

FAQ & ERRATA

Welcome to the official Dropfleet Commander FAQ & Errata.

In this document you will find some fixed errors from Dropfleet's rulebook and Battle for Earth, and answers to frequently asked questions to help your games flow better. At the end you'll find helpful examples for specific rules to help with understanding the game.

This document aims to be an errata for the 1.0 version of the Dropfleet Commander rules - those printed in the paperback rulebook. The most up to date version of the rules is available as a free digital download. This document will not be updated with those changes, and is only intended for clarrification on the printed rules.

Note that this document does not include changes to ship statlines. There are several instances of statlines being updated to cover errors and ships that have had their statlines updated for more balanced gameplay.

While the ships in both the Dropfleet Commander Rulebook and Battle for Earth are completely playable, you can find the most up to date version of their stat sheets in the DFC Fleet Builder and the most up to date version of the core rules at:

www.dropfleetcommander.com

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EXPERIMENTAL RULES

Reconquest Sized Games

Reconquest: 3001 pts+

Recommended Playing Area: 6' x 4'

Launch Cap: 25 plus 5 per 500 pts over 3000.

Battlegroups:

- No Maximum Battlegroup Limit
- You may include a maximum of 1 Flag Battlegroup per **full** 1000 pts
- You may include a maximum of 1 of each Rare Group per **full** 1000 pts (so max 4 of each Group in a 4000 pts game).
- You must have no more Pathfinder Battlegroups than Line Battlegroups and no more Vanguard Battlegroups than Line Battlegroups.
- You must include the maximum number of Groups in a Battlegroup before adding an additional Battlegroup of the same type.

Admiral: When your Admiral's ship is destroyed, nominate another ship of H or S Tonnage in another friendly Battlegroup. That ship gains an Admiral 1AV lower than the Admiral from the destroyed ship. Admirals with 1AV are removed as normal.

Bombardment Collateral Damage

Add the following paragraph 'Collateral Damage caused by Critical Hits automatically destroys an enemy Ground Asset it is assigned to.'

Damage Control

Change to 'Ships with crippling damage effects must attempt to repair them at the start of the 3rd step in the Roundup Phase.

For each ship with a crippling damage effect, roll a D6 for **each repairable effect**. Each result of a 4 or more causes one crippling damage effect of your choice to be repaired and removed from the ship.'

Manoeuvre

Change to 'A ship that activates when it has enemy Bombers and Fire Ships assigned to it can use hard manoeuvring to try and spoil their attack. If the ship uses the Course Change or Max Thrust special orders, roll a D6 for each enemy Bomber and Fire Ship assigned to that ship. On a roll of a 5 or more that Bomber or Fire Ship is removed. Any remaining Bombers and Fire Ships take effect as normal.'

Orbital Debris and Launch Assets

Change to 'When a Launch Asset is moved through scenery on the same Orbital Layer or placed through scenery on the same Orbital Layer, roll a D6 for each of those Launch Assets. Fine Debris Fields remove Launch Assets on a roll of 3 or more. Planetary Rings remove Launch Assets on a roll of 4 or more. Dense Debris Fields remove Launch Assets on a roll of 5 or more. Any remaining Launch Assets take effect as normal.'



ERRATA

DROPFLEET RULEBOOK

Page 39 - Game Turn Sequence

Change 'Once all Battlegroups are activated the turn is over' to 'Once all Battlegroups are activated, play moves to the Roundup Phase'

Page 53 - Planetary Rings

Add the line 'if a ship moves through a planetary ring while the ship is in high orbit, it will receive two Lock 2+ hits'.

Page 54 - 2nd Table, Laser Armament

Reduce this weapon's Burnthrough value from 'Burnthrough(6)' to 'Burnthrough(4)'.

Page 64 - Manoeuvre

Change the dice roll required to shake off Launch Assets from a 4+ to a 5+.

Torpedoes are still removed permanently on a roll of 6.

Page 64 - Torpedoes

Remove the last paragraph.

Page 65 - Beast

Change to 'When this ship suffers a Crippling Damage result, it gains a -1 bonus to its weapon systems' Lock characteristics.'

Page 66 - Regenerate

Change to 'A ship with Regenerate can make a number of damage control rolls equal to X in the Roundup phase of the turn to regain lost hull points'

Page 66 - Air-to-Air

Change 2nd paragraph to 'While in atmosphere, weapons with this rule ignore the usual penalty to Lock Value and gain -1 to their Lock value when firing at ships in atmosphere. All other penalties still apply, including needing a 6+ to shoot at ground targets. Air to Air weapons gain no benefit from this rule when firing from outside atmosphere. Air to Air weapons that also have the Close Action rule may be fired at targets in atmosphere in addition to other Orbital Layers.'

Page 67 - Bombardment

Add 'A ship cannot use a Bombardment weapon while in Atmosphere, unless specifically stated'.

Page 67 - Maulers

Change the entire section to 'Mauler The Lock characteristic of a Mauler weapon is equal to the Armour characteristic of the targeted ship.'

Page 67 - Calibre

Add 'In addition, weapons with the Calibre H and/or S rule infict Critical Hits on rolls exceeding their Lock value by ONE rather than the usual two (against targets of any Tonnage value).'

Page 69 - Crippling

Add 'If a weapon with the Crippling rule is affected by another rule which would make Critical Hits automatic (such as the Particle rule) then the roll you would have needed to achieve a Critical Hit is the roll required for the Crippling rule to take effect. For example, a Lock 3+ weapon would need a 5 or 6 to make an additional roll on the Crippling table'.

Page 69 - Link (X)

Change all instances of Link (X) with Linked (X).

Page 71 - Admirals

Add 'Your Admiral may be placed in any ship in your fleet with a Tonnage value of M, H or S. If placed in a ship of Tonnage H you may upgrade your Admiral 1 level for free. If placed in a ship of Tonnage S you may upgrade your Admiral 2 levels for free. These free upgrades do not allow you to exceed the maximum level allowed by the game size.'

Page 74 - Clusters

Change 'to hold a cluster you must hold more sectors in that cluster than your opponent' to 'to hold a cluster you must hold more value in terms of sectors in that cluster than your opponent, or more sectors overall if they are not given a set value in that scenario'.



ERRATA

Various Pages - Space Stations

In the context of Space Stations, when Burnthrough and Close Action are referenced, they apply to the 'Laser Armament' and 'Missile Armament' respectively.

Various Pages - Voidgates

When referring to voidgates and ground asset deployment or relocation, wherever a 'sector' and 'in atmosphere' is mentioned, change this to read 'sector or space station' and 'in atmosphere (or low orbit if targeting a space station)' respectively.

On page 196 paragraph 2 add 'Ground Assets may NOT be deployed through any Voidgate which has used the Max Thrust Special Order that turn although it MAY still be part of a chain.'

On page 197, Voidgates and Ground Asset Relocation, replace the 3rd paragraph with the following:

'Any number of tokens may be picked up by a single Voidgate, but only one may be dropped per Voidgate per turn using this rule. Tokens picked up but not dropped in this manner are automatically destroyed. Voidgates on the Max Thrust Special Order may not use this rule in the same turn. Tokens moved in this manner count as NOT being present in their new Sector for the remainder of the turn (and therefore may not contribute to scoring that turn).'

BATTLE FOR EARTH

Page 194 - Dreadnought

Add: 'Standard Orders and Special Orders that allow a Dreadnought to fire one weapon system allow it to fire up to two weapon systems instead.'

Page 194 - Overcharge.

Change to: 'A weapon with this rule may be Overcharged. An Overcharged weapon (and any weapons with Overcharge it is Linked with) doubles its Damage value for that attack.

If the ship is on Weapons Free Orders it may only fire Close Action or Low Power weapons but not any other weapon types. However if the ship is on any other Orders, it may not use Launch Assets or fire any other weapons, including Close Action and Low Power weapons.'

Page 208 - Resistance Phalanx

Change NC-4 Missiles Arch to F/S/R.

Page 214 - Resistance Heavy Frigate

Change Armour to 3+.

Page 221 & 237 - UCM Vienna & PHR Pollux

Remove "Escort" special rule.

Page 226, 227 - Scourge Nosferatu & Cthulhu

Change all arc entries for Occulus Beam Array, Port to 'F/S(L)'.

Page 242, 243 - Shaltari Plutonium & Uranium

Change all arc entries for Disintegrator Battery, Port to 'F/S(L)'

Page 244 - Ion

Change to 'If a group scores (X) hits from weapons with this special rule, the targeted ship receives an energy surge token. Reducing the ship to only standard orders until repaired'.

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SMALL FORMAT RULE- Squadron BOOK (1.5)

Ramming

Remove.

Nuke the Site from Orbit

Remove.

Roll for Crippling Damage

Change the first sentence to 'When a ship has lost a cumulative total of 50% or more of its starting Hull points it becomes Crippled and suffers Crippling Damage (so a ship with 4 Hull points becomes crippled when it has lost 2 or more Hull points).'

Building Your Fleet

Add the following paragraph to 'The Fleet Roster" section: "All ships selected for your fleet must be from the same faction (so a Scourge fleet should comprise only Scourge ships), unless a special rule states that a ship can be included in specific factions.'

Corruptor

Change to 'For every Attack Dice from this weapon that scores two higher than its Lock number, place 1 Corruptor token on the ship. At the beginning of each Damage Control Phase, a ship with Corruptor tokens takes 1 Damage for each token, with no saves of any type allowed. A Corruptor token may be repaired just like a Crippling effect.

Corruptor has no effect on Space Stations or Sectors.'

Page 61 - Link (X)

Change all instances of Link (X) to Linked (X).

Change to 'If a Group has assigned X or more of the same weapon system with this special rule to the same target, increase the attack dice of one of those weapon systems (attacker's choice) by 3.'

Unstable

Change to 'While on the Weapons Free Special Order, Attack dice rolls of an unmodified 6 cause the firing ship to lose that weapon's damage value (after any modifiers) in Hull Points with no saves of any kind allowed.'

COMMAND CARDS

UCM - Colonial Legions

Change Effect to: 'Any friendly Infantry and Armour tokens in this Cluster or Space Station may re-roll any Armour saves taken this turn while in this Cluster or Space Station.'

Scourge - For the Species

Change Target to: 'One ship in this Battlegroup.'

Change Effect to: 'If this ship is on Standard Orders at the end of its activation and has not fired, pick an enemy ship within 3". That ship receives a number of Lock 4+ hits equal to the targeted ship's original Hull value. Remove the targeted ship from play and do not roll on the catastrophic damage table.'

Scourge - Point Blank Death

Change Play to 'When a ship fires a Close Action weapon'

Change Effect to 'Increase the Attack of that Close Action weapon by the following:

- Ships of L or L2 Tonnage by 1.
- Ships of M Tonnage by 2.
- Ships of H Tonnage by 3.
- Ships of S or S2 Tonnage by 4.'

PHR - Weapons Hack

Change Play text to 'After an opponent allocates' attack dice'.



ERRATA

FLEET SPACE STATIONS

Fleet Space Stations

Add the following sentence to the 1st paragraph of the 1st section: 'Faction specific Fleet Space Stations may only be included in a Fleet of that faction.'

Shaltari Grav Hook Small Station

Change the effect of Gravity Manipulator to 'Friendly ships that start their movement within this station's Scan range measure their movement from any point at the edge of this space station's Scan range, retaining their facing. Enemy ships that start their movement within this station's Scan range measure their movement from this station (distances are measured from the flight stem), retaining their facing.

This special rule ceases to function while you do not control this station.'

FAMOUS ADMIRALS

Famous Admirals - Lord of Flies

Change the Play of Knowledge Pool to: 'At the end of this Flagship's activation, once per turn.'

Famous Admirals - Javelin

Change Stand Firm Effect to 'Double this Flagship's Tonnage Value until the end of the next turn.'

Resistance Famous Admiral Typhoon Vasquez

Change the Play of Bootleg Prototype Bullets to 'Whenever you fire a weapon with the Low Power special rule, before rolling to hit.'



DROPFLLEET RULEBOOK

CORE MECHANICS

In the explanation for the Activation Phase, the rules say 'If both players roll the same number, roll again until one player rolls higher'. What if I have a higher-level admiral – does this count as well, or does the higher roll still win?

Admiral level has no effect here, it's a simple D6 roll. It does however have an effect when determining initiative in the Roundup Phase (as described in the rulebook).

Once you have set your strategy deck, can you look through it again (without changing things)? When can you do this?

You may look at the order of your Strategy Deck at any time, unless specifically stated by a special rule.

For the Battlegroup Cohesion do I add 1 to the battlegroup's strategy rating for each group that is out of coherency, or just one if any number are out of coherency?

Add 1 to the strategy rating for each group that is not in coherency with another group in the same Battlegroup.

Can I chain groups together and still be in coherency? Can I send two ships off on their own and still use special orders (as each of those two ships is 'in coherency with another ship in the group'?)

Yes you may (and in fact must) chain groups together to be in coherency. The entire group must be in coherency with the rest of the group – i.e. each ship must be in coherency with at least one other ship in the group, and all ships in that group must be in coherency of the group as a whole, forming a chain. Ships in the same group may not claim coherency unless the every ship in the group is in coherency (and so may not split off into smaller parts and still do special orders).

Do ships of the same type in the same battlegroup form a large group, even if selected in separate groups?

Yes, they form one large group of the same ship type. The restrictions on numbers of ship per group are for fleet selection purposes. For example:

A pathfinder battlegroup is chosen. The player includes two Light groups in this; one with 4 Toulons (the maximum allowed in that group when selecting), and another also with 4 Toulons. While when selecting the fleet these are two separate groups, when playing these count as one group of 8 models, and conform to all of the group rules.

On page 43 Active Scan versus Silent Running – the text currently states "In this case no additional Energy Spikes is added to the revealed ship". This could imply that if you fail the roll the ship is granted a Spike – is this the case?

No. If the ship is Active Scanned and is on Silent Running one of two things happen; either it is successfully knocked off Silent Running, and goes back to a normal signature with no Spikes, or it is unsuccessful and nothing further happens to the ship.

If a ship with Full Cloak and under Silent Running order would receive a Spike (active scan on 4+, hit by flash weapon, bloom, launching assets etc...) does it loose Silent Running? If it could receive a Spike (ie. partial cloak) does it receive a Spike as well?

Yes. A ship under Silent Running that would normally receive a Spike will instead just loose Silent Running. No additional Spike added. The progression of signature is as follows Silent Running -> Normal signature -> minor Spike -> major Spike.



Does using the Station Keeping order and moving 0" count as moving?

Yes. A ship that uses Station Keeping always counts as moving.

Can ships in a group go on max thrust to catch up with other members of the group? If not, surely they will be lagging behind and never get back into coherency?

No, as you may not go on special orders when out of group coherency. This means players must plan their special orders carefully and play catch up if they issue the wrong orders.

Can I shoot at my own ships?

No! Friendly fire is off in Dropfleet.

When receiving a hit from a damage 2 weapon, do I roll 1 or 2 armor saves?

You roll 2 armour saves, one for each point of hull damage inflicted, not the attacks of the weapon.

When do you roll for crippling damage? Once the ship is crippled, at the end of the firing ships activation, or the turn?

Roll for Crippling Damage at the end of the firing group's activation. This can mean that the ship is destroyed before being crippled. If a ship is destroyed there is no need to roll on the crippling damage table – just apply the rules for catastrophic damage.

The 'Weapons offline' effect states that a ship may not fire its weapons or use any launch assets during its next activation. Since launch assets are used at the end of the turn (and not during their activation) can they still be used?

No. In all cases, the weapons may not be fired in the ship's next activation, and launch assets may not be launched in the following launch asset Phase. Note that assets that have already been launched (for example bombers or fighters that were launched in a previous phase) are not affected, only the ship itself. In effect, you miss one opportunity to launch, be that this or next turn.

Certain results on the Catastrophic

Damage table create explosions or damage to ships within range. How does this affect Launch Assets?

Launch Assets are not affected by results on the Catastrophic Damage.

ORBITAL COMBAT

Does going down an orbital layer use up your one allowed turn for movement?

No, you just must be able to turn.

Under limitations in atmosphere, the last line reads "And follow the rules for moving up an orbital layer and do not suffer this penalty" Which penalty is this in reference to?

Ships that move from atmosphere to low orbit are not subject to the rule that ships may only move 2" in atmosphere once they enter low orbit. For example:

- 1) Ship 1 has Thrust 10". It moves from atmosphere to low orbit at the beginning of its turn. It costs 4" to go up a layer, so it has 6" remaining that it may move in low orbit.
- 2) Ship 2 also has thrust 10". However, it chooses to move in atmosphere before moving further or wanting to go up an orbital layer. Since its thrust is reduced to 2" in atmosphere, it may not move any further or climb to low orbit it has used all its thrust.

Can Space Stations have Spikes?

No. If a space station would have Spikes applied to it, they are ignored instead.

Can Space Stations get the Corruptor effect?

No. Corruptor is a special kind of Crippling Damage effect, so Space Stations are immune.



Can Space Stations have special tokens like Oculus Booster and Space Telescope?

Yes. These special tokens affect Space Stations in the same way as they affect ships. Although Space Telescope is a lot less useful since Space Stations cannot have Spikes!

Can Space Stations be spun with Impel weapons?

I guess? All Space Station armaments are F/S/R arcs, so there's no reason to turn them!

How does debris field and planetary ring penalties effect ships on different layers?

If the attacker OR target is on the same layer as the Debris/planetary ring or if the Debris/planetary ring is between the attacker and target all penalties apply.

GROUND COMBAT

Can I contest a cluster without holding a sector, but by having tokens in a sector?

No, In order to contest a cluster you must control at least 1 sector. You hold a sector by having more tokens in that sector than your opponent.

If I have multiple Defence Batteries or Voidgates in/over a cluster, do I get to roll multiple dice for destroying ground assets that are trying to land?

No. As per the 'Batteries' rule on p.57, if you have one or more batteries you may roll 1D6 for each launch asset that is trying to land. This means that multiple Voidgates or Batteries do not give you multiple chances to destroy incoming ground assets – you only ever get one dice on each asset unless very specifically stated in a special rule.

Can Sectors or Clusters be spun with Impel weapons?

No. Impel weapons aren't powerful enough to turn the *ground*.

LAUNCH ASSETS

Do Launch Assets count as weapons?

Unless otherwise stated in a special rule or Command Card, Launch Assets do not count as weapons systems. They may only be used if a ship could fire its weapons. Interactions with launch assets in situations where a ship may not fire (because of special orders, damage or other reasons) are covered in each individual case in the rule book.

Can you use Launch Assets when Silent Running? What if you have the stealth rule?

You may not usually deploy Launch assets when on Silent Running, as the rules state that you must be able to fire one weapon to use Launch Assets, and you may not fire when on Silent Running special orders. If a ship has the stealth special rule you may use launch assets as it may fire at least one weapon on Silent Running.

Launching when Silent Running with Stealth will take you out of Silent Running, even if you have full cloak.

Torpedoes are Launch Assets, and the rules state that Launch Assets must test to see if they are removed if a ship moves through a Debris Field. Does this apply to Torpedoes as well as Bombers? What about fighters?

Yes to both – all launch assets roll if they either move through or attached to a ship that moves through Debris fields.

If a ship with Launch Assets attached is destroyed, what happens to the Assets? Can they be moved to another ship, i.e. can I move fighters to another ship, or Bombers/Torpedoes to a different enemy ship?

No, if a ship that has Launch Assets attached is destroyed, they are removed with the ship.



When Launching assets at a ship on Silent Running, how do I resolve them in terms of range?

Launch assets have a set range which is not affected by the signature of a ship. Since Silent Running change the signature of a ship to 0 but does not change the range of assets, Silent does not affect ranges when using launch assets.

Can ordinary weapons/bombers be fired against torpedoes?

No, because they are a launch asset and cannot be targeted.

Can fighters be launched to defend a cluster? Eg act like a temporary battery?

No. Further, since launch assets cannot enter atmosphere (unless allowed to do so by special rules), bombers, fighters and torpedoes may not enter atmosphere.

SPECIAL RULES

What happens with weapons that have additional rules about damage/extra effects where they are saved by passive saves? For example, Corruptor or Impel weapons state that if the weapon scores a certain type of hit or certain amount of damage (in these cases critical hit or the (x) damage on Impel etc) then the rules applies, but it doesn't say what happens with Passive saves.

In all cases where additional effects or damage would be caused to a ship, the ship must actually be damaged. If passive saves stop the damage, the additional rules do not apply (unless specifically stated in the rule itself). In the two examples given; the Corruptor weapon would need to cause critical damage and then the ship would have to fail any passive save it had; and the Impel weapon would have to do its stated damage (x) after the ship has rolled any passive saves it has for Impel to take effect.

A weapon with Burnthrough (14) does 2 damage per hit. What is the maximum damage it can do?

14. The Burnthrough value denotes the total amount of hull damage it may do in a single activation. A Burnthrough(6) weapon with 3 damage would be able to deal 6 points of hull damage in a single activation, needing 2 successful lock rolls.

Burnthrough Lasers: If I roll X amount of Dice, say 2, and both hit and one is a critical success, is it only any further successes on the dice that scored a critical that ignore armour, or is it any further successes on both dice?

Any further dice rolls that hit after scoring at least critical hit ignore armour. i.e.:

- You roll for the Perth's burnthrough, with 4 attacks hitting on lock 3+.
- You miss with one attack, and hit with three. One of these hits scores a critical hit.
- You then roll three dice again any hit here or on any subsequent rolls now critical.

If I roll for a Burnthrough weapon and score a hit and two crits and only need one of the results to reach the weapon's X value, which dice do I choose?

Pick the best result. In this case you'd probably want to pick one of the crits and discard the other crit and hit.

When taking hits from a group of ships that are firing Close action weapons, do you get your PD against each weapon system, or are those weapons combined and then PD is taken? What about against launch assets like bombers?

No, you get one roll of PD against the entire pool of attacks – roll all the close action attacks together and then roll one PD against the roll. This is the same for Bombers.



The Corruptor rule states that a ship that takes a critical hit suffers the corruptor continuing effect. Does this only happen on a critical hit, or does it happen regardless, as the second paragraph seems to imply?

The Corruptor rule only applies if a critical hit is scored, and continues to apply for the rest of the game. If the weapon does not score a critical hit the corruptor rule does not apply.

If 2 torpedoes with Corruptor special rule target the same space station or cluster, will the damage to the station or sectors cause collateral damage on the deployed infantry?

Torpedoes launched from ships in the same group are resolved simultaneously and do not cause collateral damage on deployed infantry from that group. Torpedoes from different groups are resolved in initiative order and can cause collateral damage resolved the same way as other damage to sectors and space stations.

Escape velocity says that it ignores penalties shooting through atmosphere. Does this ignore range restrictions?

Yes, when firing a weapon with this rule apply range as usual instead of taking normal atmospheric rules into account.

How does Mauler and the maximum damage work for a group shooting?

Yes. All Close Action attacks are pooled together when allocating dice, this includes standard Close Action weapons and Mauler weapons on the same ship, though they each keep their individual Lock values. A Shaltari Uranium has a potential combined 29 Close Action attacks, for example.

Can a sector with a weapon with the special rule 'Escape Velocity' fire on target in atmosphere?

No, there are only 3 layers and the sector is considered to be in atmosphere. Escape velocity requires the target to be in a layer above you.

The Scald special rule works within scan range. How does it apply for units that do not have a scan value e.g. Scourge Bombers?

Any weapon/ship that has the Scald special rule but does not have a given scan range counts as always being in scan range for the purposes of the Scald rule – the rule always applies in such cases unless specifically stated otherwise. Note that this does not apply to ships/weapons that had a scan range and have either lost it or cannot use it for any reason, only to ships/weapons that never had a scan value in the first place.

How does the Scald special rule interact with Passive saves? What about other rules that change armour/saves?

Scald may be used against passive saves in the same way as normal armour. Passive saves count as a type of armour save, and therefore rules that affect armour saves also affect passive saves, unless otherwise stated in a special rule.

What does 'crippled' mean for the purposes of special rules such as 'Stealth'?

'Crippled' is a state that applies to any ship once it is at or below half its starting Hull points. Note that other effects might trigger a roll on the crippling damage table, but the 'Crippled' state is only applied when the ship takes sufficient damage. Once applied, the crippled state remains for the rest of the game, even if the ship is repaired above the crippling threshold.



If a ship has 2 of the same Close Action weapons (like a resistance cruiser) do they combine attacks?

Yes, as long as they have the same Linked (X)

FLEET ORGANISATION

Admirals add their AV to several different rolls in game. Does that apply if they are not deployed yet, have moved off the board or are destroyed?

Admirals only add their AV to any roll when they are alive and present on the board. If they have yet to be deployed, have moved off the board or have been destroyed you do not add their AV to any rolls, unless specifically stated in a special rule. If your Admiral is not on the table for any reason then your AV counts as 1. For example, this means you may draw 1 Command Card on turn 1 if your Admiral is not on the table during the Planning Phase.

When ships are destroyed, does their battlegroup's strategy rating go down?

No. Strategy Rating remains the same, even with losses in a battlegroup.

PREPARING FOR BAT-

Can you enter the table at any angle?

Yes. as long as they start their first activation in High Orbit.

SCENARIOS

Can you get points for both Holding and Contesting the same Cluster?

No. If you hold a cluster you receive points for that, not additional points for also contesting the cluster.

VOIDGATES

When do you declare Opal usage and how does it interact with launch assets?

Opal usage is declared when save rolls have been made. Any missed saves from this shooting action or launch asset resolving against this ship can be reroll'led as long as the target ship has its shields up.

Can Voidgates use their Charged atmosphere rule to act as batteries on or close to space station?

No. The charged atmosphere rule requires atmosphere to work – it may not be used to try to stop enemy ground assets landing on space stations (unless specifically stated by a special rule or Command Card).

Can you keep linking Voidgates across the board in one long chain, resulting in a gate way across the other side of the board to the mothership? Or is the furthest any Voidgate can be from the mothership 36" due to the criteria of being linked to another Voidgate that is within 18" of the mothership?

Voidgates can link in a continuous chain. This means that any number of Voidgates can be linked and deploy gates, so long as:

A) At least one of the Voidgates in the chain is up to a maximum of 18" from the mothership and

B) Each of the Voidgates in the chain is no more than 18" from another Voidgate, connecting at some point with the gate from (a), which is a maximum of 18" from the mothership. This means you can deploy across the length and breadth of the table with careful Voidgate use and positioning!



When Launching ground assets and other strike craft, the ship gains a minor Spike. When applied to the Shaltari, do Voidgates gain the Spike, or is it the mother ship, or both?

Only the mothership gains a Spike, the Voidgates do not gain Spikes for this (as it's the mothership doing the launching - you just measure deployment from the Voidgates rather than the mothership). Further, Voidgates do not gain Spikes for relocating troops.

Shaltari Ground Assets that have been moved from one sector to another aren't able to hold/contest clusters, do newly placed Ground Assets (from a Mothership via Gates) count towards holding/contesting clusters.

Yes, the newly placed tokens count towards holding/contesting that cluster, but the redeployed tokens will need to wait until the following turn to contribute to holding/contesting.

COMMAND CARDS

Does the UCM Command Card 'Colonial Legions' provide re-rolls against ground combat attacks?

Yes, as long as the affected ground assets remain in that Cluster or Space Station.

Can the PHR Command Card 'Elite Ground Forces' be used to defend against ground combat attacks?

Yes. Elite Ground Forces would modify both Armour characteristics of the affected Ground Assets. E.g. An Infantry token would become Armour 4+/2+ while under the effects of this card.

Can the Shaltari Command Card Warspire Nexus' be used to provide passive saves against ground combat attacks?

No, saves of any kind cannot be made against ground combat attacks. The passive save only applies to saves made against bombardment attacks.

How do Command Cards work in terms of targeting ships more than once in a turn?

A ship can only be specifically targeted once per turn. This means a ship may only be affected by one 'target friendly ship' or 'target friendly group' card, and one 'target enemy ship' or 'target enemy group' card.

Ships may be affected by battlegroup, fleet wide or 'area' affects several times per turn as they are not specifically targeted at that ship or group, meaning they can stack with specifically targeted cards on individual ships or groups.

Can I stack Command Card effects?

It depends on the Command Card. As per the rules above, it is rare that you may stack Command Cards one on another. This is also because timings for Command Cards are as follows: Play the card, opponent may attempt to block it, resolve the card (if it resolves instantly) or leave the card in play (if it continues for a set time e.g. until next turn).

This means that the cards being played must a) conform to the above rules and b) have continual effects for you to stack them. This makes effect stacking possible, but rare.

When using the Silent killer Command Card, what happens if I use it on a ship that is crippled?

The Ship remains crippled, however in this instance it may have the Stealth rule and still be crippled – for the duration of the card, it does not lose the stealth rule for having less than 50% hull remaining.



Some Command Card effects target weapons with certain names or parts of name, such as 'Calibre' or 'Mass Driver'. Do I apply the effects to weapons with those terms anywhere in the weapon profile?

No, rules only apply to those weapons that have the specific term in the weapon name itself.

The Next-Gen Armour Plating Command Card says you can re-roll armour saves. Does that include passive and other types of saves?

Yes. The card states that any armour saves may be re-rolled, and Passive Saves count as a type of armour save.

When playing Command Cards, who goes first? Is there an order in which you choose which cards are played and when?

- i) During the Initiation Phase, the player with the higher-level Admiral has the choice to play Command Cards first or second (roll off if there is a draw). They become 'Player 1'. Players then alternate playing cards. This is the same throughout each sub phase of this part of the turn (as follows):
- 1) Player 1 has the chance to play a card a card first or second, then the opponent.
- 2) When both players have finished playing cards, they discard cards simultaneously.
- 3) They then draw cards simultaneously.
- 4) During the Clean Up Stage, Player 1 may play a card first or second (if they choose to play any). Complete all the actions associated with this card, including playing any espionage etc. cards. The opponent may then play a card. Once resolved, the first player can then play another card continue until neither player has any further cards to play.

In multi-player games this still holds true – play one card each (if you choose to) in the order determined by the role in part A. i).

Note that players may not hold off playing cards – i.e. not play a card until after the other player

has resolved several of theirs. Once a player chooses not to play any more cards during the Clean Up stage, that is the cut off for playing cards in the Clean Up phase and they may not decide later in the stage to play further cards. This stops players 'gaming' their card plays in response to opposing Command Card use in a phase that is designed to be pro-active rather than tactically reactive. The only exception is reactive 'interrupting' cards, such as espionage, which may be played at any time.

Once finished, players reach the 'End of the Clean Up stage'. Any cards that are played at this point follow the same structure as above – the player with initiative plays first, then the opponent etc., with the same 'cut off' point if a player chooses not to play further cards.

ii) Command Cards played during the turn (i.e. during battlegroup activation) are played as instructed on the cards themselves; usually on the activation of a battlegroup, firing a weapon, the activation of another battlegroup etc. Importantly, here the order is reversed. They player who is not activating the unit plays a card first, then the activating player.

For example: Player 1 chooses a unit to activate. The opponent (player 2) may now play a card. If they choose not to, Player 1 can play a card.

For cards that apply 'during an activation' there is no 'cut off' on playing cards during a unit's activation. This means that even if a player chooses not to play a card earlier in the unit's activation, they may choose to do so later in its activation.

iii) During the Round Up Phase, card plays return to the order at the start of the turn i.e. Player 1 has the choice to plays first or second, then the opponent, and then alternatively until neither player has any further cards they want to play.

While this seems very involved, the number of cards and actions of players mean that in real terms the above will be very quick – this just provides players with the correct structure and order to play cards in.



Can I Espionage an Espionage Card? How does that work out?

Command Cards may interact e.g. Espionage and any other Command Card. Cards stack in reverse chonological order.

For example, player 1 played Mass Transit System. Player 2 then plays Espionage. Player 1 then plays Espionage on that Espionage, cancelling Player 2's card. Mass Transit System can therefore go ahead as normal.

Several Command Cards mean that ships regain hull points. If this puts the ship above 50% of its starting hull again, can it be crippled again if it takes more damage?

No, a ship can only be only crippled once from normal damage (the exception being weapons that specifically do crippling damage, which may cripple a ship more than once and are a special case).

For the Intensify Point Defence Command Card, it states the -1 modifier is against one dice roll. When is this roll decided? When does the modifier stop? Can this stack with other effects?

This modifier works against one attack – from a group's point defence attacks, a bomber attack, etc. it works on one point defence roll and is then resolved and discounted. This modifier can stack with other effects (e.g the Aegis rule), but remember that a ship cannot be targeted by a Command Card twice in one turn, meaning this card cannot be used on the same ship twice in a turn.

SHIP SPECIAL RULES

If I take a Venice with a London or Washington, can I still benefit from the Venice's Command Deck ability?

No. Your Admiral has to be in a Venice to benefit from the Command Deck ability, and if you take a Dreadnought, your Admiral must go in there.

If I use a Venice to give a ship on Silent Running or Max Thrust the ability to fire a weapon, can I use Launch Assets?

No.

If I use a Venice to give a battlegroup extra Thrust and move a ship into Atmosphere, how far can it move in Atmosphere?

Only 2". As per the rulebook "Ships moving into Atmosphere therefore lose any remaining movement apart from this 2."

Can a ship using an Ouriana to extend its weapon range use multiple Ourianas to further extend its weappon range?

No. Only a single Ouriana can be used each attack.

Can rules like the Calypso's Advanced ECM Suite and Shaltari Shield Booster be used on friendly space stations?

Yes, but these space stations must be bought as part of your fleet to be friendly.

If I take a Dreadnought or Venice and a Famous Admiral, can I put the Famous Admiral in the Dreadnought or Venice?

No. Famous Admirals cannot be moved from their Flagship. The use of a Famous Admiral overrides the normal rules on placing Admirals on Dreadnoughts (and for the UCM, the Venice) when building your fleet.



How long does the effect of the Parasite last? If I siphon a Minor Spike, does the effect last until I get rid of the spike? What if I siphon a Major Spike, do I gain the attack increase of a Minor Spike when I use Standard Orders?

The siphon effect only persists until the end of activation it's used in and only the type of spike siphoned determines the bonuses gained, not the spike the ship ends up with. You can siphon again in subsequent activations to gain the benefits again. The gained spikes persist following the regular rules for spikes and do not affect subsequent siphons. Each ship can siphon a single spike each activation (so a group can siphon multiple spikes) and each ship can decide when it uses its siphon separate from other ships in its group.

BATTLE FOR EARTH

Do Resistance ships that already come with the Ablative Armour rule increase their Armour by 2?

No. Any ships with the Ablative Armour rule as standard have the increase already in their profile. For example the Tribune has Armour of 2+ until it is Crippled, when it goes to 4+.

The only exception for this in the book is Heavy Frigates, which should have their Armour increased to 3+ as per the errata on the previous page.

Do Fire Ships count towards Launch Capacity Cap?

No. While these assets *do* technically launch, they are not Fighters, Bombers, or Torpedoes, so don't count towards the cap.

Can Fire Ships combine their attacks like Bombers?

Yes.

Does Subsystem Network affect Low Power weapons too? Can I fire 2 Mass Driver Turrets and then 2 Artillery Cannon Turrets on Standard Orders?

Yes and yes.

Can 2 weapons be Overcharged from the Subsystem Network rule? Can a Low Power weapon be used if another weapon is Overcharged?

No and no. Overcharge states that no other weapons (other than Close Action weapons) may be fired. Since Low Power weapons aren't Close Action weapons, they cannot be used.

Do you get Armour saves against damage from the Unstable rule?

No.

If a weapon with the Unstable rule rolls multiple dice for its attack value, eg. 2d3, does it suffer multiple points of hull damage on maximum dice rolls?

Yes. A weapon with Unstable causes a point of hull damage for each dice that rolls its maximum value, eg an Unstable weapon with 3d6 Attack will cause 3 points of hull damage if all 3 have a result of 6.

If I put a turret on the side of my ship, can it only fire on that side? What if I put double broadsides on one side?

No. Because you're in space and ships can be flying in any direction! Feel free to model your ships however you like. Provided the systems are present on the ship, put them anywhere you want!



The Drive Refit upgrade requires additional engines, but how many is the right amount?

Honestly? It's 1 or more! Players should feel free to model their ships however they want. There is no hard and fast rule to what constitutes a Drive Refit, but making sure that these ships look distinctly different from the rest of your fleet is a must. However, if you want to have a ship with double prows and only a single extra engine on top and count it as a Drive Refit, go ahead!

There is a piece on the Resistance Cruiser sprue specifically meant for the Drive Refit upgrade (piece I on the sprue), but players should feel free to have fun with their builds.

If you're doing anything a little weird with your ships that might not be immediately obvious to your opponent, make sure to inform them of the ship's armament before the game.

FLEET SPACE STATIONS

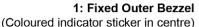
Can faction specific Fleet Space Stations take upgrades like extra weapons and scanners?

No. Only space stations that allow selections from the Space Stations Armaments list can select options from the Space Stations Armaments list. Faction specific Fleet Space Stations cannot take any options from the Space Station Armaments list.

EXAMPLES

BASES (PREVIOUS VERSIONS)

KEY



2: Rotating Inner Wheel Easy grip to turn wheel

3: Ship Status Indicator

without touching the model



Silent Running

Standard

4: Orbital Layer Indicator

High Orbit

Low Orbit

Atmosphere

NB: any layer can be indicated in

combination with any ship status

5: Space for ship name sticker

(Blanks and pre-set names provided)

6: Embossed Fire Arcs

- Also used for turning (painting optional)

7: Embossed Narrow Fire Arc

(Painting optional)

8: Damage Inflicted Marker

- Numbers applied as a glossy sticker

- Damage marked with a peg (9 - optional)

These damage pegs can also be used to indicate other things. Four are provided with each base, so it's possible to colour code them and interchange them. A red peg could be used to indicate that the ship is crippled for example. Alternatively, a range of colours could be used to indicate which battlegroup the ship belongs to.

6 LARGE BASE

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ORBITAL LAYER AND ORDER MARKERS



ATMOSPHERE

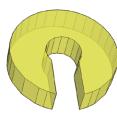


SMALL BASE

LOW ORBIT



SILENT RUNNING



MINOR SPIKE



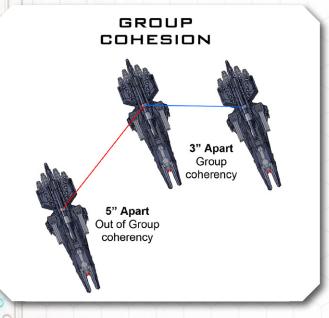
MAJOR SPIKE

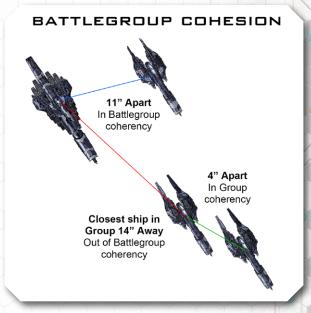


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GROUP & BATTLEGROUP COHESION

Ships must be within 3" to maintain Group cohesion, and within 12" to maintain Battlegroup cohesion.

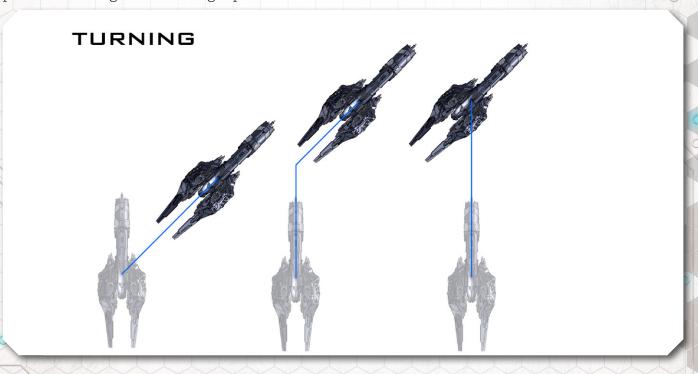




TURNING

Below we see a ship performing a 45 degree turn in 3 different ways: at the beginning of its move, part way through its move, and at the end of its move.

Normally a ship may only turn at the beginning of its movement, so the other turns could only be performed using Course Change special orders.



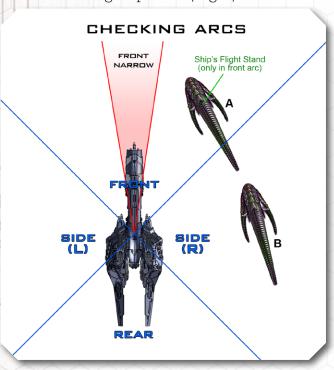
DROPFLEET

EXAMPLES

FIRE ARCS

When checking Fire Arcs, measure as below - the Dropfleet Commander bases have these arcs marked on them.

In this example below, enemy ship A is within the firing ship's Front arc, and enemy ship B is within the firing ship's Side (Right) arc.

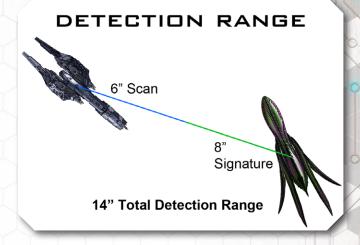


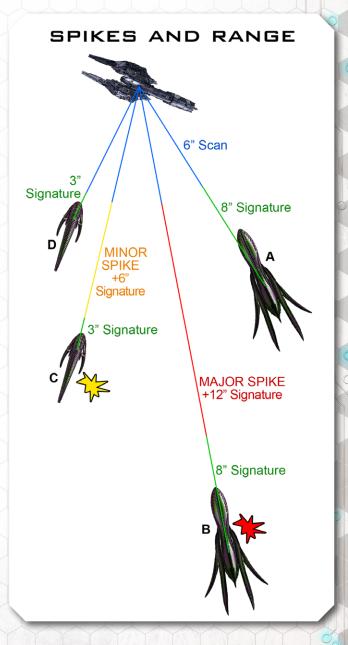
DETECTION RANGE

A ship's range is determined by adding together its Scan and the target's Signature.

In this example on the right (top), the firing ship has a Scan of 6" and the target has a Signature of 6". As the ship is 12" away, the Scan + Signature means that the target is in range.

Spikes can add even more distance to that range, as on right (bottom).







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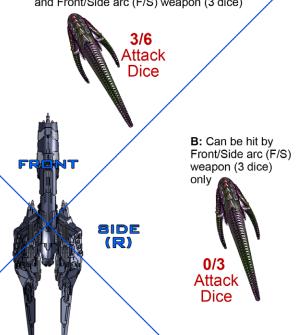
ATTACK DICE

When allocating Attack dice, you may choose any ship within range and arc of the weapon systems.

In the example below, the Cruiser has 2 Weapon Systems that - other than their Arcs, are identical. The Weapon Systems have 3 Attack dice each, but one has a F arc and one has a F/S arc. Ship A therefore can have all of the Attack dice allocated to it, but ship B could only have 3 of the 6 allocated to it.

ALLOCATING ATTACK DICE

A: Can be hit by front arc (F) weapon (3 dice) and Front/Side arc (F/S) weapon (3 dice)



BURNTHROUGH

Weapons with the Burnthrough special rule roll multiple dice - adding a dice each time they hit.

BURNTHROUGH EXAMPLE

NB: The Burnthrough weapon firing in this example is a UCM Cobra Laser, with 2 Attack dice, a Lock Value of 3+ and a Damage Cap of 6 (Burnthrough 6)



2 DAMAGE RUNNING TOTAL

Both rolls make the Lock Value, so can be rolled again. Neither beat the Lock Value by 2 or more, so saves may be taken later.





4 DAMAGE RUNNING TOTAL

Both rolls make the Lock Value, so can be rolled again.

The 5 beats the Lock Value by 2 or more (a Critical Hit!), so 1 save may be taken later. ALL subsequent successes are Critical Hits.





5 DAMAGE RUNNING TOTAL

The 3 makes the Lock Value, so can be rolled again. Since the 5 in the last roll was a Critical Hit, this is a Critical Hit too.



6 DAMAGE RUNNING TOTAL

This makes the Lock Value but may not be rolled again, as the weapon's Damage Cap of 6 has been reached.

The 3 saves (from rolls 1 and 2) are now taken. One is failed, so 4 Hull Points are inflicted.

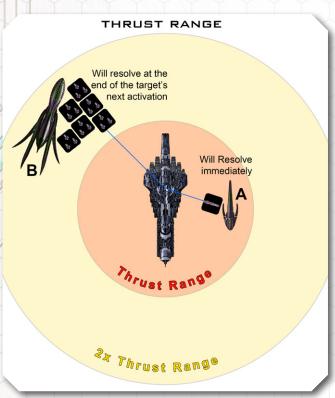


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LAUNCH ASSETS

Launch Assets' time to target depends on whether they're within their Thrust range or double their Thrust range.

In the example below, the ship may Launch Assets against two targets. Ship A is within Thrust range and so gets resolved immediately. However, ship B is within double Thrust range, so the Launch Assets do not get resolved until the end of ship B's next activation.



In the examples below, ship B is almost ready to activate. A friendly carrier placed 3 Fighter markers on its base to help defend against the attack, meaning ship B increases its Point Defence by 9.



When ship B activates, the player decides to take no chances, and also uses Course Change special orders to try to shake off the enemy Launch Assets. A D6 is rolled for each of the attacking Launch Assets, and a 5+ removes each. 3 Launch Assets are removed, leaving 3 more to attack at the end of ship B's activation.



DROPFLEET

COMMANDER

EXAMPLES

SCENERY

Ships interact with Planetary Rings, Large Solid Objects, and Debris Fields in various ways.

PLANETARY RINGS

If shooting through the Planetary Ring, a ship here suffers a 1+ penalty to its weapon's Lock values and a -6" modifier to its Scan value (to minimum of 0")

SHIP IN HIGH ORBIT

LOW ORBIT No shooting penalty from Planetary Ring unless target is in High Orbit

SHIP IN

PLANETARY RING

Ship recieves two
Lock 2+ hits here
(if destroyed, it is
destroyed here)

If this ship survives,
it completes its move

This ship moves under ring safely

LARGE SOLID OBJECTS

Ship cannot shoot through Large Solid
Object unless target is in Atmosphere

SHIP IN
HIGH ORBIT

SHIP IN ATMOSPHERE
No shooting penalty from
Large Solid Object if target
is in Atmosphere

Ship is destroyed
if it hits the Large

LARGE SOLID OBJECT

Ship may move under Large Solid Object

Solid Object

MOVING THROUGH DEBRIS

If shooting through this Dense Debris Field, a ship here suffers a 2+ penalty to its weapon's Lock values and a -12" modifier (to a minimum of 0") to its Scan value

Ship recieves two Lock 2+ hits here (if destroyed, it is destroyed here)

Dense Debris Field

If the ship survives, it completes its move

LAUNCH ASSETS & DEBRIS FIELDS

Launch Asset tokens can be destroyed when moving through Debris Fields. A Fine Debris Field removes Launch Assets on a 3+ and a Dense Debris Field removes Launch Assets on a 5+.

LAUNCH ASSETS AND DEBRIS





SHIP ADJUSTMENTS

SCOURGE

Cthulhu Dreadnought

Furnace Triad - Reduce Burnthrough (18) to Burnthrough (12)

Nosferatu Dreadnought

Fighters & Bombers - Increase Launch to 8.

Daemon and Dragon Battleships

Furnace Fangs - Change Attack to 3.

Furnace Fangs - Reduce Burnthrough (10) to Burnthrough (6).

Beelzebub Battleship

Furnace Battery - Reduce Burnthrough (12) to Burnthrough (8).

Furnace Cannons (all Cruisers)

Furnace Cannons - Change Attack to 2.

Furnace Cannons - Reduce Burnthrough (8) to Burnthrough (5).

Incubus Destroyer

Furnace Blaster - Change Attack to 2.

Furnace Blaster - Reduce Burnthrough (6) to Burnthrough (3).

PHR

Broadsides

Light Calibre Broadside - Reduce Attack to 5.

Light Calibre Double Broadside - Reduce Attack to 10.

Medium Calibre Broadside - Reduce Attack to 4.

Medium Calibre Double Broadside - Reduce Attack to 8.

Agrippa Battlecruiser

Holographic Drones - Change Attack to 7.

Achilles Heavy Cruiser

Heavy Calibre Double Broadside - Remove Linked-1 from both.

Perseus Cruiser

Light Calibre Broadside S(R) and Heavy Calibre Broadside S(R) - Change Linked-1 to Linked-2.

Pegasus Nano-Hive Cutter

Nano Drones - Reduce Attack to 6.



SHIP ADJUSTMENTS

Harpocrates Guerilla Lighter

Change EM Warfare Suite to: 'If this weapon hits, the target ship receives an Engines Disabled token or a Weapons Offline token. Engines Disabled reduces Thrust by 50% (rounded up), and the ship may not turn or change orbit, but can be repaired as normal. Weapons Offline prevents a ship from firing any weapons and launching any launch assets the next time it would be able to. Subsequent activations the ship may fire and launch assets as normal.'

Famous Admirals - Helena of Asgard

Change Cull the Weak to: "Hull Damage inflicted by this ship's Heavy Quad Battery against ships of L or L2 tonnage is also inflicted to other ships in the target's group within 4" and the same Orbital Layer."

SHALTARI

Uranium Dreadnought

Microwave Array Turret - Change Attack to 4.

Scoria Heavy Carrier

Particle Lance Pair - Add Fusillade-2.

Pungari Thresher

Change the name of all Boarding Torpedoes to "Boarding Pods".

Famous Admirals - Seth

Increase Points to 275.

Change the effect of Master of Gravity to: 'Fully turn all ships in that group 45°, as if they were hit by an attack with Impel. Those ships gain Vectored until the end of the turn.'

Famous Admirals - Twins of Aaru

Reduce Points to 305.

RESISTANCE

Change the following weapon profiles, points remain unchanged:

Resistance Heavy Frigate, Frigate, Strike Carrier

Түре	Lock	ATTACK	DAMAGE	ARC	SPECIAL
LIGHT VENT CANNON TURRET	3+	2	1	F/S	UNSTABLE, SCALD

Resistance Cruiser (all types)

Түре	Lock	ATTACK	DAMAGE	ARC	SPECIAL
VENT CANNON TURRET	3+	3	1	F/S	UNSTABLE, FUSILLADE (1), SCALD

Resistance Gladiator Grand Cruiser

	Түре	Lock	ATTACK	DAMAGE	ARC	SPECIAL
7	HEAVY VENT CANNON TURRET	3+	2	2	F/S	UNSTABLE, FUSILLADE (1), SCALD
1	HEAVY VENT CANNONS	3+	4	2	F	UNSTABLE, FUSILLADE (1), SCALD



SHIP ADJUSTMENTS

Resistance Eden/Olympus Grand Battleship

TYPE	Lock	ATTACK	DAMAGE	ARC	SPECIAL
MEGA VENT CANNON BATTERY	2+	4	2	S(L)	Unstable, Fusillade (2), Scald
MEGA VENT CANNON BATTERY	2+	4	2	S(R)	Unstable, Fusillade (2), Scald

Resistance Dreadnought (all types)

TYPE	Lock	ATTACK	DAMAGE	ARC	SPECIAL
DUAL HEAVY VENT CANNON TURRET	2+	4	2	F/S	UNSTABLE, FUSILLADE (2), SCALD

Senator Battlecruiser

Change SWACS to: 'Friendly ships may fire their Close Action weapons against enemy ships within 12" of this ship using their normal Weapon Range (Scan + Sig).'

Seneca Detonator

Change Explosive to: 'When this ship is destroyed, it suffers Catastrophic Damage as if it had Hull 6 (D3").'

Famous Admirals - Nguen

Change the Play of Nguen's Command Ability to 'When a friendly ship fires a Vent weapon system.'

Change the Effect of Nguen's Command Ability to 'That weapon system loses the Unstable rule for that attack and gains the effect of its Fusillade rule even if the ship is not on the Weapons Free Special Order.'

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PHR Orbital Outpost

Neutron Missiles - Change Attack to 4.

Resistance Medium Space Stations

Heavy Vent Cannon Turret - Change to

Түре	Lock	ATTACK	DAMAGE	ARC	SPECIAL
HEAVY VENT CANNON TURRET	3+	2	2	F/S/R	UNSTABLE, FUSILLADE (1), SCALD