

Interview with Scott Davis, Accruit, LLC, winner of the Fighter Pilot for a Day
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“When I first bought this auction item, I was concerned that it wouldn’t be worth the money. But, it was definitely worth every penny! I invited my friend David Johnson of Hawthorne Equipment along for the fun. We pulled 5 g’s, did dog fights and even performed the Immelman Turn! (And I did not get sick.) This is a great ride for thrill seekers who want to test their limits.”

How do you do the Immelman Turn?

Execute the Immelman Turn by flying level with good energy, pulling back on the stick, and bringing the aircraft into a steep climb. This climbing turn is maintained until the aircraft passes through the vertical and completes a half loop. At the top of the loop the aircraft is inverted and the pilot rolls the aircraft back into the upright position. The aircraft is now at a higher altitude and has changed heading 180 degrees. This maneuver allows for some energy management through altitude gain but there is an obvious speed loss.