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**Article:** SpaceX reaches the promised land of launching every two weeks

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Synopsis:

SpaceX had promised a launch every 2 weeks & they are now starting to deliver on that promise. With 7 launches this year (6 falcon 9 and 1 falcon heavy), it breaks down to a launch every 13 days and with 27 launches planned this year that number is achievable. With the added bonus of having a launch as cheap as $60 million/launch.

This company had a bad history of launches with only 5 successful launches from 2012 to 2016, with a critical failure in 2015. They have come a long way. All these are means to achieve space travel in not so distant future. And that dream is coming true. The chairman and COO do plan of increasing the frequency of launch by 40%-50%.

They have also streamlined their process of launch. SpaceX finally began to master the art of supply lines, in-house production, engine-testing workflow, and more to reach 18 launches. Even as it has upped its launch flight rate, SpaceX has also begun to make low-cost, reusable rocketry seem more real. In the last 12 months, it has flown 11 "used" Falcon 9 first stage rockets.

In the coming months, it will transition to a newer version of this booster, Block 5, optimized for more rapid reuse.