

# [***FACT CHECK: Image Claims To Show New Drone From Lockheed Martin; 'The video shows the fictional "Darkstar" hypersonic aircraft from Top Gun: Maverick. Lockheed Martin designed the fictional aircraft'***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BPX-BFY1-JBFB-H019-00000-00&context=1516831)

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[*Link to Image*](https://cdn01.dailycaller.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/GettyImages-1241347033-scaled-e1676602868859.jpg)

A video [*shared on X*](https://twitter.com/Rainmaker1973/status/1775222460297732175) claims to show an SR-72 unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) from Lockheed Martin.

The Lockheed Martin SR-72 hypersonic UAV concept

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- Massimo (@Rainmaker1973) [*April 2, 2024*](https://twitter.com/Rainmaker1973/status/1775222460297732175?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

**Verdict: Unsubstantiated**

The video shows the fictional “Darkstar” hypersonic aircraft from Top Gun: Maverick. Lockheed Martin designed the fictional aircraft.

**Fact Check:**

Social media users are sharing a video of a UAV, claiming it shows the SR-72 “hypersonic” UAV concept. One user wrote, “The Lockheed Martin SR-72 hypersonic UAV concept.”

This claim is false. The video shows the “Darkstar” aircraft, a fictional hypersonic plane from Top Gun: Maverick. While Check Your Fact could not find the original video, it matches the one seen in this [*YouTube video*](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArN3ppQpWGk) about the “Darkstar.”

Lockheed Martin did design the aircraft, according to the company's [*website*](https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/news/features/2022/lockheed-martin-movies.html). [***(RELATED: Facebook Post Falsely Claims Navy JAG Has Started Garland's Military Tribunal, Accuses Him Of 'Treason')***](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/04/02/fact-check-navy-jag-garlands-military-tribunal-treason/)

“Maverick exceeded Mach 10 when he piloted a conceptual hypersonic aircraft, known as Darkstar, designed by the Lockheed Martin Skunk Works® team in the recent *Top Gun: Maverick* film. Darkstar's capabilities met Maverick's 'need for speed,' pushing the boundaries of flight to support a critical mission,” reads the website.

The SR-72 is a real hypersonic [*UAV concept*](https://www.flightglobal.com/singapore-lockheeds-carvalho-kiboshes-sr-72-idea/127007.article) from Lockheed Martin. The design helped to influence the creation of the “Darkstar” for Top Gun: Maverick, according to [*Deadline*](https://deadline.com/2022/05/top-gun-maverick-darkstar-plane-sr-72-1235034851/).

Check Your Fact reached out to Lockheed Martin for comment.

**Graphic**

This photograph taken on June 13, 2022, shows the logo from US defence manufacturer Lockheed Martin on display at the Eurosatory international land and airland defence and security trade fair, in Villepinte, a northern suburb of Paris. (Photo by EMMANUEL DUNAND/AFP via Getty Images)

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