

# SpaceX's recovered core booster damaged in rough seas

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This Thursday, April 11, 2019 image from video made available by SpaceX shows a Falcon rocket booster shortly after landing on a barge in the Atlantic Ocean off Florida. On Tuesday, April 16, the company confirmed that the unsecured core booster toppled onto the platform over the weekend, as waves reached 8 to 10 feet. SpaceX chief Elon Musk says custom devices to secure the booster weren't ready in time for this second flight of the Falcon Heavy. (SpaceX via AP)

A SpaceX rocket booster that landed on an ocean platform after last week's launch has been damaged in rough seas.

For the first time, all three first-stage boosters landed upright following Thursday's launch of the company's Falcon Heavy, the most powerful rocket in use. Both side boosters returned to Cape Canaveral, Florida, while the core [booster](#) landed on a platform hundreds of miles offshore.

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SpaceX chief Elon Musk says the engines seem OK. There's no immediate word on how many of the booster pieces remain on board.

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