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BOOST FOR THE SPACEMAN

The Army Ballistic Missile Agency will use eight Redstone missile boosters in the advanced stages of Project Mercury. Present plans of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which is sponsoring the effort to put a man into orbit in outer space, are to use the Redstone boosters as power units on manned trainer capsules which will carry the spaceman to an altitude of more than 100 miles. These flights will provide a period of weightlessness of about 5 minutes and test the spaceman's reaction under gravity-free conditions. The Redstone, which has been fired successfully more than 50 times, was selected because of its reliability. Its record is unmatched by any other ballistic missile in the western world.