Boeing Delta II Launches Global Positioning Satellite for U.S. Air Force

A Boeing [NYSE: BA] Delta II rocket today successfully placed the 29th Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite into orbit aboard a Delta rocket. Every GPS satellite launched to date has been carried into its nearly 10,900 mile elliptical transfer orbit by Delta rockets (excluding the Block I satellites used during the research and development phase of the GPS program).

The launch took place at 5:17 a.m. EDT from Space Launch Complex 17A. Boeing has an additional 16 launches manifested aboard the Delta II rocket for the satellite-based GPS (Block IIR satellites). The rocket launched the satellite into a nearly 10,900-mile elliptical transfer orbit.

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