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## The Sensation of Flight, on Terra Firma

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Flight simulation programs can feel a little earthbound when played at a desk, but a new gaming chassis gets the whole body into the experience.

The Dreamflyer, which is billed as a “personal virtual reality flight motion simulator,” responds to control-stick movement by pitching and rolling the seats of video pilots as they play.

The basic Dreamflyer rig, which sells for \$2,800 at [mydreamflyer.com](http://mydreamflyer.com), comes with a replica pilot seat in an aluminum frame. A modified Saitek X52 Flight Control system throttle and joystick (along with rudder pedals) are included, as is a bracket for a single monitor; the actual monitor and flight simulation software are not part of the package. A tri-monitor bracket is available for an extra \$200.

One thing the Dreamflyer itself does not need (aside from costly jet fuel) is electricity to power its movement, as the flight motion is provided by gravity. The Dreamflyer, measuring three feet by six feet, is also compact enough to fly right into a closet or the garage when company comes over. J. D BIERSDORFER

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