

GOES Constellation with West Transition Plan

Current

GOES-West GOES-17 137.3° West Checkout GOES-18 137.0° West







Standby GOES-14 105° West



GOES-East GOES-16 75.2° West



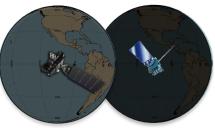
January, 2023 (GOES-18 as GOES-West, GOES-17 drift to Standby)

GOES-West GOES-18 137.0° West





Storage GOES-14 105° West



GOES-East GOES-16 75.2° West



Past GOES-18 T2O Constellation Activities & Locations

03/01-05/15: GOES-18 PLT Part 1 pre-drift checkout at 89.5°W

05/15-06/06: GOES-18 drift to 136.8°W

07/05-07/15: GOES-18 nudge from 136.8°W to 137.0°W, GOES-17 nudge from 137.2°W to 137.3°W



GOES-West Transition Plan - Swap of GOES-17/18

Date	GOES-17		GOES-18		
(Based on 3/1/22 Launch)	Location	Activity	Location	Activity	
3/1 – 3/23	137.2°W	GOES-West Operations		Launch and Orbit Raising	
3/24 – 5/15			89.5°W	GOES-18 Post Launch Test (PLT) Part 1 Instrument Outgassing, Spacecraft PLT First ABI Image (Vis & IR) @ 89.5W	
5/16 – 6/6			136.8W	GOES-18 Drift from 89.5W to 136.8W PLT activities paused; Science data for GMAG, but no other data.	
6/7				GOES-18 PLT Part 2 begins and PLPT begins	
7/5 – 7/15 (21)	137.3°W	Orbit Nudge 137.2W to 137.3W: July 5-15, 2022 (10 days) Antennas smaller than 7m should not need to repoint Antennas larger than 7m should repoint All users should re-peak antennas once nudge is over	137.0°W	Orbit Nudge 136.8W to 137.0W: July 5-21, 2022 (16 days) • Antennas smaller than 7m should not need to repoint • Antennas larger than 7m should repoint • All users should re-peak antennas once nudge is over	
7/27				GOES-18 ABI reaches Provisional maturity GOES-18 ABI 'supplemental' data via Cloud for NWS	
8/1-9/8		GOES-17 ABI Warm Period GOES-18 ABI interleaved in GOES-17 GRB		GOES-18 ABI data interleaved in GOES-17 GRB	
9/8-10/13		GOES-West Operations GOES-17 Nominal Distribution		GOES-18 product maturation continues PLT Part 2 ends Oct 3, 2022	
10/13-11/16		GOES-17 ABI Warm Period GOES-18 ABI interleaved in GOES-17 GRB		GOES-18 ABI data interleaved in GOES-17 GRB	
11/16-1/4		GOES-West Operations GOES-17 Nominal Distribution		GOES-18 product maturation continues Post Launch Product Test (PLPT) ends Jan 3, 2023	
1/4		X-band downlink off and instruments shut down		GOES-18 Declared operational GOES-West Begin GOES-18 GRB broadcast / nominal distribution SAR/DCS services transitioned to GOES-18	
1/10-11	137.3°W	GOES-17 drift start to 104.7°W		No Change	
2/11-12	104.7°W	GOES-17 drift stop at 104.7°W followed by storage mode		No Change	

Legend: GOES-West Operational Satellite



GOES-18 L1b Science Product Validation Status

ABI L1b Product	Beta	Provisional	Full
Radiances	5/11/2022	7/28/2022	FY23 Q4
GLM L2 Product			
Lightning: Events, Groups, Flashes	9/16/2022	10/31/2022	FY24 Q1
SEISS L1b Products			
Energetic Heavy Ions	8/1/2022	11/15/2022	FY23
Magnetospheric e⁻/p⁺: Low Energy	8/1/2022	11/29/2022	FY23
Magnetospheric e⁻/p⁺: High Energy	8/1/2022	10/11/2022	FY23
Solar & Galactic Protons	8/1/2022	9/13/2022	FY23
EXIS L1b Products			
Solar Flux: EUV	7/18/2022	11/17/2022	FY23
Solar Flux: X-ray Irradiance	7/18/2022	11/17/2022	FY23
SUVI L1b Product			
Solar EUV Imagery	8/1/2022	11/22/2022	FY23
GMAG L1b Product			
Geomagnetic Field	7/11/2022	9/16/2022	FY23

Validation Maturity Levels: Not Validated Beta Maturity Provisional Maturity Full Maturity

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GOES-18 L2+ Science Product Validation Status

L2+ Products	Beta	Prov	Full
Cloud and Moisture Imagery (CMI) and Sectorized CMI (KPP)	5/11/2022	7/28/2022	
Aerosol Detection (Smoke & Dust)	5/11/2022	11/9/2022	
Aerosol Optical Depth	5/11/2022	11/9/2022	
Clear Sky Mask ^E	5/11/2022	9/28/2022	
Cloud Cover Layers	N/A	3/7/2023	
Cloud Optical Depth	5/11/2022	11/21/2022	
Cloud Particle Size Distribution	5/11/2022	11/21/2022	FY24
Cloud Top Height	5/11/2022	9/28/2022	
Cloud Top Phase ^E	5/11/2022	9/28/2022	
Cloud Top Pressure	5/11/2022	9/28/2022	
Cloud Top Temperature	5/11/2022	9/28/2022	
Derived Motion Winds	5/11/2022	9/28/2022	
Derived Stability Indices	5/11/2022	10/12/2022	
Downward S/W Radiation: Surface	5/11/2022	11/9/2022	

L2+ Products	Beta	Prov	Full
Fire/Hot Spot Characterization	5/11/2022	10/12/2022	
Ice Age & Thickness	5/11/2022	12/29/2022	
Ice Concentration & Extent ^E	5/11/2022	12/29/2022	
Ice Motion	N/A	3/7/2023	
Land Surface Albedo ^E	5/11/2022	11/9/2022	
Land Surface Reflectance ^E	5/11/2022	11/9/2022	FY24
Land Surface Temperature ^E	5/11/2022	11/9/2022	
Legacy Vertical Moisture Profile	5/11/2022	10/12/2022	
Legacy Vertical Temperature Profile	5/11/2022	10/12/2022	
Rainfall Rate/QPE	5/11/2022	11/9/2022	
Reflected S/W Radiation: TOA	5/11/2022	11/9/2022	
Sea Surface Temperature	5/11/2022	11/21/2022	
Snow Cover	N/A	12/9/2022	
Total Precipitable Water	5/11/2022	10/12/2022	

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^E These products are generated using an Enterprise Algorithm.



GOES-18 Data Sharing Policy

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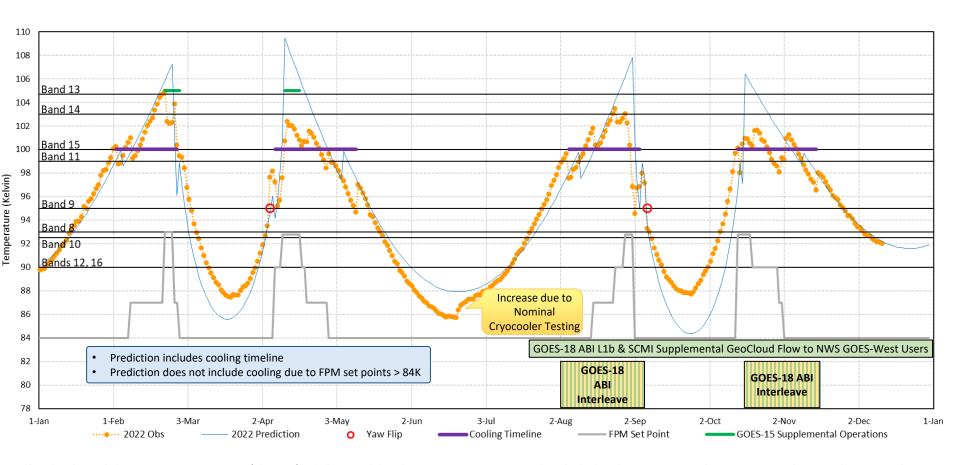
	Images/Social Media	Data Files	Publications	
Between Launch and "First Light" Public Release	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed; You may include pre- Provisional	
Between First Public Release and Beta Certification	Allowed; must contain the caveat: "GOES-18 Preliminary, Non-Operational Data"	Not allowed	instrument data/images/plots as long as it will not be published until after Provisional validation is declared for that instrument. Exercise caution in publishing data regarding apparent anomalies	
Between Beta and Provisional	Allowed; must contain the caveat: "GOES-18 Preliminary, Non-Operational Data"	Not allowed		
ABI Interleaved Data	Allowed (ABI Only)	Allowed (ABI Only)		
Between Provisional (or Interleave Period(s) for ABI) and Operational Declaration	Allowed; must contain the caveat: "GOES-18 Preliminary, Non-Operational Data"	Allowed; must contain the caveat: "GOES-18 Preliminary, Non-Operational Data"	or artifacts especially during ongoing instrument and product tests (PLTs and PLPTs).	
GOES-West Operations onwards	Allowed	Allowed		

Table description: Policy for sharing images on social media, data files, and publications as it evolves during post-launch phases of satellite testing and data maturity.

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GOES-17 ABI Loop Heat Pipe Anomaly – The Origin of Interleave and GOES-18 T2O Schedule



This plot shows daily maximum temperature of the ABI focal plane module. These maximums occur at night. The higher the temperature, the more saturated imagery becomes. Where the temperature rises to approach a black line for each band, marginal saturation may be observed in imagery. Where the temperature curve exceeds a black line for each band, the imagery may begin to saturate so much that it becomes unusable.

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