

# Rutan Long-EZ

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The **Rutan Model 61 Long-EZ** is a homebuilt aircraft with a canard layout designed by Burt Rutan's Rutan Aircraft Factory. It is derived from the VariEze, which was first offered to homebuilders in 1976. The prototype (N79RA) of the Long-EZ first flew on June 12, 1979.

## N Numbers of 30-Year-Old Aircraft

Please tell Richard Koehler that his fine article on page 90 of the December issue, "Homebuilding Rules and Regulations," forgot to mention that you do not need to put the word experimental on your homebuilt if it is a copy of an airplane built 30 years ago or an antique, and this is right from the Federal Aviation Regulations for Aviation Maintenance Technicians.

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*Mr. Miller is correct. A combination of 14 CFR 45.22(b) and 45.23(b) allows a small, U.S.-registered aircraft that is at least 30 years old or a replica of a small U.S.-registered aircraft that is at least 30 years old to display not only small N numbers, but N numbers that include the original certification category. Thus, an older homebuilt (or a full-scale replica of an older aircraft) can use NX for the N number, where the X indicates experimental. If the NX prefix is used, then the aircraft does not have to display the 2-inch tall "EXPERIMENTAL" lettering near the entrance.*

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