

PRODUCT REVIEW

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RC Flight Master is so simple to install – you'll be taking to the virtual skies in no time.



The Lockheed F117A is just one of the more unusual models you'll be able to test if you have a dabble with this sim.



The water effects are lovely – be careful not to sink her!

too far away from where the camera is fixed (acting as the stationary pilot) in the 'photo' landscapes, you'll notice a Tx symbol pop up in the bottom-left hand corner. Soon, it'll start to flash red to indicate that you're about to fly 'out of range' - you'll have to rectify the situation quickly if you want to avoid a messy landing. It's another nice little touch that adds to the realism, allowing the user to feel truly immersed.

If you do accidentally bring your avatar down to earth with a less than

from the comfort of your own computer room, get a mate round to share the fun. You can simply enjoy each other's company in the air, or, as I suspect will be the more popular option, you can try to blow each other out of the sky with the combat mode. Potentially great fun.

All in all, RC Flight Master eXtreme64 offers great value for £59.99. Not only that, you can get the Compact Flight Controller I used thrown in to the package for a total of £99.99 - for further details give CML

Let your PC take control of the White Knight and when you're ready, release the Space Ship One! Then see if you can guide her home to safety.



In the 'photo' environments you're essentially flying inside a 360° panoramic snap.

with the scenery in question. I just tried it in the interests of thorough testing, you understand. Honest.

While we're on the subject of user error, if you fly your on-screen model

graceful bump, you can simply hit the return key to start again from where you were before you took off - or, if you prefer, depress the space bar to randomly generate a new take-off point. They've even included the option of hand-launching or a catapult start instead of a traditional take-off if that's the way you'd prefer to do it - simply hit F9 to launch by hand, or F10 for the catapult launch. Again, it's the little details like this that add up to a notable piece of software. You can also select the 'View in View' mode, which gives the user two simultaneous views of the model for increased accuracy / control.

Split-screen action is also available, so if you fancy a bit of social flying



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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

PC with Windows 98/Me/2000/XP
Pentium 1.0 GHz or equivalent
128 MB RAM
32 MB 3D video card (DirectX 8.0 compatible)
DirectX 8.0 or higher (included on CD)
400 MB hard disk space
2x speed CD-ROM drive
Keyboard and mouse