

Re: Could Falcon 9 compete with the Stick?

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Rand Simberg wrote:

> On 8 Sep 2005 17:23:06 -0700, in a place far, far away, "Ed Kyle"
> <edkyle99@xxxxxxxxxxx> made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a
> way as to indicate that:
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>> I don't believe the numbers. The going rate these
>> days for U.S. launchers is about \$10-13K per kg to
>> LEO. Mr. Musk claims he has a business case for
>> \$3K per kg. I could imagine that it might be
>> possible for a newbie to march into the space
>> business with a fresh concept and undercut the
>> old-line competition, but never by this much. It
>> just doesn't seem believable to me.
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> Why not?

1) If it were that easy, some one would have done it already by now. This is the world's most ruthlessly aggressive, winner-take-all free market system we live in, after all.

2) The other U.S. launch companies have been losing money even at the higher launch price range.

- Ed Kyle

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