

FLYING BEDSTEAD GOES UP FOR FIRST FILMING

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20 On the tarmac at the Rolls Royce field at Hucknall, Notts, the Flying Bedstead looked like a comic cartoon, as if half a dozen old time beds from the junk heap had been put together for a joke. But it did take off, to prove vertical flight can be achieved.

(2 out) 20 It weighs three-and-a-half tons and has two jet engines horizontally opposed. The jets discharge downwards, 7
Compressed air ~~discharged~~ through the cross-arms ^{completes} ~~the~~ the pilot's control. The very long runways required by ordinary planes take up ^{more} ~~xxxxxx~~ land than countries can afford or airlines pay for, if they're to make a ^{decent} profit. So vertical flight has a big future. May the Flying Bedstead show the way.