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Thread: [Could you land a Passenger Plane in an Emergency?](#)

KOMPAKT - January 20, 2025, 1:09 am

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Tyr - January 20, 2025, 1:11 am

Absolutely not. Maybe when I astral project. Have lots of pilots I know though.

Chrome - January 20, 2025, 1:28 am

I've played enough flight simulator to confidently say, no...you're all fucked.

teletubby5 - January 21, 2025, 4:51 pm

100% not good luck tho

RangoWorld - January 21, 2025, 6:22 pm

I have to be most experienced one on that passenger plane. Which I'm not. But I can grab a controller or a handle. So if there's no one else in the plane that can do better than me then perhaps I will take control in an emergency situation. Because the alternative is no pilot and 100% guaranteed death.

jane - January 21, 2025, 6:26 pm

man..... idk id prolly just yeat it into the ocean

Phantom_NiNja - January 21, 2025, 7:01 pm

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I know I can do it. I played flight simulator. All I need to know is what runway to land and I just gotta line it up.

what people don't know is that airlines are just like boats. Smaller boats are easier to maneuver and you can quickly make adjustments.

Compared that to a cruise ship. You cannot quickly turn a boat or easily maneuver it.

commercial planes you have to setup a descending path miles away from the airport. You then gotta set flap to 45 degrees and cut power. You would need to know the weight of the plane and use a formula to know the approach speed.

I think I can do it but I doubt anyone without training and practice will get a perfect landing. If people got an idea they can still land the plane safe. The key is you don't want a hard landing. You need enough speed to descend but not have a free fall which is a hard landing. It takes practice because commercial jets are heavier and it's hard to get things 100% If you never flew such a plane before. It's like driving a small car and then jumping in a semi-truck. 2 different things but some similarities. It's just like planes too.

Rsynced - January 21, 2025, 7:06 pm

Yes, I beat pilot wings snes and pilot wings n64. I will try.