

Hardware

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Salad chopper

The three-bladed carbon composite rotors, the fuel tank and harness design combine to ensure airflow to the blades is high, while weight is kept down thanks to its muscular and compact power system.

Flying horses

Bear Grylls' souped-up version soared above Everest with 100hp, more than an average estate car. The Volution's standard motor hits a more reasonable 22hp at 7,600rpm – enough to lift a 100kg pilot for up to two hours.

Back pack

Pack the lot inside your boot – the Volution folds down to 60x40x35cm. And weighs a mere 26kg.

Steer gear

Steering is handled either with stick control or harness linkages that let you shift your weight against its bulk – ideal for hands-free flying in non-turbulent conditions.

Is it a bird?

Nope. Not a plane, either. It's your new toy – the Parajet

Obsessed by *Heroes*? Throwing your hat in the ring for *Superman V?* Simply can't be bothered walking any more? Then do we have a product for you. Meet the Parajet Volution – a £3,950 personal flying machine that'll turn you into Extractor Fan Man and your local park keeper into a fist-shaking, abuse-hurling stereotype. Parkie can eat your 7,600rpm propeller-propelled dust. With no licence required, you're legally entitled to explore the skies at your leisure (best skip the bits near military bases, airports and Stockwell Tube station, mind). Just shuffle into the pack – it attaches like a rucksack with seat and seatbelt – turn the engine on and you're up, up and away. Shift your weight or use grips to steer yourself, and with engine power tuned to increase or decrease altitude you're free to buzz around suburbia for up to two hours at a time. Sounds great. Is. But some training at skyschooluk.com might be an idea.

Gimme: £3,950 (Parajet Volution, paraglider, helmet), £24,450 (Supercharged Everest Rotary Engine); parajet.com



THE INFO

Engine
Parajet XT 170cc
Top speed
60mph
Power
22bhp
Weight
26kg
Price
£3,950
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