

VANDENBERG LAUNCHER STATUS AND HISTORY

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LAUNCH FACILITY <i>Bldg</i>	ACCEPTANCE DATE BY AIR FORCE*	DATE OF FIRST LAUNCH	PRESENT STATUS	ORIGINAL PURPOSE	CURRENT OR (LAST) USE	FORMER DESIGNATION	REMARKS
SLC-2E (soft) 1620	25 Jul 58	<u>16 Dec 58</u> **	Decommissioned & stripped	THOR IRBM	(THOR/DELTA) (Space)	75-1-1	FIRST VANDENBERG MISSILE LAUNCH** First space launch - 16 Jun 61 Last Launch - 11 Mar 72 Transferred to NASA
SLC-2W (soft) 1623	25 Jul 58	17 Sep 59	Active	THOR IRBM	THOR/DELTA Space	75-1-2	First space launch - 28 Aug 62 Transferred to NASA
SLC-1E (soft) 1642	1 Oct 58	25 Jun 59	Decommissioned & stripped	THOR/AGENA Space	(THORAD/AGENA) (Space)	75-3-5	Last launch - 18 Sep 68
SLC-1W (soft) 1635	1 Oct 58	<u>28 Feb 59</u>		THOR/AGENA Space	(THORAD/AGENA) (Space)	75-3-4	FIRST VANDENBERG SPACE LAUNCH and the world's first polar-orbiting satellite. Last launch-14 Dec 71
SLC-10E (soft) 1651	29 Oct 58	16 Jun 59	Inactive	THOR IRBM	(THOR) (Training)	75-2-7 LE-7	Last launch - 19 Mar 62 (RAF CTL)
SLC-10W (soft) 1658	29 Oct 58	14 Aug 59	Inactive	THOR IRBM	(THOR/BLOCK 5D) (Space)	75-2-6 LE-6 4300 B-6	Defense Meteorological Satellite Program - Previously launched with Thor/Burner I/II. First Block 5D-1 11 Sep 76 - Last 14 Jul 80
LE-8 (soft) 1661	29 Oct 58	<u>16 Apr 59</u>	Decommissioned & stripped	THOR IRBM	(THOR IRBM) (RAF CTL)	75-2-8	FIRST WEAPON SYSTEM TRAINING LAUNCH RAF/Thor IWST program. Final RAF and Thor IRBM launch -- 18 Jun 62
BMRS A-1 (soft) 1799	14 May 58	26 Oct 62	Decommissioned & stripped	ATLAS D ICBM	(ATLAS F) (Space)	576 A-1 4300 A-1 ABRES A-1	First ABRES launch - 4 Nov 63 First space launch - 27 May 65 Last launch - 8 Sep 74

*Acceptance of "Brick and Mortar" prior to Installation and Checkout (I&C) of aerospace equipment.

**Underlined launch dates coincide with emphasized remarks.

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