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It's a bird. It's a plane. No, it's the first-ever flying car!

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Move over amphibious car, the flying car is now here. The Liberty Sport Edition, the first commercial flying car, was recently revealed at this year's Geneva Motor Show by Dutch-based manufacturer PAL-V — and it goes to show that the sky is no longer the limit...

Head in the clouds



Part car and part gyroplane, PAL-V's new flying car can go from the road to the air in just 5–10 minutes. With its dual Rotax engines, the three-wheeled vehicle's 99bhp road engine can take it from 0 to 62mph in less than nine seconds and reach a top speed of 100mph, while its 197bhp flying engine propels the 'plane' to a 3,500m max altitude and a 112mph air speed. To take it out on the road, just a normal driving licence is needed, but to fly it in Europe, you need a Recreational Pilot Licence or a Private Pilot Licence. The first limited-edition model is the PAL-V Liberty Pioneer Edition, of which only 90 will be made, and pre-orders can be placed now — at a price of 499,000 euros, including flying lessons. Once all 90 are sold, the PAL-V Liberty Sport Edition will be put into production at 299,000 euros.

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