

**MIRRORS**

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Aboard <sup>the</sup> aircraft carrier Bennington, the Navy tries out a British invention for safer jet landings. A large curved mirror, mounted on the flight deck, is the heart of the system to guide approaching pilots. Banks of red and amber lights flank the mirror. As the plane nears, the colored lights and a reflection tell the pilot if he's on course.

The mirror is gyroscope-mounted, eliminating effects of the ship's roll. The pilot knows if lights and mirror are lined up properly he's coming in straight -- a signal said to be visible for greater distances, providing greater safety for sailors of the sky.