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LUNAR TRIP READIED**Saturn Boosters
'Fly' at Michoud**

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The gigantic, awesome Uprated Saturn I and Saturn V first stages, designed for use in the Apollo manned lunar landing program, are "flown" at Michoud without leaving the ground.

This highly complicated feat is performed on the Saturn V booster at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's

Michoud Assembly Facility in a specially constructed final state test building by the Boeing Co., stage contractor.

The Chrysler Corp. conducts the Uprated Saturn I checkout in a screened-in area in the 43-acre manufacturing building.

ENGINEERS AND technicians take the rocket through launch simulation to verify that it can perform the prescribed functions.

The 109,000-square-foot building used by Boeing measures 464 feet by 166 feet and is divided into four test cells and a central control office and computer complex. Chrysler's area can accommodate two boosters.

The enormity of the final testing task is illustrated by a look at the mammoth Saturn first stages.

THE SATURN V BOOSTER is 138 feet tall and 33 feet in diameter. It develops 7.5 million pounds of thrust from its five F-1 engine at liftoff. The Uprated Saturn I booster, first stage for the 224-foot tall two-stage vehicle, is 80 feet long and 21.4 feet in diameter. It generates 1.6 million pounds of thrust through eight H-1 engines.

Control rooms are the centers of activity in the testing and checkout programs. The functions are monitored, controlled and evaluated there.

Telemetry rooms monitor the hundreds of test measurements on the boosters.

SINCE 65 per cent of all testing is performed automatically, computers are necessary.

Requirements for each actual flight are fed into a computer and, for a given test, the computer will scan its memory drum, give the go-ahead signal and release the proper stimulus to determine if the particular

systems meet all specifications.

If there is a discrepancy the computer will print a "no-go" signal and pinpoint the trouble spot. If the problem is not critical, the "no-go" sign can be bypassed for further testing.

BEFORE A person works on the inside of a booster, he must wear a "hard hat" and soft-sole shoes, and remove everything loose in his pockets for protection to himself and the booster. All handtools must be tied to a belt around his waist.

Extreme cleanliness is maintained when handling propellant components. A spot of grease coming in contact with liquid oxygen later could cause an explosion.

The reward for the intricate and thorough testing will come when the first American astronaut is landed on the moon and returned safely to earth.

**8 Parishes
Plan Attack
On Measles**

Eight northeast Louisiana parishes will participate next month in a project to end measles in the state.

East Carroll, West Carroll, Franklin and Tensas parish health units will cooperate with the state Department of Health in the mass vaccination during the week of Oct. 10.

Ouachita Parish will fight the disease Oct. 19, 20 and 21. Concordia, Catahoula and LaSalle parishes will conduct the program during the week of Oct. 25.

Children from ages through eight should attend one of the special clinics to receive free immunization.