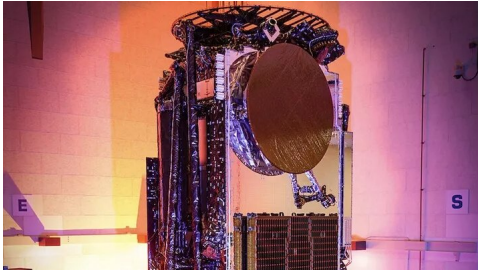


SpaceX Falcon to launch world's largest satellite on July 26

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The communications platform will join others in the Hughes Jupiter satellite fleet already in orbit, which provides broadband internet services to North and South America, Space reported.

According to a Hughes statement, the satellite will be the world's largest commercial communications satellite once it's fully deployed.

Once deployed, Jupiter 3's size will rival the wingspan of a commercial airliner, which can range from 130-160 feet (40-50 meters).

The Falcon Heavy slated to carry JUPITER 3 to orbit will liftoff from Launch Complex-39A, at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, in Florida.

This will be the seventh launch for SpaceX's triple-booster rocket, which first debuted to much fan-fare in 2018.

SpaceX is targeting 11:04 p. m. EDT (1504 GMT) on July 26 for the Jupiter 3 launch and will expend its core booster in the Atlantic Ocean following first-stage separation rather than attempt a drone-ship landing at sea.