



THE VertiJet™





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***Right  
technology,  
right time***

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## *VertiJet Overview*

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- Vertical Takeoff and Landing (VTOL) and hover capability of a helicopter combined with high speed cruise capability of a fixed-wing airplane
- Efficient high speed cruise at speeds 2-3x of today's helicopters
- Reduced complexity and cost



# *VertiJet*

SET TO DISRUPT  
THE VTOL MARKETPLACE

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Speed	400 MPH
Payload	1,000 LBS
Range	1,000 MI



# Key Elements

High Lift/Drag Ratio ~10  
(efficient cruise)

Reaction Drive  
(no antitorque or cross-shafting required)

Rotor Essential for Hover, VTOL  
and Low Speed Flight

Twin Turbofans for  
Forward Propulsion

Wing Carries Majority of Lift during Cruise  
Flight

Mechanically Simple  
and Robust



# VertiJet

## KEY ELEMENTS

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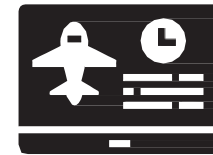
- Low Cost Rapid Development
- Reaction Drive - tip jets (no transmission or anti-torque required)
- Rotor: essential for hover, low speed flight, and low speed maneuverability.
- As airspeed increases, lift is steadily transferred from the rotor to the fixed wing.
- Highly Efficient Fixed Wing: most effective lifting surface at 400 mph - majority of lift
- Turbofan Propulsion: much more efficient than main rotor thrust for high speed cruise

## CABILITIES

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- **Unmatched VTOL flight regime**
  - 400 mph cruise
  - 35k ft service ceiling
  - 4,000 fpm rate of climb
  - Hover off-of-ground effect at high altitude at max gross weight.
- **Mechanically simple/robust**
  - Unlike all tilt-rotor aircraft, no conversion mechanism or interconnecting shafting
  - No transmission
  - No tail rotor and associated shafting and gear boxes

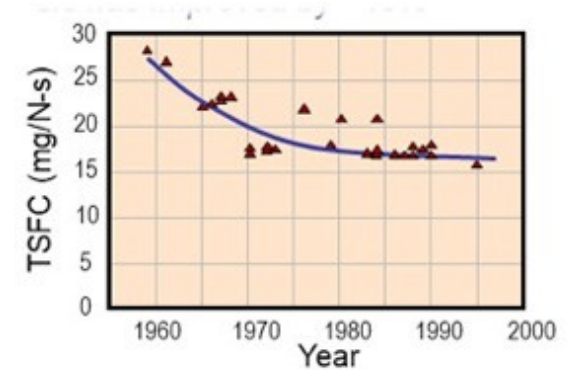
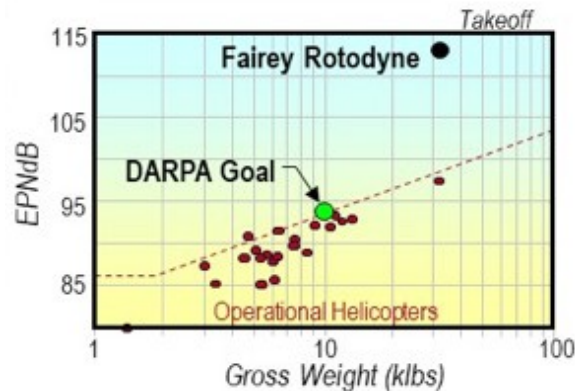
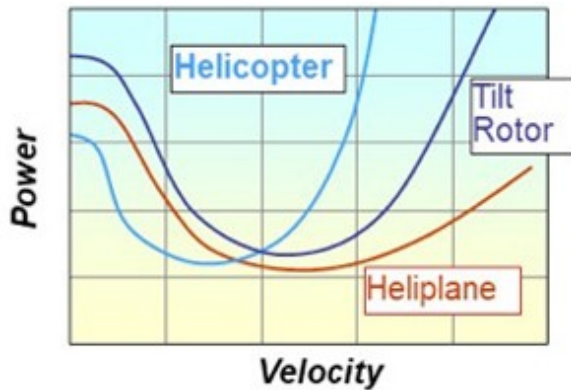
# VertiJet Leveraged 50 Years of Technology



LIGHTWEIGHT STRUCTURES

COMPUTATIONAL ANALYSIS

DIGITAL FLIGHT CONTROL



ROTOR SYSTEM

NOISE SUPPRESSION

ENGINES





## *VertiJet Summary*

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- The DARPA VertiJet was designed to combine the key attributes of a helicopter and a fixed wing aircraft: VTOL and hover capability of a helicopter combined with high speed and efficient cruise capability of a fixed wing airplane
  - "...with the potential for the lack of complexity to result in the much lower lifecycle cost that has been demonstrated by gyroplanes"
- VertiJet successfully completed the extensive DARPA Preliminary Design Review (PDR), meeting all technical and programmatic requirements
- The underlying gyrodyne technologies are applicable to a range of platform configurations - from ISR UAVs to armed recon/escort, and transport manned or unmanned systems.



## ***Paradigm Shift***

*Significantly Increased  
Performance and Greatly  
Reduced Complexity*

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