



Launch Mission Execution Forecast

Mission: Falcon 9 Starlink 5-3

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Forecast Discussion: Old frontal boundary to the north of the Spaceport has washed out this morning, with the next front currently wandering through the southeastern US. There remains some low-level moisture pooled along this feature that will drift south into the area, leading to additional cloud development into this afternoon. Most of the diurnal cloud cover will dissipate or move offshore late this evening, though a light Atlantic shower in the vicinity offshore cannot be ruled out heading into the primary launch opportunities early Thursday morning. However, any clouds or activity are not expected to be a significant launch weather concern. Light winds will allow fog and stratus development, especially towards the end of the window.

A weak area of low pressure will move across the northern Gulf coast late Thursday, bringing the next front into Florida on Friday. There is better model agreement in keeping the Spaceport dry ahead of this front arriving late morning, keeping the backup launch window early Friday morning dry. Scattered cumulus clouds advecting across the area should not present a launch weather concern, but any faster movement of the front may bring an increased threat for clouds, especially for the end of the window towards daybreak.

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