

# Which Instrument Flight Simulator Is Best For Me?

Not-Yet-Instrument-Rated Pilots	Instrument-Rated Pilots	ATD Certification Table
 <p><b>IP Trainer™</b>— Perfect for anyone with 20 hours or less in their instrument rating curriculum. Includes 133 interactive lessons.</p>	 <p><b>Instrument Refresher: An IPC Simulator</b>— Practice the maneuvers required for instrument currency and refine your skills before taking an Instrument Proficiency Check with an instructor. Perfect for pilots who don't get to fly on the gauges as much as they'd like and could use some dual time. Includes 24 interactive lessons.</p>	<p><b>PCATD (Personal Computer-Based Aviation Training Device)</b> 10 hours toward the Instrument Rating</p>
 <p><b>On Top™</b>— For the pilot who wants a versatile platform to practice instrument procedures in their own aircraft, practice decision making skills in IMC, and for use in orientation to approaches and routes as part of their preflight preparations. Perfect for the instrument-rated pilot flying high-performance, twin, or various single-engine aircraft.</p>		<p><b>BATD (Basic Aviation Training Device)</b> 2.5 hours toward Private Pilot Certificate, 10 hours toward Instrument Rating, and to perform the approaches, holding procedures, and intercepting/tracking required under section 61.57(c)(1) for recent instrument experience (instrument currency).</p>
 <p><b>ELITE® Core</b>— Perfect for the pilot flying an aircraft with similar performance to a Cessna 172. Great for learning the basics of instrument flight and/or maintaining instrument skills when a higher-performance aircraft is not needed.</p> <p><b>ELITE® Premium</b>— Gives the ability to select from a wide range of aircraft; includes a cross-section of GA aircraft from simple to high-performance/complex, twins, and turboprops. Offers sophisticated instrumentation and avionics options so pilots can learn and practice using an autopilot, flight director, HSI, RMI, electronic ADI/HSI, GPS, and more.</p>		<p><b>AATD (Advanced Aviation Training Device)</b> 2.5 hours toward the Private Pilot Certificate, 20 hours toward the Instrument Rating, 25 hours toward the ATP Certificate, 50 hours toward the Commercial Certificate, instrument currency, Instrument Practical Test (partial), Instrument Proficiency Check (partial).</p>
Flight Schools/CFIs		
 <p><b>On Top™ and ELITE® PCATDs, Basic ATDs, and Advanced ATDs</b>— Uses simulation software combined with realistic flight controls to provide FAA-approved systems for logging time (see ATD certification table at right). Perfect for instrument instructors and flight schools. Also, for the instrument-rated pilot who needs the most realistic IFR simulator available.</p>		