









PSLV-C21 at the First Launch Pad

India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, in its twenty second flight (PSLV-C21), will launch the French earth observation satellite SPOT 6 along with a micro-satellite from Japan into a 655 km polar orbit inclined at an angle of 98.23 deg to the equator. PSLV-C21 will be launched from the First Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC SHAR), Sriharikota.

With a lift-off mass of 712 kg, SPOT 6 is the heaviest satellite to be launched by PSLV for an international customer. The Japanese micro-satellite PROITERES, carried as an auxiliary payload, has a lift-off mass of 15 kg. PSLV-C21 is the eighth flight of PSLV in 'core-alone' configuration (without solid strap-on motors).



Nozzle End Segment of PSLV-C21 first stage being placed on launch pedestal



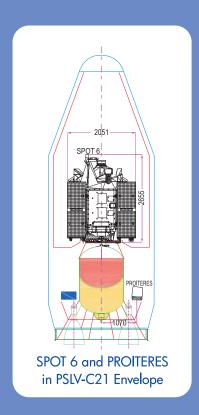
Hoisting of PSLV-C21 second stage

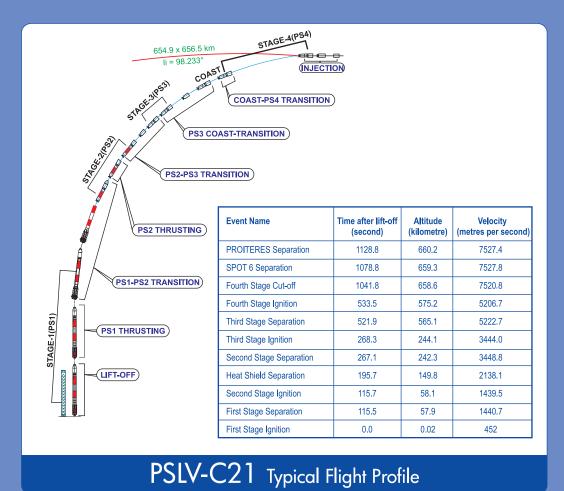
PSLV-C21 Stages at a Glance

	STAGE-1	STAGE-2	STAGE-3	STAGE-4
Nomenclature	PS1	PS2	PS3	PS4
Propellant	Solid (HTPB Based)	Liquid (UH25 +N ₂ O ₄)	Solid (HTPB Based)	Liquid (MMH+MON-3)
Mass (Tonne)	138.0	41.0	7.6	2.5
Max Thrust (kN)	4787	804	242	7.3×2
Burn Time (Sec)	102	148	110	526
Stage Dia (m)	2.8	2.8	2.0	2.8
Stage Length (m)	20	12.8	3.6	2.6
Control	SITVC for Pitch & Yaw, Reaction Control Thrusters for Roll Control	Engine Gimbal for Pitch & Yaw, Hot Gas Reaction Control Motor for Roll Control	Flex Nozzle for Pitch & Yaw, PS4 Reaction Control System (RCS) for Roll Control	Engine Gimbal for Pitch, Yaw & Roll, on-off RCS for Coast Phase Control

HTPB: Hydroxyl Terminated Poly Butadiene, UH25: Unsymmetrical Dimethyl Hydrazine + 25% Hydrazine Hydrate, MMH: Mono Methyl Hydrazine, MON-3: Mixed Oxides of Nitrogen, SITVC: Secondary Injection Thrust Vector Control







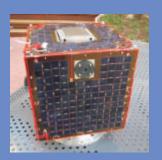
Payloads of PSLV-C21

SPOT 6 is a French Earth Observation Satellite capable of imaging the earth with a resolution of 1.5 metres. This latest generation optical remote sensing satellite is built by Astrium SAS, a leading European space technology company.

Besides SPOT 6, PSLV-C21 carries PROITERES, a 15 kg Japanese micro-satellite as an auxiliary payload. PROITERES is intended to study powered flight of a small satellite by an electric thruster and observe Kansai district in Japan with a high-resolution camera.

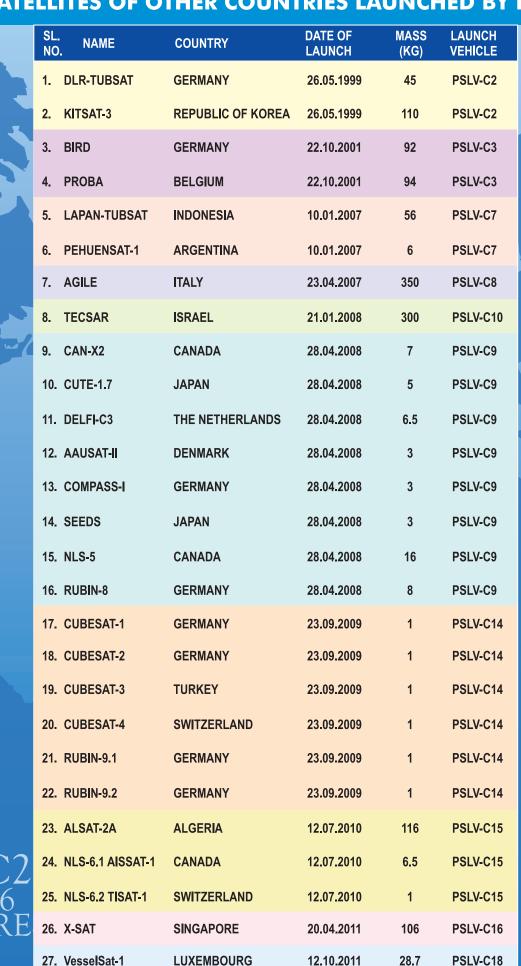


SPOT 6 in clean room (712 kg)



PROITERES (15 kg)

SATELLITES OF OTHER COUNTRIES LAUNCHED BY PSLV



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