

# INTRODUCTION

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Although we would love to offer MWFAD<sup>®</sup> packages for all of these designs, circumstances do not always permit that option. In the past, these *avant-garde* designs would have languished in mediocrity or quietly slipped into the unknown. Instead, we're excited to tell you about an opportunity to make your mark in the defense industry like never before.

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Friends, I can't say it any better than that. Now without further ado, I'm proud to present this issue of FrontierTech.

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### HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The 'Mechs, combat vehicles, and fighters described in *Experimental Technical Readout: Periphery* provide players with a sampling of the various custom designs that have appeared along the militarized borders of the Major Periphery States. The designs featured in this book reflect limited-run prototypes and "one-offs" that have yet to reach full factory production—and most likely never will.

The rules for using 'Mechs, vehicles and fighters in *BattleTech* game play can be found in *Total Warfare*, while the rules for their construction can be found in *TechManual*. However, the experimental nature of these designs also draws upon the Experimental-level rules presented in *Tactical Operations*. Thus, none of the units featured in this volume are considered tournament legal, and their use in introductory games is discouraged. Furthermore, the extreme rarity of these machines is such that none of them should occur in a *BattleTech* campaign as a chance encounter, but the capture or destruction of any one of these prototypes could be potential objective for *BattleTech* scenarios, tracks and role-playing adventures.

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# **ABS-3MC ANUBIS**

Field Testing Summation: Prototype Anubis Refit Producer/Site: Detroit Consolidated MechWorks / Detroit Supervising Technician: Commander Sheryl Wilson Project Start Date: 3075

**Non-Production Equipment Analysis:** 

Enhanced LRM 5s Angel ECM Suite

#### Overview

Introduced almost fifteen years ago, the Anubis surprised many of FrontierTech's analysts. Few expected the insular Capellan Confederation would ever deign to share their stealth armor technology with anyone outside their borders. Those same analysts also failed to predict that the Capellans would give Detroit Consolidated MechWorks the opportunity to prototype new designs for both Confederation and Canopian use. (Most of those analysts are now out of work.) Information gleaned by our new team reveals that DCM temporarily retooled their Anubis assembly line to complete a production run of twelve ABS-3MC variants with upgraded weaponry and electronics.

The 3MC reduces the *Anubis*' usual long-range firepower by half, but uses enhanced LRM launchers in place of the Sian/ Ceres Jaguars found on the stock 3L version. The NLRMs mitigate minimum range problems that have plagued Inner Sphere LRMs for centuries, but are not apparent from visual inspection, as both the 3L and 3MC both use five launch tubes in each torso.

The 3L's Diverse Optics small laser in the left arm has been upgraded to a medium-class laser, and an identical unit is housed in the 'Mech's right arm. This, combined with the enhanced LRMs, gives the 3MC an ideal engagement range of 120 meters. This added firepower only increases the 3MC's heat curve by nine percent over the 3L version, while still retaining the 3L's visual profile. The final touch was the replacement of the 3L's Guardian ECM with a prototype Angel suite (also provided by Ceres Metals). The most advanced ECM system in current testing, the Angel can even confound the targeting system of Streak missile launchers, while enhancing the capabilities of the 3MC's stealth armor.

Since the 3MC's introduction last year, rumors have circulated that Magistracy scientists are attempting another variant that takes stealth warfare a step farther, perhaps replacing its Hellespont Stealth armor with a functional prototype of the Chameleon LPS and Null Signature System that made the Star League-era *Exterminators* so fearsome. This, of course, may all be disinformation and propaganda generated by Capellan and Canopian sources, as not even the Word of Blake has managed to duplicate those feats of Star League engineering en masse.

MechWarrior-for-a-Day programs featuring this exciting design have yet to begin, but post-Jihad pre-orders are sold out and less than a dozen pre-order opportunities remain. Clients with Trinity Alliance affiliations will receive preferential consideration when booking packages. Due to the current state of unrest, additional background checks are required. Contact your account manager today!

### Type: Anubis

Technology Base: Inner Sphere (Experimental) Tonnage: 30 Battle Value: 1.074

R/L Leg	7	12	
R/L Arm	5	8	
R/L Torso (rear)		3	
R/L Torso	7	9	
Center Torso (rear)		4	
Center Torso	10	11	
Head	3	9	
	Structure	Value	2
	Internal	Armo	r
Armor Factor (Stealth):	88		5.5
Cockpit:			3
Gyro:			3
Heat Sinks:	10 [20]		0
Jumping MP:	0		
Running MP:	12		
Walking MP:	8		U
Engine:	240 XL	- 1	6
Internal Structure:	Endo Stee	2	1.5
Equipment	Mass		

weapons and Annio	Location	Cincai	ronnage	
ER Medium Laser	RA	1	1	
Enhanced LRM-5	RT	2	3	
Angel ECM Suite	СТ	2	2	
Enhanced LRM-5	LT	2	3	
Ammo (NLRM) 24	LT	1	1	
ER Medium Laser	LA	1	1	

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**Notes:** Features the following Design Quirks: Prototype, Exposed Actuators, Extended Torso Twist



# **TBT-XK7 TREBUCHET**

Field Testing Summation: Prototype TBT-5S Refit Producer/Site: Vandenburg Mechanized Industries / Pinard Supervising Technician: Kiersten Askelson Project Start Date: 15 September 3074 Non-Production Equipment Analysis:

Chain Whip Modular Armor

#### Overview

In late 3074, the threat of an imminent FedSuns assault on New Vandenburg spurred VMI to ship many important projects off world—among them the Enhanced Survivability Initiative (ESI).

Hidden in plain sight as an upgrade to the *Thunderbolt* production line on Pinard, the factory retooling gave VMI a sandbox for retrofitting armor on existing designs. After successfully testing their fabrication techniques on multiple chassis, the TBT-5S was selected for the next phase of the project; owing primarily to the destruction of ATC's Perdition facilities in 3075 and VMI's unexpected ability to cheaply procure two lances of the 'Mechs.

Four years of development followed as project leader Kiersten Askelson and her team tried to marry every piece of experimental equipment they could acquire to the 'Mechs. By 3079, the project was in shambles. Disparate weapon selection overloaded the TBT-5S's targeting system. High-yield energy weapons created heat-management disasters—including the accidental death of one MechWarrior. Ultimately, Askelson scrapped four of the test machines and refocused her team on a new goal.

The result was the first prototype TBT-XK7 in mid-3081. The remaining three TBT test beds were completed (with the same configuration) earlier this year and *FrontierTech* has secured an agreement with VMI to put you in the MechWarrior's seat during the live-fire trials that will be conducted in the coming months. (Standard waivers and terms apply.)

The XK7 refit is extensive and time consuming, but this Taurian *Trebuchet* comes out as one tough close-range brawler. Eight heat sinks are removed from the TBT-5S, but the remaining ten are upgraded to double-strength freezers, freeing up enough space to equip the 'Mech with an XL fusion engine and triplestrength myomer. For its offensive punch, TBT-XK7 features twin Streak SRM-6 racks, while a mixture of extended-range lasers, pulse lasers, and flamers give the design solid backup weaponry. A robust shield bolted to the left arm adds additional protection. Askelson deviates from traditional melee weapons equipping the design with an erratic chain whip. While popular on game worlds, this weapon has yet to prove its usefulness on a traditional battlefield.

#### Type: Trebuchet

Technology Base: Inner Sphere (Experimental) Tonnage: 50 Battle Value: 1,559

Equipment	Mass	
Internal Structure:	Endo Steel	2.5
Engine:	250 XL	6.5
Walking MP:	5*	
Running MP:	8*	
Jumping MP:	5*	
Heat Sinks:	10 [20]	0
Gyro:		3
Cockpit:		3
Armor Factor:	168	10.5
	Internal	Armor
	Structure	Value
Head	3	9
Center Torso	16	24†
Center Torso (rear)		7
R/L Torso	12	19†
R/L Torso (rear)		5
R/L Arm	8	16
R/L Leg	12	24
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Weapons and Ammo	Location	Critical	Tonnage
Chain Whip	RA	2	3
Medium Pulse Laser	RT	1	2
Streak SRM 6	RT	2	4.5
Modular Armor	RT	1	1
Modular Armor	СТ	1	1
ER Flamer	LT	1	1
Cosmetic Weapon (ER Flar	ner) LT	0	0 🧲
Ammo (Streak) 15	LT	1	1
Modular Armor	LT	1	1
Small Shield	LA	3	2
Streak SRM 6	LA	2	4.5
ER Medium Laser	LA	1	1
Triple-Strength Myomer	RT/LT	3/3	0
Jump Jets	RL	2	1
Jump Jet	СТ	1	.5
Jump Jets	LL	2	1



**Notes:** \*MP with modular armor is 4/6/4. MP with modular armor and active TSM is 5/8/4. MP without modular armor is 5/8/5. MP without modular armor and active TSM is 6/9/5; †Modular Armor provides an additional 10 points to these locations, decreases Walk MP by 1, and applies a +1 Piloting Skill target modifier; Features the following Design Quirks: Prototype, Non-Standard Parts, Fast Reload, Jettison-Capable Weapon (Chain Whip)

# **AS7-00 ATLAS JURN**

Field Testing Summation: Custom Atlas Refit Producer/Site: Lushann Industrials Limited / Lushann Supervising Technician: Preceptor Anton Jurn Project Start Date: 3079 Non-Production Equipment Analysis:

Hyper-Velocity AC/10

Armored Components Cockpit Command Console

#### Overview

The grandson of Uriah Jurn (of Alliance Borderers fame), Anton Jurn has been instrumental in the development of this unique *Atlas* refit. The BattleMech is currently undergoing live combat trials, and Jurn hopes to attract investors to partner with Lushann Industrials to begin limited assembly of the design within the year. Already, he has accrued enough investors to begin assembly of a second chassis. (Interested parties may contact their *FrontierTech* account manager for a prospectus.)

Most of Jurn's modifications swap out the *Atlas'* larger weapons for smaller, lighter versions. Custom power couplers and connector plates, retooled mounting brackets, heat shielding, and the like are required for each, but according to Jurn, most of the refit is easy to assemble.

Jurn started with a stripped-down AS7-K chassis. Where the 'Mech mounted a Dragon's Fire Gauss rifle, Jurn's design carries an experimental hyper-velocity autocannon, and where the Shiugunga LRM rack once resided, a salvaged heavy Thunderbolt launcher now takes its place. This single-tube launcher in place of the rapid-cycling five-tube system marks one of two visually significant changes. The other-a Lords Light 5 Snub-Nose PPC, placed above the HVAC—takes up the space once used for CASE in the 7-K. Two Lords Light 4 Light PPCs now replace the Victory lasers in the arms. The reduced damage and range are offset by significantly lowering this BattleMech's heat output. Ammunition for the weapons is now stored in a CASE II-protected compartment in the left torso (another upgrade over the 7-K model). Jurn preserved the existing ammo feed routing, but the feed mechanisms have been retooled. Another simple modification installs a Beagle active probe in the center torso, at the expense of the rear-firing pulse lasers.

In upgrading his *Atlas* to double-strength freezers, Jurn removed the four sinks from the 7-K's legs only to place an equal number of freezers in the arms to compensate. While the arms already had cooling system connectors, the entire system had to be rerouted to accommodate the change; a lengthy endeavor. This modification freed up space to install remote sensor dispensers in each leg—an unusual choice, but potentially useful nevertheless. Finally, a cockpit command console and additional armoring for both the console and the cockpit itself, makes for a roomier, and better-protected command center ideal for advanced tactical leadership in the field.

#### Type: Atlas Jurn

CASE II

Light PPC

Technology Base: Inner Sphere (Experimental) Tonnage: 100 Battle Value: 2,052

Equipment	Mass			
Internal Structure:			10	
Engine:	300 XL		9.5	
Walking MP:	3			
Running MP:	5			
Jumping MP:	0			
Heat Sinks:	16 [32]		6	
Gyro:			3	
Cockpit (Armored):			4	
Armor Factor:	304		19	
	Internal	Arn	nor	
	Structure	e Val	lue	
Head	3	9	Ð	
Center Torso	31	4	7	
Center Torso (rear)		1	4	
R/L Torso	21	3	2	
R/L Torso (rear)		1	0	
R/L Arm	17	3	4	
R/L Leg	21	4	1	Г
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Weapons and Ammo	Location	Critical	Tonnage	$\ $
Light PPC	RA	2	3	- <b>L</b>
Hyper-Velocity AC/10	RT	6	14	1
Snub-Nose PPC	RT	2	6	
Remote Sensor Dispenser	RL	1	.5	
Cockpit Command				
Console (Armored)	Н	1	4	
Beagle Active Probe	СТ	2	1.5	
Remote Sensor Dispenser	LL	1	.5	
Thunderbolt 15	LT	3	11	
Ammo (Thunderbolt) 8	LT	2	2	
Ammo (HVAC) 16	LT	2	2	

**Notes:** Features the following Design Quirks: Prototype, Non-Standard Parts, Command BattleMech, Distracting

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# **RCL-ZI DIG LORD ARMED MINING 'MECH**

Field Testing Summation: Custom RCL-4 Refit Producer/Site: Unknown Refit Facility / Erod's Escape Supervising Technician: Shaun Mulanax Project Start Date: Early 3079

#### Non-Production Equipment Analysis:

Medium Vibroblade Heavy Rifle Actuator Enhancement System Shoulder Turret

#### Overview

Since their split with the Taurian Concordat, the Calderon Protectorate has suffered from a dearth of military hardware. Lacking any heavy industry or significant factories they have been forced to import, acquire, or improvise most of their 'Mech assets. While other realms embraced RetroTech to fill their ranks during the downturns of the Jihad, the Protectorate has diversified and created a number of paramilitary units—including several lances of armed IndustrialMechs under the guidance of Shaun Mulanax.

A former subaltern in the TDF, Mulanax is known better today for his technical reputation; his MechWarrior days only an afterthought. A master tinker, he is renowned for unorthodox repairs and refits, quirky solutions, and jury-rigged genius. Among technicians in the Protectorate, this thirty-year-old wunderkind has attained near celebrity status. Mulanax has capitalized on his fame and actively trades tech gear through an extensive network of associates.

The armed *Dig Lord* is his latest project. This ponderous, militarized MiningMech is well-armed against the pirates and brigands that plague the Periphery, and should comport itself well against softer targets. (Engaging dedicated BattleMechs, however, is strongly discouraged and will void the insurance clause of your contract.)

A five-tube multi-missile launcher, with variable ordinance options, and a heavy rifle are this *Dig Lord*'s primary weapons. For the MML, Mulanax eschewed the standard ammunition management system in favor of one he personally designed. The revolutionary system virtually eliminates the chance of a misfeed and can cycle between bins nearly a second faster than standard MML launchers. The shoulder mount used by the heavy rifle is also a Mulanax creation, and will certainly surprise unwary opponents with its 300-degree field of fire. Unfortunately, Mulanax's design lacks a fire control system, leaving his *Dig Lord* with "iron sights" point-and-shoot targeting.

For close combat, the *Dig Lord* comes equipped with an actuator-enhanced vibroblade, which delivers devastating melee power in a sleek and efficient package. Eight tons of heavy industrial plates provide armor protection equivalent to most light BattleMechs.

Due to the volatile situation in the Protectorate, clients booking a *Dig Lord* adventure must accept *FrontierTech*'s standard substitution clause allowing for another of Mulanax's creations to be selected in the event that this one-of-a-kind machine is unavailable. A substitution credit will, of course, be applied to your next adventure.

#### Type: Dig Lord Armed MiningMech

Technology Base: Inner Sphere (Experimental) Tonnage: 65 Battle Value: 698



**Notes:** \*Mounted in a BattleMech Shoulder Turret; Features no Fire Control; Features the following Design Quirks: Prototype, Protected Actuators, Jettison-Capable Weapon (Medium Vibroblade).

# SALADIN IFRIT

Field Testing Summation: Custom Saladin Refit Producer/Site: Trondel Refit & Repair Facility / Fronc Supervising Technician: Dante de Laurent Project Start Date: 3077 Non-Production Equipment Analysis: Vehicular Jump Jets

#### Overview

The Fronc Cuirassiers (née Derek's Devils) came to the Fronc Reaches about fifteen years ago. After losing Detroit, Fronc lacked any significant military industry and one of the Cuirassiers first assignments was to safeguard the construction of refit and repair facilities necessary to keep the Reaches' fledgling military in fighting shape. The Trondel facility was the first to be completed and opened for business, under the supervision of Dante de Laurent, with a two-month backlog of work. A shrewd improviser, de Laurent has proven time and again his unorthodox strategies and technical brilliance get units battle-ready with a minimum of downtime. Although most militaries would eschew his methodology, it is quite welcome in the Reaches.

The Saladin Ifrit is unique among de Laurent's many customizations for its use of vehicular jump jets (last seen in the Inner Sphere on the SLDF's Kanga hover tanks). Rebuilt from the wreckage of a LB-X Saladin variant and a Hiryo WiGE, de Laurent replaced the Saladin's destroyed Norse-Storm autocannon with the Hiyro's Lords Light 2b Snub-Nose PPC. He then used the remaining weight savings to install a targeting computer and the vehicular jump jet system that provides the Ifrit an amazing jumping range of 270 meters. The resulting vehicle lacks the raw firepower of the Saladin, but has greater battlefield endurance due to its lack of ammo-dependency and shocking mobility.

Where or how de Laurent acquired the knowledge to build and configure the elaborate computerized guidance systems to stabilize this tank's flight remains a mystery—especially as we have it on good authority that even the Clans found the process so daunting after decades of research! If he has acquired a full (or partial) copy of the New Dallas Memory Core, that could explain the Ifrit and many of this master tech's more experimental refits, but de Laurent denies this. Citing his work as merely "inspired", all of de Laurent's custom designs are one-off creations. As such, it is unlikely for any of them to enter full-scale production, particularly in the factory-starved Fronc Reaches.

Due to the unique nature of this vehicle and the volatile conditions on Fronc, opportunities to pilot this unique tank cannot be guaranteed. *FrontierTech* reserves the right to substitute another of de Laurent's creations should the lfrit be destroyed or otherwise rendered unavailable.

#### Type: Saladin Ifrit

Technology Base: Inner Sphere (Experimental) Movement Type: Hover (Jump) Tonnage: 35 Battle Value: 955

#### **Equipment** Internal Structure Engine:

Internal Structure:		3.5
Engine:	140	7.5
Туре:	Fusion	
Cruise MP:	9	
Flank MP:	14	
Jump MP:	9	
Heat Sinks:	10	0
Control Equipment:		2
Lift Equipment:		3.5
Power Amplifier:		0
Turret:		0
Armor Factor (Heavy Ferro):	119	6
	Armor	
	Value	
Front	40	
R/L Side	30	
Rear	19	

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Weapons and Ammo	Location	Tonnage
Snub-Nose PPC	Front	6
Targeting Computer	Body	2
Jump Jets	Body	4.5

**Notes:** Features the following Design Quirks: Prototype, Hard to Pilot, Non-Standard Parts, Rumble Seat



# **DANAI ARROW**

Field Testing Summation: Prototype Danai Refit Producer/Site: Detroit Consolidated Vehicle Works / Detroit Supervising Technician: Sagira Tabatabai Project Start Date: 3075 Non-Production Equipment Analysis: Vehicular Stealth Armor

#### Overview

The Blakists assaults on Detroit left DCVW with some heavily damaged vehicles, among them a great deal of factory-fresh Danais that were caught in the crossfire. What began as a project simply aimed at cobbling together functional units from this salvage ultimately led to a prototype refit of the chassis. The new variant, a brainchild of DCVW's resident R&D manager Sagira Tabatabai, substitutes an Arrow IV launcher and two tons of ammunition for its Bithinian Ballistics Thumper. This change reduces the Danai's operational support range, but provides more flexible deployment roles thanks to a variety of special munitions available for the Arrow IV. Four Magshot Gauss rifles also replace the turret-mounted Firmir lasers, for a better defensive posture against conventional and armored infantry. Four prototypes were produced with this configuration and four and a half tons of Maximilian 43 armor.

A year later, when a parts shortage stopped production of the *Anubis*, DCVW attempted to adapt the 'Mech's Hellespont Stealth armor for use on combat vehicles. The three surviving Arrow IV prototypes were brought back to the repair yard and stripped. A smaller DAV 160-rated engine was installed to accommodate the additional space and weight requirements of a Guardian ECM system. This reduced the Danai's maximum speed by over twenty kph, but increased armor protection by a half ton over the original specs.

Although physically attaching the new armor proved a simple task, problems with the Magestrix Gamma targeting system and Guardian continue to confound technicians. The targeting system was not hardened against hostile ECM fields, and when the Guardian is engaged, it gives faulty targeting information, sometimes fails to send the launch command to the missiles, and occasionally shuts down. Should this happen during combat, the Danai would be defenseless while the system reboots. Appropriately, DCVW has given orders to deploy the prototype only in dire circumstances.

Although weekly live fire trials are expected to continue for the next few months, the Danai Arrow may never enter production. Tabatabai remains optimistic that a solution will be found, but the project is slowly losing funding and support as other initiatives are brought online. All three prototypes are in danger of being scrapped. The minimum investment for this opportunity is a modest 5,000,000 C-Bills. Interested parties should contact their account managers today!

Type: Danai Arrow		
Technology Base: Inner Spl	nere (Experimenta	I)
Movement Type: Wheeled		
Tonnage: 45		
Battle Value: 855		
Equipment		Mass
Internal Structure:		4.5
Engine:	160	9
Type:	Fusion	
Cruise MP:	4	
Flank MP:	6	
Heat Sinks:	10	0
Control Equipment:		2.5
Lift Eq uipment:		0
Power Amplifier:		0
Turret:		.5

Equipment		Mass
Armor Factor (Stealth):	112	7
	Armor	
	Value	
Front	31	
R/L Side	19	
Rear	16	
Turret	27	
Weapons and Ammo	Location	Tonnag
4 Magshot Gauss Rifles	Turret	2
Ammo (Magshot) 50	Body	1
Arrow IV Artillery	Front	15
Ammo (Arrow) 10	Body	2
Guardian ECM Suite	Body	1.5

**Notes:** Features the following Design Quirks: Prototype, Sensor Ghosts, Trailer Hitch



### **PATTON-SB**

Field Testing Summation: Custom Patton Refit Producer/Site: Taurus Territorial Industries / Taurus Supervising Technician: Kliment Sterba Project Start Date: 3079 Non-Production Equipment Analysis: Silver Bullet Gauss Rifle

Supercharger

#### Overview

The Taurian love of putting weapons platforms on asteroids is well known, given the asteroid-heavy nature of their capital world. Generally, this defensive strategy has taken the form of fixed emplacements, zerogee trained infantry, and BattleMechs adapted to the environment. Conventional vehicles, with their frail construction and limited mobility, are seldom chosen for this duty, but move from an asteroid to a small moon, planetoid, or any other dead rock large enough to possess a pull of half a G or more, and vehicles suddenly have a place. At least, that is the philosophy behind Kliment Sterba's one-off Patton refit. As the head of TTI's Advanced Projects (Adpro) team, Sterba has an illustrious history of developing cutting edge technological innovations for the Taurian Defense Force.

The Patton-SB features a number of improvements that prepare it for vacuum combat. Adpro spent six months in one of TTI's refit hangars dissembling the Patton chassis and rebuilding it with environmental sealing. A Magna 260-rated extralight engine was installed. This created significant weight savings, but also required considerable modifications to the aft section of the tank to accommodate the increased bulk. A supercharger was then installed, boosting speeds to nearly ninety kph in short bursts—further when operating at less than Terrestrial gravity. The combination of the XL engine and supercharger forced a redesign of the turret platform assembly that resulted in a smaller turret ring and a slower traverse speed.

The Patton-SB's weapons are designed to take advantage of the hazards of vacuum combat by spreading out their damage to maximize the chances of a breach. Its Silver Bullet Gauss rifle, combined with a Holly five-tube LRM launcher combine hull breach seeking ordinance and long range firepower in an attractive package; both with plenty of ammunition. Two Diverse Optics lasers serve as the tank's secondary weapons and deter close assault. This is good because the heavy environmental sealing components forced a slight reduction in the armor protection this Patton variant possesses. (Still, with eleven and a half tons of Durallex Special heavy ferro-fibrous, the Patton-SB retains ninety-seven percent of the standard Patton's protection.)

TTI needs significant numbers of inventors and buyers to get this project out of the prototype stage. With hostilities still simmering between the Taurians and the FedSuns, the biggest hurdle promises to be the acquisition of a reliable source for the Silver Bullet Gauss rifles. This would force TTI (or some partner supplier) to manufacture the unusual weapon domestically. (Interested parties should contact their account manager for a prospectus.)

Type: <b>Patton-SB</b> Technology Base: Inner Spl Movement Type: Tracked Tonnage: 65 Battle Value: 1.468	here (Experimenta	l)
<b>Equipment</b> Internal Structure: Engine:	260	<b>Mass</b> 6.5 10.5
Type: Cruise MP:	XL Fusion 4	
Flank MP:	6 (8)	
Heat Sinks:	10	0
Control Equipment:		3.5
Lift Equipment:		0
Power Amplifier:		0
Turret:		2

	Mass
228	11.5
Armor	
Value	
50	
44/44	
40	
50	
Location	Tonnage
Turret	15
Turret	2
Turret	2
Body	3
Body	1
Body	1.5
_	6.5
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#### Notes: Features the following Design Quirks: Prototype, Trailer Hitch



# DREADNOUGHT MK II LAND TRAIN

Field Testing Summation: Custom Gienah-Durapaq Elite Series 3 Refit Producer/Site: Marian Arms / Alphard Supervising Technician: Proculeius Lodi Project Start Date: 3072 Non-Production Equipment Analysis: Tractor: Hyper-Velocity AC/2s Extended LRM 5s

Trailer Configuration #1 HVAC/2 Trailer Configuration #2 Extended LRM 10 Trailer Configuration #3 Extended LRM 5 Trailer Configuration #4 Hyper-Velocity AC/5

#### Overview

As an inexpensive way to transport nearly 200 tons of ore, Gienah-Durapaq land trains have been a valuable part of the Marian infrastructure from the beginning. These mammoth vehicle trains ferry cargo from the mines to improvised landing fields, and later to Nova Roma. As the Marian Hegemony grew from a mere germanium mining operation to a pirate realm and finally to a bona-fide Periphery state, it began to attract an ever-increasing number of raiders hoping to profit off the realm's growing economy. Thus, the land trains were organized into convoys and protected by whatever military assets the Hegemony could field.

By the time of the Blake terrorist attack on Nova Roma, land train convoys were well-protected symbols in Hegemony industrial might, and transported a wide variety of cargo. In the chaos that followed, ore shipments stopped. When they resumed a year later, Lugdunum was the primary destination, but the Hegemony could no longer spare military assets to protect them. When Caesar Cassius O'Reilly assumed the throne, one of his first orders was to establish an armament program for the land trains, appointing Proculeius Lodi as the overseer.

With Alphard's industry in shambles, building new land trains was not an option. Instead, Lodi worked closely with HAF commander Michael Alexander to develop specifications for an ambitious refit. Named the Dreadnought Land Train, these refits feature improved armor for both the tractor and trailer units, and enough firepower to defend themselves against a variety of aggressors. By the late 3070s, many of Alphard's land trains boasted the Dreadnought upgrades, and life was slowly returning to normal in the Hegemony.

In September of 3079, O'Reilly met with Lodi and Alexander to review the project. During that closed-door session, Lodi pitched an upgrade to the Dreadnought—the Mk II. This new design would take advantage of the latest technologies to further enhance defensive capabilities. O'Reilly approved the refit of two Dreadnoughts for testing, and in consideration of Lodi's success, gave him a generous budget.

The upgrades to both land trains only recently completed, and both trains are now undergoing field trials on Alphard. Train 838 and train 520 both feature the same armored tractor module. Train 838 normally runs with two Configuration One and two Configuration Two trailers, while train 520 is most commonly pulling two each of Configurations Three and Four. The trailer modules are frequently exchanged for specific cargo runs, and four of each configuration have been completed.

The heart of both trains is the Dreadnought Mk II tractor module. With eight tons of commercial grade ATC armor protecting a hardy frame, these vehicles can withstands repeated strikes from medium-class lasers. Unfortunately, heavier lasers and particle cannon can punch through with a single shot, but the choice of non-military armor was a concession deemed worthwhile to avoid over-burdening the structure and mobility of these cargo haulers.

As the land train is a slow moving vehicle, its weaponry emphasizes two defensive strategies: First, long range firepower to drive off would-be attacker; and second., anti-infantry capabilities to repel boarding parties. The first is handily addressed by a brace of hyper-velocity autocannon, backed by a pair of extended-range five-tube missile launchers. A total of six arrayed machine guns defend the cab from predations by conventional infantry, and in the event of a successful boarding action, five *contubernias* of infantry stand ready to defend the tractor. These enhancements come at the price of comfort for all aboard the Mk II. The vehicle commander and his second make do with steerage-class quarters. The rest of the crew shares a single infantry bay. The fifty soldiers assigned to the land train share two infantry bays, with NCOs garnering larger bunks. A field kitchen and four tons of cargo space (usually devoted to food and medical supplies) round out the cab.

All four of the trailer configurations include turreted weaponry, advanced fire control systems, improved armor, and twenty gross tons of cargo space. Configuration One uses a light HVAC and five-tube multimissile launcher. Configuration Two—so far the most popular—features an extended-range ten-tube missile launcher and a six-tube SRM rack. The third trailer model drops the LRM launcher to a five rack, upgrades the SRMs to Streak models, and includes a machine gun. The final variant is outfitted with a medium-class HVAC and a fifteen-tube rocket launcher. Trailer gunners bunk with the Mk II crew.

*FrontierTech* is proud to present this unique investment opportunity. Additionally, adventure packages are also available through the end of this year (when testing of the Mk II concludes). Contact your account manager today!

#### Type: Dreadnought Mk II Tractor Module

Technology Base: Inner Sphere (Experimental) Movement Type: Tracked Equipment Rating: E/X-X-D/E Mass: 200 tons Battle Value: 1.057

Equipment Chassis: Engine/Controls: Cruise MP: Flank MP: Heat Sinks: Fuel N/A Turret: Sponson Turrets Armor Factor (BAR 7):	Fusion 3 5 0 0 200	Mass 60 49 0 3 .5 8	
Front Front R/L Side Rear R/L Side Rear Turret	Internal Structure 20 20 20 20 20 20	Armor Value 35 26/26 26/26 26 35	
Weapons and Ammo 2 Hyper-Velocity AC/2 Ammo (HVAC) 90 2 Extended LRM 5 Ammo (ELRM) 90 3 Machine Guns Machine Gun Array 3 Machine Gun Array Ammo (MG) 200 Advanced Fire Control	Location Turret Body Turret Body Right Front Spons Left Front Spons Left Front Spons Body Body	son on	Mass 16 3 12 5 1.5 .5 1.5 .5 1 3.5

Crew: 27 (5 officers, 6 enlisted/non-rated, 16 gunners) Cargo:

2 Infantry Bays (10 tons)	2 Doors (Front Right/Left)
4 tons standard	1 Door (Rear)

**Notes:** Features Tech D Chassis and Armor, Tractor Chassis Modification, 3 steerage-class quarters (15 tons), lift hoist (3 tons, Rear), field kitchen (3 tons); Features the following Design Quirks: Prototype, Non-Standard Parts

# **DREADNOUGHT MK II LAND TRAIN**

#### Type: Dreadnought Mk II Trailer

Technology Base: Inner Sphere (Experimental) Movement Type: Tracked Equipment Rating: D/X-X-F/E Mass: 50 tons

Equipment			Mass
Chassis:			7.5
Engine/Controls:			0
Cruise MP:	N/A		
Flank MP:	N/A		
Heat Sinks:	0		0
Fuel:	N/A		0
Turret:			1.5
Armor Factor (BAR 7):	100		4.5
	Internal	Armor	
	Structure	Value	
Front	5	20	
R/L Side	5	20/20	
Rear	5	20	
Turret	5	20	

Trailer Configuration #3 Extended LRM 5 Turret 6 Ammo (ELRM) 36 2 Body Streak SRM 6 Turret 4.5 Ammo (Streak) 15 Body 1 Machine Gun Turret .5 Ammo (MG) 200 Body .5 Advanced Fire Control Body 1.5

### Crew: 6 (1 officer, 5 gunners)

Cargo:

17.4 tons Refrigerated (20 tons) 4 Doors (Front, Right, Left, Rear)

Battle Value: 307

Trailer Configuration #4		
Hyper-Velocity AC/5	Turret	12
Ammo (HVAC) 30	Body	2
Rocket Launcher 15	Turret	1
Advanced Fire Control	Body	1.5
<b>Crew:</b> 6 (1 officer, 5 gunners) <b>Cargo:</b>		

16.6 tons Livestock (20 tons) Battle Value: 291

Tuailan Canfarmatian #1

4 Doors (Front, Right, Left, Rear)



Notes: All trailer configurations feature the Tractor and Trailer Chassis Modifications; All trailer configurations feature the following Design Quirks: Non-Standard Parts, Rumble Seat

Weapons and Ammo	Location	Tonnage
Trailer Configuration #1		
Hyper-Velocity AC/2	Turret	8
Ammo (HVAC) 30	Body	1
MML 5	Turret	3
Artemis IV FCS	Turret	1
Ammo (MML) 48/40	Body	2
Advanced Fire Control	Body	1.5

Crew: 4 (4 gunners)			
Cargo:			
20 tons standard			

Battle Value: 273

Trailer Configuration #2		
Extended LRM 10	Turret	8
Ammo (ELRM) 18	Body	2
SRM 6	Turret	3
Ammo (SRM) 30	Body	2
Advanced Fire Control	Body	1.5

4 Doors (Front, Right, Left, Rear)

Crew: 4 (4 gunners)

Cargo: 18.2 tons liquid (20 tons)

Battle Value: 234

## SEABUSTER

Field Testing Summation: Prototype Mechbuster Refit Producer/Site: Praxton Fusion Products, Praxton Supervising Technician: Amarante No Project Start Date: Circa 3060 Non-Production Equipment Analysis: Improved Heavy Gauss Rifle

#### Overview

"Ask any Mechbuster pilot about their bird, and they'll tell you it's a marvelous, responsive airframe, but getting in close with its Zeus-75 autocannon is more painful than the ending to *Sonezaki Shinjū*. Give your pilots the edge they need for today's battlefield. Upgrade to the Seabuster today!"

-Seabuster Advertising Campaign

Aerospace engineer Amarante No's proposal for a refit of the popular Mechbuster was not well received in the Draconis Combine, so she made her way to the Outworlds Alliance, where she wooed Praxton Fusion Products. PFP bankrolled the project in exchange for exclusive rights to supply the 250-rated fusion engine to any licensee of the design.

Ms. No set up shop in Praxton's warehouse facilities, and started the lengthy manual refit process. Her original design called for a Heavy Gauss Rifle and one airframe was completed with that configuration. During live-fire tests the fighter suffered a critical failure of the main wing spar due to a fault in the recoil suppression system and it was destroyed in the subsequent crash. (The test pilot ejected safely.)

Completion of a second airframe was delayed for five years while Ms. No attempted to resolve the recoil problem. Ultimately, she negotiated a deal with Defiance Industries. In exchange for undisclosed concessions, Defiance provided test samples of an Improved Heavy Gauss Rifle. Its advanced recoil suppression system reduced the stress on the Mechbuster airframe and literally saved the project.

After several successful trials, five additional fighters were assembled on Praxton. In 3075, all six were subsequently adapted with flotation hulls at the request of a prospective client on an unidentified water-rich world. This adaptation proved so popular it became a permanent fixture, and resulted in the variant's new name.

In its present configuration, the Seabuster fills an interesting niche. While not as flexible as its STOL-based competitors, the Seabuster can operate out of any unimproved area with a sufficiently sized body of water eliminating the need for costly airfield construction. Additionally, few STOLs can match its firepower.

Ms. No is currently looking for prospective companies to assemble the refit or produce it from scratch. Although her licensing agreements with PFP and Defiance make this the most expensive Mechbuster variant to-date, she is confident that it will soon enter full-scale production. *FrontierTech* is proud to offer adventure packages for this exciting platform.

#### Type: Seabuster

Technology Base: Inner Sphere (Experimental) Tonnage: 50 Battle Value: 764



**Notes:** Features Flotation Hull Chassis Modification; Features the following Design Quirks: Prototype, Hard to Pilot, Rumble Seat

# **TRB-XTS THUNDERBIRD**

Field Testing Summation: Custom Thunderbird Refit Producer/Site: Rim Salvage / Gillfillan's Gold Supervising Technician: Srikhar Swaminathan Project Start Date: 3073 Non-Production Equipment Analysis:

Centurion Weapon System Laser Insulators

#### Overview

[Editor's Note: The Thunderbird is a lie! Shortly before press time, we discovered incontrovertible evidence identifying Rim Salvage as a Blakist shell corporation and this Thunderbird variant as one of their black projects. Based upon this information, we believe development is actually taking place on Circinus, not Gillfillan's Gold, and have alerted Able's Aces to the Blakist presence in their back yard. FrontierTech has severed all contact with Rim Refit, and presents the following only to showcase the Blakist talent for misinformation.]

Finding an aerospace fighter sporting experimental Star League lostech in the Rim Collection would raise curious eyebrows for those not versed in the history of the region. In 3062, Able's Aces defended the Collection against Morrison's Extractors, a pirate band known to have stumbled upon a lostech cache.

Rim Salvage obtained a recovery contract for that campaign and, during the process, uncovered information hidden aboard a wrecked Extractors BattleMech that pointed to another cache. It took ten years to raise the funds to launch an expedition, but in 3072 they grounded on a lifeless planet in an unnamed system, where they discovered a SLDF aerospace testing facility.

Selling four of the six fighters they recovered from the site more than paid for the expedition and left Rim Salvage with two experimental *Thunderbird* chassis, equipped with the quixotic Centurion Weapon System. A failed SLDF project, the Centurion system was theoretically capable of remotely forcing target units to shutdown without inflicting any damage whatsoever. The system was apparently scrapped as unreliable and overcomplicated, but all four of the Centurions recovered by Rim Salvage are in working condition and their capabilities are impressive—when they work.

Rim chose to refit the *Thunderbirds* with these weapons, rather than restore the venerable fighters to their original configurations. Their variant stripped the SLDF secondary weapons and replaced them with paired pulse lasers and rotary autocannons. The combination creates a devastating medium-range dogfighter. Lostech laser insulators and nineteen freezers give the fighter sufficient heat dissipation for sustained fire, should the Centurions fail to do their job.

Neither airframe is available for sale or test flight, as Rim considers them too precious to lose in an accident. However, these impressive examples of lost technology mated with new tech are behind Rim's latest effort to raise funds for another expedition this time in pursuit of additional SLDF proving grounds in the Periphery they may have located deeper in the Periphery.

#### Type: Thunderbird

Technology Base: Inner Sphere (Experimental) Tonnage: 100 Battle Value: 2,494

Mass

19

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15

Equipment	
Engine:	300
Safe Thrust:	5
Maximum Thrust:	8
Structural Integrity:	10
Heat Sinks:	19 [38
Fuel: 400	5
Cockpit:	
Armor Factor (Ferro):	268
	Armo
	Value
Nose	96
Wings	64/64
Aft	44

	Weapons and Ammo	Location	Tonnage	Heat	SRV	MRV	LRV	ERV	
	2 Centurion Weapon Systen	ns Nose	10	8	+	+	_	_	
	Large Pulse Laser with Insulator	RW	7.5	9*	9	9	_	—	
	Rotary AC/5	RW	10	6	20	20	_	_	
S	Large Pulse Laser with Insulator	LW	7.5	9*	9	9	_	—	
	Rotary AC/5 Ammo (RAC) 80	LW	10 4	6	20	20	_	_	

**Notes:** †Against units susceptible to the Centurion, it has an aerospace range of Medium; against units that are not susceptible it has an aerospace range of short. On a successful hit, the target immediately rolls for shutdown as if its heat level were 14 points higher than it actually is. (see p. 127, *Jihad Conspiracies: Interstellar Players 2*);. \*Laser Insulator reduces heat by 1 point; Features the following Design Quirk: Prototype, Rumble Seat



# **VENGEANCE-CLASSPOCKETWARSHIPPROTOTYPE**

Field Testing Summation: Customized Vengeance-Class Refit Producer/Site: Ebon Magistrate / Classified Supervising Technician: Unknown Project Start Date: Unknown Non-Production Equipment Analysis: Piranha Sub-Capital Missile Launchers

Enhanced LRM 20s

#### Overview

The Taurian News Service called the MCS *Danai Centrella* the "New Vandenberg White Wings of our generation". While that may be hyperbole, the heavily customized DropShip is an enigma that no credible theory has yet explained. Officially, she was overhauled under direction of the Ebon Magistrate at a classified location in the Magistracy of Canopus. Based upon her arsenal of Piranha missiles, many have speculated the Blakists started her refit during their occupation and later abandoned her. Even if these origins are true, however, they fail to explain how the Ebon Magistrate could have completed the work, as the only capable facilities in the Magistracy were lost over a century ago.

Built upon an obsolete Kallon Industries Vengeance hull, the Centrella resembles her peers well enough to pass for them in casual observation, but a closer inspection reveals significant changes from the standard design. The DropShip sacrifices roughly half of her fighter complement to mount an impressive array of Piranha, LRM, and Enhanced LRM missile launchers. Piranha launchers and ammunition consume the uppermost decks along with the top half of the port and starboard hangars, and the LRMs all make use of Artemis IV fire control systems for improved damage potential. Meanwhile, improved armor provides twice the protection of the obsolete Vengeance-class, but the structural reinforcements necessary to support all of this even intrudes into the remaining hangars, complicating launch and recovery operations.

A product of naval strategies developed during the Jihad, the *Danai Centrella* features a robust point defense system and bunk space for over a hundred zero-gee trained marines—enough troops to repel simultaneous boarding attempts from two *Battle Taxis*. Upgraded heat sinks, combined with ample ammunition for the main launchers, permit sustained use of aggressive firing solutions. The inclusion of a Naval Comm-Scanner suite further enhances the *Centrella*'s multi-role capabilities, and additional cargo and fuel capacity allow for extended operations.

The refit has received mixed reviews. Critics have focused on the reduction in fighter capacity and the Piranhas' vulnerability to point defense systems as critical flaws in the design. Proponents contend the added versatility is an acceptable trade.

The *Centrella* will be touring the Magistracy this year and *FrontierTech* is pleased to announce that we have secured permission for a limited number of observers to accompany her. While we cannot guarantee combat, the present state of the Periphery certainly raises the possibility. Contact your account executive now for reservations!

#### Vengeance-Class PWS Prototype MCS Danai Centrella

Type: Military Aerodyne Use: Pocket WarShip Tech: Inner Sphere (Experimental) Introduced: 3080 Mass: 11,400 tons Battle Value: 19,450

#### Dimensions

Length: 234 meters Width: 96 meters Height: 20 meters

Fuel: 600 tons (18,000 points) Tons/Burn Day: 1.84 Safe Thrust: 4 Maximum Thrust: 6 Heat Sinks: 148 (296) Structural Integrity: 17

#### Armor:

Nose: 400 Wings: 300 Aft: 198

#### Cargo:

Bay 1: Fighters (18)	4 Doors
Bay 2: Small Craft (3)	2 Doors
Bay 3: Foot Infantry Transport Bays (4)	1 Door
Bay 4: Cargo (376 Tons)	1 Door

### Life Boats: 0

Escape Pods: 33

Crew: 7 officers, 7 enlisted/non-rated, 20 gunners, , 6 NCSS crew, 51 bay personnel, 112 marines

**Notes:** Equipped with 76 tons of Heavy Ferro-Aluminum armor and a Small Naval Comm-Scanner (100 tons); Features the following Design Quirks: Prototype, Unstreamlined

Weapons:Capital At Arc (Heat) Type			andard) Medium	Long	Extreme	Class
Nose (74 Heat)				2		
4 Piranha Launchers (60 Missiles)	s 36	12 (120)	12 (120)	12 (120)	—	Capital Missile
4 LRM 20	24	6 (64)	6 (64)	6 (64)	—	LRM
+ Artemis IV (96			2 (22)	2 (22)		
2 Enhanced LRM 20		3 (32)	3 (32)	3 (32)	_	LRM
+ Artemis IV (48		)				Data
2 AMS	2	_	_	_	_	Point
(60 rounds)						Defense
RW/LW (68 Heat)						
2 Piranha Launchers (30 Missiles)	5 18	6 (60)	6 (60)	6 (60)	—	Capital Missile
4 LRM 20	24	6 (64)	6 (64)	6 (64)	_	LRM
+ Artemis IV(96	rounds)	)				
2 Enhanced LRM 20	12	3 (32)	3 (32)	3 (32)	_	LRM
+ Artemis IV (48	rounds	)				
2 Medium X-Pulse	12	, 1 (12)	_	_	_	Pulse
Lasers		. (.=)				Laser
2 AMS	2	_	_	_	_	Point
(60 rounds)	-					Defense
Aft (40 Heat)						Derense
2 LRM 20	12	3 (32)	3 (32)	3 (32)	_	LRM
+ Artemis IV (48		, ,	5 (52)	5 (52)		
1 Enhanced LRM 20		2 (16)	2 (16)	2 (16)		LRM
+ Artemis IV (24	-	. ,	2(10)	2(10)		
4 ER Medium Lasers		,	2 (20)			1
2 AMS		2 (20)	2 (20)		_	Laser Point
2 ANIS (60 rounds)	2	_	_	_	_	Defense



# AILETTE RESCUE PA(L)

Field Testing Summation: Prototype Ailette Refit Producer/Site: Taurus Territorial Industries / Sterope Supervising Technician: Mike Peterson Project Start Date: 3076

#### Non-Production Equipment Analysis:

Battle Armor Mechanical Jump Booster

#### Overview

The Ailette engineering exoskeleton is a common sight in the Taurian Concordat. TTI licensed the Ailette from Federated Boeing in 3069, after a Blakist assault destroyed the Galax shipyards, and has been producing it non-stop since then.

In 3073, Lance Sergeant Julia Wilson was killed during a high-profile training accident. The accident investigation board identified two primary causes for her death: First, that Search and Rescue (SAR) lacked the appropriate equipment to extract her from her damaged *Seydiltz* fighter; and second, a faulty directional thruster in two of the SAR exoskeletons delayed response time. Public backlash was brutal, and ultimately led to a review of all Taurian SAR protocols. The review took two years to complete, and agreed with the previous finding regarding extraction equipment. (The second finding was not substantiated.)

Anticipating the need, TTI started work on a new rescue suit based on the Ailette engineering exoskeleton even before the investigations were concluded. The result entered production in 3074, and continues to earn excellent marks in service and performance from the Concordat government. The version demonstrated for FrontierTech (and documented below) is an experimental upgrade featuring a battle armor mechanical jump booster. The BAMJB is a miniaturized version of the system found on some prototype 'Mechs today. Using a combination of highstrength myomer and other specialized components, the BAMJB generates propulsion without the need for reaction mass or other fuel sources. This is an unusual choice for search and rescue, as BAMJB cannot be steered once engaged. TTI demonstrated the system functions faster than jump jets and other motive systems, and can be triggered where jump jets would inflict unacceptable damage. Still, extreme care must be taken with the system as a trajectory error could send an inexperienced operator careening off into space. TTI plans to provide extensive training opportunities should the new suit design enter mainstream production. In addition, this suit also features a versatile salvage arm to aid in difficult extraction scenarios and an impressive improved sensor array to meet SAR needs in a variety of conditions.

Investors should contact their account manager for additional information before 1 May.

Type: Ailette Rescue PA(L) Manufacturer: Taurus Territorial Industries Primary Factory: Taurus Equipment Rating: E/X-X-F/C

Tech Base: Inner Sphere (Experimental) Chassis Type: Humanoid Weight Class: PA(L) Maximum Weight: 400 kg Battle Value: 5

#### Swarm/Leg Attack/Mechanized/AP: No/No/No/Yes

**Notes:** May not attempt Anti-Mech Swarm and Leg Attacks in the same turn as it uses Jump MP; Features the following Design Quirks: Prototype, Easy to Pilot.

<b>Equipment</b> Chassis: Motive System:		Slots	<b>Mass</b> 80 kg
Ground MP:	2		0 kg
Jump MP:	1		0 kg
Manipulators:			
Right Arm:	Armored Glove		0 kg
Left Arm:	Salvage Arm		30 kg
Armor:	Standard		50 kg
Armor Value:	1 + 1 (Trooper)		

	Slots				
Weapons and Equipment	Location	(Capacity)	Mass		
Improved Sensors	RA	1	65 kg		
Space Ops Adaptation Gear	Body	1	100 kg		
Extended Life Support	Body	1	25 kg		
Mechanical Jump Booster	—	—	50 kg		













### **GROUND COMBAT VEHICLE CRITICAL HITS TABLE**

LOCATION HIT

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FRONT No Critical Hit Driver Hit eapon Malfunction Stabilizer Sensors Commander Hit eapon Destroyed Crew Killed SIDE No Critical Hit Cargo/Infantry Hit Weapon Malfunction Crew Stunned Stabilizer Weapon Destroyed Engine Hit Fuel Tank\* REAR No Critical Hit Weapon Malfunction Cargo/Infantry Hit Stabilizer Weapon Destroyed Engine Hit Ammunition \*\* Fuel Tank \*

### TURRET

No Critical Hit Stabilizer Turret Jam Weapon Malfunction Turret Locks Weapon Destroyed Ammunition \*\* Turret Blown Off

\* If Combat Vehicle has ICE engine only. If Combat Vehicle has a fusion engine, treat this result as Engine Hit. \*\* If Combat Vehicle carries no ammunition, treat this result as Weapon Destroyed.



### **GROUND COMBAT VEHICLE HIT LOCATION TABLE**



\*A result of 2 or 12 (or an 8 if the attack strikes the side) may inflict a critical hit on the vehicle. For each result of 2 or 12 (or 8 for side attacks), apply damage normally to the armor in that section. The attacksting player then automatically rolls once on the Ground Combat. Vehicle Critical Hits Table below (see *Combat*, p. 129 in *Total Warfare* for more information). A result of 12 on the Ground Combat Vehicle Critical Hits Table below (see *Combat*, p. 129 in *Total Warfare* for more information). A result of 12 on the Ground Combat Vehicle Stitu Context, p. 132 in *Total Warfare* for more information), but the attack direction. If the vehicle has no turret, a 12 indicates the chance of a critical hit and set on the side corresponding to the attack direction. If the vehicle may suffer motive system damage even if its armor remains intact. Apply damage normally to the armor in that section, but the attack direction. D, 132 in *Total Warfare* for more information). Apply damage at the end of the phase in which the damage takes effect. Side hits strike the side as indicated by the attack direction. For example, if an attack hits the right side, all Side results strike the side as indicated by an outwert, a turret hit strikes the armor on the side attacked.

ΜΟΤΙ	/E SYSTEN	/I DAMAGE TAE	BLE
2D6 Roll 2–5 6–7	<b>EFFECT *</b> No effect Minor damage; +	1 modifier to all Driving Skill	Rolls
8–9	Moderate damage; –1 Cruising MP, +2 modifier to all Driving Skill Rolls		
10–11 12+	Heavy damage; only half Cruising MP (round fractions up), +3 modifier to all Driving Skill Rolls Major damage; no movement for the rest of the game. Vehicle is immobile.		
Attack Direction N		Vehicle Type Modifiers:	
Hit from rear	+1 +2	Tracked, Naval Wheeled	+0
Hit from the sides	+2	Vvneeled Hovercraft, Hydrofoil WiGE	+2 +3 +4
*All movement and Driving Skill Roll penalties are cumulative. However, each Driving Skill Roll modifier can only be applied once. For example, if a roll of 6-7 is made for a vehicle, inflicting a +1 modifier, that is the only time that particular +1 can be applied, a subsequent roll of 6-7 has no additional effect. This means the maximum Driving Skill Roll modifier that can be inflicted from the Motive System Damage Table is +6. If a unit's Cruising MP is reduced to 0, it cannot move for the rest of the game, but is not considered an immobile target. In addition, all motive system damage takes effect at the end of the phase in which the damage accurred. For example, if two units are attacking the same Combat Vehicle during the Weapon Attack Phase and the first unit inflicts motive system damage and loss a 12, the -4 immobile target would not apply for the second unit. However, the -4 modifier would not apply how revervelies is rendered immobile while over a Depth 1 or deeper water hex, it sinks and is destroyed.			

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ΜΟΤΙ	/E SYSTE	M DAMAGE TAE	BLE
2D6 Roll 2–5	EFFECT* No effect		
6–7 8–9		+1 modifier to all Driving Skill ge; –1 Cruising MP, +2 modi	
10–11	Heavy damage; only half Cruising MP (round fractions up), +3 modifier to all Driving Skill Rolls		
12+	Major damage; r Vehicle is immob	no movement for the rest of ile.	the game.
Attack Direction N	/lodifier:	Vehicle Type Modifiers:	
Hit from rear Hit from the sides	+1 +2	Tracked, Naval Wheeled Hovercraft, Hydrofoil WiGE	+0 +2 +3 +4
*All movement and Driving Skill Roll penalties are cumulative. However, each Driving Skill Roll modifier can only be applied once. For example, if a roll of 6-7 is made for a vehicle, inflicting a +1 modifier, that is the only time that particular +1 can be applied; a subsequent roll of 6-7 has no additional effect. This means the maximum Driving Skill Roll modifier that can be inflicted from the Motive System Damage Table is +6. If a unit's Cruising MP is reduced to Q, it cannot move for the rest of the game, but is not considered an immobile target. In addition, all motive system damage takes effect at the end of the phase in which the damage accurred. For example, if two units are attacking the same Combat Vehicle during the $-4$ immobile target would not apply for the second unit. However, the $-4$ modifier would take effect during the Physical Attack Phase. If a hover vehicle is rendered immobile while over a Depth 1 or deeper water hex, it sinks and is destroyed.			

### **GROUND COMBAT VEHICLE CRITICAL HITS TABLE**

LOCATION HIT

2D6 Roll	
2–5	N
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10	Co
11	Wea
12	1

FRONT No Critical Hit Driver Hit Weapon Malfunction Stabilizer Sensors Commander Hit Weapon Destroyed Crew Killed SIDE No Critical Hit Cargo/Infantry Hit Weapon Malfunction Crew Stunned Stabilizer Weapon Destroyed Engine Hit Fuel Tank\* REAR No Critical Hit Weapon Malfunction Cargo/Infantry Hit Stabilizer Weapon Destroyed Engine Hit Ammunition \*\* Fuel Tank \*

#### TURRET No Critical Hit Stabilizer Turret Jam Weapon Malfunction Turret Locks Weapon Destroyed Ammunition \*\*

Turret Blown Off

\*If Combat Vehicle has ICE engine only. If Combat Vehicle has a fusion engine, treat this result as Engine Hit. \*\*If Combat Vehicle carries no ammunition, treat this result as Weapon Destroyed.



### GROUND COMBAT VEHICLE HIT LOCATION TABLE ATTACK DIRECTION

2D6 Roll	FRONT	REAR	SIDES
2*	Front (critical)	Rear (critical)	Side (critical)
3	Front†	Rear†	Side†
4	Front†	Rear†	Side†
5	Right Side†	Left Side†	Front†
6	Front	Rear	Side
7	Front	Rear	Side
8	Front	Rear	Side (critical)*
9	Left Side†	Right Side†	Rear†
10	Turret	Turret	Turret
11	Turret	Turret	Turret
12*	Turret (critical)	Turret (critical)	Turret (critical)

\*A result of 2 or 12 (or an 8 if the attack strikes the side) may inflict a critical hit on the vehicle. For each result of 2 or 12 (or 8 for side attacks), apply damage normally to the armor in that section. The attacking player then automatically rolls once on the Ground Combat Vehicle Critical Hits Table below (see *Combat*, p. 128 in *Total Warfare* for more information). A result of 12 on the Ground Combat Vehicle SHI Location Table may inflict critical hit gainst the turret; if the vehicle has no turret, a 12 indicates the chance of a critical hit on the side corresponding to the attack direction. The attackting player also rolls once on the Motive System Damage Table at right (see *Combat*, p. 192 in *Total Warfare* for more information). Apply damage are the end of the phase in which the damage takes effect. Slide hits strike the side as indicated by the attack direction. For example, if an attack hits the right side, all Side results strike the side has no true, a turret hit strikes the attacked in a strike due the side as indicated by the attack direction. For example, if an attack hits the right side, all Side results strike the side as indicated by the attack direction.

ΜΟΤΙ	/E SYSTEI	M DAMAGE TAE	BLE
2D6 Roll 2–5	EFFECT* No effect		
6–7 8–9	Minor damage; +1 modifier to all Driving Skill Rolls Moderate damage; -1 Cruising MP, +2 modifier to all Driving Skill Rolls		
10–11	Heavy damage; only half Cruising MP (round fractions up), +3 modifier to all Driving Skill Rolls		
12+	Major damage; no movement for the rest of the game. Vehicle is immobile.		
Attack Direction		Vehicle Type Modifiers:	
Hit from rear	+1	Tracked, Naval	+0
Hit from the sides	+2	Wheeled Hovercraft, Hydrofoil WiGE	+2 +3 +4
*All movement and Driving Skill Roll penalties are cumulative. However, each Driving Skill Roll modifier can only be applied once. For example, if a roll of 6-7 is made for a vehicle, inflicting a +1 modifier, that is the only time that particular +1 can be applied; a subsequent roll of 6-7 has no additional effect. This means the maximum Driving Skill Roll modifier that can be inflicted from the Motive System Damage Table is +6. If a unit's Cruising MP is reduced to D, it cannot move for the rest of the game, but is not considered an immobile target. In addition, all motive system damage takes effect at the end of the phase in which the damage occurred. For example, if two units are attacking the same Combat Vehicle during the Weapon Attack Phase and the first unit inflicts motive system damage and rolls a 12, the -4 immobile target modifier would not apply for the second unit. However, the -4 modifier would take effect during the Physical Attack Phase. If a hover whicle is rendered immobile while over a Depth 1 or deeper water hex, it sinks and is destroyed.			

### **GROUND COMBAT VEHICLE CRITICAL HITS TABLE**

### LOCATION HIT

2D6 Roll FRONT 2-5 No Critical Hit 6 Driver Hit 7 Weapon Malfunction 8 Stabilizer 9 Sensors 10 Commander Hit 11 Weapon Destroyed Crew Killed 12

SIDE No Critical Hit Cargo/Infantry Hit Weapon Malfunction Crew Stunned Stabilizer Weapon Destroyed Engine Hit Fuel Tank\* REAR No Critical Hit Weapon Malfunction Cargo/Infantry Hit Stabilizer Weapon Destroyed Engine Hit Ammunition \*\* Fuel Tank \*

#### TURRET No Critical Hit Stabilizer Turret Jam Weapon Malfunction Turret Locks Weapon Destroyed Ammunition \*\* Turret Blown Off

\*If Combat Vehicle has ICE engine only. If Combat Vehicle has a fusion engine, treat this result as Engine Hit. \*\* If Combat Vehicle carries no ammunition, treat this result as Weapon Destroyed.











BATTLET		BATTLE ARMOR RECORD SHEET (Experimental)
BATTLE ARMOR: SQUAD / POINT 1         Type: Ailette Rescue PA(L) Era: Jihad         Gunnery Skill:         Ground MP: 2       Jump:1         Weapons & Equip.       Dmg Min Sht Med Lng         Extended Life Support       [E]       —       —       2         Mechanical Jump Booster       [E]       —       —       —       2         Salvage Arm       [E]       —       —       —       —       —       —       —         Space Operations Adaptation       [E]       —       _ </th <th></th> <th>LEG ATTACKS TABLEBATTLE ARMORBASE TO-HITTROOPERS ACTIVEMODIFIER4-603+22+51+7</th>		LEG ATTACKS TABLEBATTLE ARMORBASE TO-HITTROOPERS ACTIVEMODIFIER4-603+22+51+7
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Gunnery Skill:       Anti-'Mech Skill:         Ground MP:       2       Jump:1         Weapons & Equip.       Dmg       Min Sht       Med Lng         Extended Life Support       [E]       —       —       2         Improved Sensors       [E]       —       —       2         Mechanical Jump Booster       [E]       —       —       —       2         Salvage Arm       [E]       —       _ </td <td>2 4 00 3 4 00 4 4 00</td> <td>SWARM ATTACK MODIFIERS TABLE           ATTACKING ENEMY BATTLE ARMOR TROOPERS ACTIVE           FRIENDLY MECHANIZED BATTLE ARMOR TROOPERS ACTIVE           1         2         3         4         5         6           6         +0         +0         +0         +1         +2         +3           4         +0         +0         +1         +2         +3         +4           3         +0         +1         +2         +3         +4         +5           2         +1         +2         +3         +4         +5         +6</td>	2 4 00 3 4 00 4 4 00	SWARM ATTACK MODIFIERS TABLE           ATTACKING ENEMY BATTLE ARMOR TROOPERS ACTIVE           FRIENDLY MECHANIZED BATTLE ARMOR TROOPERS ACTIVE           1         2         3         4         5         6           6         +0         +0         +0         +1         +2         +3           4         +0         +0         +1         +2         +3         +4           3         +0         +1         +2         +3         +4         +5           2         +1         +2         +3         +4         +5         +6
BATTLE ARMOR: SQUAD/POINT 3         Type: Ailette Rescue PA(L) Era: Jihad         Gunnery Skill:       Anti-'Mech Skill:         Ground MP:       2       Jump:1         Weapons & Equip.       Dmg Min Sht Med Lng         Extended Life Support       [E]       —       —         Improved Sensors       [E]       —       —       —         Salvage Arm       [E]       —       —       —         Space Operations Adaptation       [E]       —       —       —	Cost: BV: 28/5	2       +1       +2       +3       +4       +5       +6         1       +2       +3       +4       +5       +6       +7         BATTLE ARMOR EQUIPMENT         Claws with magnets       -1         SITUATION *         'Mech prone       -2         'Mech or vehicle immobile       -4         Vehicle       -2         *Modifiers are cumulative
Salvage Arm       [E]          Salvage Arm       [E]          Space Operations Adaptation       [E]          Mechanized:       Swarm:       Leg:       AP:         BATTLE ARMOR: SQUAD/POINT 4         Type: Ailette Rescue PA(L) Era: Jihad         Gunnery Skill:       Anti-'Mech Skill:	4 @ 00 Cost: BV: 28/5 1 @ 00	SWARM ATTACKS HIT LOCATION TABLE         2D6       BIPEDAL LOCATION       FOUR-LEGGED LOCATION         2       Head       Head         3       Rear Center Torso       Front Right Torso         4       Rear Right Torso       Rear Center Torso         5       Front Right Torso       Rear Right Torso
Ground MP:     2     Jump:1       Weapons & Equip.     Dmg Min Sht Med Lng       Extended Life Support     [E]     —       Improved Sensors     [E]     —       Mechanical Jump Booster     [E]     —       Salvage Arm     [E]     —       Space Operations Adaptation     [E]     —       Mechanized:     Swarm:     Leg:     AP:		<ul> <li>6 Right Arm Front Right Torso</li> <li>7 Front Center Torso</li> <li>8 Left Arm Front Center Torso</li> <li>9 Front Left Torso</li> <li>10 Rear Left Torso</li> <li>11 Rear Center Torso</li> <li>12 Head Head</li> </ul> TRANSPORT POSITIONS TABLE
BATTLE ARIMOR: SQUAD/POINT 5         Type: Ailette Rescue PA(L) Era: Jihad         Gunnery Skill:       Anti-'Mech Skill:         Ground MP:       2       Jump:1         Weapons & Equip.       Dmg Min Sht Med Lng         Extended Life Support       [E]       —       —       2         Improved Sensors       [E]       —       —       —       2         Mechanical Jump Booster       [E]       —       —       —       —       —         Space Operations Adaptation       [E]       —       —       —       —       —       —	Cost: BV: 28/5 1 € 00 2 € 00 3 € 00	TROOPER NUMBER     'MECH LOCATION     VEHICLE LOCATION       1     Right Torso     Right Side       2     Left Torso     Right Side       3     Right Torso (rear)     Left Side       4     Left Torso (rear)     Left Side       5     Center Torso (rear)     Rear       6     Center Torso     Rear       TROOPER       NUMBER     LARGE SUPPORT       1     Right Side (Unit 1/Unit 2)
Salvage Arm [E] [E]	<b>4 0 0 BV:</b> 28/5	2 Right Side (Unit 1/Unit 2) 3 Left Side (Unit 1/Unit 2) 4 Left Side (Unit 1/Unit 2) 5 Rear (Unit 1/Unit 2) 6 Rear (Unit 1/Unit 2) *Unit 1 and Unit 2 represent two battle armor units