

R2 D2 The SR71's Navigator

Mounted behind the SR-71's cockpit, this unit, affectionately known as **R2-D2**, computed navigational fixes using stars sighted through the lens in the top of the unit. These fixes were used to update the inertial navigation system and provided course guidance with an accuracy of at least 90 meters (300 feet). Some current aircraft and missile systems use improved versions as a backup to **GPS**.

