



# Rocketry

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Basic knowledge

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# Rockets?



- A rocket is a space craft, missile, or an aircraft which obtains thrust from a rocket engine
- Thrust is force that helps rocket lift itself by pushing massive amount of high energy gas to the ground.

# HOW DOES A ROCKET FLY?

## Newton's Laws of Motion

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Law

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Law

3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Law



# 1<sup>ST</sup> LAW



An object at rest will remain at rest



Unless an external unbalanced force is applied



An object at motion will continue with constant speed and direction

Unless acted on by an unbalanced force

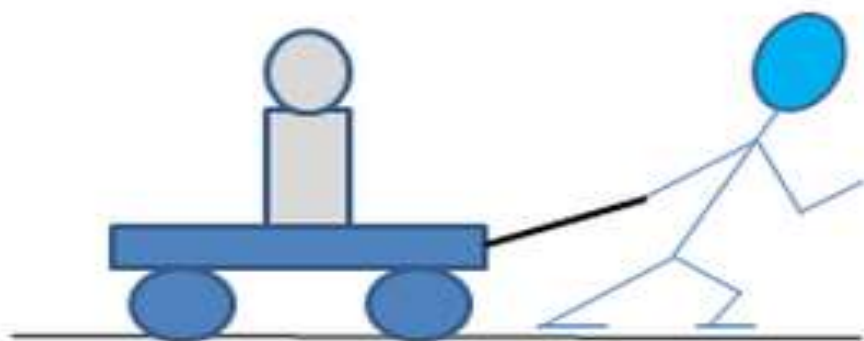


## 2<sup>ND</sup> LAW

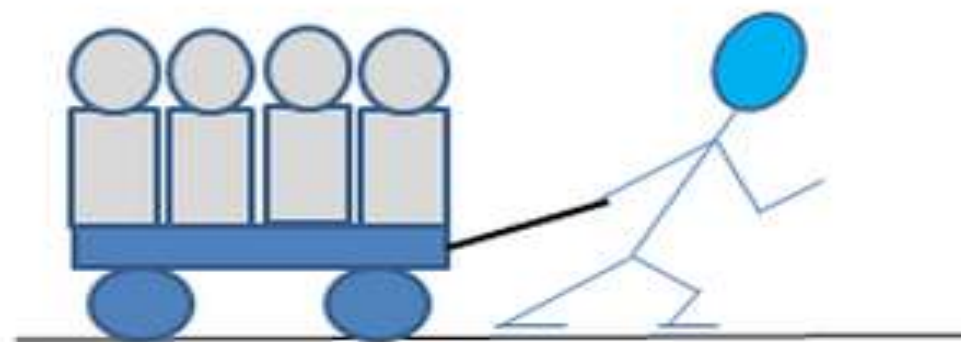


The acceleration of an object produced by net force is directly proportional to the magnitude of the force applied is inversely proportional to the mass of the object

To get the wagon to *accelerate*, you have to apply a PULL (Force).



If the MASS of the wagon increases, a greater PULL is necessary to accelerate it.



# 3<sup>RD</sup> LAW

T (Thrust from the rocket engine)



Weight of the rocket

**Every action has an equal and opposite reaction**

# Law of conservation of momentum



## Formula for Momentum

Momentum = (mass) x (velocity)

$$\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$$

Momentum

Mass

Velocity



# DESIGN

FUEL+  
OXIDEIZER



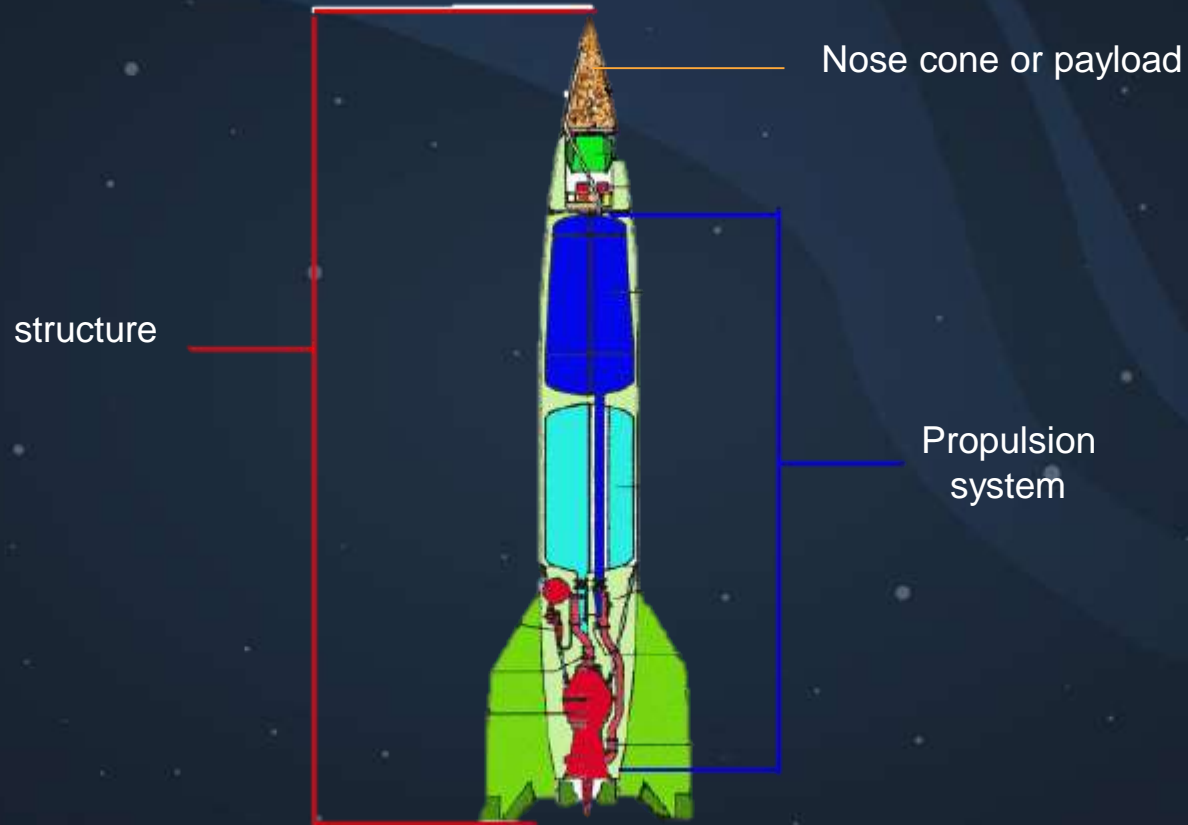
HEAT



# THRUST



# BASICS DESIGN





# PROPULSION

- ✓ It is an act of pushing an object forward
- ✓ A propulsion system is an engine which provides the required thrust to push a rocket or an airplane forwards
- ✓ **Propellant** is a chemical mixture which are burned to produce required thrust in rockets

# ROCKET ENGINES AND PROPELLANTS



Classification of engines  
based on propellants

# Engines

SOLID

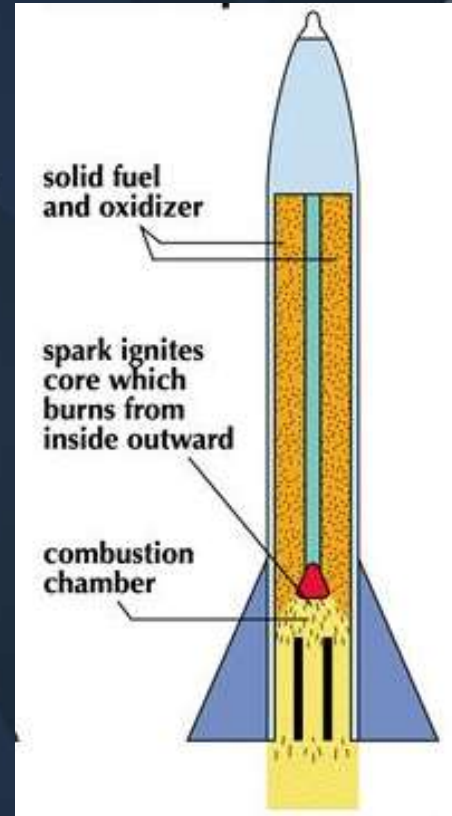
LIQUID

HYBRID



# SOLID PROPELLANT

- Contains both fuel and oxidizer combined together.
- Usually fuel is made up of hydrogen and carbon compounds and oxygen as an oxidizer.





SOLID ROCKET GRAIN (GVG / PD)

## WHY IS IT STAR SHAPED?

It increases the area of burning providing more thrust









# LIQUID PROPELLANT

- Contains fuel and oxidizer in separate tanks which are then pumped into combustion chamber to obtain required thrust.



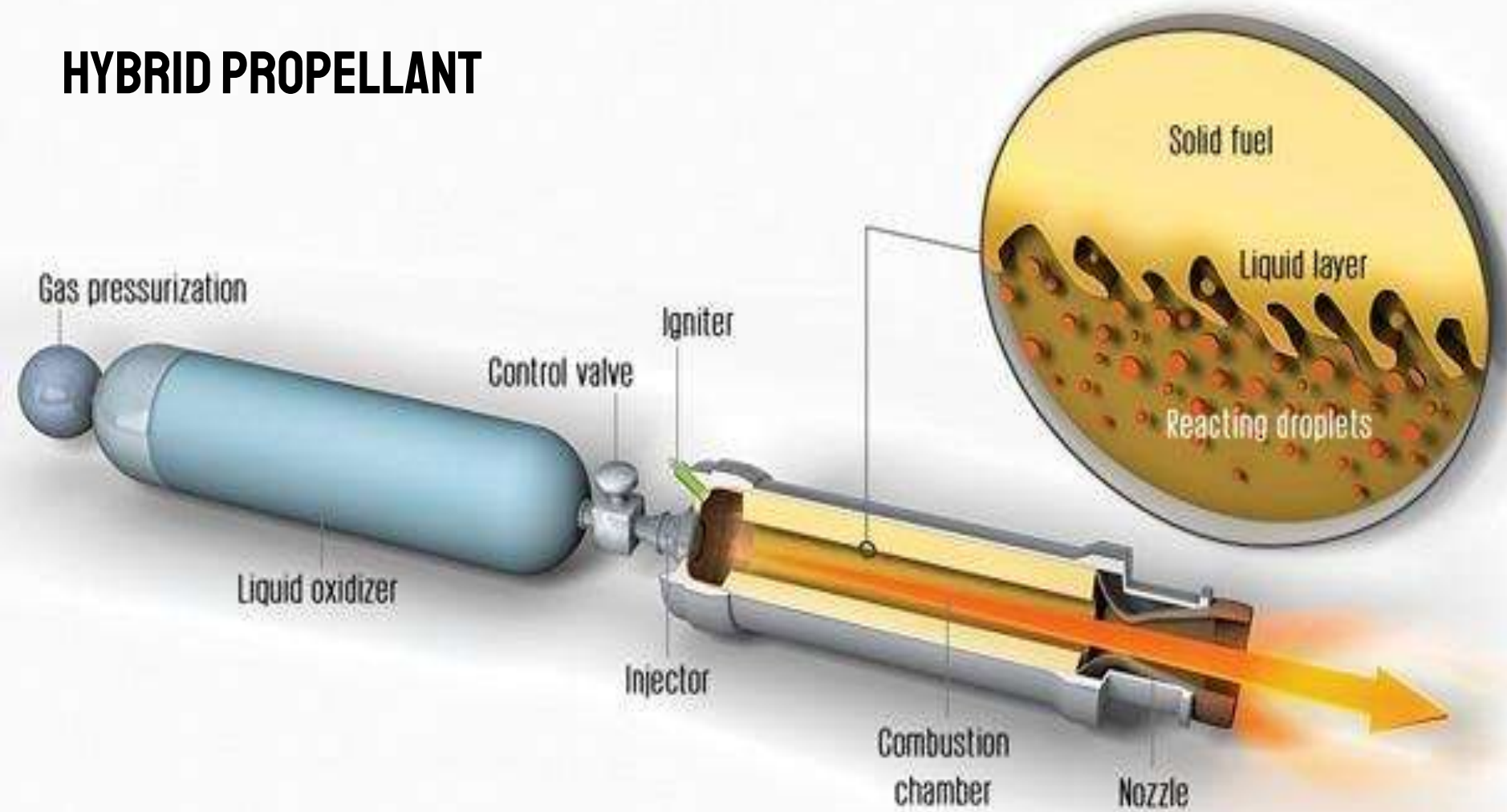


F1 liquid fueled rocket engine

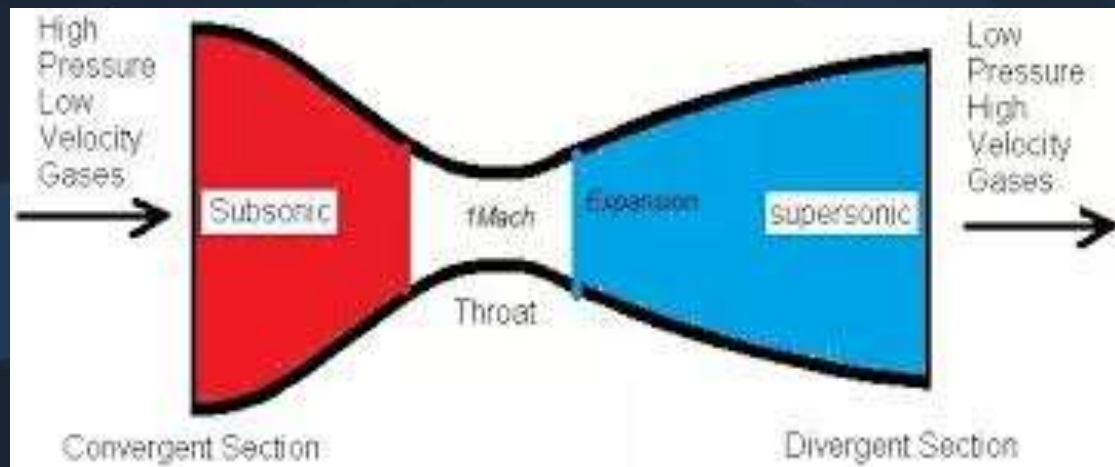


viking\_5C\_rocket engine

# HYBRID PROPELLANT



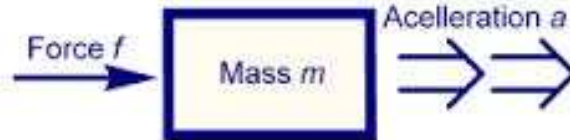
# THE NOZZLE



## WHY DO ROCKETS SHRED THEIR PARTS ?

- The operative principle behind rocket stages is that you need a certain amount of thrust to get above the atmosphere, and then further thrust to accelerate to a speed fast enough to stay in orbit around Earth

$$f = m \cdot a$$





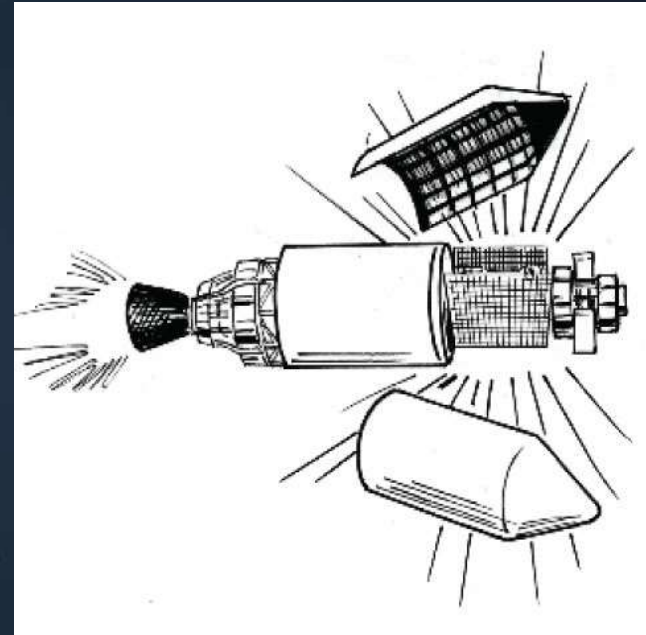
- Today's large, space bound rockets consists of at least two stages. Each stage has its own engines, which can vary in numbers.



- A rocket's 1<sup>st</sup> stage gets the rocket out of the thick, lower atmosphere, sometimes with the help of side boosters.



- Once the 1<sup>st</sup> stage has done its job the rocket drops that portion and ignites the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage.
- As the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage has a lot less to transport, and it doesn't have to fight through the thick layer of atmosphere it usually has one engine.





# SATURN V

**Saturn V** was an American super heavy-lift launch vehicle certified for human-rating used by NASA between 1967 and 1973. It consisted of three stages, each fueled by liquid propellants.

Quincunx





HEIGHT = 363 FT.  
APOLLO / SATURN V  
SPACE VEHICLE

HEIGHT = 305 FT.  
STATUE OF  
LIBERTY

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# WHICH WAS THE WORLD 1<sup>ST</sup> REUSABLE ROCKET ?

QUESTION TIME



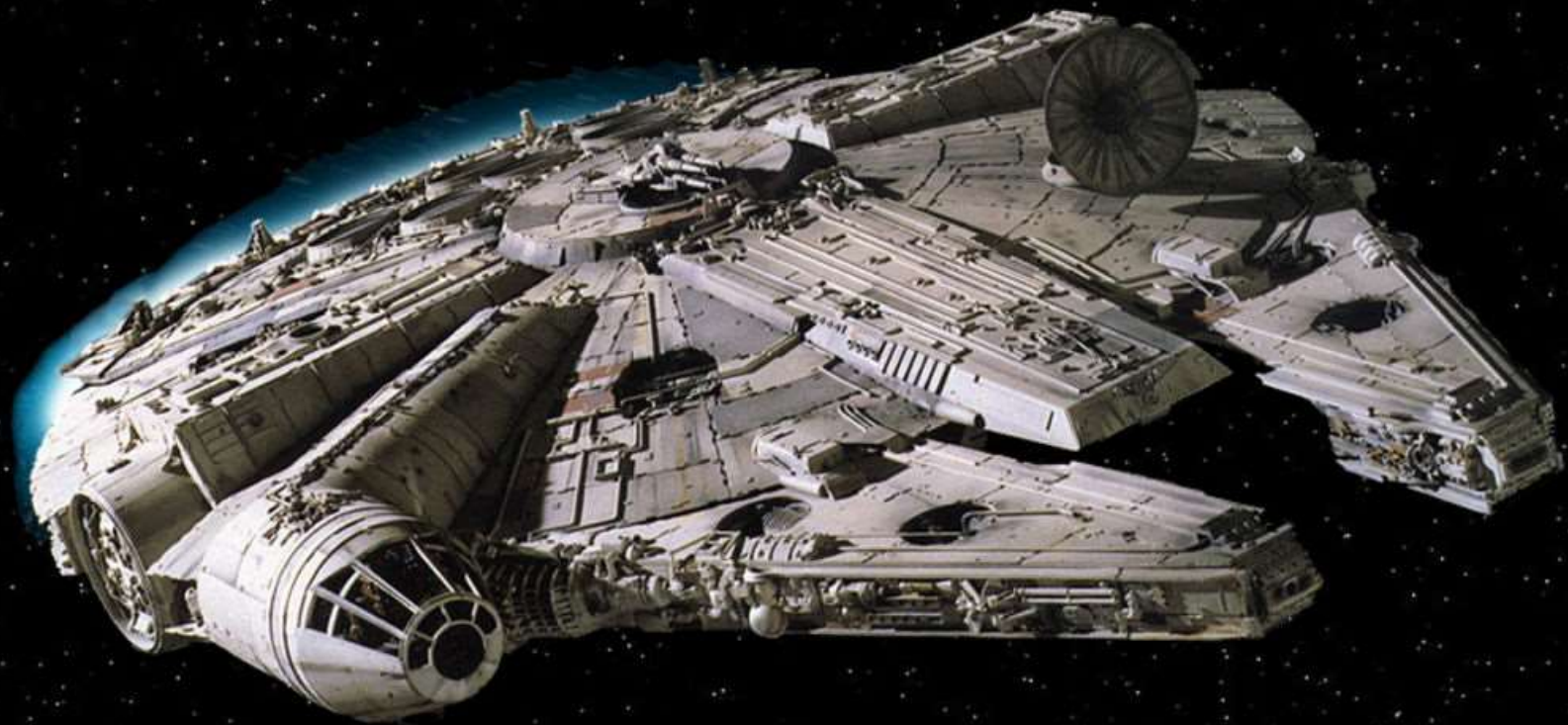
# FALCON FAMILY

- Falcon family launch vehicles are manufactured by spaceX.

## FUN FACT:

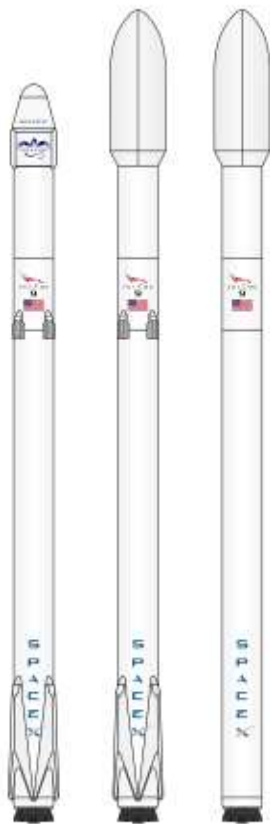
Elon Musk, CEO of spaceX, has stated that the Falcon1, 9, and heavy are named after the **Millennium Falcon** from **Star Wars** film series.







Falcon 9 v1.0



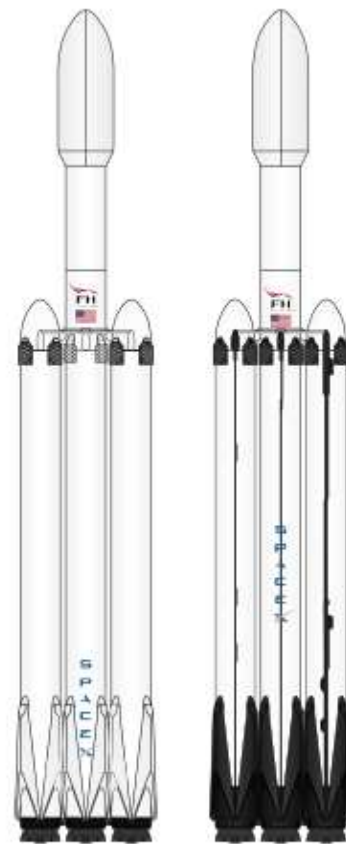
Falcon 9 v1.1



Falcon 9 v1.2 (FT)



Falcon 9 Block 5



Falcon Heavy



FH B5

# FALCON 9

- **Falcon 9** is a partially reusable two-stage launch vehicle designed and manufactured by SpaceX.
- Engine - Merlin engines (most efficient engine ever built).
- Fuels - cryogenic liquid oxygen and kerosene (RP-1) as propellants
- The first stage engines are arranged in a structural form SpaceX calls "Octaweb".
- Payload capacity -
  1. to LEO — 22800kg
  2. to GEO — 8300kg
  3. to mars — 4020kg





# FALCON HEAVY

- The **Falcon Heavy** is a partially reusable heavy-lift launch vehicle designed and manufactured by SpaceX. It is derived from the Falcon 9 vehicle and consists of a strengthened Falcon 9 first stage as the center core with two additional Falcon 9-like first stages as strap-on boosters.
- Fuels - cryogenic liquid oxygen and kerosene (RP-1) as propellants
- Payload capacity -
  1. to LEO — 54,400kg
  2. to GEO — 37,000 kg
  3. to Mars — 16,800





# CAPABILITIES & SERVICES

SpaceX offers open and fixed pricing for its [Falcon 9](#) and [Falcon Heavy](#) launch services. Modest discounts are available for contractually committed, multi-launch purchases. SpaceX can also offer [crew transportation services](#) to commercial customers seeking to transport astronauts to alternate LEO destinations.

## PRICE

STANDARD PAYMENT PLAN  
(QOM LAUNCH)

## FALCON 9

**\$62M**  
Up to 5.5 mT  
to GTO

## FALCON HEAVY

**\$90M**  
Up to 8.0 mT  
to GTO

## DESTINATION

## PERFORMANCE\*

LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO)

**22,800 kg**  
50,245 lbs

**54,400 kg**  
119,830 lbs

GEOSYNCHRONOUS  
TRANSFER ORBIT (GTO)

**8,300 kg**  
18,300 lbs

**22,200 kg**  
48,940 lbs

PAYLOAD TO MARS

**4,020 kg**  
8,860 lbs

**13,600 kg**  
29,980 lbs



\*Performance represents max capability on fully expendable vehicle

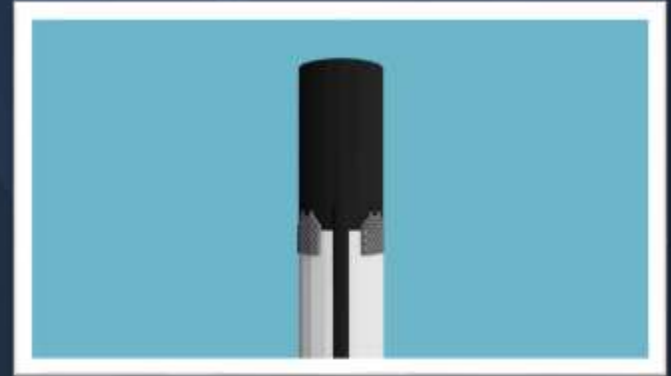
Inclination: LEO = 28.5°, GTO = 23°

# HOW DOES THE RELENDING OF 1<sup>ST</sup> STAGE POSSIBLE ?

- After releasing the pay load, special 8 cold nitrogen gas thrusters are activated which flip the rockets and engine is again fired and are guided back to earth.



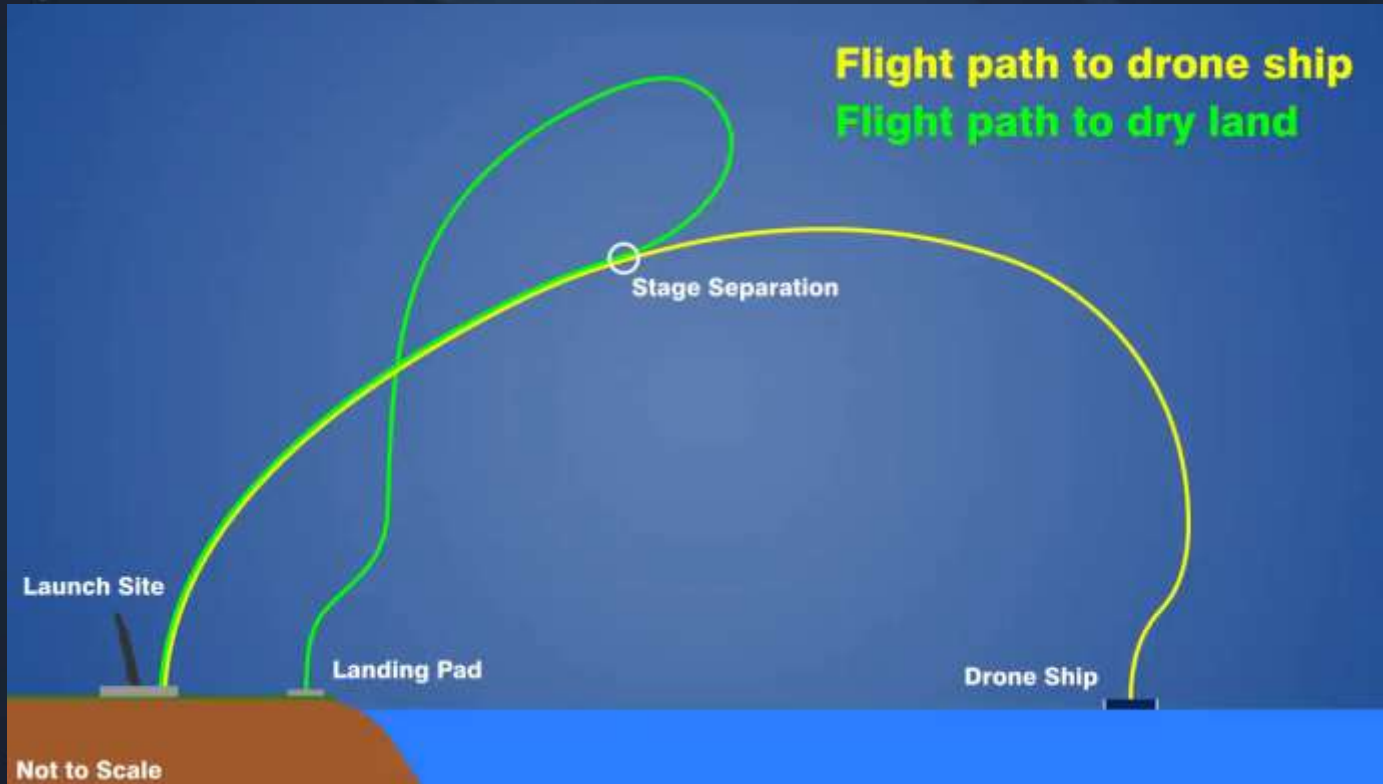
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- To aid them with the re-entry hypersonic grid fins are used which guides them for the landing.

# LANDING PATH





SPACEX

STARSHIP



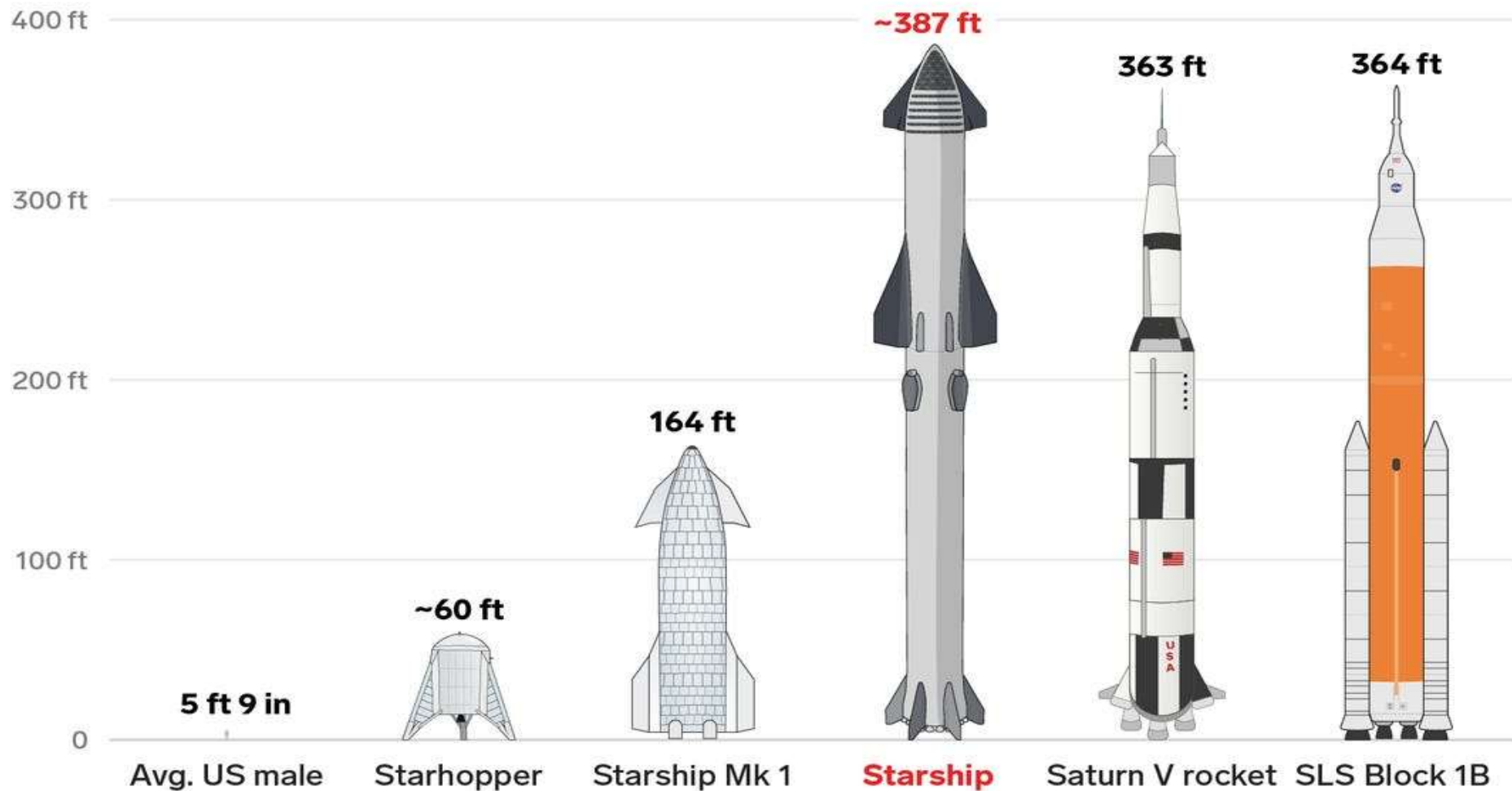
- The **SpaceX Starship** is a fully reusable super heavy-lift launch vehicle under development by SpaceX since 2012
- It mainly contains 2 parts **Super Heavy** and **Starship**
- Super heavy is the 1<sup>st</sup> stage rocket which delivers the Starship
- After the 1<sup>st</sup> stage separation, the super heavy booster land in the same way as falcon boosters does.





- Both super heavy and starship are powered by raptor engines.
- Height – 122m
- Diameter – 9m
- Total mass (with payload) – 5,000,000 kg
- Payload capacity – 100,000 kg

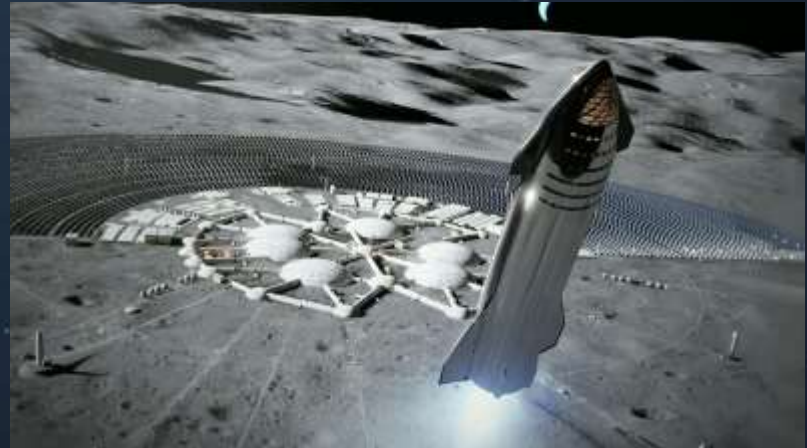






# USES OF STARSHIP

- Reusable launch system
- Space tourism.
- Earth lunar transport
- Mars colonization
- Multiplanetary transport
- Intercontinental transport



# ASSIGNMENT

Write your thoughts on space tourism, lunar and mars colonization.

# THANKS!

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