

ViaSat-3 F3 Satellite Successfully Launches from Kennedy Space Center

- Boeing mission controllers confirmed the satellite is healthy as it continues the next phase of its journey to geostationary orbit (22,000 mi from Earth's surface)

- The Boeing-built spacecraft launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket

- The satellite is designed to deliver broadband connectivity to commercial mobility, fixed services, and defense customers in the Asia-Pacific region

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla., Apr. 29, 2026 — Boeing [NYSE: BA] mission controllers confirmed that the ViaSat-3 F3 (VS-3 F3) satellite is healthy in orbit following its successful launch aboard a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket at 10:13 a.m. ET from Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in Florida. The satellite is intended to expand high-capacity broadband services across the Asia-Pacific region when it enters service.

VS-3 F3 separated from the rocket about five hours after launch. After Boeing's Mission Control team in El Segundo, California acquired the satellite's signal, the team confirmed command capability and started spacecraft initialization activities.

VS-3 F3 is the third spacecraft launched for the ViaSat-3 program, highlighting Boeing's repeatable success in producing the most powerful commercial satellite platform, the 702MP+, to support Viasat's flexible, ultra high-capacity payload.

"The launch of Viasat-3 F3 marks a major milestone in our partnership with Viasat, said Ryan Reid, president of Boeing Satellite Systems International. "By combining Boeing's best-in-class satellite platform with Viasat's innovative payload, we're delivering the highest capacity communication satellites ever launched. This mission reinforces our commitment to advancing global connectivity."

VS-3 F3 utilizes Boeing's 702MP+ platform, part of the highly reliable 702 family of satellites, developed for the most demanding payloads. The 702MP+ has enhanced structural, power, thermal and attitude control systems to meet the needs of the VS-3 F3 mission.

"ViaSat-3 F3 is a critical step in expanding a truly global, high-capacity network, and Boeing's execution brings us closer to delivering seamless connectivity where it matters most for our customers," said Dave Abrahamian, vice president of Space Systems, Viasat.

Boeing's tailored 702MP+ powers Viasat's flexible payload, which is designed to maximize efficient, flexible bandwidth deployment and provide enhanced performance for commercial mobility, fixed services and defense customers.

Following completion of the spacecraft initialization activities, Boeing mission controllers will prepare the satellite for orbit raising by deploying the solar arrays produced by Spectrolab, a Boeing subsidiary, and one radiator panel to support the satellite's electric propulsion. Electric propulsion enables the satellite to reach geostationary orbit with improved fuel efficiency versus a traditional chemical propulsion system, enabling it to meet the required operational lifetime. After geostationary orbit arrival, Boeing will hand over the satellite to Viasat for service entry when both teams complete on-orbit testing.

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