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# NASA is About to Inflate the World's First 'Space Bedroom'

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Space nerds everywhere set their alarm clocks early to watch NASA's 5:30 a.m. inflation of the first ever expandable habitat at the International Space Station (ISS).

The Bigelow Expandable Aerospace Module

(BEAM), which is made from fabriclike material and attached to the side of the ISS, will expand five times its current volume, from roughly 7 x 8 feet to 10 x 13 feet. Once it's gone through at least a week's worth of testing, BEAM will be ready to serve as a small astronaut bedroom, complete with breathable air and comfortable temperatures. (And, we can only hope, a Grateful Dead poster, a bean bag chair and a super cool alarm clock.

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Unfortunately NASA had to delay

inflation plans for today after some difficulties in the inflation process, but according to their announcement on Twitter, they'll be up and expanding tomorrow. You can watch live below:

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Minor setback aside, NASA scientists, engineers and the aforementioned space nerds have been highly anticipating the inflation of BEAM, as it will mark a giant, lowgravity leap towards developing humanready habitats in space. Although the expandable abode can only function when attached to the ISS, future space habitats could possibly be positioned by themselves, circling in their own separate orbit. As well, these types of rooms will not only provide more space for those lucky few living and working in space, but they will also mark the first step of NASA's plans to build even larger inflatable habitats in the future — that could serve as living quarters for astronauts on longterm missions or space tourist hotels.

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This type of massive project is years away from being launched, but an expandable room in the NASA Hotel? That's something we'd definitely wake up early for.