

# How to Buy SpaceX Before the IPO - Beginner - EN

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Some investors want to buy SpaceX before the company sells stock to the public. One way is the private secondary market. In this market, people buy shares from current shareholders instead of from SpaceX itself. This choice can give early access, but it is not simple.

These deals are mostly for accredited investors. A person usually needs high income, high net worth, and a large minimum investment. Many platforms ask for \$50,000 or more. Buyers also may face a lockup period after the IPO, so they cannot sell right away.

Another path is to invest through funds or SPVs that own SpaceX shares. In that case, the investor owns part of a fund, not the shares directly. Public funds can also give indirect exposure. Some well-known funds already hold SpaceX as part of a larger portfolio.

Before investing, people should think about fees, risk, and timing. Private shares can be costly and harder to sell. Waiting for the IPO or using a public fund may be simpler for many investors.

**Vocabulary Words List**

<b>private secondary market</b>	a market where existing shareholders sell shares to new buyers
<b>shareholders</b>	people or groups that own shares in a company
<b>accredited investors</b>	investors who meet legal income or wealth rules
<b>minimum investment</b>	the smallest amount of money required to invest
<b>lockup period</b>	a time when shares cannot be sold after an IPO
<b>funds</b>	pools of money managed for investing
<b>SPVs</b>	special investment vehicles that hold assets for investors
<b>indirect exposure</b>	a way to benefit from a company without owning its stock directly
<b>portfolio</b>	the collection of investments owned by a person or fund
<b>IPO</b>	the first public sale of a company's stock
<b>fees</b>	money charged for a service
<b>risk</b>	the chance of losing money
<b>timing</b>	choosing the best moment to act
<b>private shares</b>	company shares sold before public trading begins
<b>public fund</b>	an investment fund that regular investors can buy

## Fill In The Blanks Listening Practice

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## Vocabulary Retention Quiz

1. What is one direct way to buy SpaceX before an IPO?
2. Who can usually use private secondary markets?
3. What should investors think about before buying private shares?

## Discussion Questions

What seems better to you: buying private shares early or waiting for the IPO?

Why might some investors choose a fund instead of direct shares?

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