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Launch was originally set for Sept. 24.

The delay was necessary to complete testing and preparation of the new Lockheed Martin LMLV2 launch vehicle, according to a statement from NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif.

Lunar Prospector, a 660-pound spacecraft, is designed to orbit the moon at an altitude of 63 miles for a one-year, \$62.8 million mapping mission.

A key objective of the Ames-managed mission is to find direct evidence of the presence or absence of ice in shaded regions of the lunar poles.

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