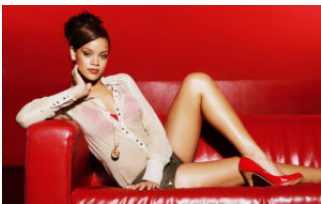




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# NASA Finds major issues with software for Boeing's Starliner spacecraft

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NASA IS CURRENTLY TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SOFTWARE FOR THEIR BOEING STARLINER SPACECRAFT, AND IT DOESN'T LOOK GREAT. THERE WERE SOME PROBLEMS DURING THE DECEMBER TEST FLIGHT THAT THEY ARE NOW LOOKING INTO.

"It's true that we do think that the OFT flight had a lot of anomalies," NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said of the December test, according to *CNBC News*. Clearly we are going to learn more in the weeks ahead. We'll have a lot more information to share at the end of the month."

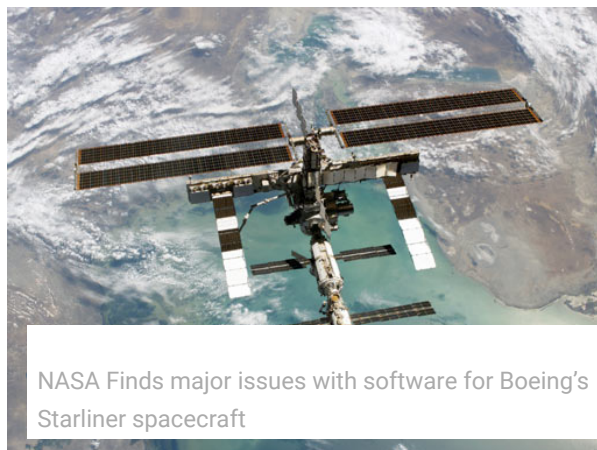
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The Boeing Starliner is a spacecraft Boeing has been developing to fly NASA astronauts to the International Space Station.

The spacecraft is currently three years behind schedule, reported *CNBC News*. The company's timeline is on hold until the investigation is finished, according to Boeing's senior vice president Jim Chilton.

The craft was planned to fly out NASA astronauts this year. In December Boeing was wrapping up their tests before the craft was certified to fly people.

*CNBC News* reported: 'The goal of that mission was to fly Starliner without crew to the International Space Station, deliver cargo, and return safely – to demonstrate its capabilities and safety.' However, the spacecraft did not dock with the space station after a software issue during the launch caused Starliner's autonomous flight-control system to misfire. This consequently put the craft in the wrong orbit.



In total, NASA says its investigation of the mission found "11 top-priority corrective actions" for Boeing. The agency also expects more will be identified when the investigation is complete,

according to [CNBC News](#).



Thursday (Feb. 6), [according to SpaceNews](#).

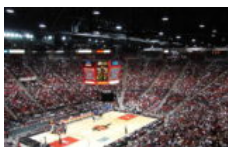
[Space.com](#) reported that the panel recommended reviews of Boeing's software and testing processes as "required input for a formal NASA review to determine flight readiness for either another uncrewed flight test, or proceeding directly to a crewed test flight.: Boeing then issued a [statement](#) on Thursday (Feb. 6) saying that it has accepted the panel's recommendation.

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"Boeing is as committed as ever to safe flight, mission assurance and helping our customer meet its crew transportation needs," the company said, according to [Space.com](#). They pledged to spend \$410 million to put Starliner "in position to support another flight should that mission be deemed necessary, while limiting the schedule impact on beginning regular Starliner service missions to the space station."

According to [Space.com](#), NASA and Boeing will issue a further media update during a teleconference today (Feb. 7) at 3:30 p.m. EST (2030 GMT), and you can [tune in live here](#).

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