

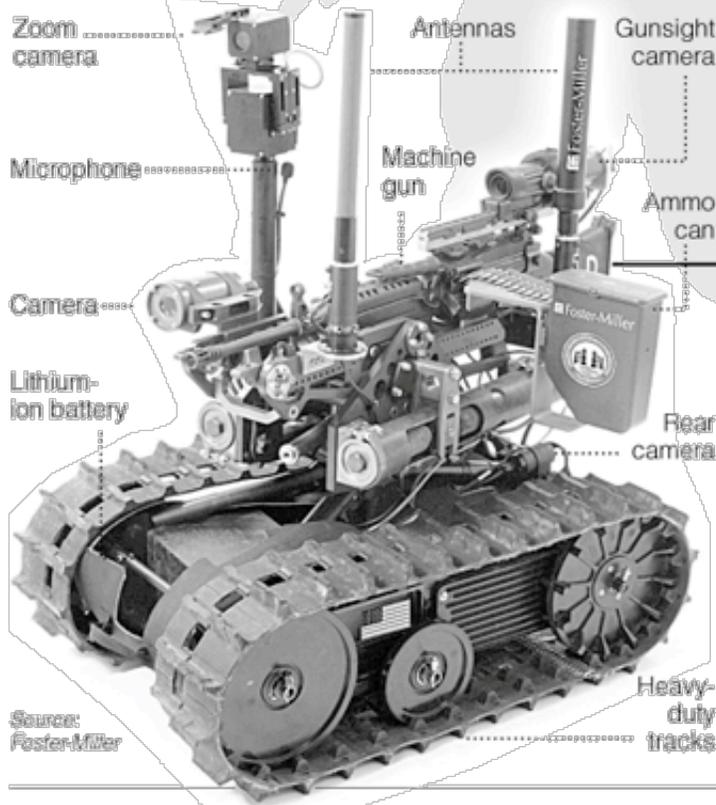
# Future Fighting Force

Predicting that robots will become a major part of America's military fighting force, the Pentagon has included them as a crucial part of its Future Combat Systems project. Here is one remotely controlled robot that will be deployed soon.

The median lifetime cost of a soldier is more than **\$4 million.**

## SWORDS: \$230,000

Special Weapons  
Observation  
Reconnaissance  
Detection System



**WEIGHT**  
85 to 120 pounds, depending on configuration

**MAX. SPEED**  
5.2 m.p.h.

**MAX. RUN TIME**  
4 hours

**REMOTE OPERATING DISTANCE**  
Up to 1/2 mile

Source: Foster-Miller

The New York Times