

LAUNCH TEST SQUADRON



MISSION

LTS provides scaleable launch support services including program management support, engineering support, payload integration, and post-test evaluation for space systems. LTS's goal is to be the "one-stop shopping" source for solid propellant rocket motors and launch service needs within the Government. LTS, teamed with its industry launch service providers, works hard to ensure maximum reliability at minimum costs. The Space Launch Flight provides Government customers with cost effective, highly reliable launch services using excess Minuteman and Peacekeeper boosters mixed with commercial assets. The Target Launch Flight provides government customers with multiple target vehicle configurations by reutilizing decommissioned ICBM boosters that meet all treaty requirements.

The Launch Test Squadron (LTS) utilizes retired Minuteman II and Peacekeeper rocket motors for government Research & Development space launches and missile defense tests target vehicles. Averaging over 8 flight tests per year, LTS has maintained a 100% success rate for the past 10 years for LTS managed launches.

LINEAGE

Launch Test Squadron constituted, 5 Mar 2008
Activated on 31 Mar 2008

STATIONS

Kirtland AFB, NM, 31 Mar 2008

ASSIGNMENTS

Space Test Group, 31 Mar 2008

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
[31 Mar 2008]-30 Sep 2008

EMBLEM

Approved, 30 Jul 2008

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

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