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## USA's Unmanned Aircraft Systems Roadmap, 2005-2030

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The U.S. Defense Department's Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Planning Task Force's "Unmanned Systems Roadmap 2005-2030" offers a 213-page window into a major aspect of the U.S. military's evolution, and has received a great deal of coverage lately.

Rather than trying to tie everything together in one summary post, we've decided to offer you a set of links we're finding useful as we attempt to put the pieces together:

- [Office of the Secretary of Defense – OSD UAS Planning Task Force \(http://www.acq.osd.mil/uas/\)](http://www.acq.osd.mil/uas/). The report is available for download on the site. Advertisement
- Federation of American Scientists Intelligence Resource Program – [Unmanned Aerial Vehicles \(UAVs\) \(http://www.fas.org/irp/program/collect/uav.htm\)](http://www.fas.org/irp/program/collect/uav.htm). Good fast overview of many current programs and trends, and some future ones as well.
- National Defense Magazine (April/05) – [Unmanned Aircraft 'Roadmap' Reflects Changing Priorities \(http://www.nationaldefensemagazine.org/issues/2005/Apr/Unmanned\\_Aircraft.htm\)](http://www.nationaldefensemagazine.org/issues/2005/Apr/Unmanned_Aircraft.htm)
- Dow Jones (Aug 5/05) – [US DoD Study: Unmanned Aircraft Need Better Data Links \(http://news.morningstar.com/news/DJ/M08/D08/200508082101DOWJONESD.JONLINE000656.html\)](http://news.morningstar.com/news/DJ/M08/D08/200508082101DOWJONESD.JONLINE000656.html)
- DefenseTech.org (Aug 12/05) – [Special Forces Drones \(http://www.defensetech.org/archives/001743.html\)](http://www.defensetech.org/archives/001743.html). Including the BATCAM. Which may help select targets for [BAT bombs \(http://www.deagel.com/pandora/?p=mn00006003\)](http://www.deagel.com/pandora/?p=mn00006003). No word on any other special BAT accessories for special forces issue... though they are known to use a [BATMAN system \(http://www.special-operations-technology.com/article.cfm?DocID=1068\)](http://www.special-operations-technology.com/article.cfm?DocID=1068) as well
- DefenseTech.org (Aug 15/05) – [Unmanned Future Plotted \(http://www.defensetech.org/archives/001748.html\)](http://www.defensetech.org/archives/001748.html). Noah writes: "...there is a part of the Roadmap where the Pentagon's planners let their imagination run wild, where they consider the flying robotic equivalent to concept cars. Here are a few models..." Note that DT doesn't include photographs of the [A-160 Hummingbird \(/v22-bows-out-of-csaxprv-competition-01381/\)](http://www.v22-bows-out-of-csaxprv-competition-01381/) – but DID recently did, along with more extensive program details.
- C4ISR Journal (Aug 16/05) – [UAVs Vs. Manned Aircraft? New Road Map Sees Larger Roles for Robot Planes \(http://www.isrjournal.com/story.php?F=1038209\)](http://www.isrjournal.com/story.php?F=1038209)
- C4ISR Journal (Aug 23/05) – [Pentagon's UAV Plan Lacks Major, Multiyear Buys \(http://www.isrjournal.com/story.php?F=1051072\)](http://www.isrjournal.com/story.php?F=1051072). Instead, aircraft are likely to be rapidly developed in smaller lots, over shorter periods of time, for specific purposes. Once upon a time, the USA also built manned aircraft that way.

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