Lockheed Martin's Modernized A2100 Completes Propulsion Subsystem Manufacturing And Delivery



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A streamlined design has lowered part counts on the subsystem and reduced production time and cost. The new design uses flight proven Hall Current Thrusters and modernized chemical thrusters to provide a flexible and low risk approach for increased capability, resilience and reliability.

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This first propulsion system is for Hellas-Sat-4/SaudiGeoSat-1, a satellite for Arabsat and King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology. The satellite will provide advanced telecommunications capabilities, including television, internet, telephone and secure communications, to customers in the Middle East, Africa and Europe. The satellite is slated for launch in 2018

Lockheed Martin is building five modernized A2100 satellites for a host of missions and customers around the globe.

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