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# Plane Swap

 Arizona, United States

April 24, 2022

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## Luke Aikins and Andy Farrington attempted to Plane Swap mid-air for the first time.

Experienced skydivers and pilots Luke Aikins and Andy Farrington attempted a feat 10-years in the making, to become the first pilots to swap planes unassisted.

The feat was partially accomplished, with Aikins successfully swapping planes and landing his aircraft in the Arizona desert. Farrington, a skilled skydiver was unable to enter the plane he was approaching. He skydived into a safe landing. The second plane's safety mechanisms activated but the plane was damaged.

Neither Aikins or Farrington, nor anybody else, was injured.

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# THE EXCLUSIVE STREAMING PARTNER

Live on Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 PM PT / 7:00 PM ET

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## **PRESENTED BY**

In a cutting-edge Virtual Set presented by Honda, the latest 3D Virtual Production Technologies will be utilized to offer the viewer a visually compelling experience inside the unimaginable of Plane Swap. The Virtual Set is designed as an original hangar complete with the rich history of the Red Bull Air Force and a photo-real 3D model of the purpose-built aircrafts used in the feat.

Furthermore, the state-of-the-art technology allows us to place Aikins and Iscold inside a simulation of the jump in order to provide a detailed look at the feat. Step by step, the duo will break down the science and physics of the world's-first attempt and provide the viewer a unique perspective of what the pilots will experience during the live jump.



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## EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PLANE SWAP

The people, the pilots, the planes and the physics it takes to swap planes in mid-air.

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# READY TO TAKE OFF

This was an event that had never been attempted. Never in the history of flight has a pilot taken off in one plane and landed in another. With Aikins and Farrington being two experienced skydivers and pilots, this moment required an engineering plan that took the better part of a year to plan for.

## THE TECHNOLOGY

# Continental O-470-L

max. Speed Nosedive

**140 mph**

Modified Brakes

**72" x 86"**

Custom Tires Main + Nose

**29" + 20"**

**230 hp**

Wingspan

**36 feet**

Empty Weight

**2120 lbs**

Propeller Blades

**3**

## **THE BREAKDOWN**

Two solo-piloted planes diving toward the ground, with each pilot jumping from his plane then diving alongside and into the other plane. Both aircraft needed to fly in formation straight toward the ground and remain steady enough for the skydivers to maneuver through the air and into a door about the width of a household refrigerator, but not quite as tall. Also, the planes needed to 'slow down', because untethered the aircraft would travel at too high a speed for the jumpers to catch up.

## **THE STAKES**

Never in the history of flight has a pilot taken off in one plane and landed in another. Yet this milestone featured not just one, but two pilots who had aimed to perform simultaneously a feat that was aimed to last 40 seconds.

## **THE PILOTS**





# LUKE AIKINS

Breaking bound  
American skydiver

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## The countdown is on! Plane Swap is LIVE on April 24

Skydivers Luke Aikins and Andy Farrington will attempt to switch planes as they dive towards the ground.

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# EXTRAS





**Luke Aikins successfully achieves Plane Swap**

Andy Farrington's attempt not completed

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## A Door in the Sky

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## Andy Farrington

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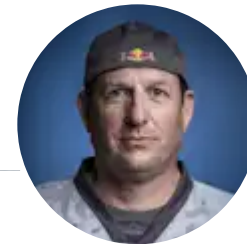


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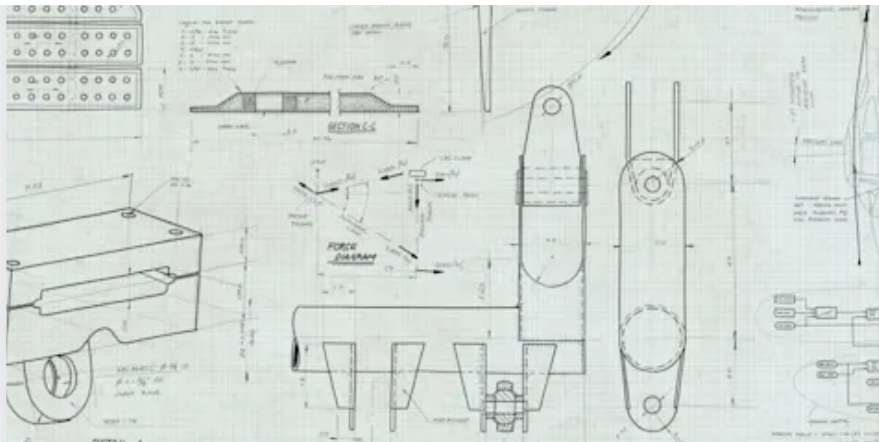
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## Luke Aikins

BASE Jumping



## The Science and Engineering of Plane Swap

365 days of work for 40 seconds of outcome. Discover the science behind the physics-defying feat!

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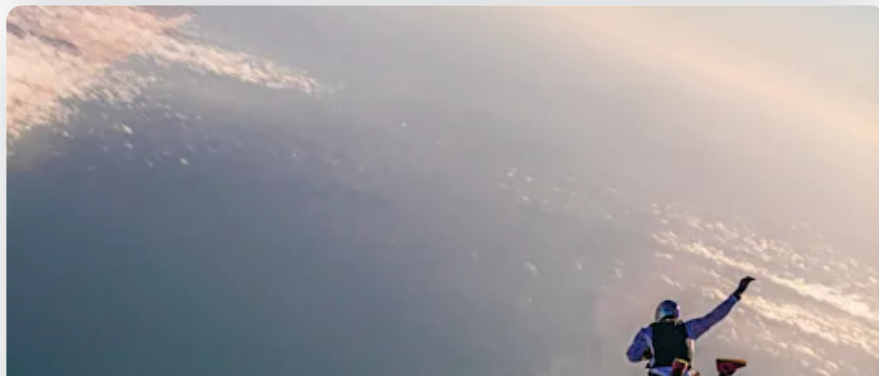


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