

JPSS

Joint Polar Satellite System

The Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS) is the nation's next generation polar-orbiting operational environmental satellite system. JPSS is a collaborative program between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Satellites in the JPSS constellation gather global measurements of atmospheric, terrestrial and oceanic conditions. JPSS delivers key observations for the nation's essential products and services, including forecasting severe weather days in advance and assessing environmental hazards such as droughts, forest fires, and poor air quality. Data and imagery obtained from satellites in the JPSS constellation is designed to increase timeliness and accuracy of public forecasts and reduce the potential loss of human life and property.

SPACECRAFT

Building on the success of Suomi NPP and JPSS-1 in the JPSS series, the JPSS-2, JPSS-3 and JPSS-4 spacecraft will provide operational continuity of satellite-based observations with highly sensitive instruments and a versatile ground system that controls the satellite, processes the mission data and provides information to users around the globe. Northrop Grumman is responsible for the design, production and integration of JPSS-2, JPSS-3 and JPSS-4 spacecraft, full satellite environmental testing, and support to launch/early on-orbit checkout. The spacecraft design is derived from Northrop Grumman's proven LEOStar-3[™] bus used for NASA's Landsat-8, Landsat-9 and ICESat-2 Earth science satellites as well as for commercial imaging and defense missions.

CUSTOMER

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)



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INSTRUMENTS

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY MICROWAVE SOUNDER (ATMS)

Northrop Grumman Space Systems, Azusa, CA

CROSS-TRACK INFRARED SOUNDER (CRIS)

L3Harris, Fort Wayne, IN

OZONE MAPPING PROFILER SUITE (OMPS)

Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corporation, Boulder, CO

VISIBLE INFRARED IMAGING RADIOMETER SUITE (VIIRS)

Raytheon Intelligence and Space, El Segundo, CA

MISSION PARTNERS

NASA GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

Procuring agency, customer program management, instrument procurement, system integration.

NOAA

Mission program management, mission operations.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Spacecraft prime contractor and integrator; responsible for spacecraft design and manufacture, instrument integration, launch vehicle integration support, with launch and early on-orbit checkout support.

PERFORMANCE DATA

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LAUNCH MASS	NTE 3,198 kg
REDUNDANCY	Fully redundant with cross-strapping
SOLAR ARRAYS	Deployable 5 panel, GaAs cells, ~4,000 watts EOL
STABILIZATION	3-axis, zero momentum bias, nadir pointing
POINTING	0.13 deg arcsec control, 0.02 deg arcsec knowledge
COMMUNICATIONS	Ka-Band Mission, X-Band Mission and S-band Command & Telemetry
ORBIT	Sun-synchronous Polar 824km with a 1330 Local Time Ascending Node Crossing
MISSION LIFE	Class B mission (NPR 8705.4) with a 7-year mission life, including controlled de-orbit
LAUNCH	
LAUNCH VEHICLE	ULA Atlas-V (JPSS-2), TBD (JPSS-3, JPSS-4)
LAUNCH SITE	Vandenberg Space Force Base, CA
DATE	JPSS-2 November 2022, JPSS-3 in 2024, JPSS-4 in 2026

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