

Today the Amazonas 5 satellite of HISPASAT will be launched

- It will be placed into orbit by a Proton Breeze M launcher by ILS (International Launch Services) from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.
- The launch is scheduled for 21:23 Spanish time.

MADRID, 11 SEPTEMBER 2017. Today, HISPASAT will launch its new communications satellite, the Amazonas 5, from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. The launch is scheduled for 21:23, Spanish time (01:23h, in Baikonur).

The launch vehicle responsible for placing the Amazonas 5 satellite into its transfer orbit will be the Proton Breeze M from ILS. From there, the satellite will move towards the geostationary orbit where the established tests will be carried out for a few weeks to make sure it is working properly after the launch. Once complete, the satellite will be placed in its definitive orbital position.

The Amazonas 5 was manufactured by Space Systems Loral and has noteworthy participation from the Spanish aerospace industry. HISPAMAR, HISPASAT's Brazilian company, will be in charge of its operation.

With its 24 transponders in the Ku band and 34 spots in the Ka band, the new HISPASAT satellite will expand HISPASAT's offering of communication services to the Latin American market during its 15 years of useful life.

Launch streaming

Launching will be streaming broadcasted and watched live at the following HISPASAT and HISPAMAR webpages, and <http://amazonas5.imgondemand.com>. Program will start at 21:00 (CET) and end at 21:45 (CET)

About HISPASAT

HISPASAT is comprised of companies that have a presence in Spain as well as in Latin America, where its Brazilian affiliate HISPAMAR is based. HISPASAT is a world leader in the distribution and broadcasting of Spanish and Portuguese content, and its satellite fleet is used by important direct-to-home television (DTH) and high-definition television (HDTV) digital platforms. HISPASAT also provides satellite broadband services and other added value solutions to governments, corporations and telecommunication operators in America, Europe and North Africa. HISPASAT is one of the world's largest companies in its sector in terms of revenue, and the main communications bridge between Europe and the Americas.

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About ILS

For over 20 years, ILS has provided launch services for satellite operators, offering a complete array of services and support, from contract arrangements, mission management and on-orbit delivery. ILS markets the Proton Breeze M, Proton Medium, Proton Light and Angara 1.2 launch services to commercial and government satellite operators worldwide. ILS is a U.S. company headquartered in Reston, VA., near Washington, D.C. For more information, visit www.ilslaunch.com, Twitter: @ilslaunch, Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ILSLaunch/>, Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ilslaunch/>, YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ilslaunchservices>

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