

Last surviving space shuttle external tank on way to L.A.

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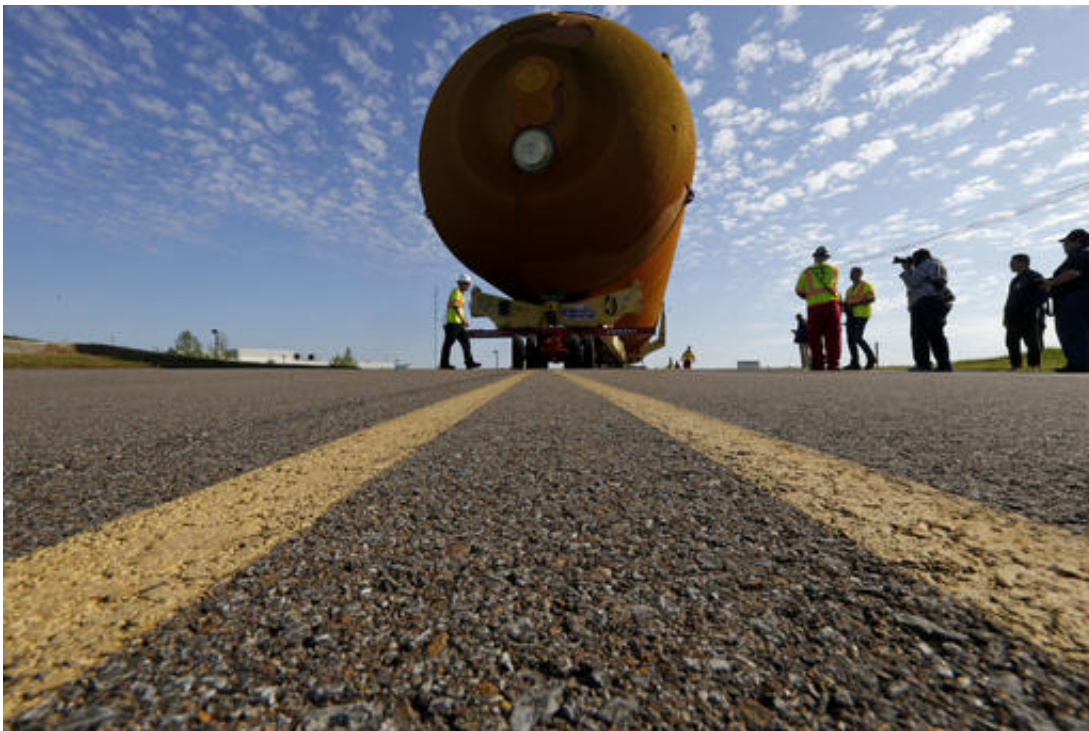
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NASA's only remaining space shuttle external fuel tank is headed to

California, where it will land as part of a permanent display with the retired space shuttle Endeavor.

The tank, ET-94, was built for the space shuttle program but never used in flight. The 15-story, 32 ½ ton external tank left the NASA assembly facility in New Orleans on a barge Sunday and was to arrive at the dock in Marina Del Rey on May 18 before beginning a 12-mile ride through the streets of Los Angeles to its new home, the California Space Center.

NASA agreed last year to donate ET-94 to the downtown Los Angeles museum.



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In this aerial photo taken on Sunday, April 10, 2016, external Tank, ET- 94, NASA's only remaining space shuttle external tank, bottom right, sits on a barge at the NASA Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans. The tank is embarking on a journey, via the Gulf of Mexico and the Panama Canal, to the California Science Center in Los Angeles, as part of the Space Shuttle Endeavour display. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)



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In this Sunday, April 10, 2016 photo, a worker unchains External Tank, ET- 94, NASA's only remaining space shuttle external tank, for a trailer to load it onto a barge, at the NASA Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans. The tank is embarking on a journey, via the Gulf of Mexico and the Panama Canal, to the California Science Center in Los Angeles, as part of the Space Shuttle Endeavour display. (AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

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