk of the new year ...
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A new date for a commercial crew test flight ...
And our next landing on Mars is fast\h\h

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approaching ... a few of the stories to\h
tell you about – This Week at NASA!
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On Jan. 27, NASA's Michael Hopkins and Victor\h
Glover ventured outside the International\h\h

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Space Station for the first of two scheduled\h
spacewalks to finish installing a European\h\h

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science platform and finish battery upgrade\h
work. On this outing, the pair focused on cable\h\h

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and antenna rigging for the "Bartolomeo"\h
science payloads platform. On Feb. 1,\h\h

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the pair will go outside again to wrap up battery\h
replacement work that started in January 2017.
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NASA and Boeing are targeting no earlier than\h
Thursday, March 25, for the launch of Orbital\h\h

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Flight Test-2, or OFT-2, the second uncrewed
flight test of Boeing's Starliner spacecraft

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to the International Space Station. OFT-2 is a
critical developmental milestone on the company's

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path to fly crewed missions to the space station
as part of NASA's Commercial Crew Program.

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The Feb. 18 landing of our Mars 2020 mission
with our Perseverance rover and Ingenuity

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helicopter is fast approaching. We previewed the
landing and mission during a Jan. 27 briefing.

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"As our cosmic neighbor and as a destination,
Mars continues to captivate our imagination both

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as scientists and as explorers, and it
seems every time we learn something new,

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we uncover more questions."

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Perseverance will search for signs
of past microbial life and be our

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first Mars rover to collect samples from
another planet for future return to Earth,

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while Ingenuity will make history's first
attempt at powered flight on another planet.\h\h

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To learn more, visit mars.nasa.gov/mars2020.
Our OSIRIS-REx spacecraft will bid\h\h

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farewell to asteroid Bennu on May 10\h
and begin the journey back to Earth.\h\h

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The spacecraft collected a substantial amount\h
of material from Bennu's surface during last\h\h

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year's Oct. 20 sample collection event – likely in\h
excess of the mission's requirement of 2 ounces.\h\h

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O-REx's departure might include a\h
final flyby of Bennu sometime in April.\h\h

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00:02:12,960 --> 00:02:17,680
The spacecraft is scheduled to deliver\h
the sample to Earth in September 2023.\h\h

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The material could teach us more about the\h
formation of Earth and our solar system.
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On Jan. 28, our Stennis Space Center kicked\h
off a new series of testing with the RS-25\h\h

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rocket engines. The seven-test series will\h
provide valuable data for NASA contractor\h\h

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Aerojet Rocketdyne as it begins production of the engines. Four RS-25s will help power

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our Space Launch System (SLS) rocket on future missions to the Moon and, eventually, to Mars.

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On Jan. 28, a small group of officials from NASA Headquarters

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attended the Day of Remembrance observance at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

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The annual NASA event is one of several around the country in tribute to the fallen astronauts

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of Apollo 1, space shuttles Challenger and Columbia, and other members of the NASA family

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who lost their lives in support of the agency's mission of exploration and discovery.