

Re: "World's Best Launcher"?

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"Ed Kyle" <edkyle99@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in <news:1135270598.079785.94800@g44g2000cwa.googlegroups.com>:

- > This comment about Ariane 5 is clearly debatable, since four
- > of the vehicle's 25 launches have failed.
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- > So, which rocket really **is** the "world's best launcher"?

It's to be expected that Arianespace would thump their own bucket; everyone does. But for sheer reliability, I'd go with Atlas, from II through V. Zenit has a clean elegance; most of its failures have been upper stage issues, I think.

--Damon

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