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Three new GLONASS Satellites Launched

Dec 25th 2005. 3 new GLONASS satellites were successfully launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan aboard a Proton-K rocket. The payload included one GLONASS and two modernised GLONASS-M with increased lifetime and improved signal capabilities. The first was switched online on 22nd Jan 2006 with the two remaining currently undergoing testing before being made operational shortly.

The GLONASS constellation now includes 17 SVs all of which have been launched since 2000.

Read more at www.spaceflightnow.com/news/n0512/25glonass.



First Galileo Satellite Launched

Dec 28th 2005. GIOVE-A (Galileo In-Orbit Validation Element-A) was successfully launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan aboard a Soyuz-Fregat rocket.

GIOVE-A is the first satellite of the European Union's civilian Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) and is designed to test the design and secure the frequencies handed out by the International Telecommunications Union in 2004. This launch brings Topcon's unique G3 technology one step closer!

The second Galileo satellite GIOVE-B is scheduled for launch on 14th April 2006.

Read more at www.esa.int/esaNA/index.html. (Photo: ESA)

Next event:

Come and visit Topcon at the 10th World of Geomatics between March 29th-30th 2006 at Stoneleigh Park, nr. Coventry.

See www.pvpubs.com/world_of_exhibition.asp for further details and to pre-register.



