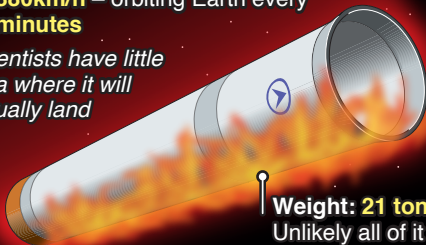


Out-of-control rocket could hit Earth

A huge piece of debris from China's *Long March 5B* rocket launch is tumbling uncontrollably to Earth, prompting the White House to call for "responsible space behaviours"

Core stage: Spinning out of control at **27,880km/h** – orbiting Earth every **90 minutes**

Scientists have little idea where it will actually land



Weight: 21 tonnes
Unlikely all of it will burn up on re-entry

May 9: Potential crash site in **Pacific Ocean**, after first passing over eastern U.S. cities

Apr 29: Launch from **Wenchang**, Hainan Island, China

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