

# Satellite testing at Langley Research Center



## Description

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration conducted ground inflation tests on a 100-foot diameter, inflatable spherical satellite in a Naval hangar facility near Weeksville, North Carolina. The ground tests were preliminary to the orbiting of Echo I from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on August 12, 1960. Echo I, the world's first passive communications satellite, was designed and developed by the NASA Langley Research Center.

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1960

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