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### Columbus: Launch of Space Shuttle Atlantis delayed

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The launch of space shuttle Atlantis has been officially cancelled, since one of four engine cutoff sensors gave false readings. The new launch date for mission STS-122 is currently targeted for 7 February 2008.



Space Shuttle Mission STS 122

#### STS-122 must wait a little longer

The launch of Space Shuttle Atlantis, planned for 22.31 CET on 6 December, and with it the Columbus Space Laboratory, has been postponed. More news, including a new launch time, will follow after a NASA press conference.

The 75 cubic-metre Columbus laboratory is Europe's biggest single contribution to the International Space Station. The 4.5-metre diameter cylindrical module is equipped with flexible research facilities that offer extensive science capabilities. The Columbus Control Centre will be based at DLR's Oberpfaffenhofen facility, near Munich.

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