Company Overview

IHI Aerospace Co., Ltd. has been participating in space and defense development in Japan as a leading manufacturer of solid propellant rocket since 1953.

Japan has been carrying out very unique space development and IHI Aerospace Co., Ltd has been playing key role in the development through great contribution primary focused on design, development, and production of rocket systems.

JAXA has been leading the development of Epsilon launch vehicle as an important space project for Japan and IA has been playing the key role in the development as the system integrator based upon such successful heritage.

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Overview

Epsilon Launch System is a solid propellant launch vehicle suitable for a new age, with high performance and best value. The autonomous on-board checkout system can realize the minimum launch campaign period.

Epsilon can offer affordable dedicated launch service to customers for small satellites of various LEO missions such as science, technology demonstration and earth observation.

Technical Heritage

There are two streams of heritage from predecessor rockets, H-IIA/H-IIIB and M-V. The technology accumulated in H-IIA/H-IIIB and M-V rockets are fully applied for Epsilon development in order to maintain the well-established reliability and to carry out development in a timely manner for reliable launch vehicle development. Ample heritage can be seen in every aspect such as 1st stage, 2nd stage, 3rd stage, PBS, fairing, avionics, guidance system and guidance software etc. Incorporated flight-proven subsystems make Epsilon highly reliable system.

Flight Heritage

Its inaugural flight was successfully achieved on 14th September 2013 from JAXA’s Uchinoura Space Center with observation payload of SPRINT-A (Hisaki), one of space telescope series in LEO for solar planary observation, not any test dummy payload as usually seen in test flight.

Advantages

- Very precise orbit injection by the PBS on the upper stage.
- Comfortable launch environment, the same level as liquid propellant vehicle, with vibration suppression atop of third stage, acoustic blanket in fairing and sophisticated flue in the launch pad.
- Late access for payload down to 3hrs before B-Off
- Minimum launch campaign period of less than 10 days
- Dedicated launch with schedule flexibility
- Best total solution for launching small satellites