

*CAS naval spokesman, Cmdr. Jeremy Latherby, has stated that the Confederate Navy will continue to pursue the pirate known as Kane until Senator Goldberg's daughter is returned. Link

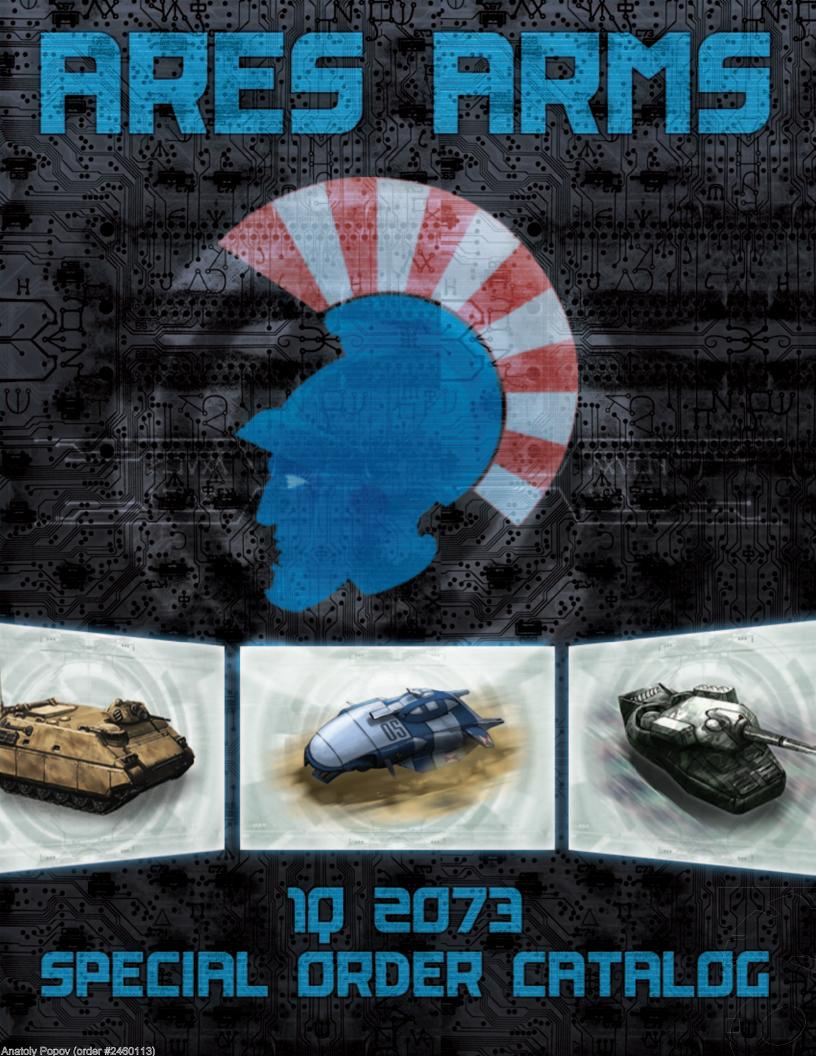
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SEARCH

- *Three suspects for the recent carjacking on Aurora Ave were arrested by Knight Errant. The victim
- *The Halloweeners strike again, the Diamond Classique Boutique on Pike St. burns to ashes. Knight Errant is working with select security agents to capture the dangerous street gang. Link







ARES ARMS SALES—10 2073 SPECIAL ORDER CATALOG

The Sixth World contains many different levels of development—bleeding edge to state of the art and everything in between. The upgrade listed below is intended to simulate the challenges of utilizing older technology in *Shadowrun*.

VEHICLE TRAIT (UPGRADE):

Obsolescent: The vehicle uses an older generation of software, hardware or a combination of the two, resulting in less-sophisticated computing capabilities. The vehicle's device rating (p. 222, SR4A) is one less than what a comparable modern device's rating would be (to a minimum of 1); e.g., a drone with the obsolescent trait would have a rating of 2 rather than 3.

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- Okay chummers, the world is becoming a more serious place, at least when it comes to fighting, and if you're going to be running out there, you'd better be ready. To help you out, I downloaded the security catalogs from some corps that we all know and love. This catalog is circulated to the purchasing agents of most multi-national corporations and smaller nations. Since it primarily features older equipment, the target audiences are those organizations with just enough cash to get them into trouble. I also managed to locate a section that Ares holds closer to the vest. Remember, this is a sales sheet, so apply the appropriate filters.
- FastJack
- Why waste our time with this? We'll never run into most, if any, of this stuff.
- Riser
- Speak for yourself. Some of us see this type of gear almost every week.
- Picador
- I found a section of Dassault's current military catalog and appended to the end of Fastjack's original post, for those who like to see what the pyramid is building.
- Glitch

Welcome to Special Order Catalog! We at Ares Arms take great pleasure in matching the needs of our customers to the most cost-effective options we have available. The Customer Relations Supervisors here at Ares perform a thorough analysis of our customers and the technology available to meet their security needs. Please feel free to ask for our Security for Tomorrow ™ white papers; your Relations Supervisor will be happy to provide the full analysis and recommendations from our field representatives so that you can make informed decisions regarding your equipment purchases.

- Well the full analysis, minus the part where they figured out how much you
 can afford to pay, or how much your neighbor can afford. They will, however,
 provide a full inventory of your most likely opponent's arsenal, for a small
 additional fee.
- Snopes

We ensure that all certified pre-owned equipment goes through a thorough four-hundred-point inspection, that all deficiencies are fully corrected prior to shipment, and we provide a full twelve-month guarantee regarding labor and parts for all repairs carried out under this program. Ares Arms also provides full refurbishment services, returning vehicles to a "0 kilometer" state. Please ask your Customer Relations Supervisor for details regarding these and any other of our logistics support programs. Ares always works to ensure that our customers can sleep easier knowing their security is our priority.

- Those "four hundred points" aren't as impressive as they sound. Most of them
 are things like "Replace bloodstained floormat," "Paint over rust on tension
 arm" and other drek like that. I have posted the checklist in a file <a href="https://example.com/heres
- Fastlack

Ares Arms also provides training services for those customers that are still developing the infrastructure to sustain their own operations. Fully certified professionals will train your military forces to operate with the utmost tactical ability and initiative to ensure that all objectives are met. We also provide thorough background research on all recruits through our sister company, Knight Errant. Ares Arms provides a full range of services to its customers though a network of related service providers so any needs are satisfied.

- Including services provided by Venus Entertainment and Info Sante! I guess all
 that matters is the size of your orbital account.
- Snopes
- Ares sometimes contracts with independents to supply the training for the purchasers; a decent gig, if you manage to land one.
- Black Mamba
- So I've hit my limit for corpspeak for the day. I deleted the rest of the presales drek so you can get to the parts we care about.
- FastJack



GMC MPUV

The Multi-Purpose Utility Vehicle has been a staple of military and security forces for nearly twenty years. The latest models feature improved protection from undercarriage blasts and an improved wireless modem, giving the vehicle better survivability against common roadside threats and more reliable communication with supporting forces when the protection is insufficient. The basic vehicle can be modified by customers to perform a variety of different roles: missile carrier, squad transport, sensor platform, to mention a few. Ares Heavy Industries approved workshops provide factory level upgrades and conversions upon request. Please add two days to the original projected delivery date if this option is exercised.

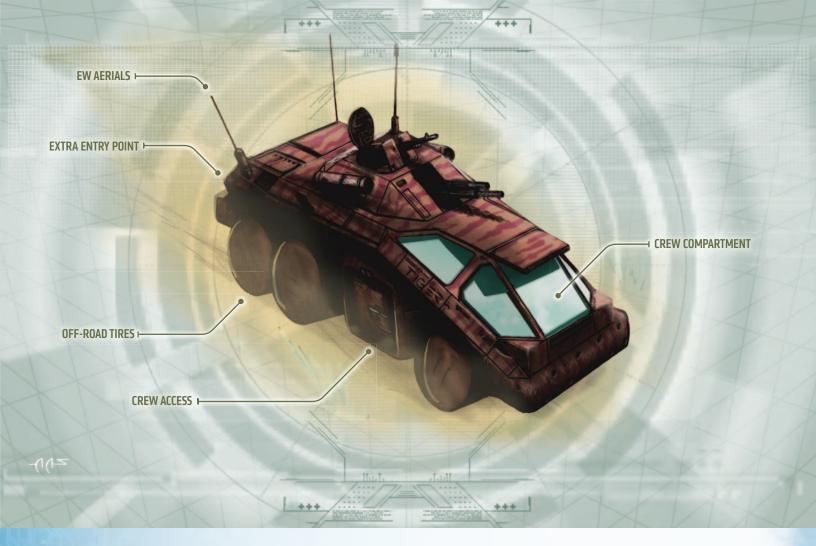
Std.Upgrades: Multi-fuel Engine, Off-road Suspension

GMC MPUV

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 -1
 15/30
 120
 1
 14
 6
 1
 8
 16,000¥

- This thing has been around forever, probably due more to the laziness of procurement departments than to any actual merit of the vehicle.
- Clockwork
- They are cheap and they work, which makes them good enough for most bean counters.
- Blank Mamba



FERRARI "APPALOOSA"

This scout vehicle was originally commissioned for the Euro Wars, but its highly regarded Italian manufacturer has kept the design relevant on today's battlefield by ensuring regular updates, including maintaining the Appaloosa's electronic countermeasures via firmware updates. The light scout handles better than any other vehicles in its class and has the capability to serve as a light armored personnel carrier when needed. The vehicle normally mounts a light turret with an automatic weapon and a missile launcher to handle larger threats. Ares Arms brokers this product to ensure that the customer's tactical needs are met, thereby providing the customer the best value for their defense funds.

Std. Upgrades: Amenities (Squatter), Off Road Tires, Extra Entry/Exit Points, ECM 3, ECCM 3, Weapon Mount (external, turret, armored manned)

FERRARI "APPALOOSA"

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +0
 20/50
 125
 2
 16
 7
 3
 16R
 98,000¥

- This is a fun ride, to say the least. These things can almost fly across open terrain, and its interior is much better than a standard military vehicle.
- Orbital DK
- Whoa—Orbital is saying something nice about a ground-based vehicle? I thought you believed gravity was for suckers.
- Clockwork
- Everyone has to hit the ground sometime, and when I do, I need some way to get around. And I know a good piece of machinery, whether it's flying or not.
- Orbital DK
- The troop compartment can be modified to be even nicer than what Orbital's seen. I knew a guy who did a custom job on this interior. He wanted everything in his life to be fast and have classic lines, and this fit the bill. And when I say everything in life, I mean everything, including ... well, let's just say that bumpy terrain can provide an interesting set of challenges.
- Kat O' Nine Tails
- Care to give any details?
- Glitch
- Look it up for yourself, there's video footage of the thing—and what happens inside it—all over the Matrix
- Slamm-0!



LAV-98 "DEVIL RAT"

The Devil Rat is a no-frills design intended to support today's infantry by providing protected transport from one hot spot to the next. The amphibious design allows it to cross rivers and other inland waterways with little preparation from its crew, ensuring that operations continue without hindrance. The vehicle's armor is sufficient to stop artillery fragments and small arms, and it also provides limited protection against heavier weapons in the opposition's arsenal.

Std. Upgrades: Amphibious Operation level 1, Amenities (Squatter). Weapon Mount (external, flexible, manned) Tracked Propulsion.

LAV-98 "DEVIL RAT"

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 -2
 10/30
 75
 1
 16
 10
 2
 14R
 50,000¥

- "No frills" are an understatement. These things are basically metal boxes with internal spall liners. There isn't even a standard first aid kit on these things.
- Black Mamba
- Actually, even the spall liners are an optional add-on. Listed <u>here</u>.
- Clockwork
- Yes, this is bare bones and primitive, and there are nicer models out there, but the Devil Rat's got one big thing going for it—it's popular and damn near omnipresent. It seems like any army or mercenary corps with any decent-size infantry division has got at least one of these, which means spare parts and mod kits are easy to find, and mechanics who can install them are everywhere.
- Picador



LAV-103 "STRIKER"

This vehicle is the choice of those who favor the traditional roles for their cavalry. The Striker is a blend of mobility and firepower that is more than adequate for counter-insurgent and corporate warfare. While the design is slightly older than that offered by our competitors, the Striker's ability to be airlifted into a hotspot and its low maintenance requirements make it a favorite of military contractors. Ares offers a variety of software upgrades and ablative armor upgrade packages to add further value to our customers.

Std. Upgrades: Amphibious Operation level 1, Reinforced Weapons Mount (external, turret, armored manual), Tracked Propulsion

LAV-103 "STRIKER"

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 -2
 10/30
 75
 1
 16
 14
 3
 16F
 72,000¥

- This works okay for the small-potatoes units of the world, but the Striker doesn't really compare to a real tank—and it doesn't hold up to well against the more common anti-tank missiles either.
- Picador
- I just found an invoice to a private party for twenty of these armed with GM light vehicle cannons for delivery in the Australian Republic. I wonder what other party favors they're bringing.
- /dev/grrl
- I would stay away from that party if I were you. It appears to have a South American final address.
- Glitch



CAS/GD STONEWALL MAIN BATTLE TANK

The primary armored vehicle of the Confederate American States' tank divisions, the Stonewall was considered the pinnacle of armored development through most of the 2050s and '60s. The current incarnation, the A7 model, is now being offered to export customers through a new sales arrangement with Ares Arms. While the CAS begins an upgrade cycle to the Jefferson Davis heavy tank, these refurbished vehicles are being made available to purchasers worldwide. The Stonewall features a complete virtual control system, reduced signature technology and adaptive armor to counter the threats of the modern battlefield.

Std. Upgrades: Lock On Countermeasures, Rigger Adaptation, Smart Armor (Rtg. 15), Reduced Signature (Rtg. 3), Reinforced Weapons Mount (external, heavy turret, remote), Weapons Mount (external, turret, remote)

CAS/GD STONEWALL MAIN BATTLE TANK

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 + 0
 20/100
 400
 3
 36
 28
 3
 28F 7,875,000¥

- Why would Ares even offer this for sale? They produce its biggest NA competitor, the Ocelot Assault Tank.
- Slamm-0!
- Because between the two of them, they control a ton of the tank market, and the Stonewall can serve as a marketing device—put one next to an Ocelot, and the Ocelot looks even better.
- Mr. Bonds
- Actually they are better than an Ocelot. They've been the centerpiece of mobile operations for the CAS, and they look damn nice on the recruiting poster. The heavy cannon is particularly impressive.
- Hard Exit
- Does it only take a pretty picture to make your heart flutter? If so, I have a few
 I can send you. Or is it some kind of obsession with big guns? I can provide
 pictures of those as well... <grin>
- Pistons
- Lick me.
- Hard Exit



BAE CENTURION

The Centurion is the best tank produced in Europe, and Ares is proud to announce its availability to the world. Through an exclusive distribution agreement, Ares is the sole distributor as well as the owner of a licensed factory upgrade facility. The Centurion sets the standard for the integrated battlefield, serving not only as a main battle tank but also as a drone command-and-control center. The anti-personnel screen is state-of-the-art, winning recognition from several industry watchers and being emulated on several subsequent projects.

Std. Upgrades: 3 Small Drone Racks, Large Landing Drone Rack, Smart Armor (Rtg. 6), Reinforced Weapons Mount (external, heavy turret, armored manual)

BAE CENTURION

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 -1
 25/150
 480
 2
 32
 24
 4
 28F 7,250,000¥

- Ares might have its new agreement, but that doesn't mean Centurions were unseen outside of Europe before now. Good gear gets around, and the Centurion is good gear. But Ares would prefer you believe they're bringing something new to non-European markets.
- Am-mut
- I'm not sure I buy the claim about this being the best tank produced in Europe. Have you seen the specs for the new S-K offering?
- Turbo Bunny
- Don't forget the integrated battlefield stuff. What it may lack as a pure tank, it
 makes up for with the drones it carries.
- Clockwork



AZTECHNOLOGY LOBO

The Lobo has served as Aztlan's and UCAS' scout LAV for the past decade, proving that the light t-bird is capable of handling a multitude of different threats while providing timely intelligence to a theater commander. The Lobo's normal flight profile is among the most demanding in its class, as it routinely flies penetration profiles in mid- to high-level threat areas. The Lobo has had many successes in counter-insurgency operations, as proven by its service during the Yucatan affair. Ares Arms now has a sales agreement with a secondary manufacturer to ensure that this fine example of engineering graces the skies of the world.

Std. Upgrades: Life Support (Level 1), ECCM 2, ECM 3

AZTECHNOLOGY LOBO

HAND ACCEL SPEED PILOT BODY ARMOR SENSOR AVAIL COST + 0 40/200 850 2 20 21 4 28F 2,300,000¥

- There's one important thing they're leaving out, and that's where the Lobo is
 manufactured. There are two spots—one is a refurb shop where old units from
 the UCAS are brought back to full functionality, and the other is a factory in the
 Canton Confederation for new builds. So you're either getting a used-but-rebuilt
 unit, or a corners-cut-by-the-manufacturers unit.
- Turbo Bunny
- Is there an easy way to check where any one particular unit came from?
- Kane
- I've had a chance to look under the armor plates of one of the Chinese-manufactured units recently. The workmanship is decent, but some of the machined parts are micro-stamped from a local supplier.
- Turbo Bunny
- Which you only noticed because I told you where to look. You're welcome.
- Icarus
- Okay fine, but how do they drive?
- Rigger X



GMC "HARPY SCOUT"

The Harpy Scout continues to be a bestseller in South America, serving as a reasonably priced alternative to the development of a modern air force. The Scout typically carries a heavy weapon load when performing its standard mission profiles, which frequently includes enforcing "no-fly" zones and performing security patrols of remote areas. The enhanced sensors ensure that few opponents slip past the Harpy Scout's perimeter. Ares Arms is capable of modifying the vehicle to any configuration desired by the customer, with discounts available if a predefined specification is selected.

Std. Upgrades: Improved Sensor Array, Life Support (Level 1), Signature Masking (Rtg.2), ECCM 2, ECM 2

GMC "HARPY SCOUT"

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +1
 50/250
 850
 3
 20
 15
 5
 24F 2,000,000\$¥

- This is a fine counter to modern aircraft. Once you equip them with a decent missile launch system they can stop all but the best stealth designs.
- ο Orhital Dk
- Too bad stealth designs are common in just about every military. The nonstealth designs can't compete in today's combat arena.
- Clockwork
- Anything can compete; you just have to know how to take advantage of your strengths and your enemy's weaknesses.
- DangerSensei



EFA VARIANTS

The Eurofighter Typhoon started the century as one of the most fiscally controversial aircraft programs ever to see flight. The last version, the Trache 6, proved to be one of the heroes of the Euro Wars and is still available through an Ares Arms refurbishment program. These certified pre-owned fighters are given an extensive overhaul that restores them to a zero-flight-hour state and updates several of the communications systems. Ares also offers an extensive avionics upgrade and virtual control system, making these aircraft competitive in today's combat arena.

Std. Upgrades: Obsolescent, Ejection Seats, Rigger Adaptation, ECM 2, ECCM 3, 4 Weapon Mounts (external, fixed, remote)

EFA VARIANTS

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 + 2
 60/300
 2000
 2
 20
 8
 4
 25F 7,325,000¥

- The EFA was finally retired by the Seattle Metroplex Guard for updated F-B Eagles three years ago. I had been wondering what happened to the old planes...
- Fastjack
- Have you seen the new avionics pack? It works wonders on the old EFA, giving
 it low probability of intercept radar, VR interface, and one of the most sensitive
 RWR systems available off the shelf.
- Turbo Bunny
- It's already old news. It upgrades the plane enough to get into a fight, but not
 enough to ensure that good electronic warfare techniques won't drek up the
 works.
- Clockwork



AZTECHNOLOGY HALCON

The premier ground attack aircraft of the last decade is still a capable combatant with legendary resilience. The Halcon has been made available for sale to responsible parties through extensive negotiations with the original manufacturer and additional contracts to ensure that the purchaser receives a secure logistics chain. The software interface has been modified to ensure that the aircraft can carry any guided ordnance that conforms to the Ares Universal protocols along with those weapons originally provided for the airframe; a list of cleared stores is available from your Customer Service Supervisor.

Std. Upgrades: Ejection Seats, Improved Takeoff and Landing (Rtg. 1), ECCM 3, ECM 2, Personal Armor (Rtg. 4), 2 Weapon Mounts (external, fixed, remote), 1 Weapon Mount (internal, fixed, remote)

AZTECHNOLOGY HALCON

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +1
 60/240
 1800
 3
 22
 16
 3
 28F
 13,500,000¥

- Not the fastest jet on the market, but more than capable of performing its mission and getting the pilot home. Now if only they would install a decent high-G cup holder.
- Orbital DK
- You realize it's against the law to drink and fly, right?
- /dev/grrl



C-260 TITAN

The Titan is the workhorse of the modern military. This transport is capable of carrying light vehicles into a combat zone and returning with enough supplies to keep them running for weeks. Ares has secured production rights to the aircraft and continues to support the platform through regular avionics upgrades, mid-life updates, and full rebuilds of existing airframes as well as regular production schedule. Customers are advised to allow for nine months for delivery if they desire a new airframe; refurbished aircraft, however, are available immediately upon request. This is another way in which Ares Arms Customer Service works to meet your needs.

Std. Upgrades: Amenities (Squatter), Extra Exit/Entry Points

C-260 TITAN

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 -2
 40/150
 600
 2
 30
 5
 2
 16R 2,700,000\$¥

- Most owners never take these into harm's way for good reason. If you are shot down before you get on the ground, game over.
- Black Mamba
- I heard there used to be an outfit that modified these birds into gunships. I
 guess that they never caught onto the fact that drones are cheaper and a lot
 more flexible.
- Clockwork
- They caught a couple of surface to air missiles. It was one of the best ambushes MET 2000 ever managed in the Yucatan.
- Picador



MOONLIGHT AVENGER II

The Moonlight Avenger II is a development from earlier civilian ultralight aircraft. The new version is intended for paramilitary operations, featuring stronger, more consistent modifications than the ad-hoc changes that were performed on the earlier model. The Avenger II features multi-purpose hardpoints to allow the client a wide selection of stores, ranging from fully intelligent munitions to small cargo pods intended to support ongoing operations far from standard facilities. The aircraft's light, modern design is primarily intended for counterinsurgency operations and security patrols in low threat areas. Ares Arms also provides flight training for these aircraft at the customer's desired location, ensuring that there is a rapid return on investment for the purchaser.

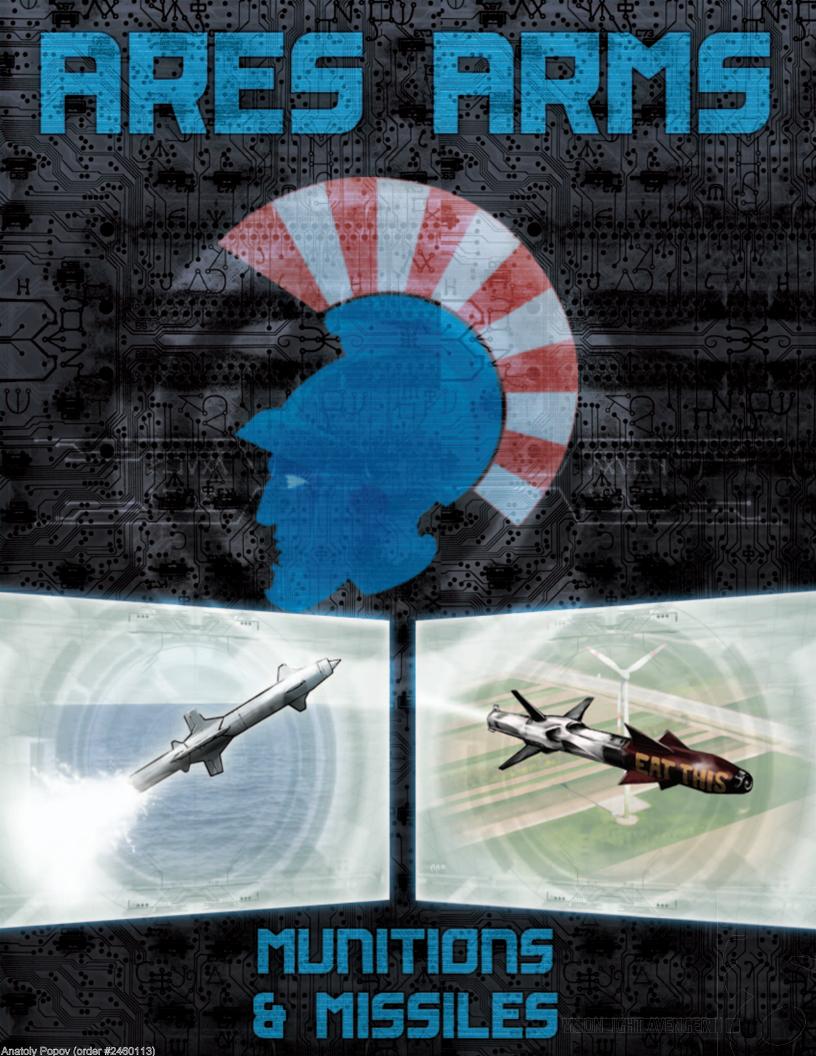
Std. Upgrades: 2 Weapon Mounts (external, fixed, remote), Lock On Counter Measures

MOONLIGHT AVENGER

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +2
 30/90
 200
 2
 18
 10
 2
 15
 950,000¥

- This is a weak attempt to provide air support for those who won't move into the modern era. Drones do it better for less cost.
- Clockwork
- They aren't that bad. Having the pilot directly in the loop provides an advantage in the low-intensity actions the Avenger is intended for. It isn't supposed to be a first-strike platform.
- Picador
- They fly in a straight line and deliver ordnance right where it's needed. What else can you ask for in the jungle?
- Red Anya
- A cooler filled with water and micro-brew, or maybe transportation to someplace less humid?
- Slamm-0!
- I found a shipment of these on a freighter named, Klarkston, also routed through Singapore. I wonder why these are buried... < signal terminated at source>
- /dev/grrl
- There are times that the young should listen.
- DangerSensei



Unlike most of the weapons listed in *Arsenal* and *SR4A*, the weapons listed here are not intended for use by even the strongest metahuman, either because of their size, bulky support equipment, or massive recoil. Instead these weapons are intended for installation on vehicles only.

ARES ARMS MUNITIONS AND MISSILES

ARES HEAVY RAIL GUN

The most recent rail gun produced by Ares, this new design trades an explosive payload for rapid-fire armor-penetrating capability. While development of smart munitions continues, the current ammunition can defeat the majority of threats encountered on today's battlefields.

ARES HEAVY RAIL GUN**

DMG	AP	MODE	BLAST	AMM0	AVAIL.	COST
10P	-6***	SA/BF	_	50 (BELT)	25F	220,000¥

^{**}Use assault cannon ranges, but extend the Extreme range limit to 5,000 meters.

- The rapid-fire capability makes this the new standard for numerous African nations. The crews can make up for lesser individual skills with burst fire.
- Black Mamba
- It's just the thing for Hard Exit, now featuring a large bore and rapid fire! Does this turn you on too?
- Pistons
- If you had the same features maybe you could score someplace other than virtual reality.
- Hard Exit
- If only all men had those features.
- Kat o' Nine Tales

ARES FIRE BLOSSOM VEHICLE LASER

Ares' ongoing attempts to develop a truly impenetrable anti-ballistic missile defense system have spun off several reliable advances in vehicle armament. The Fire Blossom is the cutting edge in rapid-fire laser technology. A recent test in Desert Wars Gobi has highlighted the Fire Blossom's ability to integrate with tactical software nets and engage low-level air threats along with light armored vehicles.

ARES FIRE BLOSSOM VEHICLE LASER

DMG	AP	MODE	BLAST	AMM0	AVAIL.	COST
10P	-HALF	SA	-	100*	25F	425,000¥

*This is the amount of power points the weapon has available if not supported by an external power source. If supported by such a source, its ammo capacity is limited only by the power output of the source.

- Now this is a class-A weapon system. The rapid cycling ability makes it perfect
 as a point defense installation for orbital assets.
- Orbital DK
- How do you handle the heat dissipation problems without an atmosphere?
- Turbo Bunny
- How can you afford one?
- Mihoshi Oni

^{***} Halve all but smart armor, and then apply the AP modifier.



SS-N-49 SIROCCO

The latest version of this venerable missile is still available for purchase. The Sirocco is a supersonic ship-killer. The missile attempts to penetrate defenses with its speed rather than through the use of stealth and maneuverability. The missile's shaped charge warhead maximizes its effect against seaborne targets. While several systems have claimed to defeat this missile's ability in laboratory tests, none have been able to do so in practice.

SS-N-49 SIROCCO

DMG	AP	BLAST	SENSOR	AVAIL.	COST
30P	-2/-10*	-6/M	3	30F	400,000¥
* vs. p	eople/vs. veh	nicles			

- Rules of engagement normally preclude the use of missiles from over the horizon, but for the rare occasions you are weapons free, the Sirocco makes sure your target is sunk, fast.
- Picador
- Actually, I know a contact that credited one of these for sinking his last large transport. Maybe he should have chosen a different slit to shack with. After all, Kat is always available.
- Sounder
- Only in your dreams.
- Kat o' Nine Tales



SAAB-SAAKER AIM-11R

The AIM-11R has been the standard short-range air-to-air missile for the past decade, while the software has been updated to ensure proper missile operation; the airframe itself is beginning to show its age versus cutting edge opponents. Saab has promised that its improved "Tango" version will be available by 2074.

SAAB-SAAKER AIM-11R**

DMG	AP	BLAST	SENSOR	AVAIL.	COST
18P***	-2/-6*	-4/M	4	24F	8,000¥

^{*}vs. people/ vs. vehicles

- **Use the missile launcher range table for this missile, but extend the Extreme range band to 5,000 meters.
- ***Against ground targets the missile is far less effective, reduces its DV to 10P.

- The classic answer to a bothersome airborne pest. The Europeans have been producing them for almost twenty years.
- Clockwork
- Too bad it's taken Saab ten years to finally work on upgrading the thing. It has lost the edge, and I doubt the update will help it much.
- Picador

PHALANX ROTARY CANNON

The grandfather of all missile defense systems used today, the Phalanx has been kept up to date through a variety of different manufacturers' efforts. Improved materials technology has ensured that the barrels are capable of withstanding much more abuse, while improvements in electric motors ensure that the maintenance issues of the past are minimized.

PHALANX ROTARY CANNON

DMG	AP	MODE	BLAST	AMM0	AVAIL.	COST
12P	-4	FA	_	250 (BELT)	22F	40,000¥

- The Phalanx is too big and bulky for most applications. They are mostly used as
 a point defense system for ships and occasionally someone mounts one on a
 light tank, but they are really old tech.
- Kane
- They still chew through people, and the ammunition is cheap. The factories have been making it for over a century and they aren't stopping anytime soon.
- Black Mamba
- Ares owns nearly eighty percent of those factories, so continuing to offer the weapon makes sense.
- Mr. Bonds

KRUPP PHOENIX MK V

The latest version of the Phoenix missile is designed to engage aerial targets at extreme range, much like its twentieth century namesake. However, Krupp has designed a cutting edge missile with enhanced "fire and forget" technology, while maintaining reasonable product value.

KRUPP PHOENIX MK VIT

DMG	AP	BLAST	SENSOR	AVAIL.	COST
24P††	-2/-6*	-4/M	5	32F	12,500¥

tUse the missile launcher range table, but extend the Extreme range band to 25,000 meters.

 $\dagger\dagger Against$ ground targets the missile is far less effective, reduces its DV to 18P.

- I wish people would leave this antiquated relic back in the last century where it belongs. There is no way that we are going to start launching massed waves of missiles at each other.
- Fianchetto
- Maybe you aren't, but MCT used a massed missile wave in Desert Wars last season. Sometimes "obsolete" tactics work exactly because nobody thinks that they can be used on today's battlefield.
- Picador
- Next you will be advocating for a return to rolling barrages and trench warfare.
- Glitch
- Have you tried to physically infiltrate a corp facility lately? Trench warfare has nothing on a zero zone.
- Ma' Fan

IZOM MT-87J TORPEDO

The MT-87J is a recent half space design intended to extend the deployment of submersible assets through an increase in magazine capacity. The MT-87J is capable of tracking and engaging deep diving and fast undersea threats while allowing its operators to abort the engagement if necessary.

IZOM MT-87J TORPEDO:

DMG	AP	BLAST	SENSOR	AVAIL.	COST
18P	-4†††	-2/M†††	2	22F	11,000¥

†††The AP and Blast values given are meant for airborne explosions. The shockwave of undersea explosions travel much farther and have a much more dramatic effect on armor (see *Underwater Combat*, p. 171, *Arsenal*). ‡Use the missile launcher range table for this torpedo.

- These are getting more common around South America—apparently someone doesn't like too much free enterprise near Amazonia.
- Kane
- Maybe they are just tired of your version of free enterprise.
- Slamm-0!

ARES DEMONFIRE

The Demonfire was originally developed as a legacy system replacement to replenish munitions stockpiles expended during the Euro Wars. Today's version has received several soft and firmware updates to ensure that it can still function against current-generation light armored vehicles and structures. The Demonfire still retains its compatibility to legacy systems and through Ares Arms' continuing support program, and it can be mounted on nearly all modern military platforms.

ARES DEMONFIRE

DMG	AP	BLAST	SENSOR	AVAIL.	COST
14P	-2/-5	-2/M	2	18F	5,000¥

- Old missiles for old planes. I'm surprised that Ares spends so much time marketing them.
- Red Anya
- Actually there are a couple t-birders running along The Throat that have started using these as an offensive option against patrols.
- 2XL
- Armies that lack cutting edge gear often have older launchers that require this kind of legacy solution.
- Black Mamba

ARES MK 27 INCENDIARY BOMB

Ares offers the latest version of this classic as a dual-purpose weapon. The Mk 27 serves as an effective anti-vehicle device, particularly against those that lack environmental seals, and has stopped several infantry attacks during its service use. Your Customer Relations Supervisor will happily provide any of several trideo segments available of various tests and actual combat footage, exclusively provided by Ares Global Entertainment[™]. The Mk 27's incendiary capabilities also allow it to serve as a smoke producing munition. While the exact chemical composition of the filler is a patented formula, the weapon has been subjected to numerous safety inspections and tests to ensure that it is much easier to handle, safer to store and less damaging to the environment than white phosphorous.

ARES MK 27 INCENDIARY BOMB

DMG	AP	BLAST	AVAIL	COST
19P*	-2	-2/M	12F	500¥

^{*}This weapon causes fire damage (p. 164, SR4A)

The bomb has a scatter value of 8d6 meters, -5m per net hit.

- Environmentally friendly, I guess there is no depth to what Ares will claim to sell their weapons of destruction.
- Aufheben
- You're just angry because somebody tried dropping one on your head recently.
 You were told targeting mercs could be bad idea; they tend to target right back.
- Black Mamba
- They have been used in the jungles around Bogota recently as a defoliant.
 Whoever is dropping them doesn't realize they are not helping the Diablo tree problem.
- Hard Exit

ARES TRAILFIRE ADM

Ares has developed this smart, single-use, short range weapon system to ensure that their operators can deny the enemy the ability to freely maneuver and secure perimeters as desired. The warhead is a prefragmented high explosive grenade with a combustible launcher that features a network capable sensor and targeting package powered by a short duration battery. Utilizing its network features the Trailfire can be used to set ambushes against pursuers, interdict remote regions or enhance perimeter security. When activated, the Trailfire will launch against any detected target that fails to the correct electronic countersign or at a target selected by an authorized user. Authorized users can deactivate the weapon and reactivate is as often as desired while its batter lasts. The non-rechargeable battery typically lasts ten hours and is an integral part of the launcher.

ARES TRAILFIRE AREA DENIAL MUNITIONS

DMG	AP	BLAST	AVAIL	COST
10P	-2	-2/M	14F	845¥

The Trailfire has a device rating of 2 and uses the light pistol range table.

- I've seen these used a few times by outfits in the jungle. They are one of the easiest ways to set up an ambush on someone that lacks a good hacker.
- Hard Fxit
- You can build the same thing, for roughly the same cost with a cheap commlink and a grenade. I figured you could use the friendly, destructive tip.
- Beaker





FEDERATED-BOEING UNICORN

The Unicorn is the current epitome of unmanned first-strike options. The Unicorn is currently fielded on all UCAS aircraft carriers as part of their nuclear strike retaliation plan. The Unicorn is cleared to carry conventional as well as weapons of mass destruction and is capable of concealing its intrusion of hostile airspace through the use of highly detailed flight plans. Its advanced threat-recognition routines ensure the drone can evade previously unseen threats and maximize the success rate for the drone's mission. Ares Arms now has the Unicorn available for sale, though purchasers should note that the weapons bay has been modified from the original to preclude the use of nuclear warheads.

Std. Upgrades: Additional Fuel Tank, Improved Economy, Lock On Countermeasures, Satellite Communication, Signature Masking (Rtg. 5), Unstable Structural Agility, 2 Reinforced Weapons Mount (internal, fixed, remote), Adaptive Programming 4, Targeting Autosoft 4, Clearsight Autosoft 2, Electronic Warfare Autosoft 1

FEDERATED-BOEING UNICORN

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +2
 40/200
 1000
 4
 4
 8
 3
 20F
 215,000¥

 This drone really flies itself. The logic engine is good enough to dodge mobile SAM sites, evade manned aircraft and modify its angle of approach to its target if it detects alert activity. The only thing an operator really needs to do is to clear weapons release.

- Clockwork
- Then why have it break radio silence for weapons release? It can fly in and out without a peep; no one would even know it was there.
- Riser
- Most nations require a positive confirmation for nuclear weapons use. It also gives UCAS the opportunity to recall a strike after launch, like the manned bombers of the last century.
- FastJack
- This version is actually less capable than the one UCAS uses for its strategic strike package. The real deal runs a full cutting-edge defensive software suite and area jammers as well.
- Glitch
- How easy is it to switch to that one?
- Pistons
- Retrofitting the weapon mount and the jammer is about four hours of work.
 Getting the control software for the adaptive electronic warfare suite is the hard part.
- Turbo Bunny



ARES ARBALEST

An affordable aerial strike platform from Ares Arm's own research department, the Arbalest is the result of in-depth study of customer's requests and platform modifications over the past several years. The Arbalest offers simplified operational controls and reduced maintenance requirements over the current designs offered by the competition. While some equate reduced capability with a sub-standard product, the Arbalest is a quality drone that maximizes the return on investment of its operator, rather than software engineers. The Arbalest is a capable platform with all of the essential features required to perform its mission.

Std. Upgrades: Obsolescent, Improved Economy, Satellite Communications, Reduced Signature (Rtg. 2), Weapon Mount (internal, fixed, remote)

ARES ARBALEST

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +1
 40/200
 600
 3
 4
 7
 3
 12F
 180,000¥

- There's a reason people refer to this drone as sub-standard. The Unicorn is a much better drone.
- Clockwork
- Studies indicate that most first-strike units fail to return to their launch points after completing their mission. This suggests that a more expendable platform might be preferable.
- Glitch
- The profit margin on the Arbalest far exceeds industry standard. Apparently Ares is using older software and cheaper alloys in construction to keep costs down.
- Mr. Bonds
- Why does it cost so much, and why is it in the "Premier" section? There are a bunch of comparable designs that are cheaper and readily available.
- Netca
- Because the ad fails to mention that it is nuke capable. The salesperson normally mentions that in person.
- Snopes



SAEDER-KRUPP BLITZ

The Blitz is Saeder-Krupp's latest remote interceptor. The Blitz features an advanced afterburner and airframe design, allowing for super cruise and supersonic dogfight capability. The Blitz's ability to present an affordable shield against aerial intrusion acts as a deterrent against aggressive neighbors and protection from unknown threats. Ares can provide these platforms, including control facilities, almost anywhere in the world with an estimated delivery time of less than eight hours.

Std. Upgrades: 3 Weapon Mounts (internal, fixed, remote), ECM 2, ECCM 4

SAEDER-KRUPP BLITZ

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +2
 40/200
 1200
 2
 4
 9
 4
 14F
 100,000¥

- Maybe not the most interesting drone in the world, but it goes fast.
- Turbo Bunny
- It might not be as impressive as the strike drones, but one phone call and in eight hours or less you have a defensive air force. That keeps the neighbors honest. Or at least wary.
- Kay St. Irregular
- How do I get on the Premier list? Instant delivery of class A drones? I want in.
- Clockwork
- Good luck with that. Ares doesn't even publish the criteria to apply. In fact I
 didn't even find a reference to the program until after working my way through
 seven Black ICs. I had to jack out before I could dig deeper.
- Glitch



FEDERATED-BOEING WOODSTOCK

The Woodstock is an advanced manned aircraft that is capable of performing multiple roles in today's hostile threat environment. Capable of operating on rough runways and even straight sections of roads, the Woodstock provides increased performance over vectored-thrust designs with minimal loss in basing options. The Woodstock proves that manned aviation assets are capable of successfully performing over the highest threat regions of the world and returning. Ares is pleased that this platform is now available exclusively to our Premier Customers.

Std. Upgrades: Ejection Seat, Improved Takeoff and Landing (Rtg. 1), Reduced Signature (Rtg. 4), ECM 5, ECCM 5, Jammer 3, 3 Weapon Mounts (internal, fixed, remote)

FEDERATED-BOEING WOODSTOCK

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +1
 60/240
 1920
 3
 20
 12
 3
 28F
 11,500,000¥

- I'm sure it will look great on the trids, but why should I care about this? The drones I might see somewhere, and Picador might see the ground vehicles, but a STOL jet? When am I going to run into this?
- Slamm-0!
- Is someone going to send a Woodstock just to take you and your team out? No. Is there a chance you may be doing a run in a war zone, and you see one of these babies in the sky, and you think "You know, this would be a good time to know what that thing is capable of should it fire anywhere near me." Yes. Yes there is.
- Hard Exit
- Okay, so where are these things going up?
- Slamm-0!
- The Az-Am spat will likely see them in use, and I wouldn't be surprised to see
 MCT throwing one or two of them at the Somali pirates.
- DangerSensei



NISSAN HOUND

The latest transport for the Imperial Japanese Marines is now available for Special Forces around the globe. Ares has managed to arrange for a limited yearly allocation of this formidable rotorcraft to be sold to our Premier customers. The aircraft's advanced defensive features help ensure that their highly trained cargo reaches its destination, while the attached armament ensures that extractions go smoothly no matter how hot the landing zone gets.

Std. Upgrades: Improved Takeoff and Landing 2, Lock-On Countermeasures, 2 Weapon Mounts (internal, flexible, manned), 2 Weapon Mounts (external, fixed, remote)

NISSAN HOUND

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +2
 15/50
 240
 2
 15
 16
 2
 13R
 265,000¥

- A slick transport for the Imperial Marines, but unless you manage to attract the attention of the Red Samurai it's unlikely that you will ever see one.
- Baka Dabora
- I wouldn't be so sure of that—Knight Errant made a purchase for their Hong Kong department about two weeks ago.
- Ma'Fan
- A similar design has also been deployed near Capetown, and it looks like someone is doing some major training down there. Too bad the troops are being kept in their compound outside of town.
- Black Mamba
- Why is it a bunch of hackers have so much to say about military gear?
- Picador
- Tradition is a wonderful thing, and Merry Christmas.
- FastJack





Mr. Bonds

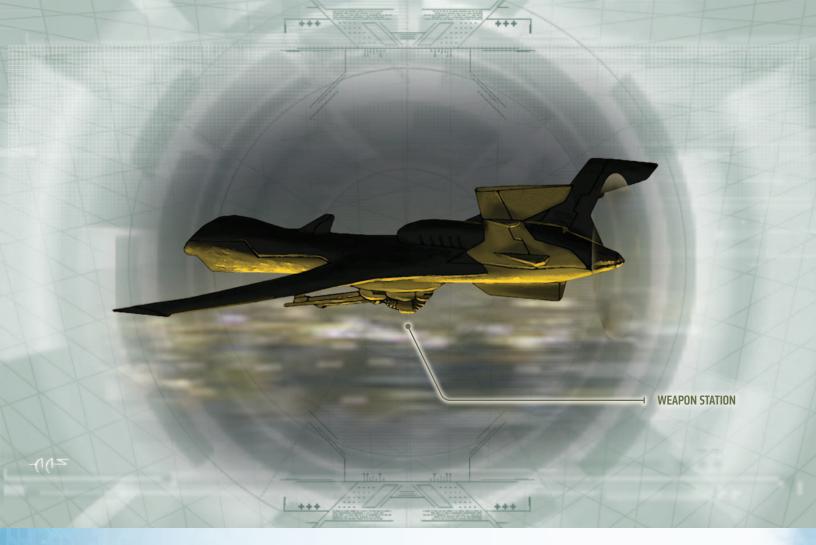
Am-Mut

Red Anya

• Sometimes they don't even use their own reps, but push the deals out through a third party.

• The important point being, they have a number of nasty toys that didn't make the catalog.

It all depends on how far they want to be from the transaction.



HAWKER-SIDDLEY POPOCATEPETL

The Popocatepetl is frequently seen on news broadcasts regarding the continual efforts of Aztlan to stop the flow of illegal narcotics across borders in South America. It also functions as a light strike aircraft against the facilities it detects and as a tactical scout for small militaries around the globe. The standard weapon mount can be configures to handle a number of weapons including guided munitions or light machine guns. Ohakasoft offers a number of enhanced software suites as a premium item on the Customer Download Center

Std. Vehicle Upgrades: Weapon Mount (external, flexible, remote), Improved Takeoff and Landing 1

HAWKER-SIDDLEY POPOCATEPETL

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +0
 10/25
 60
 3
 3
 2
 2
 12F
 6,000¥

- It's not the best on the market, and it's definitely not subtle, but it leaves an
 impression on anyone on the wrong end of it.
- Rigger X
- It is a decent visual deterrent for less sophisticated threats, so Aztlan uses them as recon-by-fire elements supporting their heavier units.
- Picador
- So it's another cheap, expendable substitute for boots on the ground.
- Clockwork
- Actually, using people is cheaper; you can normally reissue the rifles to the next batch of basic trainees. Vehicles have a tendency to burn when they are hit, so they don't turn over as easily.
- Black Mamba
- I started writing a comment about how whether the calculation of the worth of a human life ever comes up, but once I realized that even I wasn't convinced by my central argument, I threw it away.
- o 2XL



MARINE TECHNOLOGIES AHUITZOTE

The latest patrol submarine, the Ahuizotl, utilizes several different acoustic masking technologies to ensure a stealthy guard for facilities that require unobtrusive defenses. Aztechnology developers have been testing the design in the Caribbean for the past three years, with the Ahuitzotl passing all tests within acceptable parameters. The submarine is also capable of intelligence gathering missions, and it can be used for the insertion of small Special Forces teams onto hostile soil.

Std. Upgrades: Ballast Tanks 2, Ducted Waterjet, Life Support 2, Reduced Signature (Rtg. 3), Large Weapon Mount (torpedo launcher)

MARINE TECHNOLOGIES AHUITZOTL

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 -1
 5/15
 50
 2
 25
 20
 2
 16F 7,350,000¥

- It's a little bugger, but still a royal pain in the ass. Aztlan uses them at ambush
 points along trade routes. You have to be fast when these things are lying in
 wait for you.
- Kane
- But is it as quiet as advertised? If it is, I know a number of competitors that would love to find one to assist in their deliveries.
- o 2XL
- They're quiet, but the game between SOTA and yesterday's news is even faster
 when it comes to submersibles. It has something to do with a number of submarines carrying nuclear tipped missiles.
- The Smiling Bandit



DASSAULT PAYNAL

The Paynal is the latest in light vectored-thrust military technology. Only previewed last year at the Farnborough Airshow, the Paynal continues to set records for sales orders. The design has been extensively tested to ensure survivability and adaptability in today's high threat theaters. Team Herkules successfully deployed three of these vehicles as a screening force in the latest season of Desert Wars Gobi to win against Ares' Blue Team, while maintaining a mission readiness of over 93 percent.

Std. Upgrades: Rigger Adaptation, Rigger Cocoon, Reduced Signature (Rtg. 4), ECM 2, ECCM 2, Smart Armor (Rtg. 2), Weapon Mount (external, turret, remote)

DASSAULT PAYNAL

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +1
 50/200
 1000
 3
 21
 17
 3
 30F 2,650,000¥

- Too bad I'll never get my hands on one of these. I think we were made for each other, fast and smart.
- Turbo Bunny
- Well, you might qualify for the first half of that. After all you had to pay for your habit somehow.
- Riser
- I was smart enough not to take you up on any offers.
- Turbo Bunny
- Everyone turns him down. Why else do you think he has that wonderful disposition?
- Kat o' Nine Tails



AZTECHNOLOGY ATLACAMANI

This is the newest corvette to grace the coastlines of the Carribbean; the Atlacamani rides through the roughest storms like its namesake while providing excellent surveillance and weapon capabilities. The Atlacamani is now available for export from yards in Aztlan, or kits are available for local assembly. This platform combines affordability with multiple customization options, allowing the purchaser to tailor the vessel to their particular needs.

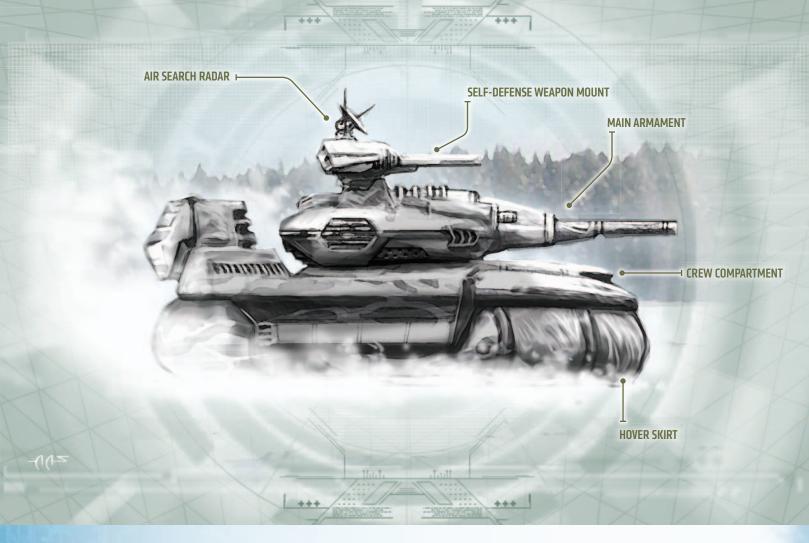
Std. Upgrades: Improved Sensor Array, Missile Defense System, 2 Reinforced Weapon Mounts (external, heavy turret, armored manned), Large Landing Drone Rack (on deck), Lock On Countermeasures

AZTECHNOLOGY ATLACAMANI

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 -3
 15/25
 60
 1
 36
 20
 3
 28F
 2,600,000¥

- These things are a bitch to face. One of them managed to shoot down all three
 of my surveillance drones and then sank the underwater component of an
 operation.
- Kane
- Awww, Kane got his hand slapped. Maybe you should have hired a competent
 pilot for the drones. I happen to know where you can contact a couple, and
 maybe where you can find a dealer for more drones.
- Rigger X
- I think I saw mention of the incident in an official press release from Dassault.
 They used the footage to help sell the Atlacamani to an African leader.
- Sunshine



ESPRIT CAMAXTLI

The Camaxtli is named after an ancient god of hunting and war, which accurately reflects its performance on the field of battle. The Camaxtli features advanced protective technology with impressive mobility. Its advanced hover supported suspension carries the vehicle over a variety of terrain and provides limited ability for the vehicle to cross water terrain, which often brings traditional armored forces to a halt.

Std. Upgrades: Hovercraft Upgrade (built), Smart Armor (Rtg. 5), ECM 3, ECCM 3, Life Support (Level 1), Weapon Mount (external, heavy turret, armored manned), Weapon Mount (external, fixed, remote)

ESPRIT CAMAXTLI

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 -2
 10/20
 100
 1
 36
 24
 3
 24F 6,950,000¥

- It is not nearly as maneuverable as the brochure makes it to be. It can handle calm rivers and lakes well enough; but real turbulence stops it cold, or sends it to the bottom.
- Picador
- The hover suspension also makes it harder for the tank to push its way through smaller trees. There's no traction to maintain the momentum.
- Black Mamba
- It makes a pretty picture though, doesn't it? And it has a big enough gun! Hard Exit might like it.
- Pistons



HAWKER-SIDDLEY MIXCOATE

The Mixcoatl is a perimeter defense drone primarily used to support armored columns and supply camps in jungle operations. The rotodrone is a sophisticated consort to a combined arms force, and its state-of-the-art sensors help ensure that irregular forces are unable to conduct ambushes or fade back to their hideouts after their plans have been foiled.

Std. Upgrades: Improved Takeoff and Landing (Rtg. 2), Improved Sensors, Sun Cells, Weapon Mount (external, flexible, remote)

HAWKER-SIDDLEY MIXCOATL

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +1
 10/20
 90
 3
 3
 6
 3
 9R
 17,000¥

- They're actually pretty easy to split past if you know what you are doing.
- Picador
- The Azzies are getting a little smarter lately, integrating them into a tactical net with artillery. Their tactics are finally catching up to rest of the world.
- Hard Exit
- They're easy to program, the ComPac interface makes contingency scripting simple and fast.
- Rigger X



HAWKER-SIDDLEY HUITZILOPOCHTLI

This heavily armed drone is intended to provide heavy weapons support for small operation teams. Named after the Aztec patron of war, the Huitzilopochtli is capable of providing either pinpoint accuracy or devastating suppressive fire, depending on the selected configuration. The tracked mobility system ensures that the drone can navigate over difficult terrain and still remain responsive to its operator's commands.

Std. Upgrades: Tracked Propulsion, Weapon Mount (external, turret, remote), Targeting Autosoft 1

AZTECHNOLOGY HUITZILOPOCHTLI

 HAND
 ACCEL
 SPEED
 PILOT
 BODY
 ARMOR
 SENSOR
 AVAIL
 COST

 +1
 15/30
 120
 3
 4
 10
 3
 12F
 10,500¥

- A fairly routine combat drone. Why is it special enough to be in a "Limited" catalog?
- Turbo Bunny
- Because a certain rigger we all know sold them an adaptability autosoft that
 makes it much, much meaner. The programming, however, is sold as an upgrade
 to the drone, rather than as part of the basic purchase.
- Glitch
- They pay cold, hard nuyen. That is more than can be said for some of the bleeding hearts here.
- Clockwork
- Why does your selling out to the pyramid not surprise me?
- Netcat

DASSAULT EXPANDED ORDNANCE CATALOG

TERRACOTTA OROCHI LIGHT RAIL GUN

Terracotta Armament's Orochi rail gun design is intended to handle infantry and their supporting vehicles with rapid fire and armordefeating projectiles. The weapon is also compatible with several different missile defense systems, ensuring that the protected asset is well defended from a variety of threats.

TERRACOTTA OROCHI LIGHT RAIL GUN*

DMG	AP	MODE	BLAST	AMM0	AVAIL.	COST
8P	-4**	BF	_	100 (BELT)	24F	200,000¥

^{*} Use Ballista ranges for this weapon

- The weapon itself is pretty small, about the size of a heavy machinegun, but the capacitors are too big for even a troll to lug around.
- o Kane
- I've seen a few Strikers armed with these, there's a merc company in Amazonia that is using them for convoy security detail.
- Picador
- I've heard that an aircraft mounting kit was developed for this with multiple ram-scoops to charge the capacitors.
- Clockwork

DASSAULT LANCIA

This long-range missile is the successor to the Exocet and Storm Shadow cruise missiles from the early part of the century. Dassault has made numerous improvements in unitary warhead design and precision targeting software, ensuring that the Lancia's target is completely destroyed.

DASSAULT LANCIA**

DMG	AP	BLAST	SENSOR	AVAIL.	COST
28P	-2/-6*	-2/M	5	32F	425,000¥

^{*}vs. people/vs. vehicles.

- There are a group of pirates in the Indonesian region that are using these to scare off escort vessels near the islands. Rumors are circulating that a sponsor might be putting together a team.
- Fianchetto
- Funny how there isn't anyone asking how some pirates got their hands on some
 of these.
- Glitch
- Pirates have their methods, but in this case I heard that an African dictator sold them just before a "people's revolution" chose his replacement.
- Kane

^{**} Halve all but smart armor, and then apply the AP modifier

^{**} Use the missile launcher range table, but extend the Extreme range band to 100 km.

ESPRIT POIGNARD

The Poignard is a short range anti-tank missile that incorporates the latest in counter measure detection and fire-and-forget technology. The Poignard's advanced software, developed by ComPac scientists from adaptive autosofts originally used in strategic strike drones, assists the Poignard in avoiding the target's self-defense systems.

ESPRIT POIGNARD

DMG	AP	BLAST	SENSOR	AVAIL.	COST
19P	-3/-7*	-4/M	5	29F	4,500¥
*vs. De	eople/vs. veh	icles.			

- According to some reviewers the Poignard is barely able to penetrate modern armor. The wiz-bang sensors make sure that the missile will hit, but most modern tanks should have no problem surviving it.
- Sticks
- The interesting thing is that some are produced at a facility in the Canton Confederation, which contains a line manufacturing Great Dragon knock-offs. I wonder if Esprit's newest sideline includes cutting in on the competition's black market sales?
- Icarus
- Aztechnology is always interested in hurting the other guy's bottom line. All the corps do it, it's just a matter of degree.
- Snopes

ESPRIT CAZADOR DEL CIELO

This missile system is the latest development in man-portable air defense. The Cazador del Cielo, or Sky Hunter, is capable of maintaining an intercept course to any target with its advanced ultraviolet and micro-radar system. The microcomputer upgrades this missile from merely "smart" to "brilliant." Its enhanced logic algorithms allow the Cazador del Cielo to project its target's course and guide the missile to an intercept point via the most economical flight path, allowing for longer engagement ranges and higher terminal energy to compensate for evasive maneuvers.

ESPRIT CAZADOR DEL CIELO***

DMG	AP	BLAST	SENSOR	AVAIL.	COST
14P	-2/-6*	-4/M	6	28F	4,750¥

^{*}vs. people/vs. vehicles.

- This missile relies on accuracy over pure explosive power to destroy its target.
 A relatively subtle point, but it helps minimize damage on the ground if the missile misses its target.
- Red Anya
- This is normally a secondary concern in major operations. About the only place that collateral damage applies is when you are also trying to maintain a "hearts and minds" campaign simultaneously with combat operations.
- Black Mamba
- I can see this missile as a potential piece of a wetwork kit. The target's shuttle
 copter gets popped and the only big bang is when it hits the ground. Nearly
 guaranteed hits are never a bad thing.
- Riser

 $^{^{\}star\star\star}$ Use the missile launcher range table, but extend the Extreme range to 6,000 meters.