



Press Release: Saitek launches the Aviator – the first dual throttle joystick for modern flight simulation games

Bristol, 1 September 2006 – Saitek (www.saitek.com) today announced the launch of the Saitek Aviator – the first PC joystick to feature dual independent throttle control for modern flight sims.

The Aviator is designed with everything a flight sim specialist would expect from a high performance joystick, including a rugged, military-style design, rapid response trigger, 8-way hat switch, plus illuminated rocket or missile fire button with safety cover.

And a first in joystick design, the Saitek Aviator features dual throttle levers. These enable independent control of multiple engines when flying a large bomber or modern passenger jet, or an engine/flaps combination for better control during take-off and landing. The dual throttles can also be locked together for simplicity when flying single-engined aircraft.

Additional controls include 3D twist for precise rudder control whether taxiing or in the air, front-mounted instrument panel which includes base-mounted toggle buttons with up and down switching functions, and mode selector to instantly change the Aviator's controls to suit flying scenario. Saitek's programming software means the Aviator offers up to 8 separate commands which can each be programmed separately.

Commenting on the launch, Mark Starrett, Saitek Product Manager, said: "The Saitek Aviator represents a new direction in joystick design, taking its inspiration from classic plane controls. The groundbreaking dual throttles and a wealth of programmable switches and controls make the Aviator the perfect joystick for the latest flight games, designed to offer gamers both the maximum flight sim authenticity *and* control. No other stick is as well suited to the planes being flown on today's PC Flight sims."

The Saitek Aviator has an RRP of £XX and is available from XX and Saitek.

About Saitek:

Saitek designs and manufactures consumer electronics products which work together to improve the user's multimedia, gaming and communications experiences. Constant innovation, superior technology and a high degree of functionality make Saitek products the choice of computer users around the world.

The Saitek product range today includes mice, keyboards, headsets, PC gaming controllers, as well as other PC peripherals. The latest addition is a new family of innovative and practical audio products designed to improve users' digital entertainment experiences.

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