

Launch Mission Execution Forecast

Mission: Falcon 9 Transporter-3

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Forecast Discussion: A high pressure center is sliding of the coast of the southeastern US this morning as a weak trough lingers offshore eastern Florida. The gradient between these two features will continue to bring breezy conditions to the Spaceport, along with a few passing showers. A fast moving upper level system still expected to cross the Gulf and Florida peninsula today and tonight, with its main effect bringing more cloud cover and additional showers. Most of this activity will be clearing mid-morning as a stronger area of low pressure develops along the eastern seaboard, but there will be a concern for enhanced mid-level clouds lingering into the primary launch window. The primary concern for a Thursday morning launch attempt will be for Thick Clouds and Cumulus Clouds.

The surface low will move out over the western Atlantic late Thursday into Friday, allowing northwesterly flow to reinforce the cool and dry air. Only a few Cumulus Clouds are expected as a weather concern for the backup launch opportunity Friday morning.

	Probability of Violating Weather Constraints								
Day	30%	30% Primary Concerns: Thick Cloud Layer Rule, Cumulus Cloud Rule							
ch	Weather Conditions							Additional Risk Criteria	
aunch	Weather/Visi	bility:	None /7 mi.	Туре	Clouds Coverage	Base (ft)	Tops (ft)	Upper-Level Wind Shear:	Low
7	Temp/Humid	ity:	63°F / 70%	Cumulus	Scattered	4,000	10,000	Booster Recovery Weather:	Low
	Liftoff Winds	(200'):	320° 10 - 15 mph	Altostratus	Scattered	15,000	19,000	Solar Activity:	Low
	Probability of Violating Weather Constraints								
Delay	10% Primary Concerns: Cumulus Cloud Rule								
	Weather Conditions							Additional Risk Criteria	
24-Hour	Weather/Visi	Veather/Visibility: None / 7 mi.		Clouds Type Coverage Base (ft) Tops			Tops (ft)	Upper-Level Wind Shear:	Low
24	Temp/Humidity:		58°F / 60%	Cumulus	Few	3,500	5,000	Booster Recovery Weather:	Low
	Liftoff Winds	(200'):	320° 12 - 17 mph					Solar Activity:	Low

Note: The Probability of Violation (POV) is the chance that a Lightning Launch Commit Criteria (LLCC) or certain user constraints (surface winds, precipitation, and temperatures, etc.) will be violated during the launch window. It does not take into account upper-level wind shear, booster recovery weather, and solar activity.

Next Forecast Will Be Issued

As Needed