

WHAT IS IT?

This is a Paramotor, also known as a Powered Paraglider. The backpack engine unit is used with a flexible wing (the Paraglider), which looks somewhat like (but isn't the same as) a parachute. The paraglider is the same as those used without a motor to launch from hills or mountains and soar on rising air currents, but the addition of the motor makes it possible to launch from the flatlands and to stay up in calm conditions. This is the simplest, lightest, least expensive, easiest to learn, and despite appearances is probably the safest type of aircraft in the world. Categorized as an "ultralight vehicle" by the Federal Aviation Administration, no license is required, and training can take as little as a few days.



Needing only a few running steps from a small field to take off and land, this foot launched aircraft flies at about 20-25 mph, and can reach altitudes up to 18,000 feet (the legal limit), although more commonly it's flown below 1,000 feet and often as low as a few hundred feet. A typical flight is an hour or less around the local area, but short cross country flights are possible and a small group of pilots flew coast to coast across the United States in an epic month long adventure. This rapidly growing sport is still in its infancy; there are only a few thousand active pilots in the entire U.S.



For more information check out the U.S. Powered Paragliding Association website at www.usppa.org (local pilot and instructor listings can be found on this site) or contact:



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