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INTRODUCTION

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Words which once seemed impossible now seem inevitable: the ilClan is nigh.

The turbulence of the last two decades has brought several of our fellow Clans to Terra's doorstep, to say nothing of the Inner Sphere powers which gaze upon humanity's birthplace with hungry eyes. But we know our people, we know their aggression. One of them will move to take Terra first and claim the mantle of ilClan, however briefly. If they intend to hold it, however, they will need new hardware—and, as ever, we stand ready to deliver. For a price.

Contained within these volumes is that hardware. It is an intriguing combination of all-new BattleMech designs and retrofits of existing Inner Sphere and Clan designs with weapons and equipment suitable for modern combat. All are in our inventories or otherwise obtainable, and I have instructed all Merchant Caste personnel under my command above the rank of Point Merchant to familiarize themselves with the contents of these reports and be ready to negotiate terms for any merchandise herein. I hope you will assist me, "old friend," with their distribution across all Khanates.

The wheel of power is poised to spin once more, but we must be the axle on which it revolves. Who winds up atop that wheel, and who is crushed beneath it, matters little as long as we profit from each turn.

-Merchant Colonel Reece, aboard CSF Atlantean, Skate Khanate, 14 November 3150

Welcome to *Recognition Guide: ilClan*, a supplement offering players exciting new 'Mech variants rooted in the closing days of the Dark Age era and the transition to the ilClan era. Inside, you'll discover a mix of all-new 'Mechs only recently seen on battlefields of the Inner Sphere, alongside modern refits of long-existing and much-loved units.

Each volume of *Recognition Guide: ilClan* includes full, *Technical Readout*-style entries on new 'Mechs or significant rebuilds of existing designs; a selection of brief writeups on existing variants; notable pilots for each 'Mech, and record sheets for immediate game use.

Special attention has been given to 'Mechs which were redesigned as part of the *BattleTech: Clan Invasion* Kickstarter, to ensure that these brand-new miniatures have a place in games set in the Dark Age. Many of these units have torn apart battlefields of the Inner Sphere for hundreds of years. With these guides, they will continue to do so for hundreds more.

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HIEROFALCON



Mass: 45 tons Chassis: JF 4 Light Endo Steel Power Plant: Light Force 270 XL Cruising Speed: 64 kph Maximum Speed: 97 kph Jump Jets: None Jump Capacity: None Armor: Compound JF Ferro-Fibrous Armament: 19 tons of pod space available Manufacturer: CJF Factory Zone 4 Primary Factory: Alyina Communications System: JF Integrated Targeting & Tracking System: Series JFVII Integrated

Building upon the last few decades of BattleMech design, the latest generation of Jade Falcon OmniMechs incorporates many hard-learned lessons from the fields of war and the gantries of frustrated technicians. Like its larger cousin, the *Jade Phoenix*, the *Hierofalcon* is poised to compliment or even supersede a number of standard BattleMechs in the Falcon touman.

CAPABILITIES

Jade Falcon doctrines always favor high maneuverability, so it should come as no surprise that the partial wing has become a signature piece of Jade Falcon equipment. Falcon warriors have taken to the skies like their namesake, gliding across the fields to rain death upon their foes. *Hierofalcon* pilots can enjoy one of the longest jump ranges possible for a BattleMech, made even more impressive when the 'Mech is outfitted with improved jump jets. For an OmniMech, this maneuverability provides more tactical advantages than simply gaining the high ground. Elementals can ride a *Hierofalcon* into position rather than being confined to the belly of a vulnerable hovercraft or VTOL, making Jade Falcon Nova formations particularly deadly.

BATTLE HISTORY

After the breakdown of the alliance between the Falcons and Clan Hell's Horses, their shared border came alive with raiding. A skirmish on Hyperion in 3149 brought Star Commander Mikkon of the First Falcon Jaegers into contact with a Nova composed of Balius OmniMechs supported by Buraq battle armor, a formation which Mikkon dubbed "the worst abomination Hell ever vomited forth." The speedy Burags ran circles around Mikkon's force, until he ordered his two Beta configuration Hierofalcons to switch to inferno rounds and deliver the Horses to Hell. In seconds the field was a nightmare of flames, and the Burags were either melted into slag or herded into the guns of the heavier Falcon 'Mechs. Though the outnumbered Falcons eventually fled, the Hierofalcons were credited with turning certain defeat into a chance to fight again.

The capture of Rigil Kentarus at the end of 3150 brought the Jade Falcons closer to mother Terra than any Clan of Kerensky has ever been. Both the Republic defenders and Clan Wolf forces already on-planet faced a frenzy unlike anything seen since the Jihad as Falcon warriors abandoned all restraint in their need for blood. Republic BattleMechs perched atop the sixty meter-high walls of Fortress Carmichael, a Word of Blake fortification rebuilt after the Jihad, and rained fire upon the invaders. Falcon artillery pounded the reinforced ferrocrete walls, but the assault seemed hopeless until MechWarrior Jayna gathered a group of Elementals to her Hierofalcon and rocketed to the very top of the wall on her improved jump jets. The defenders of the Fourth Fides were almost too amazed to fire as the *Hierofalcon* jumped deeper into the complex. Dropping her Elementals, Jayna began blasting everything in sight with her anti-personnel weapons, until a Republic Archer put an end to her massacre. The damage was already done. Despite heavy resistance, the Elemental team fought its way to the fortress' command center and slaughtered the entire staff. Any Fides Defenders able to flee did so within the hour, leaving the Jade Falcons on Terra's doorstep.

NOTABLE 'MECHS AND MECHWARRIORS

MechWarrior Illyana: A brash warrior known for butting into situations about which she is uninformed, Illyana has nonetheless won some measure of respect from her superiors. Upon hearing of the existence of the *Hierofalcon*, she challenged for the right to pilot one before ever seeing specifications of the 'Mech. Her boldness has cost her in the past, as she is missing her right eye from the battle of Thorin. She declined to choose between a regrown natural eye or a cybernetic replacement, saying she likes the look of her eye patch. As the loss has not impeded her efficiency, she has been allowed to delay her decision.

MechWarrior Jerle: There are many inconsistencies in Jerle's codex. His Bloodhouse is listed alternatively as Hazen, Pryde, and Malthus, with multiple geneparents named throughout, including Diana Pryde and Malvina Hazen herself. This would normally be the work of a very poor forgery, but his trueborn status and sibko life are verified. His *Hierofalcon* was a reward from Loren Icaza, commander of Beta Galaxy, for services unspecified. Though an exemplary warrior, the cloud of suspicion surrounding Jerle ensures he will see little opportunity for advancement, a situation he simply shrugs at.

HIEROFALCON

Type: Hierofalcon

Technology Base: Clan (Advanced) Tonnage: 45 Role: Striker Battle Value: 1,878

Equipment		Mass
Internal Structure:	Endo Steel	3.5
Engine:	270 XL	7.5
Walking MP:	6	
Running MP:	9	
Jumping MP:	0*	
Heat Sinks:	10 [20]*	0
Gyro:	3	
Cockpit:		3
Armor Factor (Ferro):	144	7.5
	Internal	Armor
	Structure	Value
Head	3	8
Center Torso	14	21
Center Torso (rear)		7
R/L Torso	11	15
R/L Torso (rear)		7
R/L Arm	7	14
R/L Leg	11	18

Space Allocation		
Location	Fixed	Spaces Remaining
Head	1 Ferro-Fibrous	0
Center Torso	1 Ferro-Fibrous	1
Right Torso	2 XL Engine	6
	3 Partial Wing	
	1 Ferro-Fibrous	
Left Torso	2 XL Engine	6
	3 Partial Wing	
	1 Endo Steel	
Right Arm	4 Ferro-Fibrous	4
Left Arm	6 Endo Steel	2
Right Leg	None	2
Left Leg	None	2

Notes: *Partial Wing adds +2 Jump MP, -3 heat in Standard Atmosphere (see pp. 105 and 107, *TO:AUE* for additional rules).

Fixed Equipment Partial Wing	Location RT/LT	Critical 3/3	Tonnage 2.5
Weapons and Ammo Primary Weapons Configu	Location Iration	Critical	Tonnage
HAG 20	RA	6	10
Ammo (HAG) 12	RT	2	2
TAG CT	1	1	
ECM Suite	LT	1	1
2 Imp. Heavy Medium La	sers LA	4	2
2 Jump Jets	RL	2	1
Jump Jet	RT	1	.5
Jump Jet	LT	1	.5
2 Jump Jets	LL	2	1

Weapons and Ammo Alternate Configuration A	Location	Critical
Large Pulse Laser	RA	2
AP Gauss Rifle	RA	1
Flamer	RA	1
Ammo (AP Gauss) 40	CT	1
AP Gauss Rifle	LA	1
2 ER Medium Lasers	LA	2
Flamer	LA	1
Improved Jump Jet	RL	2
3 Improved Jump Jets	RT	6
3 Improved Jump Jets	LT	6
Improved Jump Jet	LL	2
Battle Value: 1,953	Role: Striker	
Alternate Configuration B		

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ER Small Laser	RA	1
SRM 6	RA	1
2 SRM 6	RT	2
Ammo (SRM) 30	RT	2
CASE II	RT	1
ER Medium Laser	CT	1
2 SRM 6	LT	2
Ammo (SRM) 30	LT	2
CASE II	LT	1
SRM 6	LA	1
ER Small Laser	LA	1
2 Jump Jets	RL	2
Jump Jet	RT	1
Jump Jet	LT	1
2 Jump Jets	LL	2
Battle Value: 1,737	Role: Striker	
Alternate Configuration (5	
Rotary AC/2	RA	4
Ammo (RAC) 90	RA	2
ER PPC	LA	2
2 Jump Jets	RL	2

2 Jump Jets LL Battle Value: 1,983 Role: Sniper

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Jump Jet

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Alternate Configuration D)		
ER Medium Pulse Laser	RA	2	
ER Medium Laser	RA	1	
ATM 6	RT	3	
Ammo (ATM) 20	RT	2	
CASE II	RT	1	
Supercharger	CT	1	
ATM 6	LT	3	
Ammo (ATM) 20	LT	2	
CASE II	LT	1	
ER Medium Pulse Laser	LA	2	
ER Medium Laser	LA	1	
Battle Value: 2,183	Role: Striker		



SHADOW CAT III



Mass: 45 tons Chassis: Type 79-45 Endo Steel Power Plant: RFUM 270 XL Cruising Speed: 64 kph Maximum Speed: 97 kph, 129 kph with MASC Jump Jets: None Jump Capacity: None Armor: Compound H17 Ferro-Fibrous with CASE

Armament:

19 tons of pod space available **Manufacturer:** Barcella Beta **Primary Factory:** Irece **Communications System:** Sipher CommCon SCU-9 **Targeting and Tracking System:** Build 4 CAT TTS

Following the Second Combine-Dominion War, it was difficult to view Clan Nova Cat as anything other than a ruined shell of its former self. Only a barely functional *Shadow Cat* line at Barcella-LAW remained of the Clan's once productive facilities on Irece. Though that OmniMech had served the Clan well for a century, Khan Ajax Drummond recognized a more generalized machine would be needed to rebuild the strength and spirit of his people.

CAPABILITIES

Taking a cue from Clan Jade Falcon's *Thor II*, introduced during the previous decade, Nova Cat scientists removed the original *Shadow Cat*'s fixed jump jets to free valuable mass. Most of the remaining tonnage was allotted for pod space, enhancing the 'Mech's flexibility, while the remainder maximized armor coverage to see the Clan's precious OmniMechs and

its warriors home safely. The weapon pods were kept as utilitarian as possible, but the chassis was given special attention with a feline-inspired aesthetic which invoked the Nova Cat itself. The look would prove so popular with the Clan's warriors that it would be carried over into future projects.

BATTLE HISTORY

Shadow Cat IIIs became prominent as the Nova Cats struggled to rebuild their depleted *touman* under the pressures of an obliterated industrial base and severe restrictions from their Combine overlords. Despite the urgent need for new BattleMechs, a few Shadow Cat IIIs made their way to Nova Cat enclaves within the Republic of the Sphere as a gesture from the Clan to their separated brethren. Popular in trials, Shadow Cat IIIs would not see true combat until the joint Combine/ Nova Cat campaign into the Republic.

Alpha Galaxy forces touched down on Pike IV to play their part in the grand bargain with Katana Tormark. When their *batchalls* received no response, Nova Cat forces set out toward the garrison, unsure what awaited. Acting as a screen for the primary Alpha advance, a Nova of Shadow Cat IIIs and upgraded Thunderbird Battle Armor detected numerous engine startups in close proximity. As two lances of Manticore Il tanks poured fire into the Cats from their entrenched positions, the OmniMechs escaped the initial ambush though some troopers had the misfortune of serving as ablative armor. Erratic bursts of speed made the Shadow Cat Ills difficult targets, while the Nova Cats responded with the full complement of their arm-mounted weaponry. Once the gap was closed, the Thunderbirds dismounted and brought their own autocannons into the fray. The skirmish cost the Clan a single Shadow Cat *III* and two Points of battle armor, but the Republic tanks were left as nothing more than charred scrap.

After the Nova Cat Annihilation, the DCMS employed the *Shadow Cat III* along with most Nova Cat designs and material. Our Clan helps the Combine produce and maintain all ClanTech equipment and designs, for the usual fees and access to production runs. The OmniMech found a niche among a few of our own warriors, but has received only limited interest from the Rasalhague Dominion; the Jade Falcons actively shun it due to its Nova Cat origins.

NOTABLE 'MECHS AND MECHWARRIORS

Star Captain Matt Lossey: Clan Nova Cat warriors were known for their "visions," and Matt Lossey was no exception. Rather than taking part in his Clan's usual method of vision quests, Lossey claimed to receive mystical guidance in the heat of battle—visions he said were key to his success on the field. Whether this was fact or strange bluster, Lossey unquestionably possessed a deft hand at the controls of his *Shadow Cat III.* From the cockpit of "Sabertooth," he led one of Tau Galaxy's unusual mixed Binaries in the advance across largely abandoned Republic worlds. The blend of OmniMechs, battle armor, and combat vehicles was surprisingly affective against any defense the remaining RAF forces could muster.

Star Commander Dot "Patches" Nostra: Dot Nostra's relaxed social attitude made her stand out even among the lenient Nova Cats. This temperament, coupled with exceptional martial skills, made her an ideal candidate for a unique experiment in Nova Cat-Combine relations. The Bloodnamed warrior was personally tapped by Khan Jacali Nostra to join a unit comprised of equal parts Clan and DCMS forces. In a testament to her unorthodox tastes, she freed her bondsman and oversaw his adoption into the warrior caste as her lancemate. The pair of Nova Cat warriors comprised half of a BattleMech lance, and Nostra shared leadership responsibilities with her Combine counterpart. The blended force proved effective during the invasion of the Republic and fostered respect and genuine friendship between those involved. Sadly, those bonds would not last; Clan Nova Cat's rebellion shattered any good will developed between the comrades. Dot and her retinue returned to Irece Prefecture to take part in their Clan's last stand, dying in a nuclear flash defending the Nova Cat genetic repository.

SHADOW CAT III

Type: Shadow Cat III					Weapons and Ammo	Location	Critical	Tonnage	Weapons and Ammo	Location	Critical	Tonnage	Weapons and Ammo	Location	Critical	Tonnage
Technology Base: Clan					Alternate Configuration A				Alternate Configuration B				Alternative Configuration			
					ER Large Laser	RA	1	4	ER Medium Laser	RA	1	1	Improved Heavy Large L		3	4
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Role: Striker							1				-			LT		
Battle Value: 2,021					ER Large Laser	LA		4	Ammo (ATM) 40	RT	2	2	Ammo (LB-X) 10		2	2
					2 Double Heat Sinks	LA	4	2	Active Probe	RT	1	1	LB 20-X AC	LT/LA	2/7	12
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Internal Structure:	Endo S	Steel		2.5	3 Improved Jump Jets	RT	6	3	Ammo (ATM) 40	LT	2	2				
Engine:	270	XL		7.5	3 Improved Jump Jets	LT	6	3	Angel ECM	LT	2	2				
Walking MP:	6				Improved Jump Jet	LL	2	1	ER Medium Laser	LA	1	1				
Running MP:	9 (1)	2)			Battle Value: 2,005	Role: Sniper			2 ATM 3	LA	4	3				
Jumping MP:	0								2 Jump Jets	RL	2	1				
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Gyro:			3						Jump Jet	LT	1	.5				
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Location	Fixed	Spaces Remaining
Head	1 Endo Steel	0
Center Torso	2 MASC	0
Right Torso	2 XL Engine	6
	4 Ferro-Fibrous	
Left Torso	2 XL Engine	7
	3 Ferro-Fibrous	
Right Arm	3 Endo Steel	5
Left Arm	3 Endo Steel	5
Right Leg	None	2
Left Leg	None	2

Fixed Equipment	Location	Critical	Tonnage	
MASC	СТ	2	2	
Weapons and Ammo	Location	Critical	Tonnage	
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2 Medium Pulse Lasers	RA	2	4	
Ammo (Gauss) 24	LT	3	3	
Gauss Rifle	LA	6	12	



When the Star League decided in the early twentyseventh century that it needed a robust, relatively simple assault 'Mech to serve as a comparatively lowtechnology ride for non-Royal unit commanders, Hollis Industries answered the call. By 2633, the first BattleMasters rolled off the production lines. During the great peace of the Star League, the new 'Mech had little opportunity to make a name for itself and was often overlooked. When the League crumbled under the weight of the Council Lords' ambitions, the sturdy BattleMaster thrived while so many other technological wonders faded into extinction. Never produced in great numbers, the command abilities and sheer might of the "Beemer," as it is fondly referred to by its pilots, ensured that it survived through the ages and continues to lead warriors into battle even today.

CAPABILITIES

The heart of the *BattleMaster* lies not in its weaponry, but in its cockpit. Though never equipped with the lavish command and control technologies the Star League could produce—a fact that may have saved it from extinction in the degraded age of the Succession Wars—its roomy cockpit provides sufficient gear to make it a popular ride among unit commanders even when heavier machines are available. All modern variants preserve this key feature.

The -6G, built in the Federated Suns, ironically grew out of the *Warlord*, a 'Mech meant in part to take the *BattleMaster's* place. The heart of the classic *BattleMaster* remains intact in the -6G, with a bevy of torso energy weapons and SRMs providing the devastating barrage this 'Mech is known for, while a massive, jettison-capable heavy PPC graces its right arm for knock-out blows.

With both the Wolves and Jade Falcons debuting successful *BattleMaster* variants of their own, our Clan

at last upgraded our mismatched Succession Wars-era *BattleMaster* production line in the deserts of Twycross to create our own variant, the C 3. Our design resembles the -6G in many ways, but the superiority of Clan technology gives it a powerful edge. In particular, its targeting computer, mated with the rigorous training of Clan MechWarriors, makes it a deadly accurate second-line machine.

BATTLE HISTORY

Operation Guerrero in 3057 saw the green Seventh Free Worlds Legionnaires face a heedless, all-out assault by the Twelfth FedCom RCT on the world of Marcus. The Commonwealth unit, desperate to buy time for their attached vehicles and other dependents to escape the FWLM invasion, threw everything they had at the Marik regiment. The untested Legionnaires bent but did not break: having recently received a shipment of valuable -3M *BattleMasters*, the unit's company and battalion commanders managed to keep their MechWarriors in line and contain the furious FedCom attack, though a third of the Legionnaires were lost in the bloody battle.

During the Victoria War, the brutal fighting on Weatogue brought the *BattleMaster*'s oft-overlooked melee ability to the fore. The campaign there matched some of the worst barbarities of the Age of War, with several cities leveled in the free-for-all. A lance of Canopian Highlanders—unusually, *BattleMasters* all—made a name for itself during the campaign as urban combat experts. Delighting in plundering smashed skyscrapers for girders, the lance wielded these in their formidable battlefists and battered their way through ambushed members of the First and Fifth Syrtis Fusiliers in the grinding urban skirmishes so characteristic of that conflict.

In 3103, MechWarriors of the Raven Alliance encountered a bizarre leftover of the Star League. While hunting pirates on the dead world of Ictus, the Raven warriors came across an ancient SLDF facility. Drawing near, they were shocked to discover it was a drone testing center, still functional despite the passing of long centuries. A full company of centuriesold Cyclops and BattleMaster drone 'Mechs engaged the Ravens after they proved unable to provide the required passcodes. Fortunately for the Ravens, the drone technology was obviously in its infancy, and they were able to dispatch the clumsily handled machine warriors with little difficulty. After his victory the Raven commander immediately ordered all traces of the abominations destroyed, a decision the Raven leadership upheld.

More recently, a lone *BattleMaster* has been reported prowling through the many ruins of occupied New Avalon. Painted in the colors of the centuries-dead First Dragonlords regiment, this battered 'Mech is said to appear as a ghost: insubstantial in appearance, it strikes out of the shadows without warning to savage errant Kuritan patrols, never communicating and vanishing before reinforcements arrive. DCMS analysts suspect a simple AFFS survivor equipped with stealth technologies. Out of earshot of the ISF, the people of New Avalon instead increasingly speak of the restless dead, their work not yet done.

VARIANTS

Reliable workhorses of the mid-to-late thirty-first century, the -3M and -3S *BattleMasters* brought the legendary 'Mech back to Star League standards. The -3M was a modest Free Worlds League update which simply installed newly-recovered double heat sink technology and upgraded the 'Mech's primary armament to an ER PPC. Widely distributed to FWLM units, it was also found in mercenary groups, the Capellan Confederation, and, to a lesser extent, the Federated Commonwealth and Draconis Combine. The -3S, deployed across the Commonwealth, was unusual in that it replaced the chassis' signature PPC with an LRM-20, while a bevy of pulse lasers proved useful at fending off Elemental headhunter strikes.

Some models have sought to enhance the *BattleMaster*'s valuable command abilities. Both the -2C and the -3M-DC expanded the already roomy cockpit into a two-person setup. With this, a commander could concentrate on running the battle while a dedicated pilot handled maneuvering and tactical needs of their 'Mech. Both variants are quite rare today, particularly the -2C, which was rarely seen outside the ranks of ComStar and Word of Blake; a notable exception was Theodore Kurita's command 'Mech during the War of 3039.

The -6C is a variant with an unusual legacy. Gerald Cameron-Jones, a Regulan warrior of the early thirty-first century, worked with his personal tech, one Jim Holloway, to craft a one-off *BattleMaster* exchanging the normal torso weaponry for a bank of light autocannons. Inspired by this obscure Succession Wars-era refit, the -6C also does away with the *BattleMaster*'s signature arm weapon, using the freed-up weight to mount a command console.

BLR-6G BATTLEMASTER	Equipment		Mass
Mass: 85 tons	Internal Structure:	Endo Steel	4.5
Chassis: Hollis Mark X Endo Steel	Engine:	340 Light	20.5
Power Plant: GM 340 Light	Walking MP:	4	
Cruising Speed: 43 kph	Running MP:	6	
Maximum Speed: 64 kph	Jumping MP:	0	
Jump Jets: None	Heat Sinks:	16 [32]	6
Jump Capacity: None	Gyro:	[.=]	4
Armor: Starshield Special Heavy with CASE II	Cockpit:		3
Armament:	Armor Factor:	248	15.5
1 Magna Hellfire Heavy PPC	Amor fuctor.		
4 Magna Bolt Light PPCs		Internal	Armor
1 Holly Streak SRM 6 Launcher		Structure	Value
2 Martell-X Small X-Pulse Lasers	Head	3	9
2 Martell Extended-Range Small Lasers	Center Torso	27	40
Manufacturer: General Motors	Center Torso (rear)		11
Primary Factory: El Dorado	R/L Torso	18	28
Communications System: Sony MSF-31	R/L Torso (rear)		8
Targeting and Tracking System: Federated Stalker	R/L Arm	14	27
	R/L Leg	18	31
Technology Base: Inner Sphere	5		
Tonnage: 85			

Weapons and Ammo	Location	Critical	Tonnage
Heavy PPC	RA	4	10
2 Light PPC	RT	4	6
ER Small Laser	RT (R)	1	.5
Streak SRM 6	LT	2	4.5
Ammo (Streak) 15	LT	1	1
CASE II	LT	1	1
2 Light PPC	LT	4	6
ER Small Laser	LT (R)	1	.5
2 Small X-Pulse Lasers	LA	2	2

Notes: Features the following Design Quirks: Command 'Mech, Jettison-Capable Weapon (Heavy PPC); Weak Head Armor (1).

Technology Base: Inner Sphere
Tonnage: 85
Role: Brawler
Battle Value: 1,960

BATTLEMASTER C 3	Equipment		Mass	Weapons and Ammo	Location	Critical	Tonnage
Mass: 85 tons	Internal Structure:		8.5	ER PPC	RA	2	6
Chassis: Hollis Mark X	Engine:	340	27	2 ER Medium Lasers	RT	2	2
Power Plant: VOX 340	Walking MP:	4		ER Medium Laser	RT (R)	1	1
Cruising Speed: 43 kph	Running MP:	6		Targeting Computer	RT	3	3
Maximum Speed: 64 kph	Jumping MP:	0		Streak SRM 6	LT	2	3
Jump Jets: None	Heat Sinks:	18 [36]	8	Ammo (Streak) 15	LT	1	1
Jump Capacity: None	Gyro:		4	2 ER Medium Lasers	LT	2	2
Armor: AM15	Cockpit:		3	ER Medium Laser	LT (R)	1	-
Armament:	Armor Factor:	248	14.5	2 Machine Guns	LA	י כ	5
1 Type DDS "Kingston" Extended-Range PPC						2	.5
6 Series 2b Extended-Range Medium Lasers		Internal	Armor	Ammo (MG) 100	LA	1	.5
1 Type VI Streak SRM 6		Structure	Value				
2 Series V Machine Guns	Head	3	9	Notes: Features the following Design Quirks: Command 'Mech,			
Manufacturer: Trellshire Heavy Industries	Center Torso	27	40	Jettison-Capable Weapon (ER PPC); Weak Head Armor (1).			
Primary Factory: Twycross	Center Torso (rear)		11				
Communications System: TDWS-37 Mk 2.2	R/L Torso	18	28				
Targeting and Tracking System: "Hephaestus" CT-44	R/L Torso (rear)		8				
with Targeting Computer	R/L Arm	14	24				
Technology Base: Clan	R/L Leg	18	26				

Technology Base: Clar Tonnage: 85 Role: Juggernaut Battle Value: 2,532

NOTABLE 'MECHS AND MECHWARRIORS



Lieutenant-Colonel Angela Franks: Famed as an actress and great beauty, the "Black Pearl" shocked her fans when she gave it all up to enlist in the LCAF. Initial belief that this was some sort of publicity stunt faded when she graduated with high marks from Sanglamore. Eventually rising to head the heavy battalion of the famed Stealths regiment, she piloted an ex-Kuritan *BattleMaster* she had defeated and salvaged herself. She grew from star into legend after her last stand during the 2863 battle of Sakhalin, recorded live and broadcast throughout the Commonwealth, saw her personally kill the commander of a DCMS assault battalion with her final barrage—a barrage fired after her *BattleMaster* had been decapitated.



Force Commander Gerald Cameron-Jones: Cameron-Jones made his name at the close of the Third Succession War as the commander of Rolling Thunder, an assault company in the First Regulan Hussars. Cameron-Jones generally piloted a stock BattleMaster, but also helped design the variant that would, decades later, spawn the -6C. Regardless of his 'Mech of choice, Cameron-Jones proved adept at the sort of continuous small-scale raiding that so marked his era, regularly defeating Capellans, Lyrans, and endemic Marik rebels alike. Eventually ennobled for his service, there are rumors that Baron Cameron-Jones died in action in 3076 against Word of Blake forces on Harmony, his homeworld; the confused action and multiple atomic strikes during that engagement makes this impossible to verify.

First Prince Hanse Davion: Known as the "Fox" to both his friends and his enemies, Hanse Davion—First Prince of the Federated Suns from 3013 to 3052—engineered

some of the greatest military and political coups the Inner Sphere had ever seen. He was a skilled MechWarrior as well, his most notable performance coming at the controls of his personal *BattleMaster* in 3029, when he claimed eight kills while helping fend off an elite ComStar strike team masquerading as Death Commandos who sought to destroy the New Avalon Institute of Science.

Coordinator Takashi Kurita: Though best known as the Coordinator of the Draconis Combine from 3004 to 3054, Takashi Kurita was a warrior of long experience by the time he took the throne. Affairs of state did not divert him from the battlefield; he continued to periodically lead forces into battle at the controls of his pristine *BattleMaster* through the dying days of the Third Succession War. In particular, he saw service on Mallory's World, where First Prince Ian Davion was killed in action in 3013.

Captain Helmar Valasek: Valasek went absent without leave from the Armed Forces of the Federated Suns in 3003, along with a handful of like-minded scoundrels and a commandeered DropShip. Growing in both fame, cruelties, and weight, he eventually wound up on the Periphery as the so-called pirate king of Santander's World. His personal 'Mech—effectively a *BattleMaster* -2C lacking any advanced equipment—was famed for having its dual cockpit converted into a single-seater able to accommodate his considerable bulk, ample foodstuffs, and a favorite prostitute or three. Valasek's beloved machine met its end when the Smoke Jaguars descended on Santander's World in 3049; Valasek escaped, and his subsequent fate remains a mystery.



Colonel Kathleen Dumont: Like so many original members of Wolf's Dragoons, little is known of Dumont's early life other than that she was born in Clan space. What is certain is that by 3020 she had risen to command the Dragoons' Delta Regiment. After a shaky start, she led Delta on a series of successful actions

culminating in grinding, attritional warfare along the Davion-Kurita border in the Fourth Succession War. Shot out of her 'Mech on Crossing, she survived to lead a newly-reconstituted Delta Regiment on Murchison almost a decade later. She sustained catastrophic injuries there that sidelined her for nearly five years. Returning to active duty just prior to the Clan Invasion, she would see distinguished service on Luthien before retiring for good in 3054.

The Red Corsair: A Clan nominally devoted to conservative interpretations of Clan customs, the Jade Falcons have shown themselves ready to jettison these beliefs if an opportunity presents itself. The bizarre Red Corsair episode is one of the best examples of this hypocritical behavior. Nekane Hazen was dispatched by the Falcons in 3055 in a foolhardy attempt to breach the Truce of Tukayyid through treachery. Disguised as a pirate, the so-called Red Corsair smashed her way through several Federated Commonwealth worlds before being hunted down by the Kell Hounds and destroyed. To this day, the Falcons deny that Hazen was anything more than a common, unaffiliated pirate; for some years afterward, any mention to a Falcon of the "vile slander" of the Corsair incident was an easy way to quarantee a trial.



Zhong-shao Cole "Demon" Bishop: A *zhong-shao* in the Second McCarron's Armored Cavalry, Bishop served as a battalion executive officer during the battle for Milos in the Capellan-St. Ives War. The world saw fierce clashes as the Second MAC faced the Second St. Ives Lancers and then the famed Eridani Light Horse. Bishop was instrumental in drawing up the plans that staved in the left flank of the Lancers and ultimately secured the planet for the Confederation once more.

Colonel Wayne Waco: Waco commanded the Waco Rangers, a mostly competent if not very spectacular mercenary unit. His greatest fame came through association. Following his son's death in a battle with Wolf's Dragoons, Waco swore a Death Oath against

Jaime Wolf and pursued it with single-minded, embittered ⁷ purpose for almost sixty years. Wayne Waco died at the helm of his *BattleMaster* on Outreach in 3067, having accomplished in his dying moments what hundreds of other warriors could not—the slaying of Jaime Wolf.



Major Pedro Sandoval-Rosa: Scion of an obscure branch of the Sandoval family, Sandoval-Rosa was a noble from the world of Pajarito. Sandoval-Rosa was deeply disillusioned when his liege Tancred Sandoval sought peace with the Draconis Combine, but simply transferred his enmity from the Combine to the Clans. Leaving his ancestral home, Sandoval-Rosa signed up with Davion forces pitted against the Clans during the Falcon Incursion of the 3060s. He died in a most spectacular fashion during the battle for Black Earth, when he crippled a bomb-laden Jade Falcon OmniFighter which crashed into his 'Mech.



Captain Aleksandr Pushkarev: A freelance MechWarrior serving with any mercenary unit who would take him, Pushkarev made a name for himself as a berserker, continually charging into the teeth of enemy firepower in his *BattleMaster* regardless of the odds. Most of his eighteen kills came in close combat, using his 'Mech's colossal fists to best effect. Pushkarev met his end during the Capellan Crusades, doused in inferno gel while attempting to simultaneously melee an entire Republic heavy lance.



ADDER (PUMA)



Mass: 35 tons Speed: 64 kph cruising, 97 kph max Jump Capacity: None Payload: 16 tons of pod space, Flamer Manufacturer: Assault Tech Industries (Donegal) Featured in TRO: 3050 Upgrade / Clan Invasion

Old but not yet obsolete, the *Adder* was the first Omni to be put into production on Donegal by Assault Tech Industries after the success of the *Jaguar*. The Exiled Wolves retain the majority of the 'Mechs, but also export the base chassis sans weapons to Inner Sphere buyers under its Spheroid name, the *Puma*. Clan Star Adder created this signature 'Mech in anticipation of invading the Inner Sphere; ironically, their creation has propagated to places their Clan never saw.

CAPABILITIES

Modern Adder configurations differ little from their historical counterparts, though advanced weapons do turn up from time to time. Among the Clans, the 'Mech fills a traditional role as the heavy firepower in light Stars, while House units greatly value the little 'Mech that punches far above its weight. Many a MechWarrior has lost their life for underestimating an Adder and relying on raw tonnage to sway a fight with one.

BATTLE HISTORY

A rivalry has existed between Adder and Cougar pilots since the latter 'Mech's inception in the 3050s. Aggressive Jade Falcon Cougar pilots often pass up greater challenges in favor of stamping out what they perceive as an inferior 'Mech. Khan Malvina Hazen's bid to take Tharkad saw the Falcons engage an enraged Second Royal Guards on the Tatyana Islands, where a number of Adder vs Cougar duels played out. Star Captain Gehenna, angling for her Helmer Bloodname nomination, engaged two Steiner Adders simultaneously in a strip of marshy jungle. Exploiting the tangle of vines to confront her opponents at close range, Gehenna managed to disable one Adder while taking only a few hits from its PPCs. She then tried to use her *Cougar's* jump jets to herd the second Adder. Cougars pounce, but adders strike. In an explosion of foliage, the Lyran Adder charged headlong into Gehenna's 'Mech and fired its SRMs at point-blank range, tearing through armor weakened by his comrade's PPCs. The Cougar collapsed with widespread structural damages, taking Gehenna's chance at a Bloodname with it.

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Star Commander Evgeniy: This Exiled Wolf is known not for what he has done, but from whence he comes. Evgeniy is one of three warriors to graduate from the first sibko raised from the genes of Phelan Kell. Though many expect great things from him, he has approached his career cautiously, even choosing a humble *Adder* instead of a more prestigious ride. He appears to hold himself back as a warrior, as if not wanting to shine too brightly. He has spoken out against reunification of the Wolves, possibly because his Bloodright may not be recognized by Clan Wolf.

Weapons and Ammo Weapons Configuration T	Location	Critical	Tonnage
ER PPC	RA	2	6
PPC Capacitor	RA	1	1
Coolant Pod	RT	1	1
Double Heat Sink	LT	2	1
ER PPC	LA	2	6
PPC Capacitor	LA	1	1
Battle Value: 2,182	Role: Sniper		
Alternate Configuration I			
Imp. Heavy Medium Laser	RA	2	1
2 ER Medium Lasers	RA	2	2
2 Double Heat Sinks	RA	4	2
SRM 6	RT	1	1.5
Ammo (SRM) 15	RT	1	1
SRM 6	LT	1	1.5
Ammo (SRM) 15	LT	1	1
Double Heat Sink	LT	2	1
Imp. Heavy Medium Laser	LA	2	1
2 ER Medium Lasers	LA	2	2
2 Double Heat Sinks	LA	4	2
Battle Value: 1,575	Role: Striker		
Alternate Configuration K			
Rotary AC/2	RA	4	8
Ammo (RAC) 45	RA	1	1
Laser Anti-Missile System	RT	1	1
ER Large Pulse Laser	LA	3	6
Battle Value: 1,281	Role: Sniper		
Alternate Configuration L			
2 Streak LRM 5	RA	2	4
Ammo (Streak) 24	RA	1	1
ER Medium Laser	RT	1	1
ECM Suite	RT	1	1
ER Medium Laser	LT	1	1
2 Streak LRM 5	LA	2	4
Ammo (Streak) 24	LA	1	1
3 Jump Jets	RT	3	1.5
3 Jump Jets	LT	3	1.5
Battle Value: 1,738	Role: Striker		
Alternate Configuration S			
2 Medium Pulse Lasers	RA	2	4
3 Machine Guns	RA	3	.75
Ammo (MG) 200	RA	1	1
Active Probe	RA	1	1
5 Machine Guns	RT	5	1.25
5 Machine Guns	LT	5	1.25
2 Medium Pulse Lasers	LA	2	4
3 Machine Guns	LA	3	.75
Ammo (MG) 200	LA	1	1
ECM Suite	LA	1	1
Battle Value: 1,427	Role: Scout		

SUMMONER (THOR)



Mass: 70 tons Speed: 54 kph cruising, 86 kph max Jump Capacity: 150 meters Payload: 22.5 tons of pod space Manufacturer: Svarstaad Industriplex Gamma (Svarstaad) Featured in TRO: 3050 Upgrade / Clan Invasion

Though superseded among the Falcons by the *Grand Summoner*, the original chassis remains in production by Clan Hell's Horses, making it the oldest continuously produced OmniMech.

CAPABILITIES

The Horses find the *Summoner's* mix of mobility and firepower excellent for training purposes, but recent military build-ups have returned it to the front lines with a slew of new weapons configurations.

BATTLE HISTORY

Though generally unwilling to provoke the Rasalhague Dominion, the Hell's Horses and Ghost Bears stage the occasional cordial trial. During a contest over an ammunition cache on Engadine, bidding reduced the forces to a single *Summoner* on each side. Battling in a swamp, the two warriors aimed low, until Horses Star Captain Torren suffered an actuator hit. The Dominion warrior offered her *hegira*, but Torren refused with a jape, jumped her 'Mech directly in front of him, and tapped his cockpit with her PPC barrel. The warriors shared a drink and possibly more after the battle.

BattleROMs recovered from a Third Raven Auxiliary Star operating three jumps from Valasha raised more questions than they answered about the loss of that Star, composed of three Summoners and two Vipers. First came sensor interference consistent with hostile ECM, then two Summoners were brought down by simultaneous PPC blasts to their cockpits. The Snow Raven Star Commander, whose name remains classified, attempted to regroup with his Vipers, only to see the lighter 'Mechs picked off. The remaining battleROM is a jumble of gunfire and shouting over the roar of jump jets. The Star Commander's Summoner was found upright, armless, and empty, yet sealed from the inside. Of the enemy, nothing is known, except for a single frame showing what may be the arm of a Marauder, jet black behind smoke and the flash of lasers.

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Star Colonel Nicolai Malthus: Often described as a "bastard and a half" by those both within and outside Clan Jade Falcon, Nicolai's gloating arrogance made him few allies. Though Adam Steiner's infamous holodrama based around the exploits of the Somerset Strikers during the Invasion portrayed a somewhat exaggerated version of Nicolai, those who knew him claimed it was not too far off the mark. Nicolai lost much prestige after failing to run down Adam Steiner, and for losing enough equipment to vault the NAIS' R&D department ahead by decades. His fate after his disgrace is still not known outside the Falcon high command.

MechWarrior Tyle Malthus: A rare Bloodnamed warrior who became disillusioned with the Way of the Clans, Tyle was Abjured when he abandoned the Jade Falcons for life in the Inner Sphere. Indifferent to his Abjuration, Tyle continued to use the Malthus name, and to defend himself from former comrades seeking to return to the Clan with his head. Ever a warrior, Tyle joined a small mercenary unit during the

FedCom Civil War, but was unable to see his fellows as equals. Nevertheless, Tyle stayed with them and died defending them during the Jihad. His Bloodname remains unclaimed to this day.

Weapons and Ammo Weapons Configuration	Location τ	Critical	Tonnage
ER PPC	RA	2	6
Streak LRM 15	LT	3	7
Ammo (Streak) 16	LT	2	2
ProtoMech AC/8	LA	4	5.5
Ammo (PAC) 20	LA	2	2
Battle Value: 2,355	Role: Sniper	-	-
Alternate Configuration	AA		
ER Large Pulse Laser	RA	3	6
SRM 6	LT	1	1.5
Ammo (SRM) 15	LT	1	1
Gauss Rifle	LA	6	12
Ammo (Gauss) 16	LA	2	2
Battle Value: 2,216	Role: Sniper		
Alternate Configuration	F		
Ultra AC/5	RA	3	7
Ammo (Ultra) 20	RA	1	1
ER Medium Laser	RA	1	1
ER Medium Laser	RT	1	1
LRM 10	LT	1	2.5
Ammo (LRM) 12	LT	1	1
Ultra AC/5	LA	3	7
Ammo (Ultra) 20	LA	1	1
ER Medium Laser	LA	1	1
Battle Value: 2,186	Role: Skirmisher		
Alternate Configuration .			
2 Improved Heavy Med	ium Lasers	RA	4
Light Active Probe	RT	1	.5
Ammo (HAG) 12	LT	4	4
HAG 40	LT/LA	1/9	16
Battle Value: 2,666	Role: Skirmisher		
Alternate Configuration			
ER PPC	RA	2	6
3 SRM 4	RT	3	3
Ammo (SRM) 25	RT	1	1
Double Heat Sink	RT	2	1
Heavy Small Laser	СТ	1	.5
Heavy Medium Laser	LT	2	1
3 SRM 4	LT	3	3
Ammo (SRM) 25	LT	1	1
Large Pulse Laser	LA	2	6
Battle Value: 2,479	Role: Skirmisher		



















































