

A photograph of the Space Shuttle Columbia in orbit above Earth. The shuttle is oriented horizontally, with its nose pointing to the left. The white orbiter is clearly visible against the black background of space. The Earth's surface is seen below, showing a blue atmosphere and white cloud patterns. The text "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" is printed in black on the side of the orbiter, with a red and white stripe running along the top edge of the white section.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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00:00:51,990 --> 00:00:49,320
able to fly from airport runways

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00:00:55,290 --> 00:00:52,000
directly into his orbit and withstand

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00:00:57,840 --> 00:00:55,300
temperatures up to 5,000 degrees the

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00:00:59,700 --> 00:00:57,850
National aerospace plane represents the

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00:01:05,189 --> 00:00:59,710
future in aeronautics and space

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00:01:07,290 --> 00:01:05,199
technology NASA and the Department of

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00:01:09,210 --> 00:01:07,300
Defense are co-sponsoring a unique

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00:01:11,850 --> 00:01:09,220
cooperative effort among aerospace

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00:01:14,400 --> 00:01:11,860
companies to design and develop the

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00:01:16,680 --> 00:01:14,410
airframe materials and systems for the

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00:01:20,790 --> 00:01:16,690
national aerospace plane scheduled to

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00:01:23,100 --> 00:01:20,800
begin flights in the late 1990s the

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00:01:25,109 --> 00:01:23,110

aerospace plane follows in the footsteps

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00:01:27,330 --> 00:01:25,119

of a distinguished series of

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00:01:30,469 --> 00:01:27,340

experimental aircraft that overcame many

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00:01:33,660 --> 00:01:30,479

obstacles beginning with the bell x-1

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00:01:37,290 --> 00:01:33,670

Chuck Yeager's historic flight broke the

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00:01:39,810 --> 00:01:37,300

sound barrier in the 60s the x-15 flew

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00:01:43,230 --> 00:01:39,820

at seven times the speed of sound

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00:01:45,450 --> 00:01:43,240

more recently the x29 with its

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00:01:47,649 --> 00:01:45,460

sophisticated forward swept wing design

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00:01:50,669 --> 00:01:47,659

proved advanced materials

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00:01:55,539 --> 00:01:50,679

power rated controls yield unmatched

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00:01:58,480 --> 00:01:55,549

maneuverability when the next

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00:01:59,230 --> 00:01:58,490

experimental plane the x30 becomes a

26
00:02:01,709 --> 00:01:59,240
reality

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00:02:04,690 --> 00:02:01,719
it will furnace a set of ramjet scramjet

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00:02:07,959 --> 00:02:04,700
sand finally rocket propulsion flying

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00:02:10,839 --> 00:02:07,969
directly into orbit the promise of

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00:02:13,270 --> 00:02:10,849
low-cost access to space has also

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00:02:15,339 --> 00:02:13,280
encouraged the Europeans and Japanese to

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00:02:19,449 --> 00:02:15,349
begin working on their own versions of

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00:02:21,670 --> 00:02:19,459
the space plane while the interest in

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00:02:24,580 --> 00:02:21,680
creating such a technology is very high

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00:02:28,180 --> 00:02:24,590
it presents unique can even daunting

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00:02:31,720 --> 00:02:28,190
challenges no existing plane or wind

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00:02:35,860 --> 00:02:31,730
tunnel can duplicate the 17,500 miles

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00:02:37,869 --> 00:02:35,870

per hour the X 30 will attain computer

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00:02:40,000 --> 00:02:37,879

models are being used to simulate the

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00:02:41,979 --> 00:02:40,010

shock waves and heat the X 30 will

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00:02:45,699 --> 00:02:41,989

encounter as it roars through Earth's

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00:02:49,240 --> 00:02:45,709

atmosphere nearly 30 times faster than a

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00:02:51,430 --> 00:02:49,250

jet airliner materials for the plane

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00:02:53,740 --> 00:02:51,440

must meet rival needs of strength

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00:02:57,430 --> 00:02:53,750

lightness and ability to withstand

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00:02:59,979 --> 00:02:57,440

searing temperatures at re-entry unlike

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00:03:02,830 --> 00:02:59,989

a previous design resembling a Concorde

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00:03:05,110 --> 00:03:02,840

the new x thirties wide fuselage

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00:03:09,670 --> 00:03:05,120

provides much of the plane's lift and

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00:03:15,130 --> 00:03:12,670

a wide nose directs airflow into the

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00:03:18,039 --> 00:03:15,140
planes air breathing ramjet and scramjet

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00:03:20,170 --> 00:03:18,049
engines dual vertical tails have been

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00:03:24,890 --> 00:03:20,180
added for greater stability at all

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00:03:30,949 --> 00:03:28,220
America's national aerospace plane

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00:03:34,290 --> 00:03:30,959
technology that promises affordable