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SPACE **TECHNOLOGY**

SECTOR UPDATE



MARKET MOTIONS & TRENDS

RECENT HEADLINES IN SPACE TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS



Consolidation in the Solid **Rocket Motor Market**

Defense Contractors



SCIENCE & TECH

Lockheed wants a rocket motor maker of its own, for GMLRS and more

An in-house source of solid-fuel engines might help boost Ukraine's supply of the punishing artillery system.



X-Bow Wins Hypersonic **Rocket Supplier Role**

Hypersonics

AVIATION WEEK

X-Bow Wins Rocket Supplier Role For Hypersonic Weapons

Start-up company X-Bow Systems will be a second-source supplier for the solid rocket motor (SRM) on Lockheed Martin's hypersonic glide vehicle programs with the U.S. Army and Navy and become a third U.S. supplier overall of tactical-sized rocket propulsion systems.



Increasing Visibility & Reducing Space Debris

NRO

DEFENSE

NRO plans 10-fold increase in imagery, signals intel output

The National Reconnaissance Office's plan to "quadruple" the size of its satellite fleet over the next decade will allow it to deliver "10 times as many signals and images" as it is today, according to the spy agency's deputy director



Increasing Visibility & Reducing Space Debris

Space Force

Defense

SCIENCE & TECH

Space Force hunts for mature technology in 'Hyperspace Challenge' program

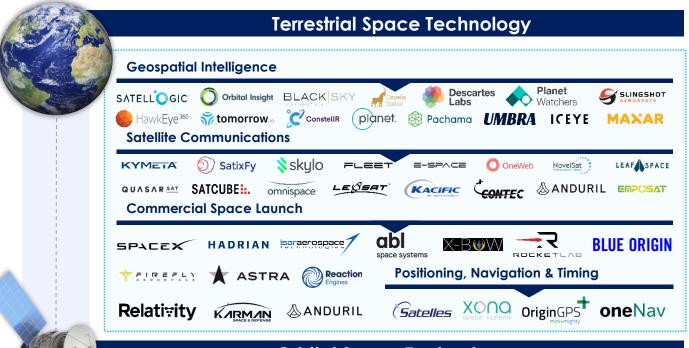
Expanding its reach from startups to established players, this year's event seeks satellites that are more autonomous, maneuverable, and safer from debris.

SPACE TECHNOLOGY TIMELINE - RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Apr-21 The United States May-21 China lands the produces oxygen from Zhurong rover on Mars, carbon dioxide on Mars, the first becoming the second country instance of in-situ resource utilization (after the United States) to land a on a celestial body rover on the planet **Jul-21** Sep-21 Jeff Bezos and Richard SpaceX launches Inspiration4, the first Branson (founders of orbital spaceflight with only private Blue Origin & Virgin Galactic, citizens and no trained astronauts respectively), conduct their first on board successful suborbital spaceflights SpaceX reaches Nov-21 Oct-21 Russia successfully \$100 Billion valuation destroys one of its own satellites using an antisatellite missile, creating a debris field that Feb-22 The first Starlink threatens the ISS terminal arrives in Ukraine to supply the war-battered nation with satellite internet services. Apr-22 Axiom Space launches the Axiom Mission 1, the fist wholly-commercial Sep-22 NASA conducts the mission for the International Space Double Asteroid Station redirection test. Launched on SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket, it is the first spacecraft to make contact with an asteroid moon Sep-22 The US FCC rules that satellites operated in low-earth orbit must deorbit their **Mar-23** Relativity Space satellite within five years of mission launches the first completion to minimize debris primarily 3D-printed rocket, Terran 1. Launch failed in the second stage Apr-23 SpaceX launches its most powerful rocket, Aug-23 India's Chandrayaan-3 Starship, which fails after four becomes the first minutes. Starship could lower spacecraft to reach the moon's launch costs to under \$100/kg south pole.

SPACE TECHNOLOGY ECOSYSTEM

MARKET MAP OF VENTURE-BACKED SPACE TECH COMPANIES



Orbital Space Technology



Exploratory Space Technology



Space Habitation

Interplanetary Propulsion















SPOTLIGHT - SOLID ROCKET MOTORS

OEM RACE FOR CONSOLIDATION ACCELERATES

After Blocking Lockheed Martin Acquisition, FTC Allows L3 Harris to Close the Deal with Aerojet Rocketdyne – Creating an Effective Domestic Duopoly with Northrop Grumman





LOCKHEED MARTIN



» The acquisition bolstered Northrop's space capabilities and gave it one of the two remaining domestic SRM providers



 Acquired in 2023, after the previously proposed acquisition by Lockheed Martin was denied by the FTC on anticompetition Lockheed Martin has publicly stated its desire for in-house SRM capabilities to supplement its existing suppliers and promote "antifragility"

Independent Solid Rocket Motor Suppliers











DOD SEEKS TO DIVERSIFY SRM SUPPLY BASE



Third DOD-Approved Domestic SRM Provider

DOD Policy



DoD Launches Effort to Enhance Solid Rocket Motor Production Capacity

The DoD's Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy, through its Manufacturing Capability Expansion and Investment Prioritization (MCEIP) office, awarded a \$64 million contract to X-Bow Systems Inc (X-Bow) that will expand manufacturing capacity and reduce the production cost of Solid Rocket Motors (SRMs) used in hypersonic weapons.

SPACE TECHNOLOGY- RECENT M&A ACTIVITY

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Target	Buyer	Announced	Transaction Description	
abliley technologies	₫ K40CER3	Oct-23	» Bliley manufactures low-noise crystal & oscillato products for use in avionics, LEO, and GEO applications	
OneWeb	eutelsat GROUP	Sep-23	» OneWeb is a satellite communications provider utilizing a constellation of Low Earth Orbit satellites	
EO Vista	GENERAL ATOMICS	Sep-23	» EO Vista provides advanced EO/IR weather sensors to the U.S. Space Force to support next- gen, small weather sats	
SCIURU	INTEGRASYS	Sep-23	» Sciurus develops software for satellite constellation prototypes	
Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.	BAE SYSTEMS	Aug-23	» Prime contractor that develops full satellite systems and space missions for the DOD, NASA and other agencies	
KKR	OHB	Aug-23	» Develops, builds, launches and operates low- orbiting and geostationary small satellites	
9 FREE SPACE	SCUT	Aug-23	» Developer of space domain awareness and space security solutions	
XEXO-SPACE	SIDUS SPACE	Aug-23	» Exo-Space provides software for custom image classification and object detection algorithm solutions in space	
HYPER	FORWARD SLOPE INC.	Aug-23	» Geospatial data visualization platform which applies real-time threat analysis, makes Al- generated recommendations	
AEROJET / ROCKETDYNE	L3HARRIS™	Jul-23	» Develops and produces specialized power and propulsion systems, as well as armament system	
SPACEFLIGHT	▽ FIR = FL Y	Jun-23	» Developer of OTVs and provides launch service cislunar space rideshare, and mission management solutions	
EMERGENT Space Technologies	YORK SPACE SYSTEMS	Jun-23	» Developer of advanced systems and flight software for multi-spacecraft missions	
NADRANOS	& ANDURIL	Jun-23	» Developer of high-performance, solid propellar for long-range missile and space launch system	
MAXAR	Advent International	May-23	» Provider of advanced space technology solutions including satellites, earth imagery, geospatial data and analytics	
inmarsat	Viasat: 🔨	May-23	» Provider of satellite communications services and owner of diverse portfolio of mobile telecom satellite networks	
CRE5	VERITAS CAPITAL	Jan-23	» Provider of high-reliability, radiation-hardened solutions for space applications	

SPACE TECHNOLOGY - NOTABLE VC ACTIVITY

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Target	Lead Investors	Announced	Funding Type	Amount Raised
HawkEye ³⁶⁰	LOCKHEED MARTIN VENTURES	Oct-23	Series D	\$ 10.0M
COGNITIVE SPACE	DOLBY FAMILY VENTURES	Oct-23	Seed	\$ 4.0M
S T O K E	îndustrious VENTURES	Oct-23	Series B	\$ 100.0M
kayhan. space	© EVE ATLAS ■SPACE CAPITAL	Sep-23	Seed	\$ 7.0M
ANTARIS	streamlined ventures	Sep-23	Seed	\$ 3.5M
PROTEUS	MOONSHOTS C A P I T A L	Jul-23	Seed	\$ 4.2M
BENCHMARK* space systems	freshTracks	Jul-23	Series B	\$ 33.3M
AGILE	Caruso — VENTURES —	Jun-23	Seed	\$ 13.0M
APEX	andreessen, horowitz SHIELD GARITAL	Jun-23	Series A	\$ 16.0M
NUVIEW	VENTURE CAPITAL	Jun-23	Series A	\$ 12.0M
pixel	G/	Jun-23	Series B	\$ 36.0M
(H) hubble	TRANSPOSE PLATFORM	May-23	Series A	\$ 20.0M
URSA MAJOR	Alumni Ventures BLACKROCK	Apr-23	Series D	\$ 100.0M
Hydrosat	Statkraft	Apr-23	Series A	\$ 15.0M
STARFISH SPACE	Munich Re Ventures TOYOTA VENTURES	Mar-23	Series A	\$ 14.0M
©UTVATE	Blue Yard	Dec-22	Series A	\$ 8.0M
SPINLAUNCH	ATW	Sep-22	Series B	\$ 71.0M

KAL'S RECENT EXPERIENCE IN THE SPACE TECHNOLOGY SECTOR



Systima is the market leader in complex structures and components for space, missile, and hypersonic systems, launch vehicle subsystems, and insensitive munition technologies

The acquisition places Karman at the forefront of advanced technologies for missile defense, hypersonic vehicles, and space systems including integrated shroud and separation systems and energetic components

HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY **INRCORE** A PORTFOLIO COMPANY OF

THE IORDAN COMPANY SALE OF COMPANY

Vanguard Electronics is a leader in the design and manufacture of inductors and transformers with a reputation for reliability in demanding environments

The acquisition allowed iNRCORE to consolidate its position as a premier provider of power magnetics, RF, microwave components, while providing Vanguard with additional investment for rapid scaling and growth





SALE OF COMPANY

Custom Microwave Inc. ("CMi") is a provider of highperformance passive antennas that are engineered. manufactured, and tested for space applications

The acquisition provides Vitesse with mission-critical engineering capabilities that enable next generation aerospace and defense communication, radar and electronic warfare



ACPT is a principal manufacturer of composite structures for ULA with a focus on filament wound technologies

Charger's acquisition will further accelerate ACPT's leadership position in the composites space, and capitalize on the company's proprietary composite-to-metal bonding capabilities



SALE OF COMPANY

AMRO Fabricating Corporation is a leading manufacturer of precision machined and formed Isogrid and Orthogrid metallic structures used for spacecraft and launch vehicles

The transaction allowed AMRO to gain access to key customers including Northrop and provided Karman both machined and formed components capabilities with access to every major launch vehicle

RECENT TRANSACTIONS











































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