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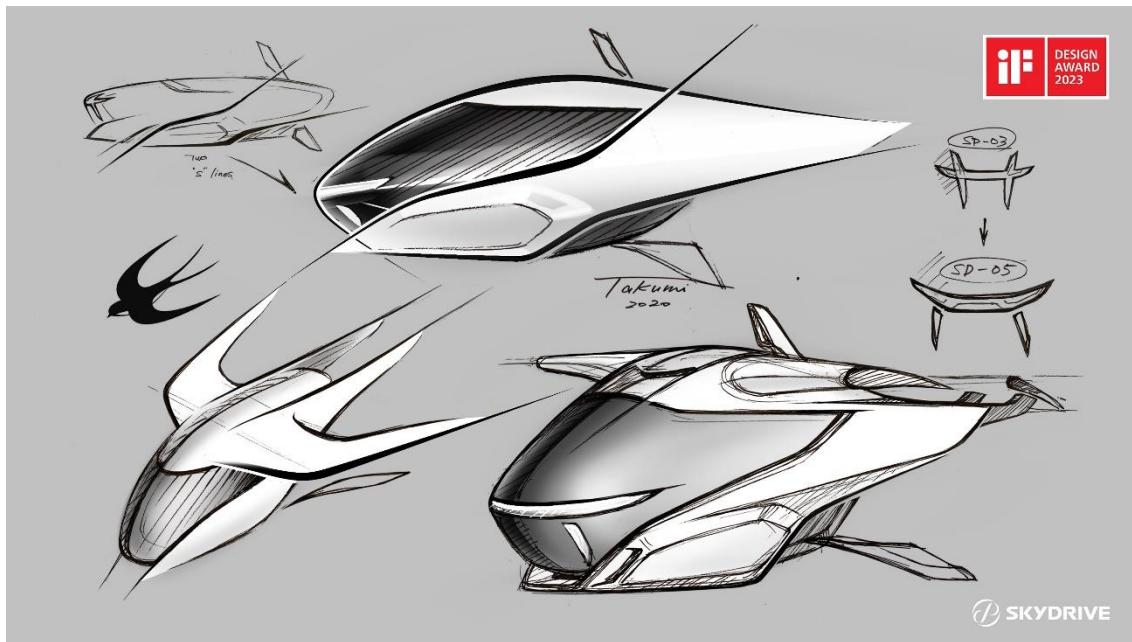
SkyDrive SD-05 Wins the iF Design Award: One of the Most Respected Design Awards in the World

TOYOTA CITY, JAPAN, May 12, 2023 – SkyDrive Inc. ("SkyDrive"), a leading electric vertical takeoff & landing (eVTOL¹) aircraft manufacturer based in Japan, today announced that its eVTOL SD-05 has been awarded the iF Design Award in the Professional Concept category. The SD-05 was selected from almost 11,000 entries from 56 countries in 2023.

The iF Design Award is considered to be one of the world's largest and most prestigious design awards, along with the Red Dot Design Award and the International Design Excellence Awards (IDEA).

This time, the award recognizes the concept of "The Most Accessible Flying Car" and its unique and elegant design that sets it apart from the other eVTOL aircraft.





SD-05 the world's most accessible eVTOL

SD-05 is a compact flying vehicle that aims to be integrated into society in 2025, offering versatile solutions to address urban traffic congestion, transport challenges in sparsely populated areas, and emergency medical needs. In contrast to the trend towards larger and heavier eVTOL aircraft, the SD-05 offers efficient last-mile transportation, emphasizing short distances. Users can take off and land nearer to their final destinations, work or homes, thus eliminating the need to travel to an airport. Additionally, it boasts a unique and attractive design, departing from the conventional aerodynamic design of typical aircraft while preserving function.

Comment from Takumi Yamamoto, Design Director at SkyDrive Inc.



SkyDrive has been at the forefront of exploring new horizons in the skies. In an unprecedented environment with few prior knowledge or experience to draw from, we blaze a trail with every step of our developing process. I want to give my utmost respect to the team, who are pushing forward with a pioneering spirit to develop this product.

I'm thrilled that our eVTOL has been awarded the design award following our cargo drone "SkyLift." I strongly believe that design can contribute significantly to the future of the sky we aspire to create. It's both inspiring and gratifying to receive such

recognition, and I'm truly grateful. We'll continue to work diligently as a team to realize our vision of a future where everyone has access to eVTOLs as their daily transportation.

About iF Design Award

The iF Design Award was established in 1953 to promote industrial design and has since become one of the most prestigious international design awards. The competition involves a rigorous review process conducted by a panel of 133 experts, including top-class designers and design leaders from companies around the world.

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Editor's Note:

1. eVTOL is short for electric vertical takeoff and landing. eVTOL aircraft are characterized by electrification, autopilot, and vertical take-off and landing. As a new advancement in the field of mobility, the development of eVTOL aircraft is being promoted in many countries around the world.

About SkyDrive Inc.

SkyDrive was formally established in July 2018 after testing flying car concepts and prototypes from 2014 with the mission of “taking the lead in the once-in-a-century mobility revolution.” Its vision is to create a future where everyone has access to eVTOLs as their daily transportation in Japan and across the world. The company succeeded in the first crewed flight test in Japan in 2019 and its eVTOL “SD-05” is in the process of acquiring its Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB) certification. SkyDrive has been selected as a company to participate in the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) project at Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan. SkyDrive is headquartered in Toyota, Aichi. Tomohiro Fukuzawa is the CEO of the company.

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