



BURT RUTAN

Innovator (1943 - present)

Rutan is an American aerospace engineer. He is well-known for his skill for designing light, strong, unusual-looking, energy-efficient aircraft. He designed the Voyager, which was flown by his brother Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager in the first flight around the world made without stopping or refueling. Rutan also designed the spaceplane SpaceShipOne, which was the first privately funded spacecraft to enter space twice within a two-week period. Rutan also popularized designs for aircraft that could be built by non-professionals from kits.