

## Tech mogul's electric flyer takes off



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A US tech billionaire has taken to the air in the first production single seat aircraft developed by Italy-based company Jetson.

Palmer Luckey, 32, had undergone training before with a series of low altitude flights before taking control of his own personal flyer, the Jetson One, delivered to him in California.

Luckey launched the virtual reality Oculus gaming headset in 2014 which was later sold to Facebook for \$2 billion USD.

He then went on to co-found defence contractor Anduril that manufactures drones and other military-focused technologies.

The new electric aircraft took seven years of research and Luckey was the first private owner.

It was a long road for the Italy-based company, which experienced two years of delays following its projected launch date because of hiccups in production and certification.

The Jetson One had 12 iterations before being deemed ready for production.

The aircraft has its own in-house proprietary parts rather than reliance on off-the-shelf equipment.

Luckey's team reportedly remarked on the quality when they saw the aircraft.

After his first flight as an owner, Luckey, who has a helicopter licence, was presented with a special commemorative set of wings.

He remarked about how easy the aircraft was to fly.

OPS: Palmer Luckey takes off and flies his Jetson One after taking delivery in Carlsbad, California.

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