

Kalashnikov Unveils Walking Robot Concept

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Russia's Kalashnikov arms manufacturer has unveiled a robotic weapon that resembles an action film character that observers suspect has no moving parts.

The 4 meter, 4.5 metric ton prototype was among several [robotic systems presented](#) at the annual ARMY-2018 military and technical forum held outside Moscow. The concept design resembles a pod-like structure that stands in a chicken-walker pose and is designed to “solve engineering and combat tasks.”

According to a Kalashnikov source [cited](#) by the RBC news website, the anthropomorphic creature was dubbed “Igoryok,” a diminutive of the Russian name Igor. The company's press service denied that the walking weapon had been given a name.

Social media users seized on Igoryok's close resemblance to pop culture staples, including

armed robots from the “[Robocop](#)” and “[Pacific Rim](#)” action franchises.

International news outlets saw similarities with the “[Metal Gear](#)” video game and the “[Alien](#)” sci-fi horror franchise.

The tech website Gizmodo [likened](#) Igoryok to “just a statue.”

“It’s one thing to build a ‘concept’ walker. It’s something else entirely to build a walker that actually... walks,” it wrote.

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