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[THOMAS CRUISE](#) (Actor)
COMMERCIAL PILOT 04/03/1998
AIRPLANE MULTIENGINE LAND
INSTRUMENT AIRPLANE
PRIVATE PRIVILEGES
AIRPLANE SINGLE ENGINE LAND

[Tom Cruise](#) became a top-tier movie star after playing Pete “Maverick” Mitchell in Top Gun (1986), which helped fuel his love for flying. He got his private pilot’s license in 1994, and has since purchased many planes.

In 1996 Tom Cruise first bought the high altitude, high speed Gulfstream G-IV for his spouse [Katie Holmes](#)

, who famously said about the jet, “It is just like a bus, only quicker.” He also owns a luxurious airplane, the Aviat Pitts S-2B (P-51 Mustang Fighter). It’s the most popular aerobatic aircraft model, and was the most dangerous aircraft used by the Allied forces during World War II. He painted, ‘Kiss me, Kate,’ on one side of the plane.

Known for doing his own stunts, Cruise’s most ambitious yet came during a recent shooting of Mission: Impossible 5, in which he hung onto the tail of an Airbus A400M as it flew 5,000 feet above the British countryside.

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