# Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing (eVTOL) Aircraft

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### **SUMMARY**

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Hence, a more practical entry point for introducing electric propulsion in aviation is on electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft. eVTOL aircraft provide many advantages when compared to traditional shorthaul aircraft and helicopters since they do not require a runway, and they can be quiet, efficient, and emission-free. Hence, eVTOL aircraft can be ideal for urban transportation, emergency medical services, and many other applications. This tutorial will cover the fundamentals of eVTOL aircraft, including the principles of aircraft design, sizing, configurations, basic aerodynamics, electric propulsion system, energy storage and its management, and multidisciplinary design optimization.

