

Virgin Galactic Completes Inaugural Commercial Spaceflight

Second successful spaceflight in two months

'Galactic 01' spaceflight carried 13 research payloads and three crew members from the Italian Air Force and the National Research Council of Italy

'Galactic 02,' a commercial spaceflight for private astronauts, is scheduled for August with monthly flights to space planned thereafter



"Today, our team successfully flew six people and more than a dozen research payloads to space in VSS Unity, our unique, suborbital science lab. This historic flight was our first commercial flight and our first dedicated commercial research mission – ushering in a new era of repeatable and reliable access to space for private passengers and researchers. 'Galactic 02,' our first spaceflight with private astronauts, is planned for August and we expect VSS Unity to continue with monthly space missions while we simultaneously work to scale our future spaceship fleet for a global audience."



MICHAEL COLGLAZIER
CEO of Virgin Galactic

"I am beyond proud to be a part of this historic spaceflight. 'Galactic 01' is Italy's first commercial suborbital research spaceflight, and an amazing achievement made possible thanks to the long-lasting collaboration between the Italian Air Force and the National Research Council of Italy. During the centennial year of both Italian institutions, we fly to the highest point of our history. This groundbreaking collaboration propels Italy into the new era of commercial spaceflight as a pathfinder, fostering innovation and paving the way for further technological enhancement in this strategic domain. Together, and in partnership with Virgin Galactic, we have set a precedent for future endeavors and the boundless possibilities that lie ahead. We honor today all the people who not only have made possible this amazing flight, but all the ones who have dedicated their life to our beliefs in this past 100 years. Virtute Siderum Tenus."



COL. WALTER VILLADEI
Italian Airforce

"We are honored that our first commercial spaceflight enabled the Italian Air Force and the National Research Council of Italy to successfully carry out their first suborbital research experiments. This successful mission gives us just a preview of what discoveries may result from reliable access to space to further scientific knowledge."



SIRISHA BANDLA
VP of Government Affairs and Research Operations

MISSION OBJECTIVES

- Conducted 13 human-tended and autonomous experiments to examine the biomedical field, thermo-fluid dynamics and the development of innovative and sustainable materials in microgravity conditions.
- Evaluated and measured hypergravity to microgravity transition effects on the human body, including both biological and physical data properties.
- Collected data through wearable research payloads and sensors, and by autonomous research payloads mounted in the cabin on Virgin Galactic's payload rack system.

Learn more about Virgin Galactic's spaceflight platform and microgravity research flight capabilities.

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Learn more about the scientific research experiments on board 'Galactic 01.'

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IN FLIGHT FACTS

Take-off Time	8:30am MT
Altitude at Release	44, 500 feet
Apogee	52.9 miles
Top Speed	Mach 2.88
Landing Time	9:42am MT

G01 CREW & PILOTS



ASTRONAUT 008
COL. WALTER VILLADEI
MISSION COMMANDER
ITALIAN AIRFORCE

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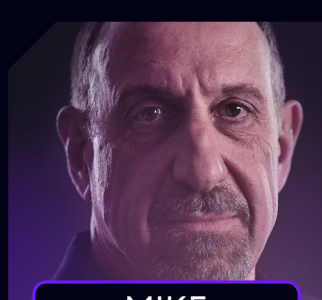
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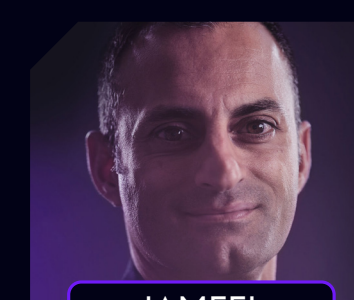
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NEXT STEPS

Post-flight inspections and analysis in preparation for next commercial space mission, 'Galactic 02,' which will bring Virgin Galactic's unique experience to private astronauts. The mission is planned for August, with monthly flights to space beginning thereafter.

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