James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) Program Status

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Organization

- Mission Lead: Goddard Space Flight Center
- Project Scientist: Dr John Mather (Nobel Laureate)
- International collaboration: ESA & CSA
- Prime Contractor: Northrop Grumman Space Technology
- Instruments:
 - Near Infrared Camera (NIRCam) Univ. of Arizona
 - Near Infrared Spectrograph (NIRSpec) ESA
 - Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI) JPL/ESA
 - Fine Guidance Sensor (FGS) CSA
- Operations: Space Telescope Science Institute

Description

- Deployable infrared telescope with 6.5 meter diameter segmented adjustable primary mirror
- Cryogenic temperature telescope and instruments for infrared performance
- Launch June 2013 on an ESA-supplied Ariane 5 rocket to Sun-Earth L2
- 5-year science mission (10-year goal)

JWST Science Themes



End of the dark ages: First light and reionization



The assembly of galaxies



Birth of stars and proto-planetary systems



Planetary systems and the origin of life



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JWST Sunshield: I







JWST Sunshield: II







Sunshield: Deployment





Sunshield membrane deployment is now fully managed: sunshield is released and extended one pallet section at a time







Sunshield: Membrane Development





JWST Mirror Development









JWST Mirror Status



PMSA #1 (EDU-A / A1 /

PMSA #7 (13 / A4 / A4)



PMSA #8 (17 / B5 / B5)



PMSA #3 (12 / C3 / C3)



PMSA #4 (5 / A2 / A2)



PMSA #5 (6 / B2 / B2)

PMSA #6 (7 / C2 / C2)















PMSA #11 (20 / B6 / B6)





SM PFL (SM2 / SM1 / SM1) SM Flight (SM1 / SM2 / SM2)



PMSA #13 (8 / A3 / A3)



PM EDU (EDU-B / EDU / EDU)





PMSA #15 (18 / C5 / C5)

PMSA #9 (4 / C1 / C1)



PMSA #16 (19 / A6 / A6)

PMSA #10 (16 / A5 / A5)



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JWST Mirror Status: III







EDU Mirror





- EDU mirror is on schedule for completion of fine polishing this March
- Cryo-Polish cycle will follow



Primary Mirror Backplane



- Pathfinder fabrication:
 - 118 of 153 billets completed through acceptance
 - Piece part fabrication at 46% complete
 - Billets fabricated include V1 and drop tubes, flat plates and two T300 latch plane V1 tubes
- Flight fabrication:
 - 34 of the 184 total flight center section billets are through cure
 - Overall center section piece part fabrication at 3%





NIRCam ETU Hardware





Bench panel after anodizing



Filter Wheel Drive Board



Focus Mech Drive Board





Instrument Control Electronics

ZnSe Collimator

BaF₂ Camera



NIRSpec ETU/Qual Model Hardware





Fore Optics



Focal Plane Assembly



Optical Bench



FGS Hardware

Prototype Etalon





Demo Unit Focal Plane



Primary Mirror Blank











Performing gravity sag test at the Rutherford Appelton Lab, UK



ISIM Subsystems





ISIM Electronics Compartment Demo Model

ICDH ETU SpaceWire Card



ISIM Structure Thermal Distortion Test Article





ISIM Structure Harness Mockup



