

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 20, 2021

Astra Space, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-39426
(Commission File Number)

14-1916687
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1900 Skyhawk Street
Alameda, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

94501
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (866) 278-7217

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	ASTR	NASDAQ Global Select Market
Warrants to purchase one share of common stock, each at an exercise price of \$11.50	ASTRW	NASDAQ Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☒

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 24, 2021, we issued a press release announcing the successful orbital ignition of Apollo Fusion's thruster in the Spaceflight Sherpa program, which occurred on August 20, 2021. A copy of our press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

A live stream of our previously announced first commercial orbital launch will be posted on our website at www.astra.com/livestream. The launch window opens on August 27, 2021. We will provide updates on the timing of our launch through our Twitter account: @astra. When we use the phrase “commercial orbital launch,” we mean a launch conducted under a FAA Commercial Launch License.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated August 24, 2021
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 24, 2021

Astra Space, Inc.

By: /s/ Kelyn J. Brannon

Name: Kelyn J. Brannon

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Astra's Apollo Fusion Thruster Ignites on First Attempt in Orbit with Spaceflight*Ignition demonstrates reliable electric propulsion (EP) system*

Alameda, CA. August 24, 2021. Astra Space, Inc. ("Astra") (Nasdaq: ASTR), today announced the successful orbital ignition of its Apollo Fusion thruster on board the Spaceflight Sherpa-LTE1 orbital transfer vehicle (OTV). The Sherpa OTV launched June 30, 2021 from SpaceX's Transporter-2 mission from Cape Canaveral, Florida. After successfully deploying all rideshare payloads, Spaceflight commissioned the Apollo Fusion thruster, representing Astra's first attempt at firing the thruster in orbit.

"The telemetry from the on-orbit firing looked excellent and closely matched our ground test results," said Mike Cassidy, Vice President of Product Management at Astra. "We expect to deliver thrusters for additional satellites over the next quarter and these on-orbit test results provide further validation for several programs for which we are supplying propulsion systems."

"This represents the industry's first fully functional electric propulsion OTV," said Philip Bracken, VP of Engineering at Spaceflight. "Our next-gen Sherpa OTVs were intentionally designed for maximum modularity, flexibility and rapid development including offering several innovative propulsion solutions. The successful commissioning and ignition of Apollo Fusion's system paves the way for expanding orbital destinations for smallsats and is paramount in achieving our goal of getting our customers' payloads to space whenever and wherever they want."

Astra acquired Apollo Fusion in July 2021 to leverage Apollo Fusion's shared focus on designing and manufacturing products at scale that can reach destinations beyond low Earth orbit.

"We're incredibly proud of everyone who built this EP system," said Benjamin Lyon, Chief Engineer at Astra. "This is an important milestone on our journey to provide rapid, low-cost access to space."

About Astra Space

Astra's mission is to improve life on Earth from space by creating a healthier and more connected planet. Astra's first flight to space was within 4 years of its inception, making it the fastest company to reach space. Visit www.astra.com to learn more about Astra.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements made in this press release are "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "anticipate", "believe", "expect", "estimate", "plan", "outlook", and "project" and other similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical matters. These forward-looking statements reflect the current analysis of existing information and are subject to various risks and uncertainties. As a result, caution must be exercised in relying on forward-looking statements. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in these forward-looking statements: (i) our failure to meet projected development targets, including as a result of the decisions of governmental authorities or other third parties not within our control; (ii) changes in applicable laws or regulations; (iii) the ability of the Astra to meet its financial and strategic goals, due to, among other things, competition; (iv) the ability of Astra to pursue a growth strategy and manage growth profitability; (v) the possibility

that Astra may be adversely affected by other economic, business, and/or competitive factors; (vi) the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on Astra and (vii) other risks and uncertainties described discussed from time to time in our other public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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