

German firm testing drones to deliver goods

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A drone with a small parcel flies in front of journalists in Bonn Germany, Monday Dec. 9, 2013. Germany's express delivery and mail company Deutsche Post DHL is testing a drone that could be used to deliver urgently needed goods to hard-to-reach places. The small pilotless helicopter was to fly a package of medicine Monday from a pharmacy in the town of Bonn to the company's headquarters on the other side of the Rhine River. The aircraft can carry up to 3 kilograms (6.6 pounds). (AP Photo/dpa,Oliver Berg)

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Company spokesman Thomas Kutsch says the flights all this week are strictly a research project to see if the technology works and there are no plans yet to start actual drone deliveries. The test flights required permission from local aviation authorities.

On-line retailer Amazon is also working on a [drone](#) to deliver goods to customers despite legal obstacles in the U.S.

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