

Communications satellite launched into space

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A new military communications satellite has been launched into space.

An unmanned [Delta IV rocket](#) lifted off from [Cape Canaveral Air Force Station](#) on Friday evening. The satellite was the fifth Wideband Global satcom spacecraft to be launched.

The satellite, which is being sent into an orbit that follows the earth's rotation 22,000 miles above the equator, will serve the U.S. military with the highest capacity communications currently available.

It will take several months for the satellite to settle into the proper orbit.

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