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Death from above: Video of drones fitted with machine guns that could transform the battlefields of the future

- A similar drone 'may appear in the next Call of Duty game'

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Missile-carrying robot drones have been used for years by the U.S Army - but they're deployed against large targets and need a runway to take off from.

Now a new YouTube video shows that in the future, drones could also carry out the close-combat duties of foot soldiers.

In the clip 'FPSRussia', whose Call of Duty videos and real-life weapon demonstrations have earned him a cult following, shows off a quadrotor – a mini helicopter with four rotors - outfitted with a machine gun.

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Air we go: FPSRussia demonstrates a hover drone outfitted with a machine gun

The machine is controlled by a tablet computer and FPSRussia explains that a camera on front of the quadrotor gives him a 'birds' eye view' of the target.

It's capable of flying at 30mph and at an altitude of a quarter of a mile, but for the demonstration, FPSRussia takes the drone a short distance away to a group of life-size dolls positioned on a slope.

The machine gun is capable of firing 100 rounds a minute – and it's not long before the figures are completely destroyed.



Heat is on: The clip shows the gun's muzzle flash as we see the drone's point of view



Explosive: The drone hovers over the remains of the dummies

A huge muzzle flash leaps across the screen when we see the drones' view.

Next, FPSRussia shows off the machine's ability to get into a tight spot and flies it through the window of a mocked-up room.

There four dummies sitting around a tablet are destroyed while FPSRussia stands by at a safe distance.

He explains that the 'prototype' he's apparently flying in the video could well be turning up in a future Call of Duty installment.

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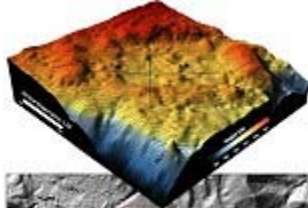
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Lunatics in charge of the asylum, it's the only logical conclusion.

- Freddie, London, 24/4/2012 13:50

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@antony The guy is Russian but he lives in the States now, if you go onto YouTube you can watch his real videos there. He blows alot of stuff up.... This is a viral video for a game but the tech is realistic possibility.

- Ian, Essex, 24/4/2012 12:52

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Just hope the bad guys are unable to hack into this drone as they seem to have done with the conventional one recently

- D Jenkins, Staffordshire, 24/4/2012 12:43

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Seems legit....

- Alex, UK, 24/4/2012 12:28

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If careful, you might hear it coming. Also, can it go upstairs? Your "oppo" could take it out from a cellar, where its acces would be restricted to say the least.

- David Davis, Lancashire, 24/4/2012 12:00

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Passing By, Somewhere-I thought the same. The first round this thing fires would send itself spinning with the recoil, it would crash or take so long to recover that retaliatory action would be taken. Also with present battery technology and the payload it's carrying I expect it would only have a short flight duration.

- MickM, Darwin, 24/4/2012 11:42

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Seen it all before in a 'Metal Gear' game 10 years ago. The trick is to watch for its (inexplicably visible) field of vision and shoot it when it's not looking at you.

- Boxbot, Blackpool, 24/4/2012 10:23

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Are you allowed to move and shoot back? Unlike the dummies.

- Lt Hogan, Hero Lane, 24/4/2012 10:03

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...and for the record, everybody knows that he rigs his targets with explosives. He's even done reviews on the explosives he uses and advertises where to buy them.

- Union Jack Jackson, United Kingdom, 24/4/2012 09:23

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Been following this guy for a while. Though i was surprised that he blew the thing up at the end, i seriously doubt this is fake. He's gained hundreds of thousands of followers due to his no BS weapons reviews. And i doubt he would jeopardise all that with a fake video. What would he have to gain from that?

- Union Jack Jackson, United Kingdom, 24/4/2012 09:13

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