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Burt Rutan is a true pioneer in the field of aviation and space exploration. His innovative designs and fearless spirit have pushed the boundaries of what is possible in both realms. From his early days as a homebuilder to his groundbreaking work on the SpaceShipOne program, Rutan has always been at the forefront of aerospace innovation.

## **Early Life and Career**

Rutan was born in 1934 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He developed a passion for aviation at a young age, and built his first airplane at the age of 15. After graduating from Oklahoma State University with a degree in aeronautical engineering, Rutan worked for a number of aerospace companies before founding Scaled Composites in 1982.

## **Scaled Composites**

Scaled Composites is a company that specializes in the design and development of advanced aerospace vehicles. The company has been responsible for a number of groundbreaking projects, including the SpaceShipOne program, the Virgin Galactic space tourism program, and the Stratolaunch carrier aircraft.

## **SpaceShipOne**

SpaceShipOne was a privately funded spacecraft that was designed and built by Scaled Composites. The spacecraft was launched on June 21, 2004, and became the first privately funded vehicle to reach space. SpaceShipOne's success was a major milestone in the development of commercial spaceflight.

## **Virgin Galactic**

Virgin Galactic is a company that is developing a commercial space tourism program. The company's spacecraft, SpaceShipTwo, is a suborbital spaceplane that is designed to take passengers on short flights to the edge of space. Scaled Composites is responsible for the design and development of SpaceShipTwo.

## Stratolaunch

Stratolaunch is a carrier aircraft that is designed to launch satellites into orbit. The aircraft is the largest flying airplane in the world, and has a wingspan of 385 feet. Scaled Composites is responsible for the design and development of Stratolaunch.

## Legacy

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