

Microsoft Flight Simulator's Top Gun expansion launches as a free update

Microsoft's long-awaited *Top Gun: Maverick* expansion for *Microsoft Flight Simulator* is now available free for all players. After being delayed to match the movie's shifted release date, the *Top Gun* expansion arrived on Wednesday to test players piloting skills.

The free update includes a Top Gun: Maverick Edition livery for the F/A-18E Super Hornet, three training missions for the Super Hornet, and even a particularly demanding aircraft carrier landing challenge. The training missions are designed to train *Microsoft Flight Simulator* players to learn unrestricted take-offs, high-speed maneuvering, and the low altitude stunts that are found in *Top Gun: Maverick*.

Once training is over there are five challenges that will test traversing through canyons and above mountains at high speed. The expansion includes access to a hypersonic aircraft that can reach speeds of Mach 10, and a mission to fly into the stratosphere, the second-lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere.

The new *Top Gun* update for Microsoft Flight Simulator is available now free of charge for all players on Xbox Series X / S, Xbox Cloud Gaming, and PC.

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