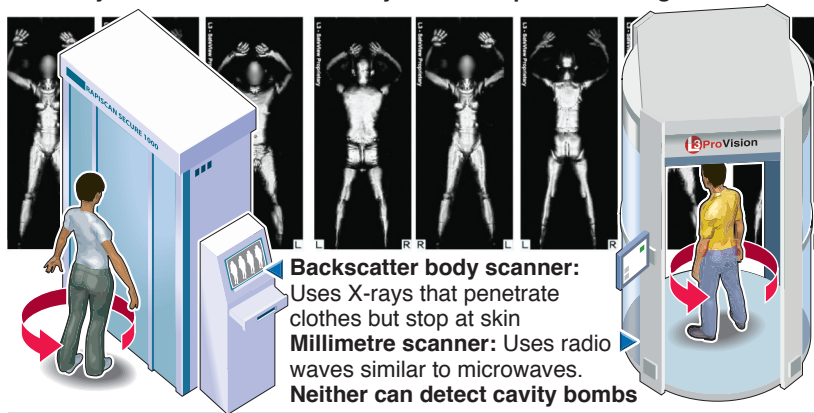


Alert for “cavity-bomb” attacks on aircraft

U.S. officials warn that Yemen-based Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula may try to attack aircraft with explosives surgically planted in a terrorist's body cavities – undetectable by current airport screening methods



Feb 2007: First body scanners installed at U.S. airports. Currently there are 373 scanners at U.S. airports, 15 in Netherlands and 8 in UK. **Unit cost: \$200,000**

Apr 7, 2012: CIA reveals it has disrupted Al Qaeda plot to bring down U.S.-bound airliner using upgraded “underwear bomb”

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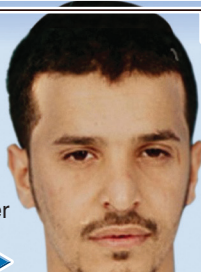
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Mar: Iraqi national found carrying electrical wire, magnet and putty in his rectal cavity at Los Angeles airport. **Incident believed to be dry run for cavity-bomb plot**

Aug 2009: Failed assassination of Saudi Arabian prince using body-cavity bomb. Suicide bomber is brother of Yemen-based bomb maker **Ibrahim Hassan Tali al-Asiri**



Dec 2009: Christmas Day bomber attempts to blow up aircraft with “underwear bomb” **Device – built by al-Asiri – bursts into flames but fails to explode**