

Igor Volk



Igor Volk was selected as a cosmonaut on July 30, 1980, flew as Research Cosmonaut on Soyuz T-12, the 7th expedition to Salyut 7. One goal of the mission was to test the effects of long-duration spaceflight on Volk's return flight piloting as a precursor to piloting the Space Shuttle Buran. Igor Volk served as the head of the cosmonauts training for the Buran programme and since the project's cancellation, as a Flight Tests Deputy at the Gromov Flight Research Institute in 1995 before retiring in 1996. He previously served as President of the National Aero Club of Russia and Vice President of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale. In recognition for his contributions as a test pilot and cosmonaut, he was awarded the Hero of the Soviet Union.

Igor Volk is also an inventor and is planning a new four-person concept flying car called the Lark-4.