



Terrafugia, Inc. Team Information

Carl Dietrich, Samuel Schweighart, and Anna Mracek Dietrich, three of Terrafugia's founders, have brought together a world-class team to design and develop the world's first integrated fixed roadable aircraft for Terrafugia. With the Transition® Roadable Aircraft, a new milestone in aviation history is being accomplished.

Carl Dietrich

Terrafugia's CEO/CTO, Co-Founder, received his BS, MS and Ph.D. from the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) shortly after being selected as the 2006 winner of the prestigious Lemelson-MIT Student Prize for Innovation. Carl was additionally recognized by the Aero/Astro Department at MIT as one of sixteen exceptional graduates under the age of 35. He has been a private pilot since the age of seventeen.

Anna Mracek Dietrich

Terrafugia's Chief Operating Officer (COO), Co-Founder, received her Bachelors and Masters degrees from the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at MIT. With experience at both GE Aviation and Boeing Phantom works, Anna brings project management expertise to the Transition® development effort. She is also a private pilot.

Samuel Schweighart

Terrafugia's VP of Engineering, Co-Founder, received his MS and Ph.D. from the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at MIT and hold his BS from the University of Illinois. Sam brings a high degree of practicality and hands-on experience to the program, having left the Charles Stark Draper Laboratories to launch Terrafugia. He is a private pilot and active hang glider pilot.

Col. (Ret.) Phil Meter

Flight Test Coordinator, Test Pilot, has over 3,000 hours of flight and instruction experience in the Air Force, including the F-4, F-16 and A-10. Phil brings both his perspective as an experienced pilot and as an operations and systems engineer and operations manager, both in the Air Force and as a civilian. Phil has also acted as test engineer, lead test pilot and airborne mission commander for a new infrared countermeasure system. Phil is currently working onsite at Hanscom AFB and preparing to conduct the first flights of the Transition® Proof of Concept.



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Richard Gersh

VP of Business Development, has joined Terrafugia from over 25 years of executive-level experience in all phases of financial service company operations and risk management. Dick has his MBA from the University of Massachusetts and a M.Ed. from Suffolk University. He is pursuing a private pilot license.

Alex Min

VP of Sales and Marketing, Co-Founder, received his MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management, focusing on entrepreneurship, marketing, and finance. Alex has extensive global sales experience, most recently with Textron Systems. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a naval aviator. He is also an AOPA Life Member and an EAA Lifetime Member.

Andrew Heafitz

Senior Engineer, is another graduate of MIT with his BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering and recipient of the Lemelson-MIT Student Prize in 2002. He brings eighteen years' experience in composite automotive construction and testing to the Terrafugia team. Andrew has designed, built, and raced light-weight composite solar cars across the Australian outback.

John Telfeyan

Senior Engineering Technician, comes from the high-performance competitive boating industry where he rose to Vice President at Goetz Boats, the world-renown sailboat and fabrication house. During that time he worked on nine America's cup boats and developed significant expertise in carbon fiber composite construction techniques. John is also a private pilot.

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