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We have a small, unmanned ground vehicle (robot) that may have application to Mine Rescue operations. The units are in production at this time and an estimated unit cost, outfitted as shown on the attached document, is \$72,000 to \$75,000.

We would consider loaning a unit for evaluation to determine if smaller, lightweight robots are appropriate to address the following Topics: A - Rapid Deploy Systems (1 thru 3); F - Robotics (1thru 5): and I - Mine Rescue Teams (1 and 8).

I am in contact with groups in West Virginia and our home state of Alabama in an attempt to guage the interest in robotics.

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MATILDA II Mine Reconnaissance Robot



Matilda II Platform and OCU, Can Accommodate, Control, and Monitor a Variety of Payloads.

- Lights
 Incandescent & Infrared
- · Cameras
- Batteries
- · Gas Sensors



• Size: 30"L × 21"W × 12"H

· Weight: 65 Lb.

Payload Bay: 16.5"L x 13.5"W

· Payload Capacity: 125 Lb.

· Towing Capacity: 225 Lb.

· Speed: 2 mph

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· Power Available: 12 VDC

· RS232 Interface



Transport Life-Saving Supplies

Water

· Food

Oxygen

· Shelter

· Maneuverable

· Zero Turn Radius

· Negotiates Obstacles

· Climbs Stairs

Two-Way Audio (Thru Robot)

Fiber Optic Control of Robot





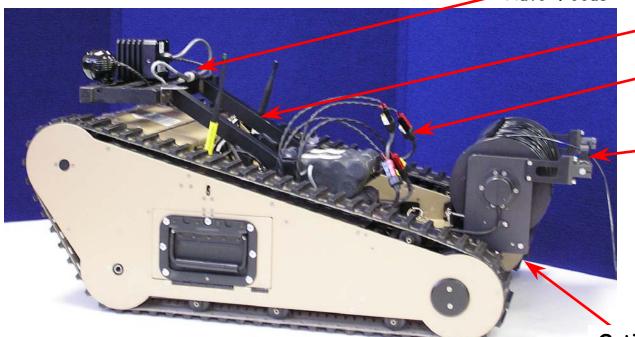




MATILDA II Mine Reconnaissance Robot

Camera Mount
(300X Zoom - Color with Infrared Lights)

Auto-Focus



Mount For Supplies/Gear

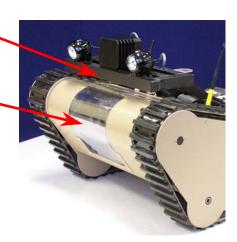
Extra Batteries

Reusable Fiber
Optic Cable
(Up to 1600 ft.)

Incandescent & Infrared Lights

Pan & Tilt Driving Camera Assy. — (Color & B+W)

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Optional F.O. Control



Disposable Fiber Optic Cable (Up to 3 Miles)