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Construction Ordered On Saturn Stand

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Huntsville, Ala.—Construction has been ordered on the structural portion of a \$4,673,327 test firing stand for the Saturn C-5 moon rocket.

The stand will test the first stage which develops 7.5 million pounds of thrust. The C-5 will be the primary booster for the Apollo space capsule designed to carry three men into orbit around the earth.

The test stand, including a crane at the top, will be 405 feet tall.

It will enclose the rocket which is 138 feet tall and 33 feet wide. The first test model of the rocket is being started at Marshall Space Flight Center here. Production of the rocket will be at Michoud Ordnance Plant at New Orleans.

Parts of the test stand, including the foundation, have been under construction for many months. A strike early in August halted foundation work briefly.

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