



## Boeing Starliner's First Crewed Test Flight

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Recently, an **Atlas V rocket** is poised to launch with two seasoned astronauts, **Barry Wilmore and Sunita Williams**, aboard the Boeing-built crew capsule called [Starliner](#).

- This marks the capsule's **third test flight** and the **first with astronauts on board**, aiming to transport them to the [International Space Station \(ISS\)](#) in **low-earth orbit**.
  - If successful, the US will achieve a historic milestone by having **two spacecraft capable** of launching astronauts into space.
  - Currently, the **Dragon spacecraft of SpaceX** is the only spacecraft that can return significant cargo to Earth and the **first private spacecraft to transport humans to the space station**.
- [Starliner](#) is a spacecraft that carried astronauts to space, launched by a rocket, featuring a **crew capsule** for astronaut accommodation, designed for reentry, and a **non-reusable service module** providing life support and propulsion systems.

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