

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
BMRS A-2 (soft) <sup>1790</sup>	4 Nov 58	<u>9 Sep 59</u>	Decommissioned & stripped	ATLAS D ICBM	(ATLAS F) (BMRS)	576 A-2 4300 A-2 ABRES A-2	FIRST VANDENBERG ICBM LAUNCH First ABRES launch - 5 Aug 65 First space launch - 6 Apr 68 Last launch - 6 Aug 71
BMRS A-3 (soft) <sup>1788</sup>	8 Apr 59	26 Jan 60	Under Construction	ATLAS D ICBM	(ATLAS F) (BMRS)	576 A-3 4300 A-3 ABRES A-3	Site being modified to accommodate special two-stage Minuteman booster for Army-related research program.
ABRES B-1 Coffin Type (semi-hard) <sup>1835</sup>	10 Jul 59	22 Jul 60	Decommissioned & stripped	ATLAS D ICBM	(ATLAS D) (ABRES)	576 B-1	First ABRES launch - 6 Apr 65 Last launch - 10 Jun 66
ABRES B-2 Coffin Type (semi-hard) <sup>1825</sup>	19 Jun 59	22 Apr 60		ATLAS D ICBM	(ATLAS D) (ABRES)	576 B-2	First ABRES launch - 3 Jun 65 Last launch - 7 Nov 67
ABRES B-3 Coffin Type (semi-hard) <sup>1820</sup>	20 Aug 59	12 Sep 60		ATLAS D ICBM	(ATLAS D) (ABRES)	576 B-3	First ABRES launch - 21 Jan 65 First space launch - 27 May 65 Last launch - 11 Oct 67
SLC-3W (soft) <sup>770</sup>	10 Sep 59*	11 Oct 60	Active	ATLAS AGENA Space	ATLAS Space	PALC-1-1	Converted from Atlas to Thor (1963) Back to Atlas space boosters (1973) First DMSP Block 5D-2 launch (1982)
SLC-3E (soft) <sup>751</sup>	10 Sep 59*	12 Jul 61	Active	ATLAS Space	ATLAS Space	PALC-1-2	Site modified (1983) to accommodate Atlas H space boosters.
OSTF Silo-lift (hard) <sup>1861</sup>	15 Dec 59	- - -	(A scarred hole in the ground remains)	TITAN I Test Facility	(Weapon) (System) (Demonstration)		Destroyed 3 Dec 60 by in-silo explosion during simulated launch. No actual launches. Deleted from Real Property Records.

\*Transferred from U.S. Naval Missile Facility, Point Arguello, to USAF Vandenberg AFB, 1 July 1964.