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Space flight

Starship takes to the skies again

SpaceX's Starship rocket launched on a test flight from Texas on 18 November. Not long after separating from the upper craft, the discarded Super Heavy booster rocket exploded in what SpaceX called a "rapid unscheduled disassembly". The Starship capsule flew for about 8 minutes, which is about twice as long as it managed on its first test flight, before also exploding. No people were on board.

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