

Russia Invents Flying, Shooting Kalashnikov Rifle Drone

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Russia's largest defense contractor has invented an assault rifle drone capable of flying and shooting at the same time.

The state-owned Almaz-Antey company [filed](#) a patent for the armed drone with the Federal Service for Intellectual Property in 2018. [Described](#) as "a fully functioning [gun] inside a set of wings," the 23-kilogram drone is capable of flying for 40 minutes and staying aloft while shooting.

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"Our task was to lift a device with a weapon into the sky and provide maximum stability of its performance and high accuracy of striking the target," [said](#) its designer, the Moscow Aviation Institute.

According to the institute, the drone is equipped with an autoloading Kalashnikov rifle with a 10-round, box-type magazine.

The drone rifle can continue tracking a target that it misses the first time around without the need to manually adjust its flight path, the aviation institute said.

Video footage shows the drone taking off and [flying](#) for several minutes before landing. Another video shows a shooter picking up the airframe and [firing](#) a few rounds.

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Media outlets have [expressed](#) doubts that the Kalashnikov drone will be able to “shoot people in what would essentially be a flying drive-by,” [saying](#) it will likely function as a “crazy-looking distraction.”

Others have [described](#) the invention as a “terrifying vision of the future of warfare.”

Meanwhile, Kalashnikov [unveiled](#) a suicide drone last month and is [still working](#) on its steel-frame “flying car.”

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