

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIESFiled pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>Ocko Matthew</b>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>8/25/2021</b>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Rocket Lab USA, Inc. [RKLBI]</b>
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>270 UNIVERSITY AVENUE</b>	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Street) <b>PALO ALTO, CA 94301</b>	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>2929350</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>See footnote (1)</b>
<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>7203035</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>See footnote (2)</b>

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<b>Earnout Rights (common stock)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>236718</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>See footnote (1)</b>
<b>Earnout Rights (common stock)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>582071</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>See footnote (2)</b>

## Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents securities held of record by Data Collective IV, L.P. ("DCVC IV"). Data Collective IV GP, LLC ("DCVC IV GP") is the general partner of DCVC IV and has sole voting and dispositive power with regard to the securities held by DCVC IV. The Reporting Person is a managing member of DCVC IV GP and shares voting and dispositive power with respect to the securities held by DCVC IV. The Reporting Person disclaims the existence of a "group" and disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities, except to the extent of his indirect pecuniary interest therein, if any.
- (2) Represents securities held of record by DCVC Opportunity Fund II, L.P. ("DCVC Opportunity Fund II"). DCVC Opportunity Fund II GP, LLC ("DCVC Opportunity Fund II GP") is the general partner of DCVC Opportunity Fund II and has sole voting and dispositive power with regard to the securities held by DCVC Opportunity Fund II. The Reporting Person is a managing member of DCVC Opportunity Fund II GP and shares voting and dispositive power with respect to the securities held by DCVC Opportunity Fund II. The Reporting Person disclaims the existence of a "group" and disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such securities, except to the extent of his indirect pecuniary interest therein, if any.
- (3) Each earnout right represents a contingent right (based on the reporting person's ownership of common stock) to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. The earnout rights vest upon the issuer's common stock achieving a closing price per share equal to or greater than \$20.00 for a period of at least 20 trading days out of 30 consecutive trading days during the period commencing on the 90th day following August 25, 2021 and ending on the 180th day following August 25, 2021. If the target closing stock price is not achieved during such period, the earnout rights will be forfeited.

**Remarks:**

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Ocko Matthew</b> <b>270 UNIVERSITY AVENUE</b> <b>PALO ALTO, CA 94301</b>	<b>X</b>			

**Signatures**/s/ Matthew Ocko9/7/2021\*\*  
Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR  
ROCKET LAB USA, INC.  
SECTION 16(a) FILINGS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Adam Spice and Robert M.P. Hurwitz, each signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or stockholder of Rocket Lab USA, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms ID, 3, 4, and 5 and amendments thereto in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form ID, 3, 4, or 5 or amendment thereto and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing authority, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms ID, 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney shall expire as to any individual attorney-in-fact if such attorney-in-fact ceases to be an employee of the Company. This Power of Attorney may be filed with the SEC as a confirming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 24th day of August, 2021.

Signature: /s/ Matthew Ocko

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Print Name: Matthew Ocko

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