

Could Falcon 9 compete with the Stick?

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SpaceX appears to have leap-frogged the Falcon 5 and gone to the 9 which is an EELV class RLV. I know Falcon 1 has yet to fly, but Falcon 9 has a customer and the prices do seem cheap compared to any likely SDLV. With base model doing 9 tons to LEO for \$27M, and heavy sending ~25 tons to LEO for \$78M (these are pretty comprehensive prices, including range, insurance, integration), doesn't this look attractive? That is, if it all works.

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