Introduction

The Rutan 61 Long-EZ is an incredibly popular home-built aircraft flown by pilots all over the world. The prototype of the Long-EZ first flew in 1979. Approximately 700 Long-EZ exist in the USA alone, with many more being built.
**Support**

Should you experience difficulties or require extra information about the Virtavia Long-EZ, please e-mail our technical support on tech.support@virtavia.com

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Package Contents

The Virtavia Long-EZ package contains the following three model variants – the O-235, the O-235 with underwing pods, and finally the more powerful O-320 variant. There are several colorful texture choices for each model.
**Some Odd Features**

- Whilst the Long-EZ has a ventral mounted spoiler, the brakes can also be depressed in order to deflect both rudders outwards. With the parking brake on, both rudders will deflect automatically.

- At first it may appear so, but the canard-mounted elevator is NOT actually animated incorrectly. Due to the elevator being in front of the centre of gravity, the directions in which the surface should move are reversed.

- The cockpit & 2D camera will not move with the aircraft when knelt.

- Lights can appear to differ in position when viewed from different viewpoints, such as the tower view. This is a known FSX issue, and not an issue with the model.

**Package Information**

*RealGauge Technology & the 2D panel*

With “RealGauge”, each gauge is crafted in 3D and uses high resolution textures in order to create a level of immersion not possible with conventional 2D gauges. “RealGauge” creates very little overhead in the sim, allowing both your processor and graphics card to concentrate on proving a totally fluid sim experience. FPS with RealGauge technology is often higher than with less detailed conventional 2D panels.

This product is designed to be completely flown from the Virtual Cockpit. A basic 2D panel is included with GPS and avionics stack pop-ups.
**Exterior Model**

**Paint and model variants**

In total there are SIX different model variants, TEN paint schemes, and THREE different flight models included in the Long-EZ package. The models and paints are documented below.

Model variants:

*Lycoming O-235 powered versions*

- Small rudders, straight canard, 2 bladed prop
- Small rudders, straight canard, 2 bladed prop & transit pods
- Large rudders, wing strakes, tapered canard, 2 bladed prop
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*Lycoming O-320 powered versions*

- Small rudders, straight canard, 3 bladed prop, racing spinner, racing pants
- Large rudders, straight canard, 3 bladed prop, racing spinner, racing pants

**Exterior Lighting**

Pressing the L key will turn on all lights. You may however wish to turn them on using the appropriate switches in the cockpit, as the L key also turns the on navigation, landing lights and flood lighting in the cockpit, which should ideally be switched separately.

Shift-L will toggle the nav lights and the cockpit light.

Ctrl-L will toggle the landing light.

Please refer to the cockpit section of this manual for information regarding light switch location.
**Alternative Viewpoints in FSX**

There are several different ways of looking at the aircraft and the cockpit, select these alternative views by right-clicking in an empty area and picking the 'Aircraft' menu for external views and the 'Cockpit' menu for views inside the cabin. It is possible to zoom and pan as normal in these alternative views. Cycle though the available ones by pressing the A key.

**Exterior View Options**

It is possible to pan and zoom as normal in all external views.

**Right View**

**Left View**
Rear view

Interior View Options

Pilot’s Cockpit View (default, zoomed out)

Rear Cockpit View
Right Fuel Gauge View

‘RealGauge’ View

Basic 2D Panel View

Shift-2 and Shift-3 will bring up the radios and the GPS respectively.
VIRTUAL COCKPIT FUNCTIONS

Forward Left Panel

1) Tachometer
2) Throttle quadrant
   - Carburettor heat lever
   - Throttle lever
   - Mixture lever
3) Speed brake switch
4) HSI
5) VSI
6) Altimeter
7) Artificial horizon
8) Lift/ kneel toggle switch
9) Hobbs meter
Forward Right Panel

1) Gear/ canopy warning light This will illuminate if the canopy is open, or the landing gear is down. The visual identification window below the main panel allows you to see the position of the landing gear.
2) Miniflo-L fuel computer Please see the Miniflo-L section for more details.
3) Autopilot track switch Toggles between NAV and GPS follow modes.
4) Panel lights dimmer switch Toggles the panel lights.
5) Airspeed Indicator
6) VOR1 Indicator
7) Turn & Slip indicator
8) Avionics stack
   - Autopilot
   - NAV/COMM radio unit
   - Transponder
   - DME unit
9) Digital EGT/ CHT gauge
10) Low oil pressure light
11) N-number identification placard
12) Suction gauge
13) Analogue fuel flow gauge
14) Oil pressure gauge
15) GPS unit - To operate, use the left mouse button on the GPS arm to drag it outwards. Right mouse button & dragging retracts the arm. The mouse wheel can be used for both functions. To power the GPS up, click the antenna. To display the GPS 2d pop-up, click the unit behind the fascia area.

Main Switch Panel

1) Landing light switch
2) Navigation lights switch
3) Pitot heat switch
4) Master battery switch
5) Master avionics switch
6) Backup fuel pump switch
7) Magneto/ starter system
   - Magnetos – OFF
   - Magnetos – LEFT
   - Magnetos – RIGHT
   - Magnetos – BOTH
   - Engine start
8) Push-to-talk switch (Toggles ATC window in FSX)
Left Side Bulkhead

1) Elevator trim control
2) Map reference board (Click to toggle map display)

Rear cockpit

1) Left fuel tank contents gauge
2) Right fuel tank contents gauge
3) Canopy latch (Clicking this will open/close the canopy)
Digital-readout pop ups

The altimeter, ASI, HSI, IVSI, RPM and Vor1 gauge are all fitted with a digital readout pop-up utility. Click the areas highlighted in the following image in order to toggle the display.
Miniflo-L fuel computer

Located on the top right of the panel, the Miniflo has four modes of operation, detailed below. Fuel flow is ALWAYS shown on the left.

Mode 1, standard
Mode 1 displays fuel remaining, in lbs. Modes 1 and 2 can be toggled using the LB Rem/ LB used button.

Mode 2, fuel used
Mode 2 displays fuel used, in lbs. Modes 1 and 2 can be toggled using the LB Rem/ LB used button.

Mode 3, endurance
Mode 3 displays endurance at the current fuel flow rate, in hrs: minutes. Modes 3 and 4 can be toggled using the selector knob. Left click to enter mode 3, right click to enter mode 4.
Mode 4, fuel economy
Mode 4 displays fuel economy, in NM per 10lbs. Modes 3 and 4 can be toggled using the selector knob. Left click to enter mode 3, right click to enter mode 4.
VIRTVIA RUTAN LONG EZ 0-235 REFERENCE INFORMATION

For standard procedures, see the Checklists tab.

Total Flight Simulator aircraft weight with full fuel 1307 lbs
Maximum normal takeoff weight 1325 lbs
Maximum special takeoff weight 1425 lbs

NOTE: To adjust fuel load, on the Aircraft menu, click Fuel and Load.

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VNE - Never Exceed Speed 190 KIAS
VS - Stalling Speed (max weight, airbrake in) 61 KIAS
VSO - Stalling Speed in Landing Configuration 60 KIAS
VX - Best Angle-of-Climb Speed (sea level) 70 KIAS
VY - Best Rate-of-Climb Speed (sea level) 90 KIAS
Best Glide Speed 75 KIAS
Maximum crosswind, takeoff 15 knots
Maximum crosswind, landing 20 knots

Maximum Speed brake and Landing Gear Placard Speeds:

Speed brake 90 KIAS
Nose Gear 120 KIAS

NOTE: For explanations of speeds used on this tab, see "V-speeds" in the Learning Center Glossary.

AMPLIFIED PROCEDURES

FIRST FLIGHT
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Second, the novice Long EZ pilot will by force of habit expect the Long EZ to handle like the sluggish conventional trainers he or she last flew. This always leads to pitch over-controlling. The experienced pilot will know of this in advance and adapt quickly. Practice controlling pitch at a fast taxi in order to get the feel of the side stick control. Never exceed the attitude where the canard is above the horizon, and even better, keep it a couple of degrees below, when taking off.

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**TAKEOFF**

Set the trim control for a substantial amount of nose-up trim to allow for adequate canard control. Use full back stick at 40 knots, and lift the nose as soon as possible thereafter to the point where the canard is level with the horizon. NEVER exceed this attitude on takeoff. Allow the plane to fly itself off the runway and raise the nose wheel as soon as a positive rate of climb is achieved.

Takeoff distance for this aircraft at 1324 pounds is 990 feet to liftoff at a speed of 70 KIAS. The aircraft is normally limited to a gross weight of 1325 pounds for all takeoff operations, but can be operated at a takeoff weight of up to 1425 pounds provided sufficient runway length is available, weight and balance information is checked, and the landing is expected to be after sufficient fuel is consumed to reduce the weight to 1325 pounds or less.

**CLIMB**

Climb at 90 KIAS. Adjust trim as required. Adjust mixture as required if not set to auto mixture. Climb at 110 KIAS for better visibility, engine cooling, and to extend the distance traveled during the climb.
**Climb Performance Chart**

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**TRIM**

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The trim characteristics of this plane in the roll axis are the opposite of what would be expected in a tractor aircraft; as more power is applied, you will need to add trim to bring the left wing down. On takeoff, the LEFT rudder will need to be applied to keep the aircraft rolling straight, although this is quite mild. This is, of course, because the torque and P-factor effects on the Long EZ are the opposite of a normal, tractor airplane.

The plane will seem quite sensitive to trim for pilots not used to this type of light, responsive plane, and must be flown with one hand constantly on the trim if the airspeeds and power are varying, as during maneuvering. This is not difficult and becomes second-nature rather quickly.
When the nose gear and speed brake are deployed, very desirable nose-up trim results. This reduces the amount of pitch trim needed to maintain a “stick-free” approach. Observe placard limitations for extension of the brake and gear.

MANEUVERING

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SPEED AND PERFORMANCE

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CRUISE

The Long EZ has astonishing range due to its large fuel capacity, clean aerodynamic design, and low fuel consumption. Cruise fuel flows will range from 2.5 to 7 gallons per hour. The “gas mileage” is far better than most of the automobiles in operation today, including many of the so-called “green” hybrid autos. Review the following charts for actual, in-game aircraft performance. These charts are identical to the ones for the real aircraft.

A good cruise configuration is at 8,000 feet and full throttle. Pay close attention to your propeller RPM so as not to exceed the maximum of 2800. Some overrun is acceptable, up to 100-200 RPM at cruising altitudes where power is limited by the pressure altitude.
LANDING

Landing the aircraft is much the same as with any small training plane, with some exceptions. Because the aircraft is so clean, it takes much longer to slow down. The speed brake is provided to assist with this. Also, the absence of landing flaps will cause the approach to be shallower and the approach speed will be necessarily faster than a conventional aircraft of similar weight with landing flaps, such as a C152. The landing roll can be doubled if the touchdown speed is increased by as little as 10-15 knots, so speed management is critical. Until you are completely familiar with the aircraft, give yourself plenty of room and avoid the temptation to fly a “tight” pattern. Because there is neither stall warning nor landing flaps, it’s recommended to land a bit faster than you normally would at first to avoid stalling the aircraft above the runway and suffering a sharp bump due the sudden sink rate. The winglets and lack of flaps reduce ground effect substantially, so when the plane stalls, it sinks rapidly. So use a longer runway when transitioning to this plane and give yourself plenty of extra room.

A normal pattern speed is 75-80 KIAS, with final approach at about 65-70 KIAS and touchdown at 55-60 KIAS, depending on aircraft weight. As with any tricycle gear, hold the nose off and brake as lightly as possible.

STALLS

The stall in the Long EZ is exceptionally benign. There is no tendency to roll off or spin; the plane simply mushes along in level flight. Roll control remains good even in the stall. In fact, you cannot even really term a stall in the Long EZ a traditional “stall” as the plane provides none of the normal warning signs or bad behavior associated with a conventional training plane. You can hold the stick full back and still retain good rudder and aileron authority, and the plane will not respond adversely to any power change, whether it be full throttle or a cut to idle. The plane has no tendency to spin and is in fact nearly impossible to spin even when the attempt is made. The plane will rotate when stalled, but this cannot really be called a spin as it remains in full control of the pilot and can be restored to a normal flying attitude immediately.
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No aerobatic maneuvers are allowed except the following:
- Chandelles
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Be sure to back up any files before attempting to modify them.
VIRTAVIA RUTAN LONG EZ 0-320 REFERENCE INFORMATION

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Total Flight Simulator aircraft weight with full fuel: 1325 lbs
Maximum normal takeoff weight: 1325 lbs
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Checklists – O-235 powered aircraft

VIRTAVIA RUTAN LONG EZ 0-235 COCKPIT PROCEDURES – QUICK START

The simulation of Burt Rutan’s world-famous Long-EZ you are about to fly is as accurate as the Microsoft Flight Simulator game engine will allow. In every way possible, it performs precisely as the real aircraft, particularly with respect to engine and flight performance. It is so accurate, you can – and should – use the actual Long-EZ pilot’s operating handbook to fly it. Here, we provide an abbreviated version of the checklist procedures, modified for Flight Simulator. We have followed the standard Flight Simulator format so you can get started flying right away; amplified procedures will be found in the “Reference” document. Please read the Reference carefully for more details about the Long EZ and how to fly it.

BEFORE STARTING ENGINE

[ ] Brakes TEST
[ ] Electrical Equipment, Autopilot OFF
[ ] Avionics Master Switch OFF
[ ] Fuel Selector Valve FULL EST TANK
[ ] Speed brake RETRACTED
[ ] Weight and Balance CHECKED

ENGINE START

Press CTRL+E to initiate engine auto start sequence, or:

[ ] Throttle OPEN 1/4 INCH
[ ] Mixture RICH (press CTRL+SHIFT+F4)
[ ] Carburettor Heat OFF
[ ] Propeller Area CLEAR
[ ] Master Switch ON
[ ] Auxiliary Fuel Pump Switch ON
[ ] Ignition Switch START

[ ] Oil Pressure CHECK
[ ] Auxiliary Fuel Pump OFF
[ ] Flashing Beacon and Nav Lights ON as required
[ ] Avionics Master Switch ON
BEFORE TAKEOFF

- Parking Brake [ ] SET (press CTRL+PERIOD)
- Flight Controls [ ] FREE AND CORRECT
- Flight Instruments [ ] CHECK and SET
- Fuel Quantity [ ] CHECK
- Mixture [ ] RICH (press CTRL+SHIFT+F4)
- Fuel Selector Valve [ ] RECHECK BOTH
- Elevator Trim [ ] SET for takeoff; about halfway back for nose-up trim.

- Throttle [ ] 1800 RPM
- Magneto [ ] CHECK
- Suction Gauge [ ] CHECK
- Engine Instruments and Ammeter [ ] CHECK
- Instrument Panel [ ] CHECK
- Throttle [ ] 1000 RPM or less
- Lights [ ] AS DESIRED
- Radios and Avionics [ ] SET
- Autopilot [ ] OFF
- Brakes [ ] RELEASE

TAKEOFF

- Throttle [ ] FULL OPEN
- Mixture [ ] RICH
- Elevator Control [ ] LIFT NOSE WHEEL (at 50 KIAS)

Note: NEVER RAISE CANARD ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE HORIZON

- Nose Gear [ ] RETRACT
- Climb Speed [ ] 90 KIAS

EN ROUTE CLIMB

- Airspeed [ ] 90 KIAS
- Throttle [ ] FULL OPEN SMOOTHLY
- Mixture [ ] USE AUTOMIXTURE OR SET TO RICH; LEAN GRADUALLY ABOVE 3,000 FEET TO MAINTAIN BEST POWER
CRUISE

- [ ] Power: 2000-2800 RPM
- [ ] Elevator Trim: ADJUST
- [ ] Mixture: USE AUTOMIXTURE OR LEAN AS DESIRED

DESCENT

- [ ] Power: AS DESIRED
- [ ] Mixture: USE AUTOMIXTURE OR ADJUST AS DESIRED
- [ ] Fuel Selector Valve: BEST TANK

BEFORE LANDING

- [ ] Fuel Selector Valve: BEST
- [ ] Mixture: RICH
- [ ] Landing/Taxi Lights: ON
- [ ] Autopilot: OFF
- [ ] Nose Gear: DOWN
- [ ] Carburettor Heat: CHECK

LANDING

- [ ] Airspeed: Less than 90 KIAS
- [ ] Speed brake: EXTENDED
- [ ] Over the fence airspeed: 80 KIAS
- [ ] Touchdown: 70 KIAS, MAIN WHEELS FIRST
- [ ] Landing Roll: LOWER NOSE WHEEL GENTLY

AFTER LANDING

- [ ] Speed brake: UP
- [ ] Parking Brake: SET (press CTRL+PERIOD)
- [ ] Avionics Master Switch, Electrical Equipment, Autopilot: OFF
- [ ] Mixture: IDLE CUT OFF
- [ ] Ignition Switch: OFF
- [ ] Master Switch: OFF
- [ ] Fuel Selector Valve: OFF
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VIRTAVIA RUTAN LONG EZ 0-320 COCKPIT PROCEDURES – QUICK START

BEFORE STARTING ENGINE

[ ] Brakes TEST
[ ] Electrical Equipment, Autopilot OFF
[ ] Avionics Master Switch OFF
[ ] Fuel Selector Valve FULLEST TANK
[ ] Speed brake RETRACTED
[ ] Weight and Balance CHECKED

ENGINE START

Press CTRL+E to initiate engine auto start sequence, or:

[ ] Throttle OPEN 1/4 INCH
[ ] Mixture RICH (press CTRL+SHIFT+F4)
[ ] Propeller Area CLEAR
[ ] Master Switch ON
[ ] Auxiliary Fuel Pump Switch ON
[ ] Ignition Switch START

Then:

[ ] Oil Pressure CHECK
[ ] Auxiliary Fuel Pump OFF
[ ] Flashing Beacon and Nav Lights ON as required
[ ] Avionics Master Switch ON

BEFORE TAKEOFF

[ ] Parking Brake SET (press CTRL+PERIOD)
[ ] Flight Controls FREE AND CORRECT
[ ] Flight Instruments CHECK and SET
[ ] Fuel Quantity CHECK
[ ] Mixture RICH (press CTRL+SHIFT+F4)
[ ] Fuel Selector Valve RECHECK BOTH
[ ] Elevator Trim SET for takeoff; about 2/3 of the way back for nose-up.
[ ] Throttle 1800 RPM
Magnetos: CHECK
Suction Gauge: CHECK
Engine Instruments and Ammeter: CHECK
Instrument Panel: CHECK
Throttle: 1000 RPM or less

**TAKEOFF**

- Throttle: FULL OPEN
- Mixture: RICH
- Elevator Control: LIFT NOSE WHEEL (at 50 KIAS)
  Note: NEVER RAISE CANARD ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE HORIZON
- Nose Gear: RETRACT
- Climb Speed: 90 KIAS

**EN ROUTE CLIMB**

- Airspeed: 90 KIAS
- Throttle: FULL OPEN (press F3 as necessary)
- Mixture: USE AUTOMIXTURE OR SET TO RICH;
  LEAN GRADUALLY ABOVE 3,000 FEET TO MAINTAIN BEST POWER

**CRUISE**

- Power: 1800-2700 RPM
- Elevator Trim: ADJUST
- Mixture: USE AUTOMIXTURE OR LEAN AS DESIRED

**DESCENT**

- Power: AS DESIRED
- Mixture: USE AUTOMIXTURE OR ADJUST AS DESIRED
- Fuel Selector Valve: BEST TANK

**BEFORE LANDING**

- Fuel Selector Valve: BEST
- Mixture: RICH
- Landing/Taxi Lights: ON
- Autopilot: OFF
- Nose Gear: DOWN
LANDING

[ ] Airspeed Less than 90 KIAS
[ ] Speed brake EXTENDED
[ ] Over the fence airspeed 75 KIAS
[ ] Touchdown 60 KIAS, MAIN WHEELS FIRST

AFTER LANDING

[ ] Speed brake UP

SECURING AIRPLANE

[ ] Parking Brake SET (press CTRL+PERIOD)
[ ] Avionics Master Switch, Electrical Equipment, Autopilot OFF
[ ] Mixture IDLE CUT OFF
[ ] Ignition Switch OFF
[ ] Master Switch OFF
[ ] Fuel Selector Valve OFF