## THE LEGION OF THE DAMNED

## POINTS: 100 + MODELS

Of all the legends of the Imperium, one of the strangest is that of the Legion of the Damned. The Inquisitors of Terra have amassed dozens of reports describing the inexplicable manifestation of these other-worldly warriors upon battlefields where the warriors of Mankind battle without hope against impossible odds. The Legion comes unannounced and unlooked for. Their aspect is frightening and bizarre, a ghostly apparition from some bygone era or a time yet to come.

They appear in the guise of the Emperor's finest, the Space Marines, like yet unlike the proud Chapters that guard Humanity. Their armour is black as midnight and marked with symbols of death and damnation; skulls grin cheerlessly from helm and boltgun and bones twist amidst the flames of purgatory.

Wreathed in spectral fury they descend upon the foes of Mankind, battling them without warcry or battleshout until they enemy is scattered and the day is saved. Equally mysteriously they vanish again once victory is won, disappearing back to whatever hellish realm they came from. Are they the Emperor's will made manifest, or perhaps some dire creation of Chaos? None can say.



"...We made our Peace with the Emperor in battle fashion. It was as I raised my eyes from prayer that I saw a strange host where moments before there was nothing but darkness. I realised [the host] was of Space Marines, though not of any Chapter under the Emperor's sun. Their armour was black, bearing chill images of bone and fire. They advanced without a sound, ghostly fire dancing about their feet. Like the bones of men in the torment of purgatory were these spectral warriors, more like the skeletal damned than the living. Yet these revenants were no vision, for they fell upon the Orks with silent fury. Never before or since have I seen fighting such as I witnessed that night. Seizing the moment, I regrouped my company and led them to war. As dawn lit the sky the Great Bastion was in our hands once again. Of the dark brotherhood there was no sign."