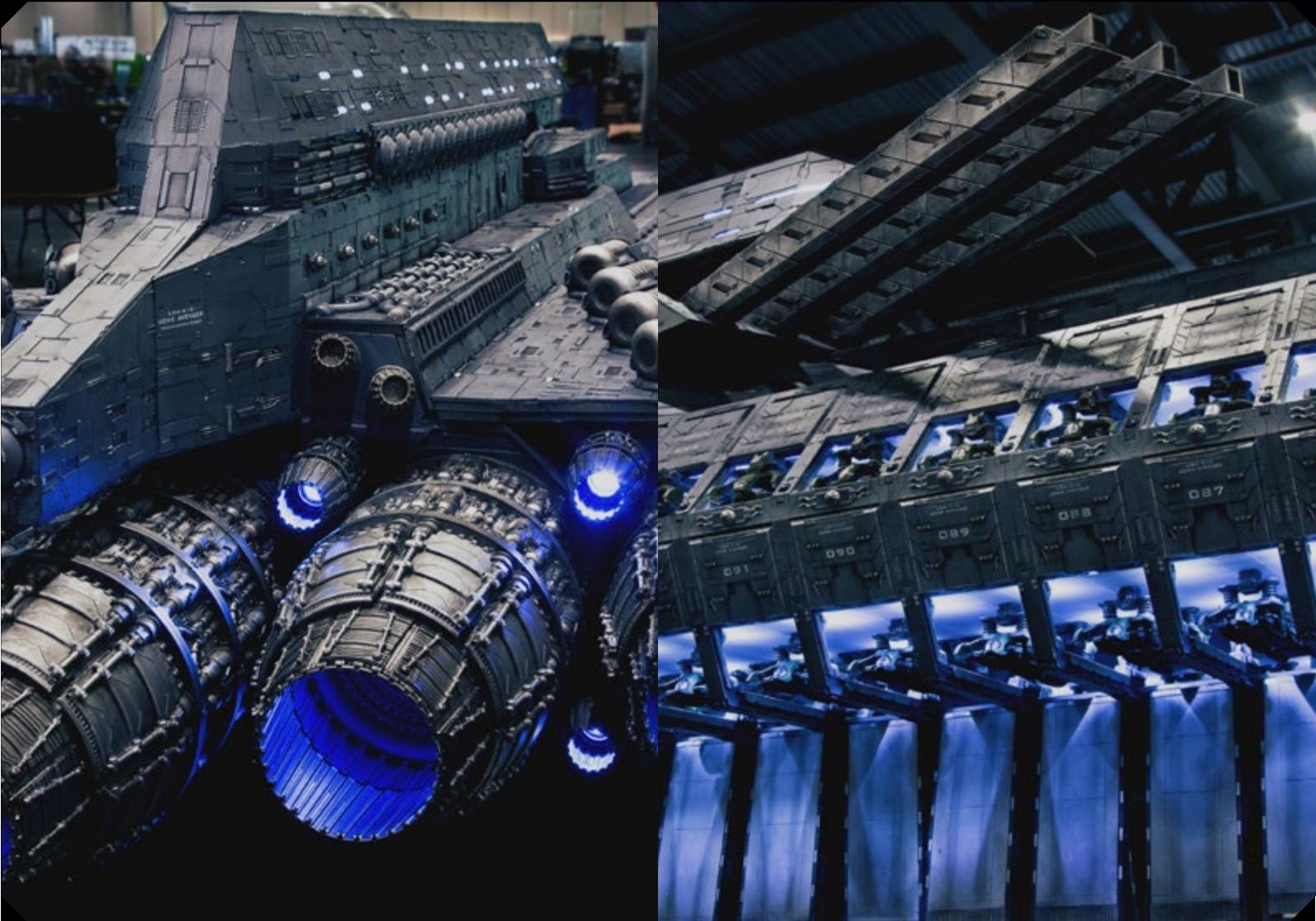


HAWK WARGAMES
UCMS AVENGER



FOR SALE

Hawk Wargames is ready to accept offers for its enormous one-off display miniature, the 10mm scale Strike Carrier, the legendary UCMS Avenger.

This is (as far as we're aware) the largest miniature ever built in the history of wargaming (excluding dioramas). It is a full 3m long (that's nearly 10 feet!) and built predominantly from resin. The entire superstructure is 100% bespoke and was computer designed, mastered and cast especially for this singular project. It is just as detailed as the vast number of 10mm scale Dropzone miniatures which fill its cavernous embarkation decks.

The Avenger has been our centrepiece display at some of the most important shows of the calendar for several years and has been seen and enjoyed by thousands of gamers. We're accepting offers for the Avenger now as most have had a chance to see it and it's important that we rotate and change our booth displays in the future. We feel it would be a shame to simply put her into storage and that it would be better for the ship to find a new and appreciative home.

MODEL AND BUILD

It was designed, built and painted sporadically over a 3 year period mainly by one person, Mr Dave Lewis, Hawk's director and lead designer. For him, this was truly a once in a lifetime build which will never be repeated. The design process was begun over Christmas 2013, with final work completed in time for Salute 2016, after a design and build time of over 1000 hours (not including casting). If you'd like to see how this insane creation was built, we have a full 20 episode YouTube series documenting the entire process ([LINK HERE](#)).

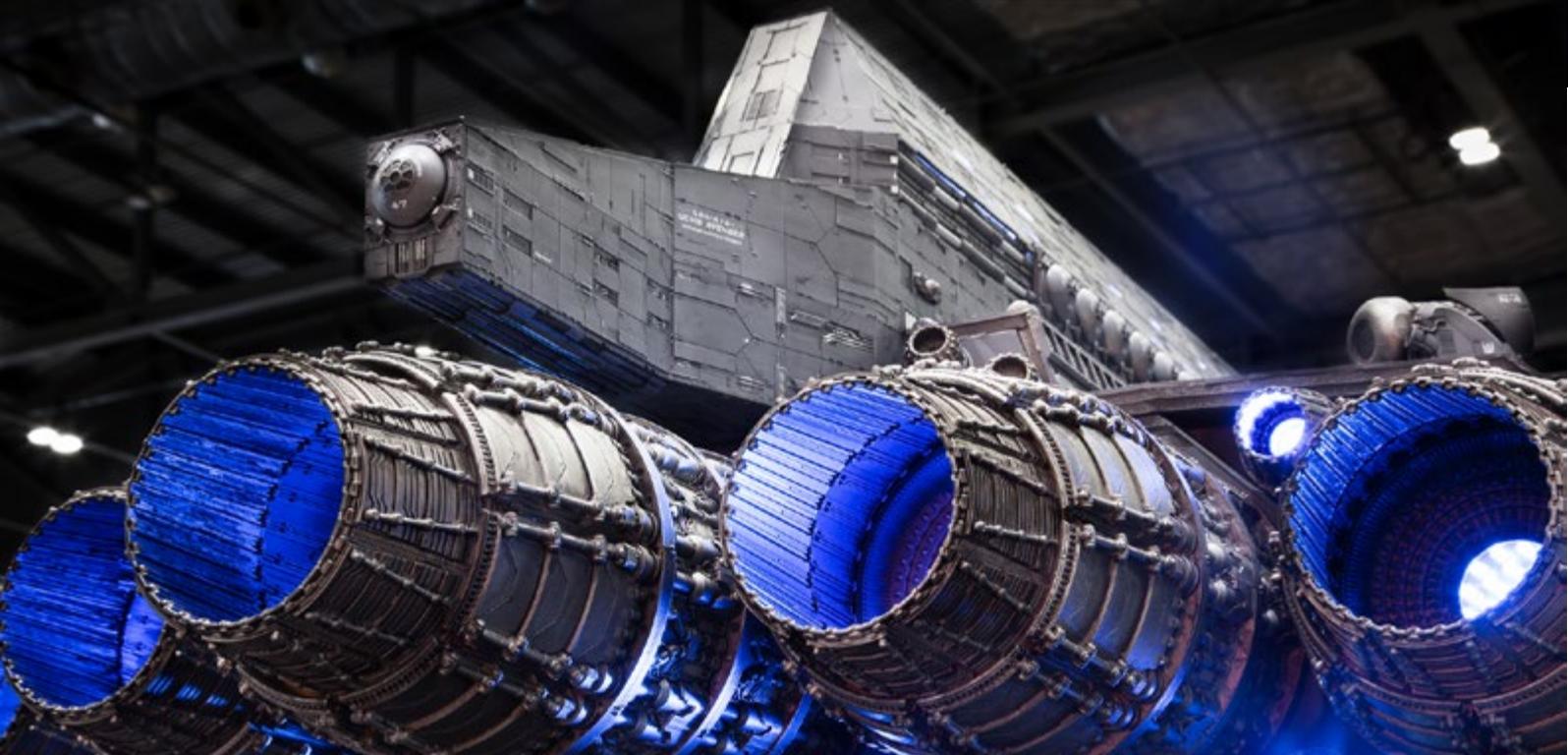
It is built from around 1000 bespoke resin and 3000 stock plastic components. It also includes parts custom made from aluminium, acrylic, carbon fibre, mount board, foarmcore, steel and styrene. The ship separates into several pieces for transportation. The lightweight prow section is removable, as is the stern, turret, point defence lasers and engines. The central hull section (which houses most of the moving parts, payload and weight) separates into a top and bottom half to allow for internal maintenance if required.



Its visible payload (included) is 100 Condor medium dropships, 8 Albatross Heavy Dropships, 102 Sabre MBT's, 102 Rapier AA Tanks, 20 Gladius HBT's, 6 Scimitar Tank Destroyers, 64 Bear APC's, 4 Kodiak ACV's and 2 Ferrum class Drone Bases (that's about £1600 worth of retail Dropzone Commander miniatures, in case you're wondering!) All 150 doors along the two massive embarkation decks may be opened and closed individually, her massive main mass driver turret turns, as do the 12 Aegis IV point defence laser emplacements. The 50 condors on the upper embarkation deck are all affixed to movable gantries which can be extended clear of the hull for gravity drop display. The interior is fully lit by over 400 LED lights (mains powered) and the engines are all lit by removable battery powered LED units. The ship also features over 400 custom made decals.

The ship is also accompanied by a custom built 2 piece heavy MDF display stand (painted black and built by a professional carpenter) and an illuminated ship schematic display. This is a highly detailed piece (again done by Dave Lewis) covering the ship's technical details. It's a panoramic Duratrans print mounted on a mains powered LED panel with aluminium frame about 1m wide. This could be displayed with the ship itself or wall mounted. This artwork also features in modified form as the centrefold of the Dropfleet rulebook.





BACKGROUND

The New Orleans Class Strike Carrier is a first wave planetary assault vessel designed to deliver ground troops to hot combat zones. The class is a mainstay of almost all UCM fleets and is one of the most common vessels of frigate tonnage to see service in the Reconquest, with almost a thousand operational by 2671.

A New Orleans' formidable payload of armoured units and infantry are deployed by agile dropships, making it ideally suited to fluid, early stage combat operations where heavy enemy action is anticipated. It is one of the largest vessels the UCM has that is capable of atmospheric operations - an essential feature as most UCM dropships cannot operate in the void and must be dropped relatively close to the battlefield.

The New Orleans is a relatively new class as its specifications were laid down late in the development of the UCM military machine to allow for the designs for its cargo to fully mature. The Avenger is the 416th vessel of her class to be commissioned and she has seen considerable action since the start of the Reconquest. She has the honour of being the very first UCM vessel to break atmosphere on D-Day over Eden Prime and was at the forefront of that campaign during its opening months.

Early in 2671 she was transferred to the Olympus theatre to assist in daring landing operations on the atmospheric envelopes of the vast orbital platforms above Olympus Prime. She sustained heavy damage during the assault on Installation 409 and has since returned to the Niccolum docks for extensive repairs and a general upgrade refit. She is projected to return to service by the end of the year where she will no doubt add to her already impressive service record.

RULES

Just for fun, as part of the sale we've written some rules for using the Avenger in games of Dropzone Commander. This isn't entirely serious, truth be told, but gaming is meant to put a smile on your face after all... Check them out on our **Rules** document paired with this on the website.



MAKING AN OFFER

As a unique and unprecedented piece of craftsmanship, we would rather accept offers than set a fixed price. Although of course we don't expect some kind of hourly rate equivalent, please bear in mind that this piece took over 1000 hours to build and had a considerable production budget associated.

Sensible offers and enquiries may be sent to Andrew@hawkwargames.com and we will consider them fairly. We will not accept any offer until the end of August, giving interested buyers a chance to ask questions and think about it. From August 1st onwards, we may accept offers at any time.

Delivery and Installation:

For buyers in the UK, we will most likely be able to drive the model to any location in person as well as help with installation, any post-delivery repairs and paint touchups as you like. As a vast bespoke piece, it's best if we can provide some guidance in person on the model's idiosyncrasies and best handling practice.

We can deliver the Avenger worldwide (generally), but please bear in mind that each country outside the UK may have special considerations/ challenges that may need to be looked at for feasibility purposes. Depending on the offer and arrangements, we will consider personally driving the model to locations in mainland Europe.

If your location requires shipping by courier, please understand that although of course we'll do our best in packing and paperwork, there is a risk with customs and shipping. Most of the superstructure is hollow and full of wires for the lighting, so may present some challenges in that respect. Any import tax considerations are of course the responsibility of the buyer and we have no control over them. If you are considering making a serious offer and you're not based in the UK or mainland Europe, let us know and we'll look into it.

Depending on the offer, location and transit method, we may need to charge for shipping. Any deal will be arranged on an offer by offer basis.

A special note for interested parties from the United States and Canada:

We've always wanted to display the Avenger at one of the large US conventions, preferably GenCon Indy (not this year's of course due to the timeframe). When we've looked at this in the past, we'd decided not to due to cost and risk involved in shipping it twice. If it's only a one-way trip, this halves the cost and risk involved. If you are based in the US and would be prepared to work with us to bring the Avenger to a convention, we will ship for free and may be able to come to your location after the convention to help with installation. If you're at Gencon this year and would like to speak to Dave about it, feel free as he will be on hand throughout the con!