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When Lexus announced its prototype hovering skateboard earlier this year, some wrote it off as a figment of PR fantasy. But now, the company has released a short film showing the sci-fi curio in action, at the hands (well, feet) of a professional skateboarder...

As you can see from the video, such innovative technology (magnetic levitation aided by liquid nitrogen, if you were wondering) has a steep learning curve, even for a professional. "I've spent 20 years skateboarding, but without friction it feels like I've had to learn a whole new skill," explains pro skateboarder Ross McGouran, "particularly in the stance and balance you need to ride the hoverboard." He was the man chosen to test the new prototype at a purpose-built 'hoverpark' near Barcelona.

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