Space Station Cubesat Deployment Services

NanoRacks Cubesat Deployer (NRCSD)

- 51.6 degree inclination, 385-400 KM
- Orbit lifetime 8-12 months
- Deployment typically 1-3 months after berthing
- Soft stowage internal ride several times per year

NRCSD



- Each NRCSD can deploy up to 6U of CubeSats
- 8 NRCSD's per airlock cycle, for a total of 48U deployment capability
- ~2 Air Lock cycles per mission





Photo Credit: NanoRacks LLC



2. Launched by ISS visiting vehicle



3. NRCSDs installed by ISS Crew



5. Grapple by JRMS



1. NRCSDs transported in CTBs





4. JEM Air Lock depress & slide table extension

6. NRCSDs positioned by JRMS





8. JRMS return NRCSD-MPEP stack to slide table; Slide table retracts and pressurizes JEM air lock









9. ISS Crew un-install first 8 NRCSDs; repeat install/deploy for second set of NRCSDs



NanoRacks Cubesat Mission (NR-CM₃)

- Orbital Sciences CRS-1 (Launched Jan. 9, 2014)
- Planet Labs Flock1A, 28 Doves
- Lithuanian Space Assoc., LitSat-1
- Vilnius University & NPO IEP, LituanicaSat-1
- Nanosatisfi, ArduSat-2
- Southern Stars, SkyCube
- University of Peru, UAPSat-1

Mission Highlights



Most CubeSats launched in a single mission Two countries attain space-faring status

World's largest remote sensing constellation

Kickstarter funding

- NR-CM3
- Orbital Science CRS-1, Launch Jan 9, 2014
- Air Lock Cycle 1, Feb 11-15, 2014
- Deployers 1-8 (all Planet Labs Doves)





- NR-CM3
- Orbital Science CRS-1, Launch Jan 9, 2014
- Air Lock Cycle 2, Feb 25-28, 2014
- Deployers 9-14 (Planet Labs Doves)

• Deployer 15





NanoRacks Cubesat Mission (NR-CM₄)

- Orbital Sciences CRS-2
- Planet Labs Flock1B, 28 Doves
- NASA Ames, TechEdSat-4
- Taylor University, GEARRSat
- MIT-Lincoln Labs, MicroMAS
- San Jose University, Lambdasat

Mission Highlights



World's largest remote sensing constellation - gets bigger!

First passive microwave radiometer in a CubeSat

Innovative Re-entry technology First space-based graphene experiment

Concept to flight hardware- 92 days



Dove CubeSats

- NR-CM4
- Orbital Science CRS-2, Launch July 13, 2014
- Air Lock Cycle 1, Aug, 2014



NanoRacks Cubesat Mission (NR-CM₄)



- On-orbit deployment issues observed during ALC1
- NRCSDs returned safely to JEM
- Problem identified and replicated on the ground
- Coordinated path forward with NASA and JAXA
- Deployments planned to resume end of February



NanoRacks CubeSat Mission (NR-CM₅)

- Orbital Sciences CRS-3
- Planet Labs Flock1D, 26 Doves
- GomSpace, GOMX-2
- NASA JPL, RACE

• Planetary Resources Inc., Arkyd-3

Mission Highlights





Majority of CubeSats lost due to launch failure on Oct 28, 2014

5/16 Deployers Recovered! Multiple Doves recovered, along with GOMX-2

Arkyd-3 Re-flight being delivered at the end of the month for SpX-6 mission



NanoRacks CubeSat Mission (NR-CM_{5'})

- SpaceX CRS-5
- Planet Labs Flock 1D' 2 Doves



Astronaut Terry Virts swaps in Flock1D' Doves

Mission Highlights



Rapid Re-flight

Less than two weeks between Orb-3 failure and delivery of flight hardware to NASA

Flock1D' ready to deploy at the end of the month

Unprecedented coordination between Planet Labs, NASA, and NanoRacks



NanoRacks CubeSat Mission (NR-CM₆)

- SpaceX CRS-6
- Planet Labs Flock1E 14 Doves
- Booz Allen Hamilton, Centennial-1
- Planetary Resources Inc., Arkyd-3

Mission Highlights





PRI achieving re-flight

Planet Labs launches next generation of Doves

Tech demo of photon detector for ground based tracking and imaging of 1U size space crafts

Upcoming CubeSats in 2015



- Planet Labs Doves
- St. Thomas More Cathedral School, STMSat-1
- GomSpace, GOMX-3
- Aalborg University AAUSat-5
- University of Colorado Boulder, MinXSS
- NASA Ames Research Center, NODeS





Schedule and Program Requirements

Scheduling (L-/+ months)

- L-9 Initial data call
- L-3 Safety Review
- L-1.5 Customer delivery
- L-1 NanoRacks deliver to NASA
- L+1.5 Deployment (typical)

- NanoRacks Requirements
 - Battery flight acceptance test
 - Electrical: 3 inhibits minimum
 - Customer responsible for spectrum & remote sensing licensing
 - Fault-tolerance for deployables
 - Non/low toxicity materials
 - Secondary locking features

Availability and Pricing

- Availability
 - Orbital ATK
 - SpaceX
 - HTV

Eligibility

NanoRacks' Space Act Agreement with NASA allows participation from ISS member organizations and also non-ISS partner customers with approval





• Pricing

- Roughly \$85,000 (USD) per Unit dependent on program.
- Inclusive: safety, integration, launch, on-orbit ops
- Volume discounts available



Acknowledgement



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