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# INTRODUCTION

The *Commercial Space Transportation: 2011 Year in Review* summarizes U.S. and international launch activities for calendar year 2011. This report also provides a review and analysis of the past five years of commercial launch activity.

There were 84 orbital launch events worldwide in 2011, including commercial, civil, and military missions. Appendix I contains the details of these events. Appendix II details the first six-month projection of worldwide orbital launches for 2012.

The Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Commercial Space Transportation (FAA/AST) licensed one commercial orbital launch in 2011, compared to four licensed launches in 2010. The license was for the launch of Sea Launch AG's Zenit 3SL rocket in September.

Appendix III provides definitions for the terminology of this report.

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Of the 84 worldwide orbital launch attempts in 2011, 18 (21 percent) were commercial. This is a decrease in commercial launches from 2010, when there were 23 commercial orbital launches worldwide out of a total of 74 launches (see Figure 1). Much of this decrease stems from the fact that none of the vehicles



Figure I. 2011 Total Worldwide Launch Activity

manufactured by the United States had any commercial launches in 2011. Four commercial launches planned for 2011 under NASA's Commercial Resupply Services (CRS) and Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS) programs were delayed until 2012.

Russia had 56 percent of the international commercial launch market with 10 commercial launches in 2011. Sea Launch AG had two commercial launches accounting for 11 percent of

the commercial launch market. The return-to-flight launch from the Pacific Ocean was the only FAA/AST-licensed orbital launch this year. Sea Launch carried out its second launch out of Baikonur, Kazakhstan as part of the Land Launch program. Europe attained a 22 percent market share, conducting four commercial Ariane 5 launches. China had two commercial launches of its Long March 3B vehicle, attaining 11 percent of the international commercial market.

Of the 84 orbital launches attempted worldwide, 6 were failures, including 1 failed commercial launch. Four of the failures were Russian launches on three different launch vehicles:

- A Rockot launch vehicle failed to place the GEO IK-2 No. II remote sensing satellite in low Earth orbit (LEO) on February 1.
- A Proton M launch vehicle failed to put the Express AM4 into geosynchronous orbit (GEO) on August 17 (this was the commercial launch failure in 2011).
- A Soyuz launch vehicle failed to carry the Progress M-12M supply capsule to the International Space Station (ISS) on August 24.
- A Soyuz 2 1B launch vehicle failed to launch the Meridian 5 communications satellite to a Molniya orbit on December 23.

The United States and China each experienced one launch failure in 2011. A Taurus XL vehicle failed to launch NASA's Earth science satellite, Glory, and three university satellites on March 4. On August 18, a Long March 2C failed to place China's Shijian 11-04 experimental satellite into sun-synchronous orbit (SSO).

Two suborbital flights were conducted under FAA permits in 2011. Both were conducted by Blue Origin, using the PM-2 vehicle.

# 2011 LAUNCH ACTIVITY

#### WORLDWIDE ORBITAL LAUNCH ACTIVITY

This section highlights worldwide launch activity in 2011. Launches, payloads, and revenue streams are on a country-by-country basis. Launch providers from the United States, Russia, Europe, China, Japan, India, Iran, and one multinational provider conducted a total of 84 launch events in 2011, 18 of which were commercial (see Tables 1 and 2 and Figures 2 and 3). The following is a summary of all the 2011 worldwide commercial launches by country:

• The United States had 18 launches, 3 more than in 2010, but no commercial launches.

	Commercial Launches	Non- Commercial Launches	Total Launches
United States	0	18	18
Russia	10	21	31
Europe	4	3	7
China	2	17	19
Japan	0	3	3
India	0	3	3
Iran	0	I	I
Multinational	2	0	2
TOTAL	18	66	84

Table I. 2011 Worldwide Orbital Launch Events

- Russia led in both total orbital (31) and commercial launches (10). Russia also experienced the highest number of failures (4). One failure was for a commercial launch.
- Europe conducted seven launches in 2011, four of which were commercial launches. The first two Soyuz 2 launches from French Guiana happened in 2011.
- China had 19 launches, 2 of which were commercial. China did not conduct any commercial launches in 2010.
- The multinational Sea Launch Zenit 3SL launch vehicle returned to flight in September. The company had two commercial launches, one FAA-licensed launch from a platform in the Pacific Ocean and the other from Baikonur, Kazakhstan as part of the Land Launch program.

Appendix I shows all 84 orbital launches worldwide in 2011, including commercial, civil, and military missions.





Figure 3. 2011 Total Worldwide Launch Activity

Date	Vehicle	Launching Country/ Region	Payload(s)	Orbit	Launch Outcome
22-Apr-11	Ariane 5 ECA	Europe	Yahsat IA Intelsat New Dawn	GEO GEO	Success Success
20-May-11	Proton M	Russia	Telstar 14R	GEO	Success
20-May-11	Ariane 5 ECA	Europe	Insat 4G/GSAT-8 ST 2	GEO GEO	Success Success
3-Jul-	Soyuz 2	Russia	Globalstar 2nd Gen 07 Globalstar 2nd Gen 08 Globalstar 2nd Gen 09 Globalstar 2nd Gen 10 Globalstar 2nd Gen 11 Globalstar 2nd Gen 12	NGSO NGSO NGSO NGSO NGSO	Success Success Success Success Success Success
5-Jul-	Proton M	Russia	SES-3 KazSat 2	GEO GEO	Success Success
06-Aug-11	Ariane 5 ECA	Europe	Astra IN BSAT-3c/JCSAT-110R	GEO GEO	Success Success
17-Aug-11	Dnepr M	Russia	Sich 2 NX Nigeriasat 2 Edusat RASAT BPA 2 Aprizesat 5 Aprizesat 6	NGSO NGSO NGSO NGSO NGSO NGSO NGSO	Success Success Success Success Success Success Success Success
17-Aug-11	Proton M	Russia	Express AM4	GEO	Failure
21-Sep-11	Ariane 5 ECA	Europe	Arabsat 5C SES-2	GEO GEO	Success Success
24-Sep-11	Zenit 3SL	Multinational	Atlantic Bird 7	GEO	Success
29-Sep-11	Proton M	Russia	QuetzSat-I	GEO	Success
06-0ct-11	Zenit 3SL	Multinational	Intelsat 18	GEO	Success
07-0ct-11	Long March 3B	China	Eutelsat W3C	GEO	Success
19-0ct-11	Proton M	Russia	Viasat I	GEO	Success
25-Nov-11	Proton M	Russia	Asiasat 7	GEO	Success
-Dec-	Proton M	Russia	Luch 5A Amos 5	GEO GEO	Success Success
19-Dec-11	Long March 3B	China	NigComSat IR	GEO	Success
28-Dec-11	Soyuz 2	Russia	Globalstar 2nd Gen 13 Globalstar 2nd Gen 14 Globalstar 2nd Gen 15 Globalstar 2nd Gen 16 Globalstar 2nd Gen 17 Globalstar 2nd Gen 18	NGSO NGSO NGSO NGSO NGSO NGSO	Success Success Success Success Success Success

Table 2. 2011 Worldwide Commercial Launch Events

#### Worldwide Launch Revenues

Revenues from the 18 commercial launch events in 2011 amount to an estimated \$1.9 billion, a decrease of \$526 million from 2010 (see Figure 4). The following are the revenues by country:

- The United States did not generate any commercial launch revenue.
- Russian commercial launch revenues were approximately \$707 million.
- European revenues were approximately \$880 million.
- Chinese revenues were approximately \$140 million.
- Multinational revenues were approximately \$200 million.





In 2011, 84 launches carried a total of 133 payloads into orbit (see Table 3 and Figures 5 and 6). Of the 133 payloads, 35 provide commercial

services (see Figure 7 for these payloads by launch country). The remaining 98 payloads were used for non-commercial civil government, military, or

non-profit purposes.

Payments for launch services typically are spread over one to two years before the launch. For the purposes of this report, revenue is in the year a customer's payload launches. Launch revenues go to the country of the primary vehicle manufacturer. The assessment of these revenues uses commercial launch price estimates for each launch vehicle, from publically available information.

Most launch vehicles today are manufactured, sold, and launched by the same organization entirely in one country or, in the case of Europe and the former Soviet Union,<sup>1</sup> within a particular economic region. At present, there is one launch service corporation, Sea Launch, that is characterized as multinational.

	Commercial Payloads	Non- Commercial Payloads	Total Payloads
United States	0	28	28
Russia	21	32	53
Europe	8	9	17
China	4	17	21
Japan	0	3	3
India	0	8	8
Iran	0	l	l
Multinational	2	0	2
TOTAL	35	98	133

#### Worldwide Orbital Payload Summary

Table 3. Payloads Launched by Country in 2011

<sup>1</sup> International Launch Services (ILS) and Arianespace constitute an exception. ILS is a Russian-owned company incorporated in the U.S. and selling launches of the Russian Proton vehicles. Arianespace markets launches of a Russian-manufactured Soyuz 2 type launch vehicle from the Kourou launch site in French Guiana.

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#### **Commercial Launch Payload Summaries**

Eighteen commercial launches carried a total of 41 commercial and noncommercial payloads into orbit. Thirty-five of the payloads were communications satellites; only two of those satellites were government communications satellites, and the rest were commercial communications satellites.

Eight payloads were for civil government purposes. Government payloads are often remote sensing or science satellites. See Table 4 for a summary of government payloads launched commercially.

Launch Vehicle	Payload	Service Type	Use
Proton M	KazSat 2	Civil	Communications
	Sich 2	Civil	Remote Sensing
Decer	NX	Civil	Remote Sensing
	Nigeriasat 2	Civil	Remote Sensing
Dilebi	Edusat	Civil	Science
	RASAT	Civil	Science
	BPA 2	Civil	Development
Proton M	Luch 5A	Civil	Communications



Figure 7. Commercial Payloads Launched by Country in 2011



Twenty of these 41 commercially launched payloads are non-geosynchronous orbit (NGSO) satellites, and 21 are GEO satellites. See Table 2 (p. 4) for which payloads are launched to NGSO or GEO orbit.

Seventeen of the 18 commercial launches were successful. On August 17, the Proton M launch vehicle failed to launch the Express AM4 Russian communications satellite to GEO.

#### **Non-Commercial Launch Payload Summaries**

In 2011, there were 66 non-commercial launches carrying a total of 92 commercial and non-commercial payloads. Two of these payloads were commercial communications satellites: Chinasat 10 and Paksat 1R. The remaining 90 payloads were for civil government, military, or non-profit use (see Figure 8).

Table 5 provides a list of noncommercial payloads launched for civil government, military, or non-profit use, including:

- Forty-six payloads launched non-commercially for civil government purposes.
- Thirty-four payloads were for military use.
- Ten payloads launched noncommercially for non-profit missions.



Country	Service Type	Payload(s)
United	Civil (10)	3 Space Shuttle missions (STS-133, 134, and 135); Glory; SAC-D/Aquarius; Juno; GRAIL A and B; NPP; and MSL
States	Military (9)	NRO L-27, L-34, L-49, and L-66; X-37B OTV 2; SBIRS GEO 1; ORS 1; Navstar GPS 2F-02; and TacSat 4
	Non-Profit (9)	Kysat I; Hermes; Explorer I (PRIME); RAX; M-Cubed; AS-I; Explorer I (PRIME) Unit 2; DICE I and 2
Pussia	Civil (12)	Electro-L NI; Progress M-09M, -10M, -11M, 12M, -13M; Soyuz TMA-02M, -03M, -21, -22; Spektr R; and Phobos-Grunt
Kussia Military (11)		Cosmos 2472 and 2473; Glonass KI-1; Glonass M42, M43, M44, M45, and M46; Meridian 4 and 5; and GEO IK-2 No. II
Europo	Civil (4)	ATV2; Galileo I and 2; and Pleiades HR I
Europe	Military (5)	ELISA I through 4; and SSOT
China	Civil (12)	Shijian 11-02, -03, and -04; Tianlian-1B; HY-2A; Tiangong 1; Shenzhou 8; Chuang Xing 1-03; Ziyuan 1-2C; Yinghuo-1; Shiyan Wexing 4; and Tianxun 1
	Military (6)	Beidou 2 IGS 3, 4, and 5; Chinasat 1A; Yaogan 12 and 13
lanan	Civil (1)	HTV-2
Japan	Military (2)	IGS-4C (Optical) and IGS-4B (Radar)
India	Civil (7)	X-Sat; Resourcesat 2; GSAT 12; Jugnu; SRMSAT; Vesslesat 1; and Megha Tropiques
mula	Non-Profit (I)	Youthsat
Iran	Military (I)	Rasad I

Table 5. Payloads Launched Non-Commercially by Service Type

Sixty-one non-commercial launches were successful. The following five non-commercial launches failed:

- A Rockot launch vehicle carrying the GEO IK-2 No. II, a Russian SSO geodetic satellite, failed on February 1.
- A Taurus XL launch vehicle failed to launch NASA's Glory scientific satellite, along with the Kaysat 1, Hermes, and Explorer 1 (PRIME) satellites, on March 4.
- The Long March 2C launch carrying Shijian 11-04, a Chinese scientific SSO satellite, failed on August 18.
- A Soyuz launch vehicle failed to deliver the Progress M-12M cargo payload to the ISS on August 24.
- A Soyuz 2 launch vehicle failed to launch the Meridian 5 communications satellite on December 23.

#### U.S. AND FAA-LICENSED ORBITAL LAUNCH ACTIVITY

#### FAA-Licensed Orbital Launch Summary

There was one FAA-licensed launch in 2011: one of the total of two commercial launches conducted by multinational launch provider Sea Launch was a Zenit 3SL launch vehicle carrying the Atlantic Bird 7 communications satellite to GEO (see Table 6).

Date	Vehicle	Primary Payload	Orbit	Launch Outcome		
24-Sep-11	Zenit 3SL	Atlantic Bird 7	GEO	Success		

Table 6. 2011 FAA-Licensed Orbital Launch Events

In 2011, FAA planned to license four commercial launches under NASA's COTS and CRS programs, but all four of those launches slipped to 2012.

Over the past five years, FAA has typically licensed four or five launches per year. However, in 2008, FAA licensed 11 launches, including 5 Sea Launch Zenit 3SL launches of commercial GEO communications satellites. Figures 9 and 10 summarize the number of FAA-licensed orbital launches and revenue from 2007-2011.



#### Orbital Launch Events, 2007-2011

#### U.S. and FAA-Licensed Orbital Launch Activity in Detail

U.S. launch vehicles provided 18 U.S. government launches in 2011. Nine of the launches were for NASA: three Space Shuttle missions and six science missions. The launch of one of the science missions, Glory, resulted in a failure. The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) also had nine launches: four carried classified National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) payloads and five carried DoD or DoDsponsored payloads.

See Table 7 for a detailed breakdown of U.S. and FAA-licensed launch activity during 2011 by vehicle.

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Vehicle	Minotaur	Minotaur IV	Taurus XL	Delta II	Delta IV Medium+ (4,2)	Delta IV Heavy	Atlas V 401	Atlas V 501	Atlas V 541	Atlas V 551	Shuttle	Zenit 3SL
2011 Total Launches	2	I	I	3	2	Ι	2	Ι	I	Ι	3	I
2011 Licensed Launches	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I
Launch Reliability (2011)	2/2 100%	1/1 100%	0/1 0%	3/3 100%	2/2 100%	/   00%	2/2 100%	/   00%	/   00%	/   00%	3/3 100%	1/1 100%
Launch Reliability (Last 10 Years)	8/8 100%	3/3 100%	1/3 33%	20/20 100%	7/7 100%	5/5 100%	12/12 100%	3/3 100%	/   00%	2/2 100%	34/34 100%	23/24 (96%)
Year of First Launch	2000	2010	2004	1995	2002	2004	2002	2010	2011	2006	1981	1999
Active Launch Sites	VAFB, Wallops	VAFB, Kodiak	CCAFS, VAFB	CCAFS, VAFB	CCAFS, VAFB	CCAFS, VAFB	CCAFS, VAFB	CCAFS, VAFB	CCAFS	CCAFS	KSC	Sea Launch Platform
LEO kg (lbs)	640 (1,411)	1,735 (3,822)	1,588 (3,500)	6,100 (13,440)	10,430 (22,974)	22,560 (49,740)	9,797 (21,598)	8,123 (17,908)			23,435 (51,557)	15,876 (35,000)
GTO kg (lbs)			517 (1,140)	1,270 (2,800)	5,845 (12,874)	12,980 (28,620)	4,750 (10,470)	3,775 (8,320)	7,980 (17,593)	8,670 (19,114)	5,663 (12,459)	6,100 (13,448)

Table 7. U.S. and FAA-Licensed Launch Vehicle Performance in 2011

The following is a list of U.S.-based launch service providers, highlighting their launch activity in 2011. It includes all companies that launch from the United States or under the regulatory oversight of the FAA/AST.

#### **Orbital Sciences Corporation**

Orbital provides the Minotaur, Pegasus, and Taurus vehicles for orbital launch.

Orbital performed four launches in 2011, using the Minotaur I, Minotaur IV, and Taurus XL vehicles. In February, a Minotaur I launched NRO L-66 from Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB). In March, a Taurus XL attempted to launch NASA's Earth science satellite, Glory, into orbit from VAFB; this launch attempt resulted in a failure. In June, another Minotaur I successfully launched ORS 1. In September, a Minotaur IV launched a technology development satellite, TacSat 4.

#### **United Launch Alliance**

United Launch Alliance (ULA) conducts launches for the U.S. government launch market. ULA manufactures and operates Boeing-heritage Delta and Lockheed Martin-heritage Atlas launch vehicles. ULA is a 50-50 joint partnership between Boeing and Lockheed Martin.

In 2011, ULA conducted 11 non-commercial launches:

- Three Delta II launches placed these payloads into orbit: SAC-D/Aquarius, GRAIL A and B, and NPP.
- Three Delta IV launches placed these payloads into orbit: NRO L-49, NRO L-27, and Navstar GPS 2F-02.
- Five Atlas V launches placed these payloads into orbit: X-37B OTV 2, NRO L-34, SBIRS GEO 1, Juno, and MSL.

#### United Space Alliance

United Space Alliance (USA) is the launch services company for non-commercial NASA Space Shuttle missions. Like ULA, USA is jointly owned by Boeing and Lockheed Martin.

USA conducted three successful Space Shuttle launches from the Kennedy Space Center in 2011. Space Shuttles Atlantis, Endeavour, and Discovery assisted in completing the construction of the ISS. These launches concluded the Space Shuttle program, and the Space Shuttle fleet is now retired.

The five Space Shuttle vehicles—Atlantis, Challenger, Columbia, Discovery, and Endeavour—have completed a total of 135 missions.

- Thirty-seven of these missions flew to the ISS and nine to the Russian Mir space station.
- The Shuttle orbiters hosted more than 2,000 scientific experiments and deployed a total of 180 payloads, including satellites and missions to Venus, Jupiter, and the Sun.
- The Shuttles deployed 20 commercial satellites and returned 52 payloads from space.
- Seven spacecraft were retrieved, repaired, and redeployed, including the Hubble Space Telescope.
- Two missions involved accidents, leading to the loss of the Challenger and Columbia orbiters and their crews.

#### Sea Launch

The only FAA-licensed commercial orbital launch in 2011 was conducted by multinational launch provider Sea Launch. Its Zenit 3SL launch vehicle inserted the Atlantic Bird 7 communications satellite into GEO. The vehicle launched from Sea Launch's Odyssey platform in the Pacific Ocean. It was the first launch

conducted by Sea Launch after company reorganization and emerging from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection procedure as a Swiss-based Russian majorityowned company. The total price of the launch is estimated at \$100 million. 2011 also saw one successful launch of the Land Launch system from Baikonur, Kazakhstan, operated by Sea Launch. It deployed the Intelsat 18 commercial GEO communications satellite.

#### FAA Reentry License Summary

In 2011, there were no reentries conducted under an FAA reentry license. The NASA COTS and CRS missions in 2012 expect to use FAA reentry licenses.

#### INTERNATIONAL ORBITAL LAUNCH ACTIVITIES

The following section highlights non-U.S. launch activity on a country-by-country basis.

#### Russia

In 2011, there were 31 Russian launches. Twenty-seven of these launches were successful, and four failed. Ten launches were commercial, and 21 were non-commercial launches. Of the non-commercial launches, nine were missions to the ISS, nine were for military purposes, and three were civil government missions. Table 8 and the lists below present a detailed breakdown of 2011 Russian launch activity by vehicle.

				RUS	SIA				
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	Vehicle	Dnepr M	Rockot	Zenit 2M	Zenit 3F	Soyuz	Soyuz 2	Soyuz U	Proton M
_	2011 Total Launches	I	Ι	I	2	9	7	Ι	9
	Launch Reliability (2011)	/   00%	0/1 0%	1/1 100%	2/2 100%	8/9 89%	6/7 86%	/   00%	8/9 89%
	Launch Reliability (Last 10 Years)	4/4 100%	12/14 86%	2/2 100%	2/2 100%	95/97 98%	15/16 94%	3/3 100%	51/56 91%
	Year of First Launch	2010	1994	2007	2011	1963	2004	2009	2000
	Active Launch Sites	Active Launch Sites Baikonur		Baikonur	Baikonur	Baikonur, Plesetsk	Baikonur, Plesetsk	Plesetsk	Baikonur
	LEO kg (lbs) 4,1 (9,0		1,850 (4,075)	12,030 (26,500)		6,708 (14,758)	7,800 (17,100)	6,700 (14,740)	21,000 (46,305)
	GTO kg (lbs)				2,500 (5,500)	1,350 (2,975)	1,700 (3,800)		5,500 (12,125)

Table 8. Russian Launch Vehicle Activity in 2011

The 10 commercial missions included:

- ILS launched seven Proton M vehicles, carrying a total of nine satellites. The Proton M carrying the Express AM-4 failed.
- ISC Kosmostras launched one Dnepr rocket, carrying a total of eight satellites.
- Two Soyuz 2 launches deployed 12 Globalstar 2 satellites.

The following nine launches were dedicated ISS missions:

- Five Soyuz rockets carrying Progress spacecraft. The Soyuz mission in August failed.
- Four Soyuz vehicles carrying manned Soyuz spacecraft ferried individuals to and from the ISS.

Russia executed nine additional launches for military purposes:

- A Rockot vehicle failed to launch GEO IK-2 No. II.
- Five Soyuz 2 rockets launched Glonass K1-1, Meridian 4, Glonass M42, Glonass M46, and Meridian 5. The launch of Merdian 5 was unsuccessful.
- A Soyuz U launched Cosmos 2472.
- Two Proton M vehicles launched Cosmos 2473 and Glonass M43 through M45.

Russia executed three launches for civil purposes:

- Two Zenit 3F launches carried Electro-L 1 and Spetkr R satellites.
- A Zenit 2M launched the co-manifested Phobos-Grunt (a mission to return ground samples from Mars' moon Phobos) and Yinghuo 1 satellites. The launch vehicle performed successfully, although the payloads subsequently failed to leave their initial Earth orbit.

#### Europe

Europe conducted seven launches in 2011:

- Four Ariane 5 launch vehicles launched eight GEO commercial satellites. All four commercial Ariane 5 launches were dual manifests of GEO communications satellites.
- An Ariane 5 ES-ATV launched ATV 2 to the ISS.
- A Soyuz 2, carrying two Galileo satellites, launched from the European launch complex in Kourou, French Guiana. This was the first Soyuz 2 launch from that complex.
- The second Soyuz 2 launch from Kourou carried the Pleiades HR 1 remote sensing mission, four ELISA satellites for the French Ministry of Defense, and SSOT for the Government of Chile.

#### China

China conducted 19 orbital launches in 2011 (4 more than in 2010), of which 2 were commercial. All but one of the launches were successful. Nine of the launches were to GEO. Eleven launched from the Xichang launch site, seven from Jiuquan, and one from the Taiyuan launch site.

- A Long March 2C rocket failed to place an experimental satellite, Shijian 11-04, into orbit.
- Two Long March vehicles carried commercial payloads: Eutelsat 1R and NigComSat 1R.
- Long March vehicles launched four communications missions, including one satellite for Pakistan and one in a dual manifest with a scientific payload.
- Three navigation satellites were launched.
- Four remote sensing payloads were deployed.
- Long March rockets placed five development and scientific payloads into orbit, including one in a dual manifest with a communications satellite.

#### Japan

Japan had one successful H IIB launch and two successful launches of the H IIA rocket in 2011.

- H IIB launched an HTV 2 transport mission to the ISS.
- Two H IIA vehicles launched two IGS intelligence satellites.

#### India

The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) performed three PSLV launches in 2011. All launches were non-commercial.

- The GSAT-12 communications satellite was inserted into GEO in July.
- Two PSLV launches deployed seven scientific, remote sensing, and communications satellites in LEO and SSO in April and October.

#### Iran

Iran's Safir 2 rocket launched Rasad, a remote sensing satellite, on June 15.

#### Multinational

Multinational launch provider Sea Launch AG had two commercial launches in 2011. In September, Zenit 3SL deployed Atlantic Bird 7. This launch was performed under an FAA commercial launch license (see Page 9). In October, Zenit 3SLB, a launch vehicle operated by Sea Launch, successfully launched Intelsat 18 from Baikonur, Kazakhstan.

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Country/ Region	Europe	Europe	Europe	China	China	China	China	China	China	China	Japan	Japan	India	Iran	Ukraine
2011 Total Launches	4	I	2	3	2	2	3	5	I	3	2	I	3	I	I
Launch Reliability (2011)	4/4 100%	1/1 100%	2/2 100%	2/3 67%	2/2 100%	2/2 100%	3/3 100%	5/5 100%	1/1 100%	3/3 100%	2/2 100%	1/1 100%	3/3 100%	1/1 100%	/   00%
Launch Reliability (Last 10 Years)	32/33 97%	2/2 100%	2/2 100%	14/15 93%	2/ 2  00%	8/8 100%	16/16 100%	3/ 3  00%	7/7 100%	14/14 100%	19/20 95%	2/2 100%	15/15 100%	2/2 100%	5/5 100%
Year of First Launch	2002	2008	2011	1975	1992	1999	1994	1996	2008	1999	2001	2009	1993	2009	2008
Active Launch Sites	Kourou	Kourou	Kourou	Jiuquan, Taiyuan, Xichang	Jiuquan	Jiuquan	Taiyuan, Xichang	Xichang	Xichang	Taiyuan	Tanegashima	Tanegashima	Satish Dhawan	Semnan Providence	Baikonur
LEO kg (lbs)	17,250 (37,950)	21,000 (46,297)	7,800 (17,100)	3,200 (7,048)	3,500 (7,700)	8,400 (18,500)	7,200 (15,859)	13,562 (29,900)	3,700 (8,200)	2,500 (5,512)	11,730 (25,860)	19,000 (42,000)	3,700 (8,150)	27 (60)	
GTO kg (lbs)	10,500 (23,127)	8,000 (17,637)	1,700 (3,800)	1,000 (2,203)	1,250 (2,750)		2,500 (5,506)	4,491 (9,900)		1,500 (3,300)	5,800 (12,800)	8,000 (17,600)	800 (1,760)		3,600 (7,937)

Table 9 summarizes 2011 launch activities for Europe, China, Japan, India, and Iran, and the multinational category represented by Sea Launch AG.

Table 9. European, Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Iranian, and Multinational Launch Vehicle Activity in 2011

#### FAA SUBORBITAL FLIGHT SUMMARY

Two suborbital flights were conducted under the authority of FAA experimental permits in 2011: Blue Origin launched the PM-2 vehicle twice, on May 6 and on August 24. While there were no FAA-permitted suborbital launches in 2010 and 2009, five launches occurred in 2008 and nine in 2007. Unlike FAA-licensed flights, permitted flights are limited to reusable suborbital launch vehicles and intended for technology development, testing for crew, or testing before obtaining a license. Vehicles cannot carry property or people for compensation or hire. The first permit flights were in 2006, after the U.S. Congress granted authority in 2004.

# 2011 SPACE TRANSPORTATION TRENDS

# FIVE-YEAR WORLDWIDE SPACE TRANSPORTATION TRENDS



Figure 11. Five-Year Summary (2007-2011) of Commercial and Non-Commercial Launch Events

A total of 373 orbital launches have been conducted in the past five years. Between 2007 and 2011, there has been an average of 75 orbital launches per year worldwide (see Figure 11). Commercial launches suffered between one and two failures per year in 2007 through 2011, as shown in Figure 12. During the past five years, there has been at least one launch failure each year. (The definition of a launch failure is in Appendix II.) Six launches failed in 2011, the largest number in the last five years. The largest number of launch failures (8) in the past

15 years occurred in 1999. The 2011 launch failures included four Russian launches (including one commercial), one Chinese Long March vehicle launch, and one U.S. Taurus XL launch vehicle. Figure 12 presents a five-year trend of orbital launch successes and failures.

Russia and the United States have conducted the most orbital launches, followed by China and Europe (see Figure 13). There were 116 commercial orbital launches from 2007 to 2011. The number of launches rose from 23 in 2007 to a high of 28 in 2008 and dropped to 18 in 2011 (see Figures 14 and 15). The following is a

breakdown of commerical orbital launches by country from 2007 to 2011:

- Russia had the most commercial launches with 56.
- Europe followed with 26 commercial launches.
- The United States had 17 commercial launches.
- Multinational Sea Launch performed 13 commercial launches.
- China had three, and India had one commercial launch.



Orbital Launch Events and Launch Failures



The demand for commercial NGSO launches, which peaked in the late 1990s, was low in the four years before 2007. The number of commercial NGSO launches sharply increased in 2007 and 2008, and then increased again in 2010 after a slow year in 2009. These high levels are mostly driven by the launch of replacement satellites for the existing constellations, such as ORBCOMM and Globalstar, and by the launch of new constellations, such as SAR-Lupe and COSMO-SkyMed. In 2011, 2 of the 3 commercial NGSO launches deployed 12 more second-generation Globalstar satellites. See Figure 15 for commercial launches by orbit type for the last five years.

Figure 16 shows the number of payloads providing commercial services launched on commercial and non-commercial vehicles over the past five years. The number of commercial NGSO satellites launched per year fluctuates significantly year to year. This is because several commercial NGSO satellites are often launched together (multi-manifested) on the same launch vehicle. The launches of Globalstar (6 in 2010 and 12 in 2011), ORBCOMM (6 in 2008) and RapidEye constellation satellites (5 in 2008) explain why there are significantly more payloads launched in 2008, 2010, and 2011.





Figure 16. Five-Year Global Commercial Payloads by Orbit (2007-2011)

Commercial launch revenues steadily increased from 2006 to 2010. Revenues almost doubled between 2006 and 2010, from \$1.4 billion to about \$2.5 billion, and dropped to about \$1.9 billion in 2011 due to schedule changes that pushed several commercial launches to 2012 (see Figure 17 and Table 10).



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
United States	\$150	\$215	\$298	\$307	\$0
Russia	\$477	\$581	\$742	\$826	\$707
Europe	\$840	\$700	\$1,020	\$1,320	\$880
China	\$50	\$0	\$70	\$0	\$140
India	\$II	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Multinational	\$70	\$475	\$280	\$0	\$200
TOTAL	\$1,598	\$1,971	\$2,410	\$2,453	\$1,927

Figure 17. Approximate Launch Revenues for Commercial Launch Events (2007-2011) Table 10. Estimated Commercial Launch Revenues, 2007-2011 (US\$ Millions)

#### COMMERCIAL SATELLITE AND LAUNCH TRENDS

The commercial space transportation market is driven largely by the demand for launches of GEO telecommunications satellites and to a lesser (but growing) extent by a variety of NGSO satellites. Historically, the majority of commercial launches have been to GEO. Usually, GEO launches deploy larger payloads and require larger launch vehicles, thus generating more revenue than those to NGSO. More commercial launches to NGSO have taken place in recent years.

The supply of launch vehicle options continues to increase, despite only a marginal increase in demand for launches. Competition remains strong between United States, European, multinational, and Russian providers, while new entrants are joining, re-joining, or advancing toward the commercial market. For example, the Land Launch version of the Zenit, the Dnepr, the Soyuz (marketed and launched by Arianespace), and the Falcon 9 are all competing for commercial launches. The Japanese are marketing the H IIA commercially, and the Indians and Chinese, although limited by the U.S. export policies, are also targeting commercial launch customers.

#### INTERNATIONALLY COMPETED LAUNCHES

The definitions of "commercial payload" and "commercial launch" are complex and open to interpretation (see Appendix II for definitions of these terms). Figure 18 shows trends for each country whose launch providers compete in the international marketplace. The chart reflects only launch service providers competing in the international marketplace for open-bid launch service contracts. From 2007 to 2011, there were 109 internationally competed launch events.



Figure 18. Five-Year Worldwide Internationally Competed Launch Events (2007-2011)

# 2012 LAUNCH ACTIVITY PROJECTION (FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2012)



Figure 19 shows the total number of projected orbital launches by each country and the relative percentage of launches for each country for the first six months of 2012. Launches are grouped by the country in which the primary vehicle manufacturer is based.

Figure 20 shows the total number of projected orbital launches of each launch vehicle in the first half of 2012.

Figure 19. Total Projected Launches by Country: January - June 2012



Figure 20. Total Projected Launch Vehicle Use: January - June 2012

Figure 21 shows all projected commercial orbital launch events for the first half of 2012. Figure 22 shows estimated commercial launch revenue from the projected commercial orbital launches in January through June 2012.

Figure 23 shows commercial against non-commercial projected orbital launch events from January through June 2012. Figure 24 shows projected commercial suborbital against commercial orbital launch events from January through June 2012.



There are no FAA-licensed commercial suborbital launch events or FAA experimental permit flights projected for the first half of 2012. However, there is a likelihood of at least a limited number of such launch events or flights to take place in the latter half of 2012.

# **APPENDIX I: 2011 WORLDWIDE ORBITAL LAUNCH EVENTS**

Date		Vehicle	Site	Payload(s)	Orbit	Operator	Manufacturer	Use	Comm'l Price	L	М
20-Jan-11		Delta IV Heavy	VAFB	NRO L-49	520	NRO	Lockheed Martin	Classified		S	S
20-Jan-11		Zenit 3F	Baikonur	Electro-L I	GE0	Roshydromet	NPO Lavotchkin	Meteorological		S	S
22-Jan-11		H IIB	Tanegashima	Kounotori (HTV 2)	LE0	JAXA	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries	ISS Cargo		S	S
28-Jan-11		Soyuz	Baikonur	Progress M-09M	LE0	Roscosmos	RSC Energia	ISS Cargo		S	S
01-Feb-11		Rockot	Plesetsk	GEO IK-2 No. II	LE0	Russian Space Forces	Reshetnev Company	Navigation		F	F
06-Feb-11		Minotaur I	VAFB	RPP (NRO L-66)	SSO	NRO	Classified	Classified		S	S
16-Feb-11		Ariane 5 ES-ATV	Kourou	ATV 2	LE0	ESA	EADS Astrium	ISS Cargo		S	S
24-Feb-11		Shuttle Discovery	KSC	STS 133 (ELC-4, PMM)	LE0	NASA	Rockwell International	Crewed		S	S
26-Feb-11		Soyuz 2	Plesetsk	Glonass KI-I	MEO	Russian Space Forces	Reshetnev Company	Navigation		S	S
04-Mar-11		Taurus XL	VAFB	Glory Kysat I Hermes Explorer I (Prime)	SSO SSO ELI	NASA Kentucky Space Colorado Space Grant Con. Montana Space Grant Con.	Orbital Sciences Corp. Kentucky Space Colorado Space Grant Con. Montana Space Grant Con.	Scientific Test Communications Scientific		F F F F	F F F F
05-Mar-11		Atlas V 501	CCAFS	X-37B OTV 2	LE0	USAF	Boeing	Classified		S	S
11-Mar-11		Delta IV Medium+ (4, 2)	CCAFS	NRO L-27	GE0	NRO	Classified	Communications		S	S
04-Apr-11		Soyuz	Baikonur	Soyuz TMA-21	LE0	Roscosmos	RSC Energia	Crewed		S	S
10-Apr-11		Long March 3A	Xichang	Beidou 2-IGS 3	GE0	People's Liberation Army	CAST	Navigation		S	S
14-Apr-11		Atlas V 401	VAFB	NRO L-34	LE0	NRO	Classified	Classified		S	S
20-Apr-11		PSLV	Satish Dhawan	Resourcesat 2 Youthsat	022 550	ISRO Bauman Moscow State Technical University	ISRO ISRO	Remote Sensing Scientific		۲ ۲	۲ ۲
				X-Sat	550	Centre for Research in Satellite Technologies	Centre for Research in Satellite Technologies	Remote Sensing		S	S
22-Apr-11	V	Ariane 5 ECA	Kourou	' Yahsat IA	GE0	Yah Satellite Communications Company	EADS Astrium	Communications	\$220M	S	S
27.4			D 11	Intelsat New Dawn	GEO	Intelsat	Orbital Sciences Corp.			2	2
27-Apr-11		Soyuz	Baikonur	Progress M-IUM	LEU		KSC Energia	ISS Cargo		2	2
07 May 11		Soyuz Z		rieridian 4	ELI CEO	Russian space forces	Resnetnev Company			2	2
U/-May-11			ULAFS VCC		GEU	USAF	Lockneed Flartin	Early warning		2	2
10-riay-11	V	Broton M	Raikanur	515 154 (AP)	CEO	NAJA		Crewed	¢OEM	2	2
20-riay-11	v	Ariana E ECA	Vaurau	Instat AC/CSAT 9	GEO	IEIESAL		Communications	\$0011 \$000	2	2
20-11ay-11	v	Analie 5 ECA	Kourou	* ST 2	GEO	Telecom/Chunghwa Telecom	Mitsubishi Electronic Corp.	Communications	\$220H	S	S
07-Jun-11		Soyuz	Baikonur	Soyuz TMA-02M	LE0	Roscosmos	RSC Energia	ISS Cargo		S	S
10-Jun-11		Delta II 7320	VAFB	SAC-D/Aquarius	SS0	NASA/CONAE	INVAP	Remote Sensing		S	S
15-Jun-11		Safir 2	Semnan Province	Rasad	LE0	Iranian Aerospace Organization	Iranian Space Agency	Remote Sensing		S	S
20-Jun-11		Long March 3B	Xichang	* Chinasat 10	GE0	China Direct Broadcasting Satellite Co., Ltd.	CAST	Communications		S	S
21-Jun-11		Soyuz	Baikonur	Progress M-11M	LE0	Roscosmos	RSC Energia	ISS Cargo		S	S

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27-Jun-11		Soyuz U	Plesetsk	Cosmos 2472	LE0	Russian Space Forces	RSC Energia	Classified		S	S
29-Jun-11		Minotaur I	Wallops FF	ORS I	LE0	USAF	Goodrich ISR Systems	Classified		S	S
06-Jul-1 I		Long March 2C	Jiuquan	Shijian 11-03	SS0	CAST	Dongfanghong Satellite Co.	Scientific		S	S
08-Jul-1 I		Shuttle Atlantis	KSC	STS 135 (MPLM, LMC)	LE0	NASA	Rockwell International	Crewed		S	S
-Jul-		Long March 3C	Xichang	Tianlian IB	GE0	CAST	CAST	Communications		S	S
3-Jul-1	V	Soyuz 2	Baikonur	Globalstar 2nd Gen 07 Globalstar 2nd Gen 08 Globalstar 2nd Gen 09 Globalstar 2nd Gen 10 Globalstar 2nd Gen 11 Globalstar 2nd Gen 12	LEO LEO LEO LEO LEO LEO	Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc.	Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space	Communications Communications Communications Communications Communications Communications	\$50M	2 2 2 2 2 2	2 2 2 2 2 2 2
5-Jul-	۷	Proton M	Baikonur *	SES-3 KazSat 2	GEO GEO	SES World Skies JSC Kazsat	Orbital Sciences Corp. Khrunichev State Research & Production Space Center	Communications Communications	\$85M	S S	۲ ۲
15-Jul-11		PSLV	Satish Dhawan	GSAT 12	GE0	ISRO	ISRO	Communications		S	S
16-Jul-11		Delta IV Medium+ (4, 2)	CCAFS	Navstar GPS 2F-02	MEO	USAF	Boeing	Navigation		S	S
18-Jul-11		Zenit 3F	Baikonur	Spektr R	ELI	Russian Academy of Sciences	NPO Lavotchkin	Scientific		S	S
26-Jul-1 I		Long March 3A	Xichang	Beidou 2-IGS 4	GE0	People's Liberation Army	CAST	Navigation		S	S
29-Jul-11		Long March 2C	Jiuquan	Shijian 11-02	SS0	CAST	Dongfanghong Satellite Co.	Scientific		S	S
05-Aug-11		Atlas V 551	CCAFS	Juno	EXT	NASA/JPL	Lockheed Martin	Scientific		S	S
06-Aug-11	۷	Ariane 5 ECA	Kourou *	Astra IN BSAT-3c/JCSAT-110R	GEO GEO	SES Astra Sky Perfect JCSAT Corp.	EADS Astrium Lockheed Martin	Communications Communications	\$220M	s s	۲ ۲
-Aug-		Long March 3B	Xichang *	Paksat IR	GE0	SUPARCO	China Great Wall Industry Corp.	Communications		S	S
15-Aug-11		Long March 4B	Taiyuan	Hai Yang 2A	\$\$0	China State Oceanic Administration	Shanghai Institute of Satellite Engineering	Remote Sensing		S	S
17-Aug-11	V	Dnepr M	Dombarovskiy	Sich 2 NX Nigeriasat 2 Edusat RASAT BPA 2 Aprizesat 5 Aprizesat 6	550 550 550 550 550 LE0 LE0	National Space Agency of Ukraine NASRDA Italian Space Agency TUBITAK-UZAY Yuzhnoye SpaceQuest, Ltd. SpaceQuest, Ltd.	NPO Lavotchkin Surrey Satellite Tech. Ltd. Surrey Satellite Tech. Ltd. University of Rome TUBITAK-UZAY Hartron-Arkos SpaceQuest, Ltd. SpaceQuest, Ltd.	Remote Sensing Remote Sensing Scientific Scientific Development Communications Communications	\$I2M	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3	2 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
17-Aug-11	V	Proton M	Baikonur *	Express AM4	GE0	Russian Satellite Communications Co.	Reshetnev Company	Communications	\$85M	F	F
18-Aug-11		Long March 2C	Jiuquan	Shijian 11-04	SSO	CAST	Dongfanghong Satellite Co.	Scientific		F	F
24-Aug-11		Soyuz	Baikonur	Progress M-12M	LE0	Roscosmos	RSC Energia	ISS Cargo		F	F
10-Sep-11		Delta II 7920H	CCAFS	GRAIL A GRAIL B	EXT EXT	NASA/JPL NASA/JPL	Lockheed Martin Lockheed Martin	Scientific Scientific		s S	s s
18-Sep-11		Long March 3B	Xichang	Chinasat IA	GE0	People's Liberation Army	CAST	Communications		S	S

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20-Sep-11		Proton M	Baikonur	Cosmos 2473	GE0	Tass-Louch Telecom	Reshetnev Company	Communications		S	S
21-Sep-11	V	Ariane 5 ECA	Kourou *	Arabsat 5C SES 2	GEO GEO	Arabsat SES World Skies	EADS Astrium Orbital Sciences Corp.	Communications Communications	\$220M	۲ ۲	۲ ۲
23-Sep-11		H IIA	Tanegashima	IGS-4C (Optical)	SSO	Japan Defense Agency	Mitsubishi Electronic Corp.	Classified		S	S
24-Sep-11	γ +	Zenit 3SL	Sea Launch * Platform	Atlantic Bird 7	GE0	Eutelsat	EADS Astrium	Communications	\$100M	S	S
27-Sep-11		Minotaur IV	Kodiak LC	TacSat-4	HEO	USAF	NRL/APL	Development		S	S
29-Sep-11		Long March 2F	Jiuquan	Tiangong I	LE0	China Aerospace Corp.	CAST	Development		S	S
29-Sep-11	۷	Proton M	Baikonur *	QuetzSat-I	GE0	QuetzSat	Space Systems/Loral	Communications	\$85M	S	S
02-0ct-11		Soyuz 2	Plesetsk	Glonass M42	MEO	Russian Space Forces	Reshetnev Company	Navigation		S	S
06-0ct-11	۷	Zenit 3SLB	Baikonur *	Intelsat 18	GE0	Intelsat	Orbital Sciences Corp.	Communications	\$100M	S	S
07-0ct-11	۷	Long March 3B	Xichang *	Eutelsat W3C	GE0	Eutelsat	Thales Alenia Space	Communications	\$70M	S	S
12-0ct-11		PSLV	Satish Dhawan	Megha Tropiques Jugnu SRMSAT Vesselsat I	LEO LEO SSO LEO	CNES IIT Kapur SRM University LuxSpace Sarl	ISRO IIT Kapur SRM University LuxSpace Sarl	Scientific Remote Sensing Scientific Communications		2 2 2 2	2 2 2 2
19-0ct-11	۷	Proton M	Baikonur *	ViaSat I	GE0	ViaSat	Space Systems/Loral	Communications	\$85M	S	S
21-0ct-11		Soyuz 2	Kourou	Galileo I Galileo 2	MEO MEO	European Space Agency European Space Agency	OHB System OHB Systems	Navigation Navigation		s S	s s
28-0ct-11		Delta II 7920	VAFB	NPP RAX 2 M-Cubed AS-1 Explorer-1 (PRIME) Unit 2 DICE 1 DICE 2	SSO LEO LEO LEO LEO LEO LEO	NASA/NOAA University of Michigan University of Michigan Auburn University Montana State University Utah State University Utah State University	Ball Aerospace University of Michigan University of Michigan Auburn University Montana State University Utah State University Utah State University	Meteorological Scientific Remote Sensing Scientific Scientific Scientific		2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	2 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
30-0ct-11		Soyuz	Baikonur	Progress M-13M	LE0	Roscosmos	RSC Energia	ISS Cargo		S	S
31-0ct-11		Long March 2F	Jiuquan	Shenzhou 8	LE0	China Aerospace Corp.	CAST	Development		S	S
04-Nov-11		Proton M	Baikonur	Glonass M43 Glonass M44 Glonass M45	MEO MEO MEO	Russian Space Forces Russian Space Forces Russian Space Forces	Reshetnev Company Reshetnev Company Reshetnev Company	Navigation Navigation Navigation		۲ ۲ ۲	۲ ۲ ۲
08-Nov-11		Zenit 2M	Baikonur	Phobos-Grunt Yinghuo	EXT EXT	Roscosmos China National Space Academy	NPO Lavotchkin Shanghai Institute of Satellite Engineering	Scientific Scientific		s s	F F
09-Nov-11		Long March 4B	Xichang	Yaogan 12 Tionuun 1	SSO	People's Liberation Army	Shanghai Academy of Space Technology	Remote Sensing		S	S
					720	Aeronautics & Astronautics	Aeronautics & Astronautics	Nelliole Sensing		2	2
14-Nov-11		Soyuz	Baikonur	Soyuz IMA-22	LEO	Koscosmos	KSC Energia	Crewed		2	2
20-Nov-11		Long March 2D	Jiuquan	Chuang Xing 1-03	<u> </u>	Shanghai Academy of Space Technology	China Academy of Science	Communications		2	2
				Shiyan Wexing 4	SSO	Dongfanghong Satellite Co.	Harbin Institute of Technology	Scientific		S	S
25-Nov-11	V	Proton M	Baikonur *	Asiasat 7	GE0	Asiasat	Space Systems/Loral	Communications	\$85M	S	S

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26-Nov-11		Atlas V 541	CCAFS	Mars Science Laboratory	EXT	NASA	NASA/JPL	Scientific		S	S
28-Nov-11		Soyuz 2	Plesetsk	Glonass M46	MEO	Russian Space Forces	Reshetnev Company	Navigation		S	S
29-Nov-11		Long March 2D	Jiuquan	Yaogan 13	\$\$0	People's Liberation Army	Shanghai Academy of Space Technology	Classified		S	S
01-Dec-11		Long March 3A	Xichang	Beidou 2-IGS 5	GE0	People's Liberation Army	CAST	Navigation		S	S
-Dec-	V	Proton M	Baikonur *	Luch 5A Amos 5	GEO GEO	Roscosmos SpaceCom Ltd.	Reshetnev Company Reshetnev Company	Communications Communications	\$85M	S S	s S
12-Dec-11		H IIA	Tanegashima	IGS-4B (Radar)	SSO	Japan Defense Agency	Mitsubishi Electronic Corp.	Classified		S	S
16-Dec-11		Soyuz 2	Kourou	Pleiades HR I ELISA I ELISA 2 ELISA 3 ELISA 4 SSOT	LEO LEO LEO LEO LEO SSO	CNES French MoD French MoD French MoD French MoD Government of Chile	EADS Astrium EADS Astrium EADS Astrium EADS Astrium EADS Astrium EADS Astrium	Remote Sensing Classified Classified Classified Classified Remote Sensing		2 2 2 2 2 2	2 5 5 5 5
19-Dec-11	V	Long March 3B	Xichang *	Nigcomsat 1R	GE0	Nigerian Communication Satellite Ltd.	CAST	Communications	\$70M	S	S
21-Dec-11		Soyuz	Baikonur	Soyuz TMA-03M	LE0	Roscosmos	RSC Energia	Crewed		S	S
22-Dec-11		Long March 4B	Xichang	Ziyuan I-2C	\$\$0	China State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping	CAST	Remote Sensing		S	S
23-Dec-11		Soyuz 2	Plesetsk	Meridian 5	ELI	Russian Space Forces	Reshetnev Company	Communications		F	F
28-Dec-11	V	Soyuz 2	Baikonur **	Globalstar 2nd Gen 13 Globalstar 2nd Gen 14 Globalstar 2nd Gen 15 Globalstar 2nd Gen 16 Globalstar 2nd Gen 17 Globalstar 2nd Gen 18	LEO LEO LEO LEO LEO LEO	Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc.	Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space	Communications Communications Communications Communications Communications Communications	\$50M	2 2 2 2 2 2 2	2 5 5 5 5 5

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#### APPENDIX II: PROJECTED WORLDWIDE ORBITAL LAUNCH EVENTS FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2012

Date		Vehicle	Site	Payload(s)	Orbit	Operator	Manufacturer	Use	Comm'l Price
10-Jan-12		Long March 4B	Taiyuan	Ziyuan 3	520	China State Bureau of Surveying & Mapping	CAST	Remote Sensing	
19-Jan-12		Delta IV Medium +(5, 4)	CCAFS	WGS 4	GE0	USAF	Boeing	Communications	
21-Jan-12	V	Proton M	Baikonur *	SES 4	GE0	SES World Skies	Space Systems/Loral	Communications	\$85M
24-Jan-12	V	Proton M	Baikonur *	Sirius FM-6	GE0	Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.	Space Systems/Loral	Communications	\$85M
25-Jan-12		Soyuz	Baikonur	Progress M-14M	LE0	Roscosmos	RSC Energia	ISS Cargo	
Jan-12		Strela	Baikonur	Kondor E	LE0	NPO Machinostroyeniya	NPO Machinostroyeniya	Remote Sensing	
Jan-12		Long March 3A	Xichang	Feng Yun 2F	GE0	China Meteorological Administration	Shanghai Institute of Satellite Engineering	Meteorological	
02-Feb-12	V	Soyuz 2	Baikonur * * * *	Globalstar 2nd Gen 19 Globalstar 2nd Gen 20 Globalstar 2nd Gen 21 Globalstar 2nd Gen 22 Globalstar 2nd Gen 23 Globalstar 2nd Gen 24	LEO LEO LEO LEO LEO LEO	Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc. Globalstar, Inc.	Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space Thales Alenia Space	Communications Communications Communications Communications Communications Communications	\$50M
07-Feb-12		Vega	Kourou	LARES PW-Sat I XaTcobeo Robusta e-St@r Goliat ALMASAT	LEO LEO LEO LEO LEO LEO SSO	Italian Space Agency Warsaw Polytech University of Vigo University of Montepellier II Polytech University of Turin University of Bucharest University of Bologna	Italian Space Agency Warsaw Polytech University of Vigo University of Montepellier II Polytech University of Turin University of Bucharest University of Bologna	Test Test Test Scientific Remote Sensing Test	
10-Feb-12		Proton M	Baikonur	Cosmos (Oko)	TBD	Russian Space Forces	Reshetnev Company	Early Warning	
Feb-12		Rockot	Baikonur	Aeolus	SSO	European Space Agency	EADS Astrium	Scientific	
Feb-12		Proton M	Baikonur	Luch 5B Yamal 300K	GEO GEO	Roscosmos Gazprom Space Systems	Reshetnev Company Reshetnev Company	Communications Communications	
06-Mar-12	V	Proton M	Baikonur *	Intelsat 22	GE0	Intelsat	Boeing	Communications	\$85M
09-Mar-12		Ariane 5 ES-ATV	Kourou	ATV 3	LE0	European Space Agency	EADS Astrium	ISS Cargo	
14-Mar-12		Pegasus XL	Kwajalein Island	NuSTAR	LE0	NASA/JPL	Orbital Sciences Corp.	Scientific	
28-Mar-12		Delta IV M+	Vandenberg AFB	DMSP 5D-3-F20	SS0	NOAA	Lockheed Martin	Meteorological	
29-Mar-12		Delta IV Medium- Plus (5, 2)	Vandenberg AFB	NRO L-25	SSO	NRO	Classified	Classified	
30-Mar-12		Soyuz	Baikonur	Soyuz TMA-04M	LE0	Roscosmos	RSC Energia	Crewed	
Mar-12		Safir 2	Semnan Providence	Navid (Zafar)	\$\$0	Government of Iran	Government of Iran	Remote Sensing	
Mar-12		Long March 2F	Jiuquan	Shenzhou 9	LE0	China Aerospace Corp.	CAST	Development	
Mar-12		PSLV	Satish Dhawan	Brite Austria I Brite Austria 2 Sapphire NEOSSAT	LEO LEO LEO SSO	University of Vienna University of Vienna Canadian Ministry of Defense Canadian Space Agency	University of Vienna University of Vienna MDA Dynacon Inc.	Scientific Scientific Remote Sensing Scientific	
Mar-12		PSLV	Satish Dhawan	Risat I Venta I	SSO LEO	ISRO Government of Latvia	ISRO University of Bremen	Remote Sensing Remote Sensing	

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IQ-12	V +	Falcon 9	CCAFS *	Dragon COTS Demo 2/3	LE0	SpaceX	SpaceX	Development	\$56M
IQ-12	V +	Antares	Wallops FF *	Antares Demo Flight Cygnus Mass Simulator	LEO LEO	Orbital Sciences Corp. Orbital Sciences Corp.	Orbital Sciences Corp. Orbital Sciences Corp.	Test	TBA
IQ-12	V	Long March 3B	Xichang *	APSTAR 7	GE0	APT Satellite Co., Ltd.	Thales Alenia Space	Communications	\$70M
IQ-12	V	Ariane 5 ECA	Kourou *	Jupiter	GE0	Hughes Network Systems	Space Systems/Loral	Communications	\$220M
IQ-12	V	Ariane 5 ECA	Kourou *	GSAT 10	GE0	ISRO	ISRO	Communications	\$220M
IQ-12		Proton M	Baikonur * *	Telkom 3 Express MD2	GEO GEO	Telkom Indonesia Russian Satellite Communication Co.	Reshetnev Company Khrunichev State Research & Production Space Center	Communications Communications	
IQ-12	V	Dnepr IA	Dombarovskiy *	Kompsat 5	LE0	KARI	KARI	Remote Sensing	\$12M
IQ-12	V	Proton M	Baikonur *	Intelsat 23	GE0	Intelsat	Orbital Sciences Corp.	Communications	\$85M
IQ-12		Rockot	Plesetsk	Cosmos (Military	LE0	Russian Space Forces	Reshetnev Company	Communications	
				Gonets M-03 Gonets M-04 MIR (Yubileyniy 2)	LEO LEO LEO	SMOLSAT SMOLSAT Reshetnev Company	Reshetnev Company Reshetnev Company Reshetnev Company	Communications Communications Communications	
IQ-12	V +	Zenit 3SL	Sea Launch * Platform	Intelsat 19	GE0	Intelsat	Space Systems/Loral	Communications	\$100M
IQ-12		Soyuz	Baikonur	Kanopus B1 BelKa 2	022 022	VNIIEM National Academy of Sciences of Belarus	VNIIEM RSC Energia	Remote Sensing Remote Sensing	
				Zond PP ADS-1B TET-1	022 550 550	Roscosmos COM DEV International DLR	NPO Lavotchkin Surrey Satellite Tech. Ltd. Kayser-Threde GmbH	Scientific Remote Sensing Test	
25-Apr-12		Soyuz	Baikonur	Progress M-15M	LE0	Roscosmos	RSC Energia	ISS Cargo	
26-Apr-12		Long March 2C	Jiuquan	Gokturk 2	SSO	Turkish Military	TUBITAK-UZAY	Classified	
27-Apr-12		Atlas V 531	CCAFS	Advanced EHF 2	GE0	DoD	Lockheed Martin	Communications	
Apr-12		Zenit 3SLB	Baikonur	Lybid I	GE0	Ukraine Space Agency	NPO Yuzhnoye	Communications	
Apr-12		Soyuz 2	Baikonur	Resurs PI	\$\$0	Roscosmos	Khrunichev State Research & Production Space Center	Remote Sensing	
01-May-12	V +	Antares	Wallops FF *	Cygnus COTS Demo	LE0	Orbital Sciences Corp.	Orbital Sciences Corp.	Test	TBA
23-May-12		Soyuz	Baikonur	MetOp B	\$\$0	Eumetsat	EADS Astrium	Meteorological	
30-May-12		Soyuz	Baikonur	Soyuz TMA-05M	LE0	Roscosmos	RSC Energia	Crewed	
May-12		Proton M	Baikonur	MLM	LE0	Roscosmos	Korolev NPO Energia	ISS Cargo	
20-Jun-12		Atlas V 401	Vandenberg AFB	NRO L-38	TBD	NRO	Classified	Classified	
26-Jun-12		H IIB	Tanegashima	HTV 3	LE0	JAXA	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries	ISS Cargo	
28-Jun-12		Delta IV Heavy	CCAFS	NRO L-15	TBD	NRO	Classified	Classified	
Jun-12		Ariane 5 ECA	Kourou	MSG 3	GE0	Eumetsat	Thales Alenia Space	Meteorological	
Jun-12		H IIA	Tanegashima	GCOM WI Arirang 3 (Kompsat 3) SDS 4 Horyu 2	SSO SSO LEO	JAXA KARI JAXA Kyushu Institute of Technology	TBA KARI/EADS Astrium JAXA Kyushu Institute of Technology	Scientific Remote Sensing Development Scientific	

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Jun-12	Soyuz 2 Kourou Galileo 3 MEO Galileo 4 MEO	European Space Agency EADS Astrium Navigation European Space Agency EADS Astrium Navigation	
Jun-12	Soyuz 2 Plesetsk Glonass KI-2 MEO	Russian Space Forces Reshetnev Company Navigation	
2Q-12	Ariane 5 ECA Kourou Vinasat 2 GEO	Vietnam Telecom Lockheed Martin Communications International	
2Q-12	Ariane 5 ECA Kourou * Intelsat 20 GEO	Intelsat Space Systems/Loral Communications \$22	220M
2Q-12	Proton M Baikonur * Intelsat 21 GEO	Intelsat Boeing Communications \$85	85M
2Q-12	Ariane 5 ECA Kourou * Alphasat I-XL GEO	Inmarsat EADS Astrium Communications \$22	220M
2Q-12	Ariane 5 ECA Kourou * JCSAT 13 GEO	Sky Perfect JSAT Group Lockheed Martin Communications \$22	220M
2Q-12	Proton M Baikonur * Astra 4B (SES-5) GEO	SES World Skies Space Systems/Loral Communications \$85	85M
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# **ACRONYMS FOR APPENDIX I AND II**

AMS	Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer
CAST	China Academy for Space Technology
CCAFS	Cape Canaveral Air Force Station
CNSA	China National Space Administration
CONAE	National Commission on Space Activities, Argentina
COTS	Commercial Orbital Transportation Services
CRS	Commercial Resupply Services
DoD	Department of Defense
ELC	Express Logistics Carrier
ESA	European Space Agency
GSFC	Goddard Space Flight Center
IAI	Israel Aerospace Industries Ltd.
ISRO	Indian Space Research Organization
ISS	International Space Station
JAXA	Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
KARI	Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology
KSC	NASA Kennedy Space Center
LMC	Lightweight Multi-purpose Carrier
MPLM	Multi-purpose Pressurized Logistics Carrier
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NASRDA	National Space Research and Development Agency, Nigeria
NOAA	United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRO	National Reconnaissance Office
РММ	Permanent Multi-purpose Module
Russian MoD	Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation
SAS	Shanghai Academy of Space Technology, China
SBA	Shanghai Bureau of Astronautics, China
SUPARCO	Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission
ULA	United Launch Alliance
USA	United Space Alliance
USAF	United States Air Force
USEF	Institute for Unmanned Space Experiment Free Flyer (USEF), Japan
VAFB	Vandenberg Air Force Base

# **APPENDIX III: DEFINITIONS**

#### COMMERCIAL SUBORBITAL OR ORBITAL LAUNCH

A commercial suborbital or orbital launch has one or more of the following characteristics:

- The launch is licensed by FAA/AST.
- The primary payload's launch contract was internationally competed (see definition of internationally competed below). A primary payload is generally defined as the payload with the greatest mass on a launch vehicle for a given launch.
- The launch is privately financed without government support.

#### LAUNCH FAILURE

The payload did not reach a usable orbit (an orbit where some portion of the mission could be salvaged) or was destroyed as the result of a launch vehicle malfunction.

#### **INTERNATIONALLY COMPETED**

An internationally competed launch contract is one in which the launch opportunity was available in principle to any capable launch service provider. An internationally competed launch is considered commercial.

#### **COMMERCIAL PAYLOAD**

A commercial payload is described as having one or both of the following characteristics:

- The payload is operated by a private company.
- The payload is funded by the government, but provides satellite service partially or totally through a private or semi-private company. This distinction is usually applied to certain telecommunication satellites whose transponders are partially or totally leased to a variety of organizations, some or all of which generate revenues. Examples are Russia's Express and Ekran series of spacecraft. All other payloads are classified as noncommercial (government civil, government military, or nonprofit).

#### ORBITS

- Geosynchronous Earth orbit (GSO): A spacecraft in GSO is synchronized with the Earth's rotation, orbiting once every 24 hours, and appears to an observer on the ground to be stationary in the sky.
- **Geostationary Earth orbit** (GEO): GEO is a broad category used for any circular orbit at an altitude of 35,852 kilometers (22,277 miles) with a low inclination (over the equator).

- Non-geosynchronous orbit (NGSO): NGSO satellites are those in orbits other than GEO, including:
  - Low Earth orbit (LEO): lowest achievable orbit, about 2,400 kilometers,
  - Medium Earth orbit (MEO): 2,400 kilometers to GEO,
  - Elliptical (ELI): a highly elliptical orbit,
  - **External** (EXT): used for trajectories beyond GEO (such as interplanetary trajectories), and
  - **Sun-synchronous orbit** (SSO): an orbit that passes over the same part of the Earth at roughly the same time each day.

#### PAYLOAD USE

- **Classified**: Any system whose purpose is officially deemed classified or cannot be officially verified.
- **Communications**: Any system designed to receive and transmit data for purposes of facilitating communications. This includes fixed satellite services, mobile satellite services, military communications, store-and-forward systems, asset tracking, and similar.
- **Crewed**: Any system designed primarily to transport humans into, through, or back from space.
- **Development**: Any system whose purpose is to advance hardware design as part of a research and development program.
- **ISS**: Any system designed primarily to transport cargo into, through, or back from the International Space Station (ISS).
- **Meteorological**: Any system designed to monitor the Earth's weather for forecasting and issuing weather watches and warnings.
- **Navigation**: Any system designed to provide signals for accurate timing, positioning, and navigation.
- **Remote Sensing**: Any civil and commercial system designed to gather data by means of optical (panchromatic, multispectral, or hyperspectral) or radar sensors.
- Scientific: Any system designed to gather data about astrophysics, astronomy, biology, cosmology, celestial bodies, physics, and the space environment. This designation also includes systems designed to monitor the Earth, except those systems designed specifically for meteorology.
- **Test:** Any system designed to provide telemetry and data on launch vehicle performance.
- Unknown: Any system whose mission is unknown.
- **Other**: Any system whose purpose does not fit in any of the provided categories.

#### PAYLOAD MASS CLASS

Payloads are divided into the following mass classes based on mass on the ground (not in orbit):

- Micro: Up to 91 kg (200 lbs)
- Small: 92 to 907 kg (201 to 2,000 lbs)
- Medium: 908 to 2,268 kg (2,001 to 5,000 lbs)
- Intermediate: 2,269 to 4,536 kg (5,001 to 10,000 lbs)
- Large: 4,537 to 9,072 kg (10,001 to 20,000 lbs)
- Heavy: Greater than 9,072 kg (20,000 lbs)