

OVERHEAD DESTRUCTION -- A Tomahawk cruise missile, with a conventional warhead, approached a protected aircraft (left), and explodes at its prescribed altitude to destroy the plane. The missile was launched from a submerged submarine and flew more than 650 kilometers to the target at the San Clemente, California test range. The U.S. Navy has tested over 160 Tomahawks with a more than 85 per cent success rate since the program began in November 1982.

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