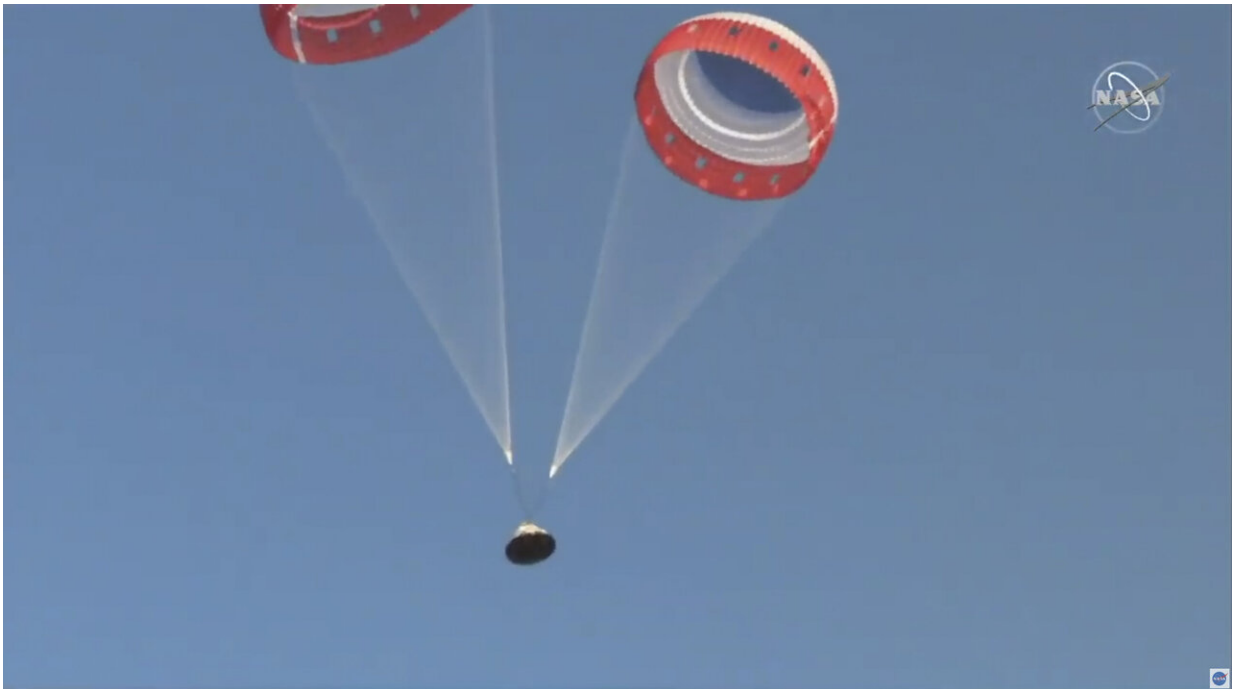


Boeing: Pin problem caused parachute issue in capsule test

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In this image made from a video provided by NASA parachutes guide the Starliner capsule to the ground after a test of Boeing's crew capsule's launch abort system in White Sands Missile Range in N.M., on Monday, Nov. 4, 2019. The capsule carried no astronauts Monday morning, just a test dummy. (NASA via AP)

Boeing says a problem with a pin caused its Starliner capsule to land with two instead of three parachutes earlier this week.

The crew capsule underwent a safety test flight Monday, soaring nearly a mile into the New Mexico sky. Only two main parachutes deployed.

Boeing's [vice president](#) for commercial crew, John Mulholland, said Thursday that the rigging was not connected properly because the pin wasn't secured in place.

Mulholland says the company is double-checking the parachute rigging on the capsule due to rocket into orbit next month. Only a dummy and some cargo will be on that test flight to the International Space Station.

NASA is counting on Boeing and SpaceX to start taking astronauts to the [space station](#) from Cape Canaveral, Florida, sometime next year.

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