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ou are looking at a completely revised edition of *Running Gear*, a net.sourcebook I originally put together back in late 1994 from things I'd downloaded from *Shadowrun* FTP sites (this was before the world wide web came to dominate life as we know it) as well as chapters I'd written myself.

Ever since *Shadowrun, Third Edition* was released by FASA Corporation back in August 1998, I had been thinking occasionally about updating all the **Plastic Warriors** books to conform to third edition rules. However, it took until March 2001 for anything to actually happen—at that time, Damion Milliken mentioned on the ShadowRN mailing list that he felt a lot of net.books were in need of revision to third-edition rules, and more or less volunteered to at least help out in a project to do just that. As his post was partly addressed specifically to me (I wonder why...) this gave me the impulse I needed to get off my ass and actually *do* something about those updates I'd been thinking of for the 2¹/₂ years before. Two more volunteers, Phil Smith and Wavy Davy, were soon recruited, and we were ready to begin.

I'll spare you the details of the sometimes seemingly endless discussions we had about how to tweak the updates—suffice to say that we went over the existing equipment and spells pretty thoroughly to make sure they conformed to the la(te)st rules in FASA books. Wait, that should be "FanPro books" now...

Anyway, soon after we started looking at what needed to be updated, we came to the conclusion that it would be better to cut some material from various books, or to shift chapters to other books. As a result, this new edition of *Running Gear* combines both the original *Running Gear* and *Tech Specs* into one, but without some of the chapters that were in those books. More specifically, the chapters with



Cyberpunk 2020 equipment and cyberware, reverse-engineered spells, rules and character archetypes have been left out. There were several reasons for this choice; some of the material had been so superseded by FASA's more recent books that there was little point in keeping it, or even of trying to update it; another was that sometimes even I didn't understand why I had ever included it in the first place :) Finally, a reason that applies mainly to the *Cyberpunk 2020* gear, is that the material will appear in the updates of another book—the *Chromebook Conversions* will become the *Cyberpunk Conversions*, with all the items converted over from that game collected in one book. Work has recently begun on that as I type this, but I'll warn in advance that you shouldn't expect it any time soon...

It's March 2002, roughly a year after we started, and the new *Running Gear* is finally—almost—done. I hope this update will be as useful (and perhaps as popular) as the original *Running Gear* has proven to be for many *Shadowrun* players and groups. Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who ever mailed me with comments about any of the **Plastic Warriors** books, and of course especially Damion, Phil and Wavy for their time and effort.

Now if only I could think of a cool and catchy thing to say to conclude to this intro...

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