

Atlas V rocket launches, taking satellite aloft

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A United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket, carrying the CLIO Spacecraft, lifts off from Complex 41 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014, in Cape Canaveral, Fla. (AP Photo/John Raoux)

A communications satellite has been launched from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, carried aloft aboard an Atlas 5 rocket.

The Atlas V lifted off at 8:10 p.m. Tuesday through a dark and cloudy sky after several weather-related delays. Liftoff came near the end of a nearly 2 and ½ hour window.

United Launch Alliance, which is behind the Atlas V, oversaw the mission launching the so-called CLIO satellite built by Lockheed-Martin. Officials released no information about the satellite's mission nor for which [government agency](#) it was sent into space.

Space officials have said the satellite was built using commercial technology found in hundreds of other private and government satellites currently in orbit.



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