

Endeavour Arrives at Launch Pad

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Space Shuttle Endeavour stands at Kennedy Space Center's Launch Pad 39A.
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Space Shuttle Endeavour is in place at Launch Pad 39A after an overnight journey from the Vehicle Assembly Building.

Moving at less than one mile an hour atop the crawler-transporter, the shuttle assembly began the 3.4-mile trip at 8:10 p.m. EDT June 10 and arrived at the pad at 2:30 a.m. July 11. Endeavour was "hard down" -- or secured in place -- on the pad at 3:02 a.m.

During the STS-118 mission, Endeavour will carry into orbit the S5 truss, SPACEHAB module and external stowage platform 3. The payload was delivered July 8 to the launch pad's payload changeout room.

NASA is quickly gearing up for the shuttle's next visit to the International Space Station, targeted for launch Aug. 7 at 7:02 p.m. The mission will mark the first flight of Mission Specialist Barbara Morgan, the teacher-turned-astronaut whose association with NASA began more than 20 years ago.

STS-118 will be the first flight for Endeavour since 2002.

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