

MARS IS SCIENTIFIC TARGET IN SEARCH FOR PLANETARY LIFE

Two halves of a space station are the large "pods" shown here (foreground and at right) atop their boosters at a launch area. Technicians are checking them out for their unmanned take-offs. In left background, mounted on their rockets, are the smaller "ferry" capsules that will carry astronauts and scientists aloft to assemble the pods into a space station in orbit and carry on experiments. Such stations might be used to assemble Mars-bound spaceships.

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