

## SpaceX rocket launch aborted at last second

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(AP) -- A multimillionaire's rocket came within seconds of launching before the test flight was aborted at Cape Canaveral.

SpaceX - or Space Exploration Technologies - may try again later Friday afternoon to launch the rocket on its maiden voyage. With only a few seconds to go before launch, the Falcon 9 rocket apparently shut down.

The Falcon 9 is carrying a mock-up of the company's <u>spacecraft</u>, named Dragon. The goal of the test flight is to put the capsule into orbit.

<u>NASA</u> hopes to use the Falcon-Dragon combo for hauling cargo and possibly astronauts to the <u>International Space Station</u>, once the shuttles stop flying.

SpaceX's founder is Elon Musk, who co-founded PayPal.

More information: SpaceX: <a href="http://www.spacex.com/">http://www.spacex.com/</a>

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