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The problem is I suppose if you are the guys who have been making something, its going to be awfully hard for anyone else to come close to you on assembled knowledge. That is unless the brains move off and start their own company, but that is hardly likely in today's climate and I bet all the important ideas are patented from here to the end of the world and back.

In today's climate? This has been going on for decades – look up who built the Mercury hardware, and the Gemini hardware, and the Apollo hardware, and the Shuttle hardware... Not the big stuff, but the little stuff. (David Clark is one example – they've gotten a lot of space/pressure suit business from NASA over the years... and they are a partner with Oceaneering for the Constellation suits.)

It's not that hard. The real knowledge is in the heads of the engineers who design and maintain the suits. Hire a few of them away from the company who lost the next big contract and you're in business.

That's a good way to potentially end up in legal hot water. (And neither the stealing nor the getting in trouble for it is notably new.)

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–Resolved: To be more temperate in my postings.

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