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JET LAUNCHING

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An Air Force pilot gets ready for a jet take-off from the world's smallest airport -- a platform built on a truck.

Observers are ready. With platform in firing position, a booster jet under the plane delivers the terrific thrust needed for the take-off.

The booster jet is dropped after launching the plane like a guided missile.

Another jet roars into the sky from a standing start. Plane runways may be eliminated in combat areas as one result of another spectacular development in aviation.