

# The Roles of the Artemis II Crew



Four astronauts will travel around the Moon aboard Orion on Artemis II — NASA's first crewed mission in the Artemis campaign. The approximately 10-day flight will test systems needed for future lunar missions. Each crew member has a specific seat and role inside Orion, from piloting the spacecraft to managing crew systems and emergency procedures. Learn how the crew will be positioned during launch and landing and what each will do during the mission.

**1 COMMANDER**  
Reid Wiseman / NASA

**2 PILOT**  
Victor Glover / NASA

**3 MISSION SPECIALIST 2**  
Jeremy Hansen / CSA

**4 MISSION SPECIALIST 1**  
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## 1 **COMMANDER**

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The commander leads the crew and ensures effective communication and decision-making. They are an advocate for the team, empowering crew members to speak up if there is a disagreement or question. They have the final say in times of indecision and are the primary communicator with Mission Control. During ascent and entry, the commander and pilot are prime to handle tasks related to manually piloting the spacecraft and interacting with the displays.

## 2 **PILOT**

Victor Glover / NASA

The pilot is responsible for executing all spacecraft maneuvers, though other roles can step in if needed. It is important for the pilot to follow protocol exactly and establish best practices, with consistency being key. During ascent and entry, the pilot and commander are prime to handle tasks related to manually piloting the spacecraft and interacting with the displays. The pilot is second in command and must be ready to take charge if needed.

## 3 **MISSION SPECIALIST 2**

Jeremy Hansen / CSA (Canadian Space Agency)

Mission Specialist 2 is responsible for the initial checkout of life support equipment such as Orion's potable water system as well as emergency equipment on the first day of the mission. They also operate the docking hatch after splashdown in an emergency situation.

## 4 **MISSION SPECIALIST 1**

Christina Koch / NASA

Mission Specialist 1 is seated closest to the spacecraft side hatch and takes the lead on hatch systems and operations. They also set up the toilet system for testing after getting to orbit.

Both mission specialists will monitor and command the spacecraft during the trans-lunar injection burn that sends Orion to the Moon and during other correction burns throughout the mission. Mission specialists support the team by making sure everyone's voices are heard, double-checking that every option is considered, and stepping in when and where needed. They train for all roles and are always ready to assume the duties of commander or pilot if needed.