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## Iran rescue Hercules

From: "James Hart"  
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Tonight on ITV's 'Tested To Destruction', they showed (b&w) footage of the Herc equipped with rockets (which retracted into fairings around the fuselage) both successfully taking off but unsuccessfully landing. The rockets were fired when the plane was still about 50feet up so the subsequent reduction in airspeed caused it to drop like a stone which broke the starboard wing off. I remember reading some correspondence on this digest a while back so I thought I'd let you know. Their URN is <http://www.meridiantv.co.uk/tested/welcome.html>.

They also showed footage of the first F16 (YF16 on tailfin)takeoff (which occurred during a high speed taxi run) and the first F16 crash landing (different pilot, gear stuck up). Last week they showed NBC suit tests inside Porton Down. They have quite a range of different products shown, ranging from electric kettles to aircraft crash testing.

James Hart

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