



## Electric Vertical Take-off and Landing Aircraft

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The emergence of [electric vertical takeoff and landing \(eVTOL\) aircraft](#) has captured the attention of innovators, urban planners, and commuters.

- eVTOL aircraft are a subset of **VTOL aircraft that** use electric power to hover, take off, and land vertically. Unlike **traditional aircraft, eVTOL aircrafts do not require runways**, making them ideal for urban environments where space is limited.
- eVTOL technology provides solutions for **daily commuting, cargo delivery, and emergency services**, with reduced maintenance and operating expenses. It has the potential to be **used for premium and emergency services in crowded urban areas.**
  - It can eliminate the need for elaborate infrastructure like helipads, and can operate at speeds of up to 200 km/h.
- **Indian Innovations:** Indian Institute of Technology, Madras-incubated ePlane Company plans to launch e-flying taxis in Bengaluru, awaiting [Directorate General of Civil Aviation \(DGCA\) approval](#).
  - While global advancements in eVTOL are promising, **India lacks clear policies. Route planning, collaboration, and air traffic control** are essential for effective integration.

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# What are electric aircraft?

The Union Aviation Minister while speaking at the seventh edition of the India Ideas Conclave in Bengaluru, stated that India is in 'conversation' with a number of eVTOL producers. But how are Electric Vertical Take off and Landing aircraft structured? And what are they capable of ?

**Vertical Aerospace VA-X4**  
\*Electric Vertical Take Off and Landing

**Propulsion:** Eight Rolls-Royce electric motors

Luggage hold

V-tail with rudders

Pilot and four passengers

Front rotors

Rear vertical rotors

**Take-off and landing:**  
Rear vertical rotors fan out, front propellers orientate vertically

Stowed

Open

**Flight:** Rear rotors fold into *stowed* position. Undercarriage withdraws. Front propellers tilt for forward motion

Cruise speed:	<b>241km/h</b>
Range:	<b>161km</b>
Payload:	<b>450 kg</b>
Wing span:	<b>15m</b>
Length:	<b>13m</b>
Height:	<b>4m</b>

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