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Thread: [I did my first flight as a pilot! 39 more hours to go!](#)

Bentley - June 18, 2015, 5:37 pm

Currently, I'm in school for my avionics tech. license and then I'm getting my A&P license after. Right now, I'm (almost) trained to do Garmin G1000 installs which are these. [\(Click to View\)](#)
[img]http://www.flightschoolinc.com/wp-content/uploads/Garmin_G1000.jpg[/img] I think those usually range from \$50k-\$60k per each one.

Anyways, I've always wanted to get my pilots license. I finally took a lesson to see if I liked it. I already knew all the instruments and how they worked, etc. so it was pretty easy to fly.

I had A LOT of fun flying. We went between 3,500 and 4,000 ft. and just did whatever we wanted. We flew across a lake and tried to count the boats we seen, lol. I was flying the whole time, the flight instructor didn't do anything except tell me what heading to take lol.

I did everything from taxiing to take off all the way to landing. He had to get us in the pattern to land because we were at a fly in, so there was quite a bit of traffic.

I just felt like sharing my experience. Flying isn't hard at all, anyone can do it really. There isn't much you can mess up on in the air.

Here's some pictures: <https://imgur.com/a/e0NZz>

This is the same type of plane I was in: Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)
[img]http://www.aviationwa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/20140530_VH-ULX_AMD_Alarus_C_H2000_David_Eyre-1.jpg[/img]

webdev77 - June 18, 2015, 5:58 pm

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Vezel - June 18, 2015, 6:00 pm

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If you want a customizable jet made just for you, go with Gulfstream.

Turbines are a whole different thing. I'll stick with recipis for now :)

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It's an AMD Alarus. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AMD_Alarus

I've actually never seen one up until now. It's primarily used for flight training.

I can see how it does look like a Piper though. And good luck on getting your PPL :)

PLT ? - June 18, 2015, 6:25 pm

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Thanks :) Good luck to you too. Flying isn't as hard as it sounds/looks!

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Thanks :P Just go to your nearest flight school and I'm sure they'll let you fly. It's worth the money the first time just to see if you like it or not. Plus it's an experience not everyone can get to have.

Bluffer - June 18, 2015, 9:15 pm

Hey that's pretty awesome, but I have to say there is a lot that can go wrong in the air xD.

Game Changer - June 19, 2015, 1:04 am

That's nice Op,definitely worth bragging?

Hunte® - June 19, 2015, 5:27 am

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Good luck to you too! I'd love to be where you're at right now :P

Knocker - June 19, 2015, 1:34 pm

thats awesome bro heard pilots make alot of money

severos - June 19, 2015, 5:03 pm

Lucky you, I've always wanted fly, but wanted to be a pilot in some awesome airlines, the idea of being able to drive one of those big planes with many people in it is a bit scary but challenging for me, what made me want it even more is because I heard they earn tons of \$\$\$\$\$, after couple years it might reach 6digest a month, also the suit is cool and would get to be served by pretty girls in the cabinet XD

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G????????f????s? - June 19, 2015, 11:49 pm

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Layout - June 20, 2015, 3:17 am

Actually everything is easy once you know it. Well, it can't be easier than driving a car.

Talu - June 20, 2015, 5:14 am

Nice work man, being a pilot sounds great :)

Hunte® - June 20, 2015, 5:44 am

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AllForums - June 20, 2015, 5:48 am

Thats pretty cool, guess it would be a different kind of joy to experience.

Katy Perry™ - June 20, 2015, 5:51 am

It defiantly is a cool experience for the first time. I have about 70 hours currently. Flying is the easy part. Knowing the airspace around you and all the rules and regulations is where it becomes shitty. Wait till you do some airworks, those are honestly fun.

If you have any questions about the PPL or anything regarding flying, feel free to PM

The Godfather - June 20, 2015, 5:52 am

Congrats! Flying is one of those must do things in life.

????????? - June 20, 2015, 5:54 am

Congrats bro! I hope you have a great time flying!

A friend of my brother is a pilot he migrated to Dubai for a job, also my cousin who is a pilot now has a job in Wales but will be moving back to the netherlands to fly for easyjet here at schiphol airport soon.

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Dickface - June 20, 2015, 11:51 am

Sounds like you had a good time. I've always debated whethet going into flying planes or law enforcement.

Bentley - June 20, 2015, 12:19 pm

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Here's he requirements, from the FAA:

Quote:Subpart D - Third-Class Airman Medical Certificate

§ 67.303 Eye.

Eye standards for a thirdclass airman medical certificate are:

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(b) Near vision of 20/40 or better, Snellen equivalent, at 16 inches in each eye separately, with or without corrective lenses.

© Ability to perceive those colors necessary for the safe performance of airman duties.

(d) No acute or chronic pathological condition of either eye or adnexa that interferes with the proper function of an eye, that may reasonably be expected to progress to that degree, or that may reasonably be expected to be aggravated by flying.

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You will get sleep. You need sleep. Fatigue is a huge issue in aviation. You will learn that when you start ?

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I highly suggest looking for another flight school then. It would be a different story if an aviation doctor denied you.

TheMike - June 20, 2015, 5:22 pm

That's great man.. i wish i could too, but i have a kind of phobia of it.

Purest. - June 20, 2015, 5:24 pm

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It's a dream that can easily come true :P

Victini - June 20, 2015, 6:13 pm

Holy shit man niceeee!!! My friend is fucking addicted to planes... i dont know if he is bullshitting or not, but whenever a plane flies above he can tell me the exact model is and then he says all this shit about the wings and some other shit which are the defining characteristics of the plane :P He is 15 and he's got his licence or something... It was only recently changed to 15 years old and he is apparently the youngest queenslander to own some kind of pilot licence... I gotta hear this kid go on all about his planes EVERY DAY LOL!

Magistr - June 20, 2015, 6:41 pm

Wow. I want to be a pilot SO bad. You, sir are lucky .P.

Nysta - June 20, 2015, 6:50 pm

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Stealing. - June 21, 2015, 5:40 am

Congratulations man, actually enjoyed seeing yourself enjoying flying. Not a very common thing. Best of luck on your license! :-)

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airport my school is at (KGSO). I really like those planes!

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Relapz - June 21, 2015, 11:27 pm

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severos - June 21, 2015, 11:31 pm

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I found this online Quote:A US licensed pilot can fly a US registered plane in other countries. To fly plane registered in another country you need to go through the paperwork of having your license converted. I can fly a plane from the US to the Bahamas, but I can not rent a plane while in the Bahamas with only a US pilots certificate.