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Russia Unveils New Armored Vehicle at Arms Expo

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Russia unveiled a new form of armored combat vehicle known as the "Dragoon" on Wednesday at the opening of the Russia Arms Expo 2015 military trade show in Nizhny Tagil, the BBC's Russian Service reported.

The Dragoon is designed on the base of the older BMP-3 infantry fighting vehicle, a type of armored military vehicle designed to transport soldiers into hot combat zones and support them with heavy guns.

Though based on the BMP-3, the Dragoon sports a drastically changed layout, the BBC reported. The engine is in the front of the vehicle, while the crew compartment is located in the back.

The gun on top of the Dragoon and its ammunition are housed in a sealed compartment and controlled remotely. It is also a bigger weapon — a 57mm cannon.

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