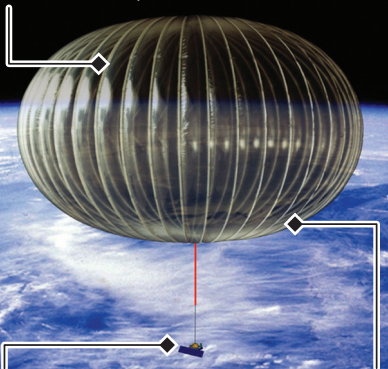


NASA balloon test

NASA has successfully test flown a new super pressure balloon designed to carry large scientific experiments to the brink of space.

The *ULDB (Ultra Long Duration Balloon)* is the largest single-cell, sealed balloon ever flown

Pumpkin-shape: Designed to stay aloft for 100 days at 35km altitude.
Volume: 200,000 cubic metres



Payload: Can be retrieved and reused. Mission is far less costly than satellite

Skin: Lightweight polyethylene film, similar thickness to plastic food wrap, filled with helium