

Image: Dragon's crew accommodations

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Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX) has finished an important evaluation of a prototype Dragon spacecraft designed to carry people into orbit. This key milestone is part of SpaceX's partnership with NASA under a funded Space Act Agreement to advance the design of crew transportation vehicles.

The primary goal of the tests was to determine whether the layout will allow astronauts to maneuver effectively in the vehicle. Several veteran space shuttle astronauts and [NASA engineers](#) conducted the evaluation during a pair of two-day-long reviews.

On top, from left, are NASA Crew Survival Engineering Team Lead Dustin Gohmert, NASA astronauts Tony Antonelli and Eric Boe, and SpaceX Mission Operations Engineer Laura Crabtree. On bottom, from left, are [SpaceX](#) Thermal Engineer Brenda Hernandez and NASA astronauts Rex Walheim and Tim Kopra.

Provided by NASA

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