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# VIDEO: British Royal Marines have been practicing storming a ship at sea with jet packs

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- Gravity Industries has released a new video of Royal Marines in jet suits assaulting a ship at sea.
- In the video, Royal Marines can be seen launching from fast boats wearing the jet suits.
- The company believes its technology could revolutionize military

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British Royal Marines have been practicing boarding ships with futuristic jet packs that let them fly over the water like Iron Man.

The "Jet Suit" was made by the UK's Gravity Industries, which released a video Sunday that showed Royal Marines using the jet packs to launch from rigid inflatable boats and land aboard the Royal Navy Batch 2 River-class offshore patrol ship HMS Tamar.



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The exercise lasted three days, involved 42 Commando Royal Marines, and explored alternatives to traditional maritime boarding practices, Gravity Industries said in a press release.

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Maritime boarding operations, also known as "visit, board, search, and seizure" operations, are challenging and have traditionally involved troops

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coming alongside a ship in a fast boat and hooking a caving ladder or fast-roping from a helicopter onto the ship.

A former US Special Forces officer previously told Insider that "VBSS is one of the most complex and dangerous" of maritime-operations missions. He said it often required special equipment and training to execute effectively.

With the jet pack, the wearer can launch from a fast boat, land on the ship, and then drop a ladder that others can use to climb aboard. Royal Marines can be seen doing exactly that in the video.

The jet pack allows the wearer to land on the ship and drop a ladder for others to climb aboard.

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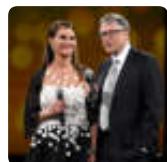
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