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STRV-2 Launch Is Success

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) announced today that its Space Technology Research Vehicle-2 (STRV-2) was successfully launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base at 6:29 a.m., Pacific Time. Preliminary data from the spacecraft indicate that STRV-2 is in the planned orbit and fully operational.

STRV-2 is the primary payload on the Air Force Space Test Program's TSX-5 satellite. The TSX-5 satellite was launched by the Orbital Sciences Corporation on their Pegasus Launch Vehicle. STRV-2 contains a suite of advanced technology experiments developed by BMDO in collaboration with the U.S. Air Force and the Defence Evaluation & Research Agency of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence. These experiments include high bandwidth laser communication system, an active vibration suppression system, space radiation effects and micrometeoroid sensors, a low-cost composite space structure, and an infrared sensor experiment.