

Saturn V first stage is manufactured at Michoud. The stage is barged to the Mississippi Test Facility for static firing. The Saturn V second stage, manufactured on the west coast and shipped by ocean-going vessel to Michoud, is also barged from Michoud to the Mississippi Test Facility for static firing. The first stage is returned to Michoud for checkout and refurbishment; second stage refurbishment is accomplished at the test site. Both stages are shipped by water to the Kennedy Space Center.

Many ancillary facilities have been activated by private industry in this area in support of the total Saturn program.

The complex has a work force of approximately one-half billion dollars or more. It is a very vital element in the Saturn Apollo and Manned Space Flight program and is one of the newest and most important national assets in the United States.

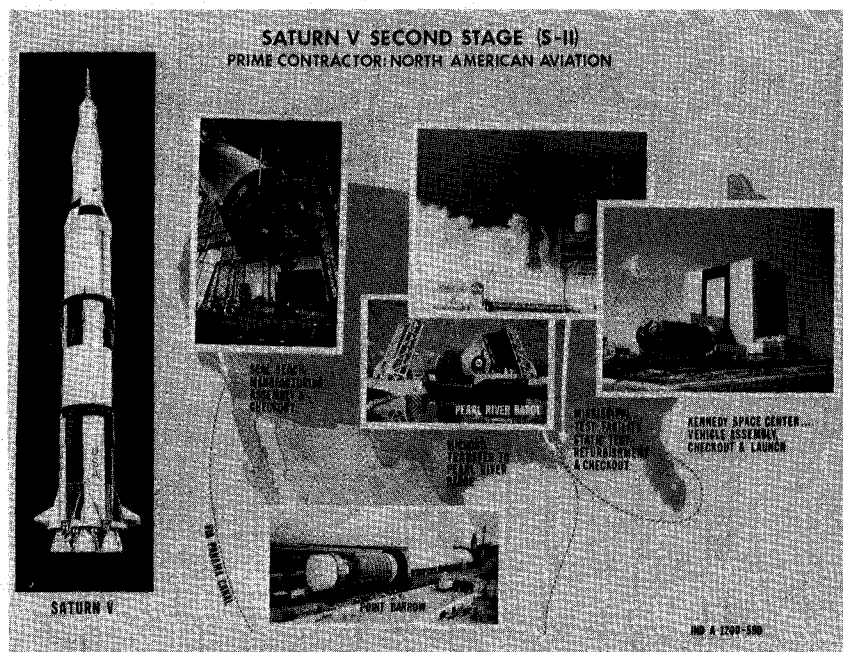


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