

Next Vandenberg Missile Launch Jan. 29

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Another find on the WUN Web page. Here's advance warning on the next Vandenberg Launch.

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January 29th Vandenberg Launch

The Air Force will attempt to launch an unarmed Minuteman III strategic missile this Wednesday from Vandenberg AFB. Launch is scheduled for 00:01 PST from a silo at north Vandenberg (the launch window runs from 00:01 to 06:01 PST). Immediately after launch the vehicle will head west, follow a ballistic trajectory, and send its payload to an impact area near Kwajalein Island in the central Pacific.

The missile was originally based in a 321st Missile Group silo at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. Maintenance personnel and a combat launch crew from the 321st were recently brought to Vandenberg to perform an actual launch. The launch will be used to evaluate the reliability of the Minuteman III weapons system.

Weather permitting, the launch should be visible as far away as Las Vegas, San Francisco, and northern Baja California.

This launch is expected to occur as scheduled. Current launch status can be obtained from the Vandenberg Launch Update Line at 805-734-8232 ext. 61857.

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