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Launch schedule of MTSAT-2

Dates and times of events shown below are subject to change without notice.

1 Lift-off through separation of satellite

Event	Date and Time	After lift-off

Date of lift-off Saturday, 18 February, 2006

Time of lift-off $06^{h}26^{m}$ UTC

(Launch window: $06^{h}26^{m}$ to $07^{h}44^{m}$ UTC)

Separation of satellite $06^{\text{h}}54^{\text{m}}10^{\text{s}}$ UTC $0^{\text{d}}00^{\text{h}}28^{\text{m}}10^{\text{s}}$

2 After separation of satellite

Event	Date and Time	After lift-off
Solar Array partial deployment	Saturday, 18 February, 07 ^h 31 ^m UTC	$0^{d}01^{h}05^{m}$
1st Apogee Engine Firing	Saturday, 18 February, 21 ^h 45 ^m UTC	$0^d 15^h 19^m$
2nd Apogee Engine Firing	Sunday, 19 February, 23 ^h 54 ^m UTC	$1^d17^h28^m$
3rd Apogee Engine Firing	Monday, 20 February, 22 ^h 32 ^m UTC	$2^d 16^h 06^m$
Solar Array deployment	Wednesday, 22 February, 03 ^h 30 ^m UTC	$3^d 21^h 00^m$
Solar Sail deployment	Thursday, 23 February, $03^{h}40^{m}$ UTC	$4^{d}21^{h}10^{m}$
Reflectors deployment	Thursday, 23 February, 11 ^h 39 ^m UTC	$5^d05^h10^m$
Reaching geostatinary orbit		
and starting In-Orbit Test	Thursday, 23 February, 16 ^h 30 ^m UTC	$5^{\rm d}10^{\rm h}00^{\rm m}$

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