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SpaceX after Falcon Heavy's first flight

More launches, bigger rockets, and deeper challenges await The first launch of the Falcon Heavy rocket was mostly a success for SpaceX. The middle rocket core broke apart when it crashed into the water next to the company's autonomous drone ship, and the Tesla payload overshot its target.

So what comes next for the private spaceflight company? The answer has three parts: one for each of SpaceX's current and future rockets. There is, of course, the Falcon Heavy itself. But it's partially made up of Falcon 9s, reliable rockets in their own right, and the current money-makers for SpaceX. Also, last year, Elon Musk announced the Big Falcon Rocket, or BFR. The company's immediate future will be all about finding a balance between the first two until the BFR is ready to fly.



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