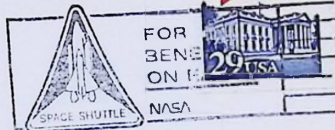


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The second flight of the Space Radar Laboratory (SRL-2) will build on the extensive data gained on its debut shuttle mission in April 1994, yielding a better understanding of how the Earth's environment is changing.

Liftoff of the Space Shuttle Endeavour on Mission STS-68 is scheduled from Kennedy Space Center's Launch Pad 39A and will be launched at a 57-degree inclination to the equator into a 120-nautical-mile orbit. The low Earth orbit will facilitate Earth observation and data collection.

Exploration of the Earth from space is the focus of the design of the mission patch for STS-68. The red, blue and black colors of the emblem represent the three operating wavelengths of the SRL radars. The flags of the SRL international partners —Germany and Italy— are shown opposite Endeavour, along with the American flag.

Endeavour's seventh spaceflight will be commanded by Michael A. Baker, who will be making his third trip into space. The pilot is Terrence W. Wilcutt, a space rookie. Payload commander for the mission is Thomas D. Jones, whose first flight was as a mission specialist on the first SRL flight. The three mission specialists are Daniel W. Bursch, making his second spaceflight; Steven L. Smith, also a space rookie; and Peter J. K. "Jeff" Wisoff, for whom STS-68 will be his second trip into space.