

Astronauts make a last inspection of Atlantis

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In this image taken from NASA television, the space shuttle Atlantis, top left, moves away from the International Space Station after undocking, Sunday, May 23, 2010. After a week of flying together, shuttle Atlantis undocked from a larger and virtually completed International Space Station on Sunday and headed for home on its final voyage. (AP Photo/NASA)

(AP) -- The Atlantis astronauts have some surveying work ahead of them, now that they're flying free of the International Space Station.

The six shuttle [astronauts](#) will pull out their newly repaired inspection boom on Monday to check for any micrometeorite damage that might have occurred during the past week and a half. A snagged cord prevented them from conducting a proper survey of their ship following liftoff on May 14. The cable was untangled during a spacewalk last week.

The survey will also provide a full 3-D scan of the left wing. Some sections of the wing were missed in the initial check because of the boom problem.

Atlantis undocked from the space station Sunday. Landing is set for Wednesday.

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