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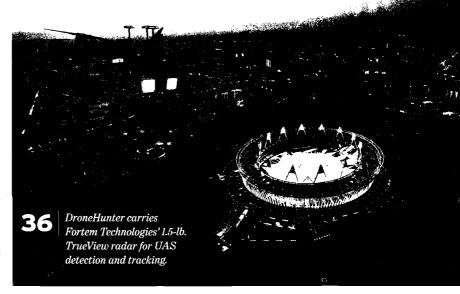
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Startup Rocket Lab's Electron small-satellite launcher is scheduled to fly its first operational mission in April. Rocket Lab plans to launch six or seven operational missions this year and aims to fly every week by 2020. Cape Canaveral Bureau Chief Irene Klotz's report on the burgeoning commercial satellite market begins on page 18. Rocket Lab photo.

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