

Lightning Strikes Russian Rocket in Mid-Air, Rocket Survives (Video)

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Dmitry Rogozin / Twitter

A Russian rocket was filmed being hit by a bolt of lightning shortly after takeoff, video shared by the head of the national space agency showed on Monday.

The Soyuz rocket carrying a replacement navigation satellite took off from northern Russia when, 14 seconds later, lightning [struck](#) its nose cone and went straight through it. Officials said the jolt had no effect on the equipment and that the satellite reached its orbit without a hitch.

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— Дмитрий Рогозин (@Rogozin) [May 27, 2019](#)

“Lightning is no obstacle for you,” Dmitry Rogozin, head of Russia’s Roscosmos space agency, [tweeted](#) as he congratulated the scientists and crew on a successful launch.

“We’re all-weather forces,” Major General Nikolai Nestechuk, head of the Plesetsk Cosmodrome where the launch took place, was [quoted](#) as saying by the state-run TASS news agency.

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