

## Re: Could Falcon 9 compete with the Stick?

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lou@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

> Ed Kyle wrote:

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>> Please then, Rand, explain to me how the inventors  
>> and investors from the same land that created and  
>> made billions off of the [PC, uP, ...],  
>> the Sport Utility Vehicle,  
>> the Big Mac, etc and etc, could not after almost 50 years have  
>> figured out how to launch stuff into low earth orbit  
>> for Less Than the Going Rate.

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>> What I want to know why no one *\*has\** done it in all  
>> this time – the same time span during which all of  
>> the above ideas *\*have\** been exploited.

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> The SUV as mentioned above is an interesting case. There is an SUV,  
> built to government specs, and sold to the government. It's called a  
> Hummer, and has a list price of about \$115K. According to AutoByTel,  
> "The 2004 HUMMER H1 is a 4-door, 4-passenger sport-utility, available  
> in two trims, the Open Top 4 Door and the Wagon 4 Door. The 2004 HUMMER  
> H1's competitors include the Chevrolet Tahoe, the Infiniti QX56, and  
> the Volkswagen Touareg." The Chevy Tahoe has a list price of about  
> \$35K, the Toureg about \$37K, and the QX56 about \$50K.

Unlike the HMMVW, the H1 cannot ford 60 inch deep water. It also lacks a 24 volt electrical system, ballistic protection, a turret with a machine gun mount, an M16 rifle mount, a black out lighting mode, a chemical agent resistant coating, etc.

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