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TESS launch anniversary (2018)

Space agency/country: NASA

Mission: *TESS*

TESS, the *Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite*, was launched on 18 April 2018. The mission was led by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and implemented by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. The project's principal investigator, Dr. George Ricker, is based at MIT's Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research. The mission was designed to discover thousands of so-called 'exoplanets'—planets orbiting stars other than our Sun—with different masses, weather conditions and characteristics. The first part of the project was concluded in July 2020.

For more information:

<https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/tess/>

<https://tess.mit.edu>