

Laser-Equipped Vehicles

Have you ever heard of a laser-equipped vehicle? The idea of such a thing may just seem like something from a movie or television show to some people, but it is very much a reality. This technology could prove to be very important to our military. In fact, according to “[The Army May Have Laser-Equipped Vehicles by 2017](#),” an article on *Engadget.com*, the military is already looking into it. This technology could save the lives of our troops, which is a very big deal.

According to the article, the lasers would have multiple purposes. The main purpose would be to scan the area in front of the troops for any suspicious aircrafts or other types of threats. If anything was sensed, the lasers would destroy it. If possible, our military would also like to enable the lasers to quietly jam any enemy UAVs that were detected. If this worked, this could increase the stealthiness and effectiveness of our troops without putting their lives in danger.

There are not currently many issues associated with these lasers-equipped vehicles. They are not perfect yet, though. Over the course of multiple tests, a total of 23 “enemy” drones were deployed to these lasers. A total of 21 of these drones were destroyed. That is a pretty high success rate. However, two drones were missed, so the lasers still need to be tweaked and changed.

The author of the article, Daniel Cooper, seems to think that this new technology is a great thing. Cooper also seems to be pretty informed on this subject. He gives lots of positive

details about the topic. Cooper does not have a whole lot of negative things to say about laser-equipped vehicles.

In my opinion, these vehicles seem like a fantastic new tool for our troops. They have the potential to allow so many more brave young men and women to return home to their family and friends. I am also slightly concerned about this technology, though. With one of these vehicles in front of them, troops may start to feel rather safe. This is a good thing, but if the troops get too used to this tool destroying all of these threats, they might lose focus. They might pay less attention. What happens if the lasers miss a threat and the troops are not focused? Other than this, I do not see any issue with the new technology.

I recommend this article to anyone interested in the military or technology. Not only is the article interesting, but it also sparked other ideas in my mind about what technology could do for us in the future. The possibilities are virtually endless.

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