

WARHAMMER: 999.M41

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Warhammer 999.m41 celebrates all the best warhammer has had to offer over the years, as well as some new ideas too. The rules herein provide you with all you need to enjoy a cohesive, clean, and immersive wargame experience, simulating both small and large battles where you and your enemies clash, fight, and maybe even emerge victorious!

The major distinguishing points of these rules are:

- Intricate terrain and battlefield rules
- Defensive overwatch and charge reactions
- Pre-measuring rules to encourage an immersive play-by-feel experience
- A combination of armour penetration and armour rend mechanics
- Detailed vehicle rules with facings and firing arcs
- Proper blast weapons using templates and scatter

This project has been a long, multi-year labor of love so I hope you enjoy it as much as I did working on it.

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This update is quite large.

Main themes of this update. I wanted to smoothen the behavioral transition from different sized models, involving new unit types, USRs, methods for disengaging combat, and targeting large targets inside of combat.

I reworked the unit types chapter, added a few new ones for a foundation (they are not used yet).

Re-worked overwatch to be more of an ad-hock reaction (rather than happening at a fixed time) during the shooting or assault phase. This allows you to react to any and all movement (even charges and terrain hopping) during your opponents turn.

I cleaned up the vehicles chapter such that a "vehicle" does not have to be a tank skimmer or walker. I overhauled the rules for vehicles with weapon skill, such that they do not need to be a walker.

I added a mechanic to end combat early called tactical withdrawal if you win combat to act as an in-between for retreating and having a rule that lets you just walk away.

Increased the number of reserve units allowed. Cleaned up the chapter a bit.

————— General QoL Updates —————

Updated the intro bullets about turn participation to talk about specifics and pre-measuring. Renamed Grounded and Jump Movement to Movement Types, added appropriate subsections. Playing around with some new unit types and model size stuff, put it in a temporary section at the end of the usrs chapter while I work on it.

————— Shooting Phase —————

Added a "how many shots can I shoot" section in the shooting phase. Clarified that pistols can be shot as pairs in the weapons chapter. Added Shoot the Big Ones! as generic rule for targeting large targets in close combat. Added clarifications for the order of the shooting phase. Updated the cover chart in the shooting phase to be more clear and match the terrain types chapter. Re-worked overwatch out of the sequence of the phase. Modified blast weapon snap shots to work like template snap shots (4+ confirm hit) Added wall of death for overwatching charging models with template and blast (dice roll automatic models hit)

————— Weapons —————

Reorganized the blast weapons stuff (blast weapons and cover), it was hard to parse. Made clear the cover rules and blast templates. Added rules for straight line torrent.

————— Assault Phase —————

Changed fearless and the no retreat interactions. Fearless now means you wont flee from combat, but still need to take the break test. Failing the test means you are subject to the no retreat / being pulled down rules. I wanted to solve the weirdness of sometimes being fearless was worse than not. No retreat now uses the harry rules for calculating damage. Changed the Charging through cover rules to provide a defensive bonus rather than an offensive penalty. Cleared up the circumstances for use rather than "in cover" which didnt make much sense in terms of assault. Clarified that move through cover usr has no impact on this. Reworded harrying to be more clear and cover an unintended case of 1 harrying model surrounded by fleeing models. Added a catch all for out of phase combat end consolidation. Added a tactical withdrawal option if you win combat, Worked out all the interactions around when models can disengage combat. Hit and run stuff. Plugged Final Volley into overwatch rules.

————— Morale Phase —————

Added a Fall back distance section for the moral chapter, adjusted bolding of when and how far.

————— Unit Types —————

Re-worked the units type chapter to be more clear. Clarified all unit type movements rules and distances. Updated thrust move to be the new charge distance roll of 4+2d3. Removed +3 run and charge (now move and flee) from beasts, jump infantry and cavalry. Added fleet to beasts and cavalry. Re-worked bikes and assault, vector strike is not built in anymore. Assault penalties are now for rounds when you did not charge. Jetbikes now turboboost 18inches. Moved swarms from a special rule to a unit type. Added degrading attacks from wounds. Removed the relentless rule from jet pack infantry. Added Fear to monstrous creatures Removed vital from MCs (this might later be made a usr if needed.) Added the dreadnaught, battlesuit, and mobile weapons systems (genaric not vehicle piloted thingy)

————— Vehicles —————

Reworking vehicles chapter again. Making the ambiguous 'vehicle' the unit type and renamed the vehicle types chapter to Transports, as the other information was entirely redundant. This is partially for clarity sake, partially because I realized I didn't have a primary type for non-tank non-skimmers. Smoothed out the way vehicles with weapon skill engage in combat, particularly revolving harrying and being harried. Failing a difficult terrain test with vehicle now immobilized until the end of the following turn. Changed "tanks" to "vehicles" for -1 cover penalty.

————— USRs —————

Added open topped usr and rules for transports and attacking vehicles in melee. Changed the poison melee re-roll to use the poisoned value. Changed the rage USR to +2 attacks on charge from Added vector strike usr Hit and Run usr now ties into tactical withdrawal, increasing the range to 2d6". Moved Wall of Death to the overwatch rules

————— Reserves —————

Addressed the number of units from reserves. As player 2 you are essentially locked to 1 per round. The previous method I cooked up is too restrictive. I adjusted it such that you may bring in a number of units equal to the turn round, with player 1 being at a -1 penalty. What this actually means is that you can bring in the number of units equal to the number of enemy shooting phases. Added sections for how many reserves you can take, as well as reserve types intro.

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A GAME OF WARHAMMER 40000

In this chapter we will discuss what it means to play a game of warhammer. The goal of this chapter is to give a framework to understand all the rest.

A second chapter, Organizing a battle, will come later and will address this matter again, but in a more detailed fashion.

THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE

The most important rule is to have fun. Tailor the experience to your liking. While the rules provided in this book are all with good intent, inevitably something will not match your desired expectation. I strongly encourage making changes as you deem a better fit for your needs. If you don't want control over your experience, then you probably are not interested in this project anyways.

Furthermore, it is the way of words and language that meanings change, an interpretations differ over time. As the user of these rules, please use your judgement; if you can sense intention that doesn't match the exact wording of as rule, consider the intention to outweigh the wording. Mistakes do happen.

The battle itself is a shared experience and great entertainment for both sides if they are both willing to make it so. No one particularly enjoys playing a game with someone who is overwrought, irascible and generally mean, or who only plays to win at all costs. That kind of player soon has difficulty finding opponents because they simply aren't much fun to game against. So the most important rule is to play nice and treat your opponent with the respect you would wish to get back from them so that you both have a enjoyable and exciting game. If you can do that and mercilessly crush their forces at the same time, then you really are a winner.

"Playing against an opponent who constantly quibbles over the exact letter of the rules can be very frustrating." - unknown source

THE BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY

If any argument cannot be resolved, the one who owns the model doing the thing gets the last say. If you are performing the action, it is up to you to get it right. If you are unsure yourself, the best practice is to flip a coin. The onus is on you.

GETTING STARTED

First and foremost, you can't fight a battle without troops, which in our case are represented by models. These armies will contain all sorts of different kinds of troops and vehicles for you to the command. Some of the armies you can collect and control in Warhammer 40,000 are human, such as the massively diverse Imperial Guard or the zealous Space Marines. Other armies consist of alien races, such as the ancient and mysterious Eldar, the barbaric green-skinned Orks, or the monstrous entities of the Tyranid hive fleets.

Playing a game of Warhammer requires models. When players first start playing games they should play with whatever models they like the look of, rather than concern themselves overly with precisely what they are and how they function. Maybe they know someone who already plays the game, and can use some of their models, or maybe they could even play a couple of introductory games in a store or at a gaming club. Familiarizing yourself with how to play does not mean you need to collect a large army beforehand.

When starting to collect an army, you'll probably want to use it all at once, so the best way to begin is by collecting a few squads of troops and some vehicles that can fight equally effectively against many different kinds of enemy. Later, as your collection grows, you can add in more of the special troop types that are particularly good at fighting certain types of opponent, but may be weaker against others. The bigger the collection, the wider the choice and the bigger the battles that can be fought.

CHOOSING AN ARMY

Before you start collecting an army you'll have to decide which one you want it to be. Different races have different skills, troop types, special abilities and technological assets. For example, the Imperial Guard, the human troops of the Imperium, fight in very great numbers of men supported by a variety of tanks and artillery, while Chaos Space Marine armies usually consist of markedly fewer, more elite units of men, often supported by mutated creatures and warp-spawned daemons. Both armies can play in the same battle but will be used in very different ways. Pick the one that looks cool and inspires you. Remember that in addition to the game, warhammer is a fun hobby where you get to craft, customize, and paint your army!

CODEXIES

This rulebook is paired with a collection of curated codexes. The details that make up any army are provided in the said codexes, which in of themselves are a collection of rules and explanations that cover the types of troops, weapons, vehicles and special rules that different armies can call upon. The army lists are a useful element of the game, as they outline the choices you will face when putting your force together, imposing certain restrictions on how you combine your troops. This is to preserve the character of the different armies and to ensure a balanced selection of troops.

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED?

A table and terrain to play on! Every game of warhammer takes place on a battlefield of some sorts. Yours might not be as intricate as some of the thematic tables you may have seen, but everyone starts somewhere. A standard gaming area is a 6'x 4' rectangle, easily had with a piece of plywood.

To complete your battlefield you should try to obtain some terrain, such as hills, walls, ruined buildings, wreckage, jungle or woods. Terrain, whether you made it yourself or bought it, adds realism to your battles and gives armies something to fight over or use as much needed cover from enemy fire. You can find out more about armies and battlefields in the Organizing a Battle chapter of this book.

Additionally you will need a measuring tape for lots of parts of the game — distances in Warhammer 40.000 are in inches. You will also need some ordinary six-sided dice, and a Scatter dice will also be useful. Finally, a pen and some paper can be handy for noting down damage to vehicles, casualties on units and other details that may crop up during a game.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

In this section we will cover all of the most basic concepts and tools needed to play a game of warhammer. If you are not familiar with or are new to tabletop games, It is recommended that you take a close look at this section before reading any further.

MEASURING DISTANCES

All measuring in Warhammer is done in inches, so you will need a tape measure. You may not premeasure distances so make sure to plan your actions carefully!

Designer Note: Range jockeying, the process of measuring back and forth to hyper accurately position your units, is cheating. This means that you cannot measure things such as weapon ranged in the movement phase – in practicality you should never need to extend your measuring tape past 12” inches in the movement phase, and you certainly are not allowed to measure distances between your units and enemy units.

Distances between models and all other objects are always made from the closest point to the closest point. Distances between units is always done using the closest models from those units.

DICE

Throughout a game, you will often need to roll dice to see how the actions of your models turn out – how effective their shooting attacks are, what damage they’ve done in close combat, and so on. Almost all the dice rolls in Warhammer 40,000 use standard six-sided dice, also known as d6, but there are some exceptions as noted below.

The Basics – 1d6 and 2d6

Almost every roll in Warhammer is either done with either one or two dice. You can tell how many dice you need to roll for something by looking at the number in front of the d6, for example 2d6 means roll 2 dice, 3d6 means roll 3 dice – roll the indicated number of dice and add them together for your final result.

Rolling a d3

In some circumstances, you maybe instructed to roll a d3. To do this, simply roll a D6 and halve the number, rounding up. Thus, 1 or 2 = 1, 3 or 4 = 2 and 5 or 6 = 3.

Rolling a d66

And in even rarer circumstances, you may be instructed to roll a d66. To do this, roll two d6, one after the other, counting the

first dice as the ‘ten’s’ place and the second dice as the ‘one’s’ place. For example, if you roll a 3 on the first dice and a 5 on the second, you would get a d66 result of 35. These kinds of rolls most commonly involve referencing a chart to see what the roll means.

Scatter Dice

Warhammer 40,000 uses a special dice called a scatter dice (marked with arrows and a Hit! symbol). This dice is mostly used to determine a random direction, most often applied when working out the behavior of blast weapons, such as mortars and battle cannons.

Modifying Dice Rolls

Sometimes, you may have to modify the number rolled on the dice (or ‘the roll’). This is noted as d6 plus or minus a number, such as d6+1. Roll the dice and add or subtract the number given to or from the roll (as appropriate) to get the final result. For example, d6+2 means roll a dice and add 2 to the number on the dice for a total between 3 and 8.

Modifying Target Threshold

More common than modifying the actual dice result is to modify the target threshold you are trying to achieve while rolling. For instance, -1 to hit is a common effect while targeting units in cover. Or a +1 bonus to a leadership test. In cases like these, do not consider the actual value of the dice to change, but instead apply the penalty (or bonus) to the target threshold.

Pay careful attention as to the particular dice roll being made, as some times a bonus means lowering the target threshold, like an armour save, and sometimes it means a raising the threshold, like for leadership. On this line it is important to re-emphasize that the + and - nature of the modifier should always be interpreted in a bonus or penalty frame of mind, respectively, rather than an absolute direction of change.

So going back to what will be the most common example, when something imposes -1 to hit, it means a to hit penalty of 1, which translates into an increase in threshold of 1, making it harder to hit your target.

My plan is to make it such that effectively there is no way to stack dice mods on hitting and wounding. A d6 system really doesn’t have the dynamic range to support more than + or - 1 on any given roll.

Re-rolls

In some situations, the rules allow you to re-roll a dice. This is exactly what it sounds like – pick up the dice you wish to re-roll, and roll it again. The second roll counts, even if it means a worse result than the first, and no single dice can be re-rolled more than once, regardless of the source of the re-roll.

LINE OF SIGHT

Line of sight is a key concept of Warhammer – it determines what models can see. This is used all the time but the most often one will be when trying to shoot at another unit.

For one model to have line of sight to another you must be able to trace a straight, unblocked line from its body (the head, torso, arms, or legs) to any part of the targets body. But not the base.

It is important to note that any extraneous features or wargear does not count as the body of the target. This *could* include anything such as weapons, banners, wings, antennae, or even tails, but not always. For example, a Tyranid Ravener which is a big snake monster is all tail! Practically speaking, if a piece of wargear extends out past the base of the model it is ignored for purposes of line of sight. These rules are intended to ensure that models don't get penalized for having impressive superfluous features!

When checking line of sight, it may be necessary to put your eye down at the level of the model to 'see what they can see'. A very useful tool for this is a laser pointer for when you cant fit your head in small places – if you can simultaneously hit both models with the laser then they can see each other.

Later we will discuss the notion of true and abstracted terrain features, but note that by default line of sight means if you can actually see the target.

REMOVED AS A CASUALTY

Models that are removed as casualties are removed from the table and placed to the side. When all of the models in a unit have been removed, the unit is destroyed.

Models that are instructed to be "removed from play" by special rules or attacks are also considered to be casualties.

For game purposes, units that are falling back at the end of the game, or are not on the table at the end of the game (ongoing reserves, etc.) are also treated as casualties.

BLAST MARKERS AND TEMPLATES

Some weapons are so powerful that they don't just target a single model or unit, but have an area of effect that they which might encompass (and often utterly decimate) several different units. To better represent these circumstances, Warhammer 40,000 uses a series of different templates and blast markers:

- A small blast marker (3" in diameter)
- A large blast marker (5" in diameter)
- A teardrop template (8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " long)

Templates are used to determine how many models are effected by something. For example, a plasma cannon shoots a big powerful ball of energy that can hit multiple enemies at once! So instead of rolling to hit as per normal, you would use a template and scatter dice, counting how many models are under the template when done.

Further rules for blast and template weapons and their use can be found on page 36.

SCATTER

Sometimes a rule will call for an object (a template, counter, model, or even a whole unit) to be placed on the battlefield and then scattered. When this occurs follow this procedure:

- Place the object on the battlefield as instructed by the rule.
- Roll a scatter dice and 2d6 to determine the direction and the distance of the scatter in inches.
- If a Hit! is rolled the object does not move – leave it in place.
- If an arrow is rolled move the object horizontally the distance shown on the 2d6 in the direction of the arrow, modifying the scatter distance by any applicable modifiers.
- Once the object has been moved to its final position resolve its effects.

THE PER-MODEL BASIS

While many things in warhammer involve operating a unit, or group, of models at a time, all things in warhammer are considered to occur at the per-model basis. So while, for example, a whole unit will move at the same time, each model is moved individually as desired. Or when shooting, each model in a unit can shoot whatever weapon they desire at whomever they desire.

GAME TURNS AND PLAYER TURNS

A game turn consists of both player turns. The language here is important for determining when to do things such as tally up points for objectives.

When we just say the word 'turn', and its not prefaced with game, it means a player turn. So for example, a status effect that lasts until the end of the turn ends when the current player turn ends.

I should go through and just call them game rounds instead this is dumb.

TURN OVERVIEW

In a game round, both players will have a chance to move shoot and otherwise engage in combat with their opponents. A player turn is broken down into three phases, the movement phase, the shooting phase, and the assault phase. In the movement phase the player who's turn it is gets to move all their units. In the shooting phase the defending player will get to shoot with his overwatching units, and the attacking player will get to shoot with all his units. In the assault phase, both players will also get a chance to attack back and forth with their units, but only the attacking player can make charges.

MODELS AND UNITS

In This section you will find the rules for each type of unit except for vehicles, which are distinct enough to require an entire chapter. We will discuss the characteristics commonly seen on units and what they mean as well as what it means to be a unit. Following that will be a complete descriptions of every type of unit and how their unique rules effect how they act.

CHARACTERISTIC PROFILE

Every model in warhammer has a profile that lists its characteristics. The most common profile which is used for all non-vehicle units is listed below.

	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Sv
Space Marine	4	4	4	4	1	4	1	8	3+

Weapon Skill (WS)

Weapon skill denotes a models ability and skill in close quarters combat. The higher the ability, the more likely he will be able to score an hit, and dodge one!

Ballistic Skill (BS)

This shows how accurate and true a warrior is with ranged weaponry of all kinds. The higher the ability the more successful the firer will be in landing his shot.

Strength (S)

Strength gives a measure of the raw physical power a creature has. Often this is related to a monsters size. A higher Strength value means a stronger creature.

Toughness (T)

A models resilience to damage is represented by his Toughness. It reflects factors such as weak-spots, backup systems, or even a thick skull! The tougher a model is the better it can withstand an enemy's blows.

Wounds (W)

This characteristic tells us how much damage a creature can take before it dies, or is too badly wounded to continue the fight. A model with more Wounds can withstand more damage.

Initiative (I)

Initiative tells us how fast a creature can move and make decisions. In close combat this can mean striking down an opponent before he has time to hit you back! A higher Initiative means a faster soldier.

Attacks (A)

How deadly and voracious a creature is in close combat is depicted by his Attacks. A model with more Attacks can strike out more times.

Leadership (Ld)

Leadership reveals how courageous, determined, and self controlled a model is. The higher the Leadership, the more reliable the model is under the pressures of battle.

Armour Save (Sv)

A warriors Armour Save is its chance to avoid harm when it is struck or shot. Most models have an armour save from equipment, but other creatures may be protected by thick layers of chitin. Unlike all the other stats, a low armour save is better than higher. A model can never have an Armour Save better than 2+.

MODIFIERS

Certain pieces of wargear or special rules can modify a models characteristics by adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing, or by setting. Attacks and Wounds are the only characteristics that can be modified above 10, Initiative cannot be modified below 1, and no other characteristic can be modified below 0.

Multiple Modifiers

When dealing with multiple modifiers its important to always use the correct order of operations when applying them. Always use this order, set → add → subtract → multiply → divide.

This is intentionally in reverse order from how it used to be

ZERO-LEVEL CHARACTERISTICS

Some creatures have either a '0' or a '-' for a certain stat. This means they have no ability whatsoever in that field.

A model with Weapon Skill '0' is hit automatically in close combat and cannot strike any blows. A model with no Attacks cannot strike any blows in close combat. A warrior with an Armour save of '-' has no armour save at all.

If at any point a models Strength , Toughness, or Wounds are reduced to 0 it is removed from play as a casualty.

CHARACTERISTIC TESTS

Sometimes a model may be called upon to take a characteristic test. Roll a d6, if the result is less than or equal to the models characteristic value (including any active modifiers) they pass

the test. If they roll higher, they fail the test. A natural roll of a 6 is always a failure, and 1 is always a success.

LEADERSHIP TESTS

A Leadership test is a special type of characteristic test. Roll 2d6 and add them together, if the result is less than or equal to the models Leadership value (including any active modifiers) they pass the test. If they roll higher, they fail the test. A natural roll of a 12 is always a failure, and a natural roll of a 2 is always a success.

SAVING THROWS

Few warriors go un-armoured into battle – some clad in brilliant shining armour, others wearing plain protective gear. Some even bring with them portable force fields and the like.

There primarily two types of saving throws: armour saves and invulnerable saves, but occasionally you may see some pieces of wargear that impose a special kind. These saves protect models from taking wounds. To take a saving throw roll a d6 and compare the result to the save value of the model that has been allocated the Wound.

Unlike other characteristic tests, saving throws are passed by rolling over or equal to the saving throw, and a natural roll of a 1 is always a failure.

- If you pass the saving throw the wound is discarded – the shot bounces off harmlessly or is deflected away to a similar end.
- If you fail the saving throw the model suffers a wound.

This means that unlike most characteristics, a lower saving throw is better. **A model can always make use of all of their saving throws. But every subsequent saving throw made is made at a -1 penalty.**

Designer note: Suffering a wound is not the same as losing a wound, losing is what happens if you fail to save against a suffered wound. For example, after rolling to wound the space marines have wounded their target 8 times. In other words the target suffered 8 wounds. The target fails 3 of his saving throws, and loses 3 wounds.

FORMING A UNIT

Models in warhammer are most commonly not seen fighting solo, but are organized into 'units'.

Units

A unit may consists of a group of models that work together as a squad or team, or it may represent a lumbering behemoth rampaging across the battlefield.

A players army is built up of units, each unit built up of models. When making a battle force you create these units, and this is how you must field them on the battlefield. Once a unit has been made it cannot be changed.

Unit Coherency

Models within a unit must stick together, as detailed further in [7.4](#)

REFORGING A UNIT

Throughout the course of a battle units will lose members, and sometimes separated.

I want to add rules for merging two beaten down units. But at this time I'm not sure why you would want to do that. So I need to create some motivation, cause normally msu is good.

TERRAIN AND COVER

Other than your own models, the terrain making up the battlefield is second most important part of the game. Creating an interesting battlefield with lots of cool features can lend for an immersive and exciting experience. On the contrary, a relatively bland and open battlefield will cause a long drawn out shootout. When crossing a battle field units will seek out more defensible positions, using the available terrain to their advantage. However sometimes a piece of terrain can hinder movement, and sometimes it can even be dangerous to go into a piece of terrain. No one wants to cross a river of lava!

Every aspect of a battlefield is some form of terrain or another. A terrain feature is is any piece of the battlefield which is worthy of note. This could be grassland, a rock or hill, or even just a roadway.

Terrain comes into play in relation to two major aspects in a game of warhammer: moving your models, and drawing line of sight (particularly how terrain provide protection to models). These two concepts are discussed in greater detail in their own chapters: The Movement Phase (page 19), and the Shooting Phase (page 21). But we will give you enough to understand and parse the rules for Terrain here, as its important to have a sense of how these work for said two chapters.

TERRAIN AND MOVING

As your models move around the battlefield they will inadvertently interact with some of the terrain. They may hide inside it for better protection, they may walk through it as they are trying to reach an objective, or they might climb it to get a better vantage point.

When it comes to moving models around the battlefield each piece of terrain is different. In general if a model can be placed onto a surface he can move onto it, measuring his move about the surface of the obstacle. Other terrain can be extra slow or treacherous to traverse.

Terrain with multiple levels

Many terrain pieces have multiple levels or floors. When moving in terrain with multiple levels measure movement in a horizontal and vertical fashion. Alternately if your model can fly, hover, or do something of the like they may measure diagonally. However not every model can move up and down vertical distances. Keep and eye out when looking at the unit types for how each type moves.

Climbing up and down

Lots of times a piece of terrain wont be modeled with any way up and down between floors, and in these cases its important to discuss how models are allowed to traverse between levels. It is common to pretend that models can move directly vertically so long as they at the edge level, such as an inside wall (even if this means phasing through the floor), or an overhanging ledge.

Doors and windows

Many terrain features will have openings for models to move or climb through. This is always something to discuss at the start of a game with your opponents, pertaining as to which models can move through which features. In general, a model can only move through a feature which it can be reasonably said to fit through (not considering the models base). So while a small human can climb through a little window, a space marine could never fit. Sometimes it makes sense to make an opening difficult terrain for creatures of a larger than normal size, while making it not traversable for something even larger.

Wobbly model Syndrome

Sometimes it is just impossible to get a model to stay put – the second someone breaths on it it might slip off and damage itself. In this case it is best to place the model near the desired location, just make sure both players know where it ‘actually’ is.

TERRAIN AND LINE OF SIGHT

There are only two types types of terrain: regular terrain, which for all intents and purposes are just an extension of the battlefield, and area terrain. The standard rules for true line of sight work best when there is a well defined intervening obstacle.

Area terrain rules handle the cases where there is an piece of terrain with not well defined obstructions and in need of some abstraction. For example, a smoke filled creator. There are special rules interacting with line of sight for area terrain, which will be covered more in depth in the area terrain section.

When a piece of terrain is a space that models are meant to reside in, area terrain rules help a lot unless the piece is very meticulously crafted. Area terrain rules also are suitable for other piece of terrain where the aspects of their construction would make them impractical to use, such as a dense forest.

Obscure Targets

Throughout this chapter you will see the words “obscured targets” or “in cover” quite a lot. These pertain to how units benefit defensibly from cover, and are described on page 22. But for now just know that when you see these terms its referring to the criteria of a unit gaining benefits from cover.

COMMON TERRAIN ATTRIBUTES

Following are the rules which are commonly applied to different pieces of terrain found on the battlefield. Further on we give some terrain type examples, which will reference these rules.

- **Clear terrain** can be moved across without any penalty, and generally covers most of the battlefield.

- **Difficult terrain** slows down models wishing to move through it, and can sometimes be dangerous to models passing through it.
- **Impassable terrain** cannot be moved through or into, but can be moved over by units capable of such a move.

Clear Terrain

Clear terrain is any type of terrain which doesn't impede movement of units moving through it. This can be anything from a rolling hill to a road, and includes all the battlefield space which is not otherwise covered by a different terrain category.

Difficult Terrain

Difficult terrain is any piece of terrain that impedes the movement of a unit in a random and unpredictable fashion, such as moving through a forest or through a rubble pile. You never know when a foot will get caught or some other incident will trip up the unit.

When moving through, into, or out of difficult a model must spend 1" of movement for every whole 3" inches of their move that is part of the difficult terrain, rounding up.

Example 1: A unit of tactical marines is moving towards a dense forest. Space marines have a movement value of 6, and they started their turn 4 inches away. The space marines can move up to the edge of the forest, spend 1" of movement, and then enter the forest with their remaining 1".

Example 2: A unit of Kabalite warriors are making their way along through a swampland. Kabalite warriors have a movement value 8". Because they are going to spend their whole move inside the difficult terrain, they will be able to move 6", paying a 2" penalty.

Dangerous Terrain

Sometimes a piece of terrain is so dangerous to traverse though that it occasionally claims the lives of careless individuals. Dangerous terrain is inherently also difficult terrain unless otherwise decided upon.

When moving though dangerous terrain roll a d6 for every model in the unit. For every result of a 1 the unit must pass a saving throw or suffer a Wound – saves taken as normal. The controlling player may choose which models suffer these wounds.

Impassible Terrain

Not all terrain can be moved though. A common infantry man is going to have a hard time phasing his way though a giant cliff-side! Impassible terrain cannot be moved though or into by most units. But it can be moved over by units which have the means to do so. For instance if a unit which can fly would have no issue flying over the boiling lakes which would stop an infantry man in their tracks.

Vertically Impassible

Some pieces of terrain are vertically impassible, that is to say they cannot be scaled by normal models, but you can move around on top if you can get to it without needing to climb. If a models move is insufficient to make it up to the top then it cannot move onto the terrain piece.

AREA TERRAIN

For most terrain features, what you see is what you get. Thus a hill or an enclosed building is as high as it physically is. Sometimes though it is necessary to take liberties and make assumptions about the terrain, rather than use the exact parts that make up the feature. The types of terrain where this approach works best are woodlands, ruined structures, and all sorts of rough going area. Modeling these sorts of terrain features realistically could mean that moving models through them is very impractical or difficult. These rules are also important for ensuring the best gaming experience, even while not having the most detailed terrain. For example a single tree can represent an entire forested hill-top, if that's all you have.

The notion of area terrain is used to define an abstraction and a set of rules that supersede standard true line of sight. They are considered to be a shape defined by their boundary of the terrain feature, which provide equal protection throughout, regardless of the physical makeup of the terrain. Think of it as a uniform fog which sides inside the space.

Moving in area terrain

When we talk about abstract terrain, it is almost always in regards to dealing with line of sight. But knowing how to move models in area terrain is also important. For the most part, when moving models treat area terrain as if it were regular terrain. But some pieces of the area terrain may be removable, a tree for instance, and it may be necessary to move said feature around in order to move and reach your models. In this regard its important to identify which parts of the terrain you and your opponent agree can be moved around.

Line of sight into area terrain

When models are completely inside the area terrain they are considered to be an obscured target for all models outside the area terrain. Furthermore you may always ignore the physical terrain features of area terrain for drawing line of sight. Going back to our example, that means positioning a model behind the single tree is no better than placing him next to it.

Line of sight through area terrain

When firing at targets which are behind, but not inside the area terrain, they will gain the terrains bonus if line of sight is drawn through at least 1 cumulative inch of area terrain. Models drawing line of sight through less than 2" of the area terrain that they are inside ignore any negative effects on shooting. Line of sight cannot be drawn through more than a cumulative 6" of area terrain.

Area terrain boundary

Area terrain needs to have a bounding edge. Sometimes you may wish to use the perimeter of the base for this, for instance with a forest. Other times you may want to use aspects of the terrain to form the perimeter, such as the walls of a ruined structure.

Hybrid Terrain

Sometimes it is most fun to use a mix of true line of sight and total abstraction, landing somewhere in the middle. Common ruins are a perfect example of this. Often left remotely empty other than their walls and floors, for the sake of ease of moving models, using rules for area terrain will lend extra protection

for models inside a ruin without needing to meticulously position each and every miniature. But keeping the rules for true line of sight are also valuable, as you don't want troopers drawing line of sight through solid walls!

The rules for hybrid area terrain are simple — just treat the feature as both area terrain and regular at the same time, as if there were two copies superimposed atop one another.

Exposed terrain

Taking this step even farther, You may choose to make the terrain gain no area benefits while being targeted from a certain direction. For instance in a 3 walled structure, getting flanked from the rear can deny cover bonuses for added tactical depth.

TYPES OF COVER

Following are general guidelines and recommendations for how to handle the most common types of terrain you will see on the table top. However players should feel free to mix and match these rules based upon what their terrain looks like. It is always a good practice to run through all the terrain pieces on the table and make sure both players are clear as to what they are and do.

HILLS AND PLATEAUS

Hills and plateaus make up a large portion of a battlefield. For all intents and purposes these pieces of terrain are just a 3D extension of the battlefield.

Movement:

There are no special rules for moving over hills or plateaus, just measure along their surface or sides as needed.

Cover Bonus:

Obscured targets protected by hills and plateaus gain the benefits of light cover.

Model Placement:

Sometimes the shape or slant of the hill or terrain may make placing units on its side difficult. In these cases follow the rules for wobbly model syndrome. For example, When making charges, if the charge is successful (enough range to close the gap) place the models as close to their target as they can safely be positioned. Similarly, when units deep strike it may be difficult to place your models. When placing models ignore vertical displacement when necessary. The models are treated as being in base contact.

CLOSED SOLIDS

Pieces of terrain which cannot be entered into, but can be moved around, and perhaps on top of, follow similar rules for hills and plateaus — they are treated as an extension of the battlefield. Some examples might be a water tank, a broken down vehicle, or even just shipping container.

Movement:

There are no special rules for moving over closed solids, just measure along their surface or sides as needed. Depending on the shape of your object, you may choose to make it difficult terrain, or perhaps only difficult to climb.

Cover Bonus:

Obscured targets protected by closed solids gain the benefits of light cover. If the piece of terrain is substantial enough, like

a boulder or wrecked vehicle, then if the model is in base contact with the terrain feature this bonus is improved to medium cover.

Generic Obstacle

There are plenty of other generic obstacles that can make fun terrain features. For the most part As such most generic obstacles count as difficult terrain, but feel free to decide for yourself based upon your actual terrain piece.

Examples of generic obstacles are razor wire, tank traps, wire mesh, fences, sandbags, rubble piles, etc.

Rocky Outcrops

Depending on the level of detail on your terrain, a rocky outcrop, or any collection of assorted closed solids which make up a larger terrain feature, could make a good candidate for area terrain. Really any piece of terrain which you could imagine troops shifting inside of terrain piece to take advantage of its features is a good candidate for area terrain.

Buildings

A building is any piece of terrain that is completely sealed off, making it impossible to place models inside. In general these are impassible terrain for the most part, though sometimes you may choose to be able to move on top of the terrain piece, in a similar fashion to a plateau. Or perhaps it features a hidden door leading to the top?

Bunkers and Fortifications:

These heavily fortified buildings allow models to go inside for the ultimate protection. Sometimes there will be a lit to remove to place your models inside, other times simply move your models off to the side of the board or set them on top of the terrain piece, noting that they are inside it.

Bunker cover bonus:

Models inside a bunker always count as being obscured targets to those outside the bunker and gain the benefits of heavy cover.

Hide:

When models in a bunker go to ground, they become completely untargetable except by blast and template weapons. Because models often cannot actually be placed inside a bunker, template weapons will instead deal 6 hits. On a Hit symbol while scattering blast weapons, large blasts will deal 5 hits, and small blasts will deal 3 hits. Any form of scatter will result in the shot missing.

RUINS AND STRUCTURES

Ruins and other walled structures are one of the most common forms of terrain on a war-torn battlefield. They are made up of different levels and walls and provide good protection to troops inside, traversing up and down to gain tactile advantage. Troops can take shelter and often hide from enemies within these derelict structures to surprise their foes.

Ruins are a special type of terrain, that use special mix of true line of sight and area terrain rules. With standard area terrain you ignore all the physical aspects of terrain for all intents and purposes. This is not the case for ruins. So models that are completely hidden from the enemy cannot be targeted, and likewise models cannot move or draw line of sight through solid walls either.

Movement:

There are no special rules for moving about ruins, just measure around or up and down as needed, following the rules for moving about on multiple floors (page 12). Openings allowing movement should be discussed at the beginning of the game, but in general a model cannot move through an opening which it could not be said to reasonably fit through. They are not difficult terrain in the commonplace, however if your piece of terrain has lots of rubble inside it or other generic obstacles you may choose to make it so. There are also a lot of units that treat ruins as dangerous, mostly units that fly. Keep an eye out when looking at the unit types.

Cover Bonus:

Obscured targets protected by ruins or other walled structures gain the benefits of light cover. If the model is in base contact with the walled structure this bonus is improved to medium cover.

When drawing line of sight through a part of a ruin with no wall (this does not include windows, doors, and holes in said walls) the models in the target do not gain the ruins protection if they are completely exposed. Units otherwise inside the ruins which would gain its protection, gain the benefits of medium cover.

Model Placement:

Sometimes the shape of the walled structure may make placing models difficult. When making charges, if the charge is successful (enough range to close the gap) leave the models at the edge of the level or walled structure as close as possible to the opponent. They are treated as being in base contact.

Similarly, when units deep strike it may be difficult to place your models. When placing models ignore vertical displacement when necessary. The models are treated as being in base contact.

Dangerous Descent:

Units deep striking into a walled structure must take a Dangerous Terrain check. In addition, any deep strike which is described as being a decent (orbital, drop, etc) models always land on the highest exposed Level under their final position.

Ruins are the most common type of walled structure to find on a war-torn battlefield.

TRENCHES AND CRATERS

Hiding in trenches, creators, and other pits in the ground is very commonplace on the battlefield when no other form of

hiding presents itself in an otherwise barren kill zone. Large blasts from the monstrous machines of war are often enough to make a very suitable cover.

Cover Bonus:

Obscured targets protected by trenches and craters gain the benefits of light cover. If the model is in base contact with the trench or crater this bonus is improved to medium cover. Creators and trenches are often played as area terrain.

Hit the Deck:

Any model Going to Ground while in a trench or crater counts the feature as heavy cover instead of medium cover while gone to ground.

Plunging Fire:

Creators and trenches provide great protection to infantry sized targets from enemies on common ground, but can be thwarted by climbing up to fire down upon your targets. It is common to play that creators and trenches provide no protection when being shot by units which are 'above' them, such as on the second floor of a ruin.

SWAMPS AND WATER

Unless you are being very creative, models moving through a swamp will not actually sink down into it. For these reasons swamps and water features are considered area terrain, but they only grant protections to models which are inside them, and do not provide any line of sight blocking to models behind them. Swamps and water features are difficult, and sometimes dangerous terrain.

FORESTS

Forests are often the most abstract of all types of terrain. Unless your forest is very intricate, it is best to simulate the knobby ruts and roots that might be there for infantry to traverse. Forests are area terrain and are difficult terrain, unless you choose for them not to be.

Movement:

Forests follow the rules for difficult terrain, but in general otherwise you just move models around the base of the forest as any other surface.

Cover bonus:

Any model at completely inside inside the forest gains the benefits of light cover. Any shots fired through more than 1" of a forest grant the opponent the benefits of light cover, and line of sight may not be drawn through more than 6" of forest.

Thick Canopies

Sometimes a forest is so thick that you cannot see through the canopy, but you also cannot be seen through it! This will protect units from being shot from high vantage points. If you wish to play with a forest with a thick canopy it is important to decide before the game starts what other locations count as out of line of sight.

THE TURN

A tremendous amount of action takes place in a battle: squads are constantly maneuvering and shooting. Tanks rumble into action and artillery fire roars overhead in a torrential downpour of destruction. A game of Warhammer 40,000 represents the ebb and flow of battle but, in order to turn the chaos into a manageable game, players alternate taking turns moving as their units as they fight.

We briefly touched upon game turns and player turns before in the [Turn Overview](#), but we will go over them in detail now. During each game round both players will get to take a turn, but both players will also be involved during their opponents turns as well. One player will move and fight with his forces first, followed by his opponents retaliation. Then the other player will move and fight first, followed by the first players retaliation. Then the process repeats with the players moving and fighting, moving and fighting, and so on until the end of the game.

A GAME ROUND	
FIRST PLAYER TURN	SECOND PLAYER TURN
<p>1. Movement Phase Only the first player moves</p>	<p>1. Movement Phase Only the second player moves.</p>
<p>2. Shooting Phase The second player overwatches, and the first player can shoot with all his units.</p>	<p>2. Shooting Phase The first player overwatches, and the second player can shoot with all his units.</p>
<p>3. Assault Phase Only the first player can charge, but both players will fight.</p>	<p>3. Assault Phase Only the second player gets to charge, but both players will get to fight.</p>

ATTACKING AND DEFENDING PLAYERS

Lots of the rules within this book have reference the notion the attacking player and the defending player. These are important terms for establishing a frame of reference and order of operations, within the alternating player turns within a game round, and all they really are are shorthand to denote 'the player who's turn it is' and 'the player who's turn is not'. For instance a rule might specify that the attacking player gets to roll dice before the defending player.

Controlling player

Having similar use to distinguish between the players, the controlling player means the player to who controls the models, usually also the player who owns the models.

THE THREE PHASES

There are 3 phases of the game, the movement phase, the shooting phase, and the assault phase.

Movement Phase

During a players movement phase he will be able to move his troopers around the battlefield. There are lots of different types of models that can move differently, some can fly around

and some more fantastical can even phase through solid walls. Only the player who's turn it is can move models during a movement phase.

Shooting Phase

The shooting phase is a little different in that both players will get a turn to act. First the defending player will get to shoot with any overwatching units, and then the attacking player will get to shoot with all his units. Players will declare all their targets and roll their dice in turn, with casualties removed at the end of the shooting phase.

Assault Phase

The assault phase is a little different still. Both players will get a chance to swing their swords or otherwise engage with their combatants, but the order is determined by models Initiative, rather than the current player first, opposing player second. After the attacking player has issued his charges and the defender his reactions, combat will ensue.

WHO GETS THE FIRST TURN?

Which player gets the first turn is normally decided by both players rolling a d6, the winner of the throw gets to choose if he wishes to go first or second. You will read more on the topic and how players deploy their forces and begin games in the Organizing a Battle chapter on page 60.

THE END OF THE GAME

A battle can end in a number of ways. One of the most common ending conditions is the scenario turn limit is reached. By default, games are 6 turns minimum, with following turns oc-

curing with an increasing chance to end the game. Other ways for the game to end are to eliminate all the opposing players models, or to reach a victory condition for the scenario. More details on the topic can be found in the Organizing a Battle chapter on page [60](#).

THE MOVEMENT PHASE

Although the movement phase is the easiest to perform, it's probably the most tactically important. Getting models into the right position on the battlefield is often the key to victory.

In his turn, a player moves all or some of his models up to their maximum movement distance. This is normally done by moving one unit at a time, but sometimes the need arises for moving multiple units at the same time, like if they are switching spots. In these cases just be careful and make sure your intentions are clear to your opponent. Whether or not a model moves can change how effective it will be in the Shooting and Assault phases, there are advantages to remaining stationary.

MOVEMENT

Models all have a movement distance depending on their unit type and wargear.

- the common infantry model on foot moves 6".

When moving models you always measure the start to finish distance from the center of the models base. This includes vertical movement too. For example when moving up a hill measure the vector along the hills surface, or when climbing over an obstacle measure up, over, and down.

As you move the models in a unit, they can be turned to face in any direction. Models cannot voluntarily move off the board, nor can the phase through obstacles.

Designer note: It is perfectly fine to measure a unit's move in one direction, and then change your mind and decide to move it somewhere else (even the opposite way entirely!) or decide not to move it at all.

Moving through other Models

When moving models through other models there are three circumstances to think about: moving through models in the same unit, moving through friendly models of an different unit, and moving through enemy models.

Models within a unit may ignore one another for the purposes of moving – it is assumed they communicate and let one another pass. The same is true when moving through models belonging to another friendly unit. But in both circumstances a model may move not end his move in the space occupied by a friendly model.

When dealing with enemy models, you cannot move through them, or through the spaces between models making up a unit. Additionally, a model cannot be placed so that it touches an enemy model in the movement phase — this is only possible during the assault phase.

ENGAGEMENT RANGE

Engagement range is a concept which is used throughout the game turn but mostly pertains to the assault phase and fighting in close combat. It is directly related to being locked in combat as discussed on page 26, but it pertinent here because it of how it effects moving models.

At no point can you move a model into base contact i.e. engagement range with an enemy model at any time for any reason, unless the model is launching an assault.

Which models are moving

A models movement can effect its ability to act in other phases, such as firing a heavy weapon. Determining who has moved is always done on a per-model basis rather than a per-unit basis. Note that a model may always pivot on the spot without it counting as having moved.

Different movement distances

Sometimes a unit consists of multiple unit types, or models with different wargear that effects their movement. Just like when determining which model is moving, how far a model can move is also determined on a per-model basis.

Moving and Close Combat

Units that engaged in close combat are 'locked in combat' with the enemy and cannot move during the movement phase.

MOVEMENT TYPES

Grounded Movement

What we have talked about until this point, and what models who move along the surface of the table do, is called grounded movement; measuring along the flats, the slopes of hills, and up over and down the surfaces of obstacles.

Jump Movement

Jump movement is the second most common type of movement. Many such pieces of wargear, such as jump packs or wings give model the ability to move through the air in in arching movements. This allows them to move in any vector they like, flying over terrain features and other models alike, but the models must start and end their moves with their bases landed on the ground, and they cannot be said to be left floating in the air.

Unless it is stated very clearly that a model uses jump movement, they are considered to move in a grounded fashion.

Hover Movement

Some units are said to have hover movement, most commonly associated with model that have flying bases. In practicality, hover movement works exactly the same as Jump movement. But for any special rules relating to being on the ground e.g. an acid pit, the unit does not count as being on the ground. Their bases must still end landed on the ground.

Unusual movement

Most models can move in any direction, such as a common infantry. However other units, such as bikes, have some restrictions. The details on these more complicated units can be found further on in the Unit Types chapter.

UNIT COHERENCY

Models in a unit always stick together on the battlefield. When moving models in a squad, you must do your best to maintain unit coherency. When ending a move, all models in a unit end their move such that they are

- A unit must be within 1 5/8" of one another if possible
- If there are more than 7 models in a unit, then you a model must maintain coherency with at least two other models.
- If there are more than 12 models in a unit, then all but three models must maintain coherency with at least three other models.
- Models within a unit cannot be more than 12" from the farthest model in their unit.

This means that you should be able to connect-the-dots between every member without jumping more than 1 5/8".

We have all played a game vs that one player who will try to space out every single model perfectly, what a drag that is. You cannot premeasure unit coherency so err on the conservative side when spacing your models. If your opponent calls you on a questionable mini, measure to see and it is outside of 1 5/8" you must move it back, and the unit suffers a -1 penalty to hit for the turn. If the model is within unit coherency then your opponent cannot make any more calls for the turn.

Designer note: jockeying unit coherency is still cheating, don't do it.

Split Levels

Many terrain pieces feature multiples or disjointed levels that are far enough appart to preventing models within a unit from being placed within unit coherency.

Models in a unit may be said to be vertically coherent across a single level of terrain so long as it is less than 5", and that normal unit coherency restrictions are followed horizontally.

Separated models

In severe circumstances, casualties in a unit may separate the models. If a unit is broken up for any reason, the models in the unit must be moved to restore coherency. Sometimes models can be so far separated that this cannot be done in a single turn, in this case any model that moves must make their best attempt to regroup with the rest of their squad. Note that not all models must move. A unit cannot shoot or declare charges if they are not in coherency at the start of the applicable phase. Additionally, they count as shaken! (see the [Morale](#) chapter)

CANT REACH!

Taking refuge from monsters by hiding in small places is a time honored tradition not easily forgotten. Not all models will fit in all features on a battlefield. You cannot move a model into or through a terrain feature where it cannot be said to reasonably fit (were it not for the pose). If a model can fit, then, like in wobbly model syndrome, it may be said to be in a location and set to the side. If the model would only fit with a limitation of mobility, such as being forced to crouch due to a short ceiling, treat the model as having -1 move, weapon skill, and initiative.

THE SHOOTING PHASE

As armies engage guns thunder and shrapnel rains down from the sky. There are many different types of ranged firearms used in the 41st millennia, from the common bolt gun to the enormous demolisher cannon. Shots of all sorts streak across the battle as enemies fire upon one another for the right of victory.

THE SHOOTING SEQUENCE

After the movement phase comes the Shooting phase. In a battle players will fire most of their units ranged weapons during their shooting phase. There are two parts to the shooting phase, targeting enemy units, and making attacks. Sometimes the defending player is in a position to return fire during the enemies turn, known as overwatch, which will be discussed later on.

The first portion of making shooting attacks is picking targets for your units to make ranged attacks against. This involves measuring ranges and checking line of sight to the target, and figuring out any cover bonuses the defenders might get. After you will make the attacks, rolling to hit, to wound, and then the defender will make their saving throws.

The process for making shooting attacks can be summarized into the following steps. First complete steps 1 for all your units. Then complete steps 2-4, then step 5.

1. Check line of sight, range, pick a targets, and determine targets cover
2. Roll to hit
3. Roll to wound
4. Allocate wounds and make saving throws
5. Casualty removal

DISALLOWED SHOOTING

Certain situations prevent a unit from firing. The most common are:

- With units that are locked in close combat with the enemy
- At most targets which are locked in close combat.
- With units that chose to run or overwatch instead
- With units which have gone to ground the previous turn

In addition to the above, certain types of weapons can only be fired if the unit did not move in the same turn. However this will only prevent models with that weapon from shooting – not the whole unit.

Intervening Friendlies

One more thing of noteworthy importance is that **friendly models may not draw line of sight through friendly models not belonging to their unit**, nor may they fire through the spaces between. You may draw line of sight over friendly units if the unit in the back is either taller or on higher ground, is hovering, etc.

For example, a unit of guardsmen stands partially between another friendly unit and a target in front. This will block line of sight from some of the models in the back unit to their target, and prevent them from firing.

CHECKING LINE OF SIGHT AND RANGE

When it is your turn to pick targets, go through your units one at a time and choose which models are going to fire at which targets. In general, **models can only shoot one weapon** and can only target one enemy unit. There are some exceptions to this, namely vehicles, but those exceptions will be detailed later. But that is not to say that all models must target the same enemy unit.

The first thing to do when picking targets with a unit is to check which targets are within range and line of sight from them. Most models such as the common infantry can see all around them and can shoot in any direction. Once line of sight and range between the controlling unit and a desired target unit has been confirmed, the player may choose to shoot at this target.

After you are done picking targets for a unit, you may choose to place down a token or marker next to their target units, this can be helpful for remembering what is shooting what. Then move onto the next unit until all your models have chosen targets, or deferred their shooting for another action (all those who are able that is).

Splitfire

A unit may split their shooting attacks between two separate enemy units, in any manner which you see fit.

Which models can fire

Remember that line of sight and range is treated on a per model basis. Every model that has line of sight and range to at least one enemy model in the target unit can fire.

Own Unit

There is one important exception to the rules for line of sight. Firing models can always draw line of sight through members of their own unit as if they were not there – squad members work together to optimize firing solutions.

DETERMINE TARGETS COVER, OBSCURED TARGETS

On the battlefield warriors will find that their targets do not always stand in the middle of the open for them to shoot at.

Hiding behind cover makes targets more difficult to hit. When **any part of the target model's body is at least 25% obscured** from the point of view of the firer (or shooting through or into area terrain) the target model counts as an obscured target. This is intentionally generous, and it represents the fact that the warrior, unlike the model, will be actively trying to take cover (as well as the smoke, explosions and flying debris that are mercifully absent from our tabletop battlefields).

Firers may of course shoot over intervening terrain if they are tall enough or high up on some terrain piece so that their line of sight is completely clear. As usual, check the firers' line of sight by taking a good look from behind their heads, and 'see what they see'.

Intervening Enemies

Unlike with friendlies, you may draw line of sight through intervening enemies if you so choose, but the target unit will count as an obscured target. Again note that if you are actually shooting over enemy units at a larger target in the back, then the target unit does not benefit. Note that these rules are in regards to shooting through the gaps between models of an enemy unit — models themselves block line of sight as they are, most notable for tanks and really large creatures.

Effects of Cover - Cover Saves

Most weapons are capable of ripping, blasting, and blowing their way through just about any piece of terrain and wounding a target behind them. More to the point, cover serves to hide and obscure troops from enemy sights making them difficult track, hit and reducing the impacts.

Most Cover provides protective benefits to those who are either obscured or in area terrain in the form of a cover save — a saving throw rolled just like and rolled after armour and invulnerable saves. A model can only can benefit from as many sources of cover as applicable, always using the best one first.

Other types of cover bonuses are through the form of modifiers applied to to hit rolls, generally involving units that have been moving fast. These are cumulative with cover saves,

Cover only provides benefits against ranged attacks and not on close combat attacks.

Cover Bonuses

Different types of cover provide different levels of protection to obscured models. Use the following chart as a quick reference

to figure out what bonuses the defender gets when being shot at. More detailed rules involving terrain can be found in the Types of Cover section on page 15

Terrain Type	Cover Bonus
Going to Ground, Moving fast, Intervening models.	-1 to hit
Light cover: intervening closed solids, ruins and structures, trenches and craters. Hills and plateaus, Forests.	5+
Medium cover: inside or base contact with closed solids, ruins and structures, trenches and craters.	4+
Heavy cover: fortified positions.	3+

Monstrous creatures, vehicles, and bulky units suffer -1 penalty to cover saves, to a minimum of 6+.

Units in Partial Cover

Sometimes it is the case that not every model in the target unit is in cover, or there is even mixed types of cover. When this happens its important to evenly portion the incoming attacks between the saves.

The rules governing units in partial cover are the same as those for complex units, which are detailed at the end of this chapter.

GOING TO GROUND

If warriors come under heavy fire, they may decide to keep their heads down and stay alive a little longer while they wait for reinforcements.

In response to being declared as a target, infantry units (of all types) may choose to go to ground – vehicles and monstrous creatures cannot do this. A unit that has gone to ground benefits from a -1 To Hit penalty for all further shooting attacks directed towards itself. Going to ground lasts until the end of the target players following turn.

The downside of going to ground is that the unit cannot properly their aim their weapons the following turn, and all ranged attacks are resolved as snap shots.

TARGET PRIORITY

In the heat of battle is is easy to disregard the command from on high in favor of saving your own skin, especially when a horrific alien is closing in.

In order to target an enemy unit whilst there is another enemy monstrous creature, vehicle, or another enemy unit larger than your own that is closer and within 15", you must pass a leadership test (this is called a target priority test). Failing the test means you must fire upon the closer unit. Enemy units which are locked in combat are ignored for this purpose.

SHOOT THE BIG ONES!

Sergeants hoping to live to tell about it are quick learned on prioritizing large targets. You can target large models in combat with ranged weapons even if they are locked in combat provided they are not 25% obscured from the firer by friendly models which they are engaged with, and at least four times

the size of said models. You may not do so with blast or template weapons. When doing so you are at a -1 penalty to hit the target.

Get a clear shot!

When attempting to target enemy models in combat, if a model can line up a shot such that the model they are trying to shoot is neither obscured or obscuring a friendly model engaged with them, then the size restriction drops to twice the size, rather than 4 times.

Example: A crisis suit has managed to flank a tyranid warrior attacking some fire warriors. Normally the size difference is not great enough, but because of this flanked position the fire-warrior is neither blocking nor in the shadow of the tyranid warriors, so the crisis suit can make ranged attacks against his target.

RUNNING

At times, warriors may have to quickly redeploy, running from cover to cover or simply concentrating on movement and giving up their chance to shoot.

In their Shooting phase, the attacking player may choose to make a run move instead of shooting this turn — the defending player may not run at this time. When a unit runs it makes an additional move using all the normal rules, but runs 3 + d3 inches instead of their usual move.

Units that run in the shooting phase cannot charge in the following assault phase.

Fleet

Swift and agile, these races are able to cover ground more reliably than others. A model with the fleet special rule can re-roll their run roll.

ROLLING TO HIT

Now that you have chosen targets for all your units, its time to start rolling attacks.

To determine if the firing model has hit its target, roll a D6 for each shot that is in range. Each weapon fires a different amount of shots, so check the weapon profile. The dice roll needed To Hit will depend on how accurate the firers are, as shown by their Ballistic Skill (or BS). The chart below shows the minimum D6 roll needed to score a hit.

Firer's BS	1	2	3	4	5
To Hit Roll	6+	5+	4+	3+	2+

For units with Ballistic Skill higher than 5 you dip into the negative buffer range. e.g 6 is 1+, 7 is 0+. This does nothing in of itself, except grants you protection from sources which impact your ability score. For instance a unit with bs 7 would need to see a -3 modifier before it starts to impact his rolling.

How Many Shooting Attacks?

Most models can only fire one weapon per shooting phase. Notable exceptions are monstrous creatures, and vehicles (which can fire all their weapons). Pistol weapons can be fired in pairs. The number of shots is determined by the weapon itself.

Moving and shooting

Whether a model has moved or not can make a big difference in the ability to fire its weapon. Some guns are so heavy that they can only be used effectively if their firer halts completely to brace himself or setup his weapon on the ground. This is explained further in the Weapons chapter, the most important thing to remember is that **the effect of movement on shooting is considered on a model by model basis.**

Snap Shots

Under specific circumstances, models must fire Snap Shots – opportunistic bursts of fire shot without properly aiming in times when a warrior isn't able to properly aim his weapon and instead just point it and fire, hoping to get lucky. Snap shots are resolved at BS 1. Snap shots for blast and template weapons score hits on a dice roll of 4+ for every model under the template.

ROLLING TO WOUND

Hitting your target is not always enough to put it out of action. The shot might result in nothing more than a superficial graze or flesh wound.

To decide if a hit causes a telling wound, compare the weapon's Strength characteristic with the target's Toughness characteristic. Each weapon has its own Strength value, given in the profile of the weapon.

Attackers S - Defenders T	To Wound roll
2 or greater	2+
1	3+
0	4+
less than	5+
less than half	6+

If you have successfully hit and wounded your target, then your target will need to make saving throws against these, placing the successes dice into a wound pool.

WASTED AIM

Its impossible to properly coordinate perfectly on a battle-field, especially between separate squads. Simply is the nature of things that sometimes two troopers are trying to shoot the same enemy only to have them fall dead to something else.

For each model in the defending unit which has been removed as a casualty this phase, you may roll a d6. On a 6 you cancel an incoming hit from additional attacks this phase, rolling up to once per hit.

**HIT AND WOUND ALLOCATION,
SAVING THROWS, AND CASUALTY
REMOVAL**

Now that all the shooting is done, its time to allocate wounds in the wound pool. If you have a unit comprised of a single kind of model this is easy. Collect the whole wound pool and make saving throws for these, failed saving throws cause

wounds. Otherwise you will need to roll saves one at a time to the allocated model.

Wounds can be allocated by the controlling player in the manner of his choosing, but once a wound has been allocated to a model following wounds must also be allocated to this model until either the wound pool is empty, or the model is removed as a casualty.

Blast Weapons

On the contrary, blast weapons distribute wounds one to a model when dealing with multi-wound targets rather than stack them all up onto the same model, the exact opposite of how regular wounds are allocated. The controlling player gets to allocate them until the wound pool is empty, or there are no more remaining models in the unit.

Example, A unit of tyrannid warriors is hit by a tau submunition round's large blast, hitting 5 models. After rolling to wound and making saving throws, the tyrannids suffer 4 unsaved wounds. These wounds must be distributed one to a model until the wound pool is empty.

Existing Wounded Targets

When it comes to allocating wounds, previously wounded models (that is models wounded from a different unit) are ignored and the controlling player gets to start again for wound allocation.

No more targets

If at any point while allocating wounds there are no more models visible to or within range of the attacking models the controlling player may cease wound allocation, discarding the remainder of the wounds.

COMPLEX UNITS AND HIT GROUPS

All the steps presented thus far for the shooting phase make the assumption that there is only one kind of model making up a unit — they have the same statline, most notably they have the same toughness and the same saving throws, taking special notice for cover saves. But sometimes units are not all made up of the same type of model or their saves vary.

When this is the case, we will use hit groups to split up the attacks between the types of defending models to make sure everyone is treated fairly. Hit groups are made up of models of similar kind: models with the same name, their sergeant, and any other models in the unit which have identical toughness and saves.

After identifying all the hit groups, starting with a group nominated by the defending player, count out hit dice until there is one per model, then move onto the next hit group, repeating this process until all dice are dived up. Then proceed to roll to hit, to wound, and take saves as normal.

Wounds do not spill over between hit groups, and wound allocations must stay within the groups but are otherwise allocated by the controlling player as normal.

Units in Partial Cover Continued

Sometimes it happens that a unit is in partial cover with some units in and some units out of cover. In these circumstances, after rolling for saving throws, merge the wound pools of like models before allocating them.

Example: A unit of eldar guardians is half way obscured by a wall with 5 models completely visible, and 5 models completely out of line of sight. An enemy chaos space marine unit shoots at them, hit and wounding 16 times with their bolt guns. To begin, choosing to start with the units in cover the defending player divvies up the wounds, 5 on the models in cover, 5 on those outside, 5 more to those inside, and then 1 last one to those outside. At this point, all the saves rolled, totaling to 7 unsaved wounds. The defending player now can distribute the wounds in any way he sees fit, following the rules for no more targets.

I need to make it so you have to start with the weaker cover saves. Its stupid that shooting at a full unit that is half exposed is worse off than a half sized unit fully exposed.

Probably could make this the universal way, start on low T models, then low armour save, then low invulnerable, then low cover save

I think this handled every case for fast dice except the one circumstance where a sergeant has a different save than this squad. And spill over needs to be addressed.

At what point does some convoluted fast dice method end up taking longer than slow dice?

what about this, instead of one at a time slow dice, you have to allocate 1 hit to each model in a group *Excluding* characters (unless you feel like it) Roll for saves and such. Then do it again until you are all done.

I think with this in mind, I should emphasize that in melee the attacker gets more control.

OVERWATCH

The second alternative to shooting is called overwatch. Overwatch is a defensive tactic which allows units to defer making their ranged attacks until the following players turn. In doing so a player can position units to defend a vantage from oncoming enemies, but does so at the disadvantage of delaying your attacks.

In their shooting phase the attacking player may choose to place a unit into overwatch instead of shooting this turn — the defending player may not put units into overwatch at this time. The whole unit must all enter overwatch together, it is all or nothing.

Units in overwatch can make their shooting attacks at any point during your opponents shooting or assault phase, targeting any enemy unit which is either in line of sight or has moved through their line of sight at some point that turn.

During the Shooting phase

Overwatch attacks made during the shooting phase are considered to happen simultaneously with all the other shooting happening that phase. This means that under no circumstances can a model be killed out of making his own ranged attacks this phase.

Terrain Hopping

You may even target a unit which moved out line of sight provided that their move at some point would have brought them into view. The targets final position is used for determining cover saves and doing so imposes a -1 to hit penalty — its difficult to target units who are carefully dodging from cover to cover. Blast and template weapons are fired as snap shots in this situation.

Example: A unit of termagaunts has moved from behind one rock to another one nearby, both starting and ending its move out of line of sight. But because it moved through the open in order to get to its new rock, the overwatching space marines may fire upon them.

Movement not in the Movement Phase

There are plenty of opportunities for units to make extra movement outside the movement phase. Overwatch attacks made after these move follow all the prior rules for making overwatch attacks.

As Response to a Charge

Overwatch attacks as response to a charge to happen after charge moves, but before the first initiative step. These attacks are made at a -1 penalty to hit, using the targets final position for determining any cover bonuses. Any such casualties are counted towards combat resolution.

Wall of Death

Flamers are incredibly effective at deterring a charge, as are other explosions. When resolving an overwatch attack against a charge template weapons will automatically hit up to 2d3 models. Large blast weapons will hit d3, and small blast weapons will hit 1.

THE ASSAULT PHASE

While firepower alone may be enough to drive an enemy back from open ground or lightly held positions, shifting a determined foe from a fortified bunker or ruined settlement may require sterner measures. In an assault, troops storm forward, screaming their battle cries, eager to strike at their foes with knives, claws, bayonets or gun stocks in a desperate close quarters scramble for victory.

THE ASSAULT SEQUENCE

Similar to the shooting phase both players will be participating in the assault phase. First, the advancing player will get to declare charges with his units, and the defending player will react to those charges including declaring his own counter charges! After which its time to move charging models, and begin initiating combats.

Resolving melee combat is a bit different from the shooting phase as there is an order in which attacks are to be made as dictated by the initiative of the models participating in the combat. Only attacks happening at the same initiative are considered to be simultaneous — a slow hand could prove fatal!

The assault phase is split into four parts: setting up charges, moving charging models, fighting with engaged units, and once combat is done you determine assault results. Both players get to take part in all four parts.

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THE CHARGE

In the assault phase models will have the opportunity to make charges and engage in close combat. Making a charge involves closing the gap between you and your opponents, after which models who are near enough to enemies can fight one another in close combat.

To make a charge, use the following procedure:

- First, declare which of your units wish to charge this turn, making sure they have a valid target within range.
- Then, the opponent declares charge reactions for all his defending units.
- Roll the charge distance for the unit and, if it is in range, move it into contact with the enemy unit – this is sometimes called “launching an assault”.

Once this has been done for all units wishing to charge this turn, its time to start moving models!

Declaring Charges

In the assault phase you may measure any distance up to 12”, or the highest theoretical charge distance in your army, whichever is higher. Choose which of the units in your army you would like to charge with. In order to declare a charge their must be at least one target within the maximum charge distance of the unit wishing to make the charge — most units

have a different charge ranged varying from on average 6” to 10”.

Unlike with shooting attacks, when declaring a charge there is no target selection, just the intent to charge, after checking that there is at least one enemy within range. A unit can never declare a charge if there are no enemies it can reach.

LOCKED IN COMBAT

Models who enter engagement range as discussed on page 19 are locked in combat. Units locked in combat cannot voluntarily unlock themselves from combat. The ways combat can end are detailed at the end of this chapter.

How far can models charge?

To determine a units charge distance, you roll 2d3 and add 4”. But its not quite time to roll for charge distance yet, this will happen after all the rest of the charges and reactions have been declared.

Disallowed Charges

Sometimes units are disallowed from charging. Common reasons a unit is not allowed to declare a charge include, but are

not limited to, the following:

- The unit is already locked in close combat.
- The unit ran in the shooting phase.
- The unit has gone to ground
- The unit is falling back.

Continue to declare assaults with all the units you wish to charge with this turn.

REACTIONS

Few warriors sit idly by when an enemy horde descends upon them, but let fly with every weapon at their command, charge forward in a counter offensive, or retreat! After charges have been declared, defending units within 12" of an enemy unit can declare a reaction: hold the line, counter attack, or retreat.

An Ongoing Combat

When a unit being charged is already in combat, they cannot declare any charge reactions – we can assume that other events have their full attention. Unit in an ongoing combat cannot make use of any terrain advantages, or defensive grenades.

Hold the line

Readying themselves for the oncoming fight, the defenders stand their ground with grit and determination, making full use of their defensive position.

Hold the line can be thought of as the default case when being charged. When a unit holds the line they do not gain any special bonuses but will benefit from the cover they are in and they can make use of defensive grenades if they have them.

Counter Attack

Forgoing their defensive position these brave soldiers rush out to meet their opponents with weapons raised.

Counter attacking units do not get to make use of either defensive cover, or defensive grenades, but instead count as charging for the purposes of this combat.

Retreat

On the rare occurrence a commander will order a tactical retreat when seeing well equipped or towering monstrosities charging down upon them – it really may be the best option.

Defending units may call for a retreat. The unit immediately fails a morale check and will fall back d3" (move the models after all other reactions have been chosen, but before charge rolls are made) — they will not fall back further this turn. Additionally, if the retreating unit becomes engaged in combat this turn they may not attack.

MAKING THE CHARGE

Once all charges and reactions have been set, its time to start making charge moves. Starting with the controlling player, roll and measure charge ranges for one unit at a time.

Rolling for Charge Distance

There are a myriad of factors that can speed or slow a charging unit as it launches itself forward, such as viscous war-cry, or difficult terrain, **but the charge distance the most units 2d3 + 4"**.

The combined value of the sum is your charge range – the number of inches your assaulting unit can charge. If a unit has models that have different charge distances for their charge range, just remember that every model charges at their own speed.

In order for a charge to succeed you must be able to bring at least one model from your unit into base contact with at least one enemy model, or one friendly model who is already engaged in combat — reinforcements are always a welcome sight!

Failed charges

If when it comes time to measure a charge and your target is out of reach, then your unit has failed the charge! Move the models their minimum charge distance towards the closest enemy.

Moving Charging Models

If a charge is successfully and you can reach an enemy unit or ongoing combat, its time to move your models.

If your charge distance **is not** enough to close the gap they stay put – clearly something has stalled or tripped them up, the charge has failed.

If your charge distance **is** enough to close the gap the charge is successful. Starting with whichever model you choose, move them into base contact of an unengaged enemy target model who is within their charge range. Repeat this until all models have been moved. If there are no more unengaged enemy models move them towards any enemy model – there are friendly warriors don't mind sharing the fight!

Charging Units in Cover

Charging at enemies in cover poses two difficulties. Charging through cover or over obstacles uses the regular rules for movement which can slow down troopers in time where speed is essential, but perhaps more importantly terrain gives the defenders a distinct advantage to strike out at an opponent as their foes struggle over or through the rubble of a battlefield.

If either a unit charges: through difficult terrain, at an enemy that is in area terrain, at an enemy which are behind some form of cover that their foes had to move over or around, then the defenders get to strike at +3 initiative. This bonus cannot be used unless the defenders held the line.

Hold the Platform

Scrabbling to hold a defensive position can mean life or death to many. If a unit can prevent a foe from acquiring purchase, such that they cannot place a model into base contact with your defending models, then they can only swing wildly as you defend the position.

In these circumstances where the attacker had enough charge distance to make the charge, but couldn't come into base contact then all models who were in range to make base contact may make single attacks at one another. And consequently, at the end of the turn the combat ends if no models can be brought into base contact.

Fighting through walls

Models cannot attack through solid walls or any space which is not large enough to move through. through. This means that when discussing terrain at the start of the game, if a feature, such as a window or small hole in a ruin, is decided to be too

small to move through then it is too small to attack through as well.

Final Volley!

Though such shots are often inaccurate these final shots fired in haste might mean living to tell about it.

Defending models who held the line and have had an enemy model come into base contact with them may make a single bonus ranged attack using a rapid fire or assault weapon against their would be assailants using the rules for overwatch (they may not do so if they have already fired overwatch this phase). These attacks ignore all normal limitations for range and line of sight, and cover saves may not be taken against them – the unit is assumed to be fired upon when they come into view.

Heroic Intervention

Other more courageous individuals will take up arms and run at their attacker. The downside being giving up any tactical benefits of terrain the unit may have held.

If after the attacking player finished moving all their charging models then units which are not already engaged in combat may now make a 3" move using the pile in rules towards the closest combat, provided it is enough to bring them into combat, meaning that they have come into base contact with a model already inside the combat. This move cannot be used to start a new combat.

THE FIGHT

Initiative Steps

In close combat a slow opponent often meets his end before he poses a real threat by those more quick on their feet. Fortunately slow opponents are often tougher too, able to withstand quite a punishment before they go down.

A model's Initiative determines the order in which models attack in close combat. Work your way down from the highest Initiative to the lowest Initiative in the combat, performing all actions at a certain initiative step before continuing onto the next. All models attack at their initiative step.

Modified Initiative

Models with Initiative modifying wargear must act on the modified initiative step if they intend to use their wargear – no model can act on multiple initiative steps. If a model wants to use multiple wargear at different initiatives then they must use both at the slower of the two.

Pile-in-moves

At a model's initiative step they can make a 3" move inside the combat, be it closing a gap or just re-positioning for a more advantageous fight. Unengaged models must make an effort to enter into base combat with enemies if possible. Remember that a model must pile in at the initiative step which they attack at – if he has weapons or wargear with initiative modifiers and wants to use them he needs to pile in on the modified initiative step.

Which Models Can Attack?

In close combat models either in base contact with an enemy or those within 1" of a friendly model in base contact with an enemy can attack.

Models that are not able to attack at their initiative step may fight and pile in again and attack at the next initiative step. Additionally, a model may always choose to hold his attack until the following initiative step. But this may only be done once, and every model which can attack must during the zero initiative step.

ROLLING TO HIT

To determine if the attacking model has hit its target, roll a D6 for each attack a model has. The dice roll needed to hit will depend on how good a fighter the attacker is compared to the defender is, as shown by their Weapon Skill (or WS). The chart below shows the minimum D6 roll needed to score a hit.

Attackers WS vs Defenders WS	To Hit roll
Greater	3+
Equal or less than	4+
Less than half	5+

Number of Attacks

Each engaged model makes a number of attacks equal to his Attack stat, plus the following bonus attacks:

- **+1 Charge Bonus:** models that charged this turn get +1 attack this turn.
- **+1 Two Weapons:** models who are wielding two single-handed melee weapons get + 1 attack. At least one attack must be from each weapon.
- **Other Bonuses:** some models have other special rules and wargear that confers extra attacks.

When attacking you must choose which attacks are with which weapon, weapon bonuses do not stack unless otherwise specified.

No Weapons?

Not all models have a dedicated melee weapon. In these circumstances, we can assume that they will just make do with the best they have. Attacks from models with no weapon listed in their profile are considered to be attacks made using the standard close combat weapon profile. Note this can never be considered when calculating any bonus attacks.

Multiple Weapons

When a model has multiple melee weapons they may choose to split their attacks between the different weapons in a manner they see fit.

Pistols

Models with pistols can make a single attack with a pistol as if it was a melee weapon using its ranged profile. In this regard pistols count as an extra melee weapon for the purposes of fighting with two weapons.

Who can you attack?

Close quarters combat can often mean a warrior finds himself face to face with multiple opponents. It is between him and his squad mates to determine who fights who in order to ensure they make out the best they can.

When determining which enemy models (and therefor types of models) can be attacked, follow the same rules as those for which models can attack. This means you can attack enemy models in base contact, and models within 1” of one in base contact. There is one addition to the rule as well, any model which can attack another can be attacked back, this supersedes the measurement rule, and comes about occasionally when there are a variety of base sizes in the combat. So be careful with your unit positioning – pile in moves are critical for making sure you can attack who you want.

Fast and Loose: Sometimes players are more interested in having a good time than they are managing model placement in a combat. In this case, if players agree, just assume everyone in the combat can attack anyone and vice versa. Just kinda smash the two units together and call it a day.

ROLLING TO WOUND

Hitting your target is not always enough to put it out of action. The blow might result in nothing more than a superficial bruise or flesh wound.

To decide if a hit causes a telling wound, compare the attacker’s Strength characteristic with the target’s Toughness characteristic. Different melee weapons add different bonuses to the attackers own Strength value, so be sure to make note of these if you have them!

And be sure to keep track of your hit groups as you dont want to mix them up.

Attackers S - Defenders T	To Wound roll
2 or greater	2+
1	3+
0	4+
less than	5+
less than half	6+

If you have successfully hit and wounded your target, then your target will need to make saving throws against these, placing the successes dice into a wound pool.

WOUND ALLOCATION, SAVING THROWS, AND CASUALTY REMOVAL

At the end of each initiative step wounds need to be allocated and saves need to be taken. If you have a unit comprised of a single kind of model this is easy. Collect the whole wound pool and saving throws for these, failed saving throws cause wounds. Otherwise you will need to roll saves one at a time to the allocated model.

Wounds can be allocated by the controlling player in the manner of his choosing, but once a wound has been allocated to a

model following wounds must also be allocated to this model until either the wound pool is empty, or the model is removed as a casualty.

Wounds do not spill over between hit groups, and wound allocations must stay within the groups.

COMPLEX COMBATS AND HIT GROUPS

The goal here is to make the case of fighting two half squads exactly the same as fighting one full squad

The steps thus far have been under the assumption that the combat is simple, one unit made of only one kind of model attacking one other unit also consisting of only one kind of model. In cases where there are multiple kinds of models or multiple units involved in the same combat, we must use the rules for complex combats. You will find that the rules for complex combats do not change the way simpler combats are resolved, so fear not of mixing things up.

Attacks in close combat are not directed towards a specific unit like they are the shooting phase. Instead models in close combat must choose which *kind* of enemy model(s) they are attacking. When there is only one unit with one kind of model this is simple, but it can get complicated with units that have more than one kind of unit in them, or when a combat grows to have multiple units involves.

Following the rules for which models can you attack, attacks are divide up based upon which kind of model is being struck at. When we talk about target model kind this is different from their unit type as displayed in a unit’s entry, e.g. jump infantry. Instead, when in regards to selecting a target kind to attack it means the name of the type of the model in play, such as tactical marines, or terminators. Additionally, a target group is expanded to include any and all models which have the same weapon skill, toughness, initiative, and saving throws. Its important to note that squad leaders are *not* separate in this regard from the rest of their fellows.

Any model can choose to split his attacks in any way between different kinds of enemy models, but models in base contact with enemy models must attack those.

After you have decided which models are going to attack which, group together similar attacks and roll to hit using the chart above. Keep your target dice pools separate as you roll to hit, to wound, and your opponent makes saves.

Example: A unit of space marines is fighting two units of ork bois, and a warboss at the same time. When making attacks the space marine player chooses to have 3 of his marine attack the war boss, and the others attack the bois. The hits against the warboss use his weapon skill and toughness when rolling to hit and wound, and the the hits against the bois use their WS and T. After rolling to hit and wound, saves are made and wound allocation happens. 1 wound is dealt to the warboss leaving him with 2 wounds, and 4 ork bois are slain. The defending player can choose any bois in the combat to be removed as a casualty.

DETERMINING ASSAULT RESULTS

Assaults are usually decisive; one side or the other quickly gains the upper hand and forces their foes back. Good Leadership can keep a losing side in the fight, but the casualties that each side inflicts and how many allies you have are the most telling factor.

Combat Resolution — Who Won Combat?

To decide who has won the combat, total up the number of unsaved wounds inflicted by each side onto their opponents, whoever took more damage has lost combat, and if both sides suffer the same amount of wounds then the combat is a tie. Of course if one side destroys the other completely it wins combat even if it sustained more casualties! This only counts wounds caused during the fight sub-phase.

Break Checks

Whichever side lost the combat must now take break checks, which is a leadership test. While combat resolution is determined for the entire combat, break checks are taken for each unit involved separately.

Outnumbered

Being outnumbered is never a welcome sight when the tide of battle is against you. When testing for morale for losing combat, the tests are made with the following negative modifiers for being out-numbering. The calculation for outnumbered is for a combat, not on a per unit basis, just count up all the remaining models involved. These penalties are not cumulative.

Final result	Leadership Penalty
Outnumbered	-1
Outnumbered 2:1	-2
Outnumbered 3:1	-3
Outnumbered 4:1	-4

Additionally, there are more penalties that can apply:

- if within a combat a side has been split into two sections breaking unit coherency, there is an additional -1 penalty.
- there is a further stacking -1 penalty for each successive round of combat lost.
- Last man standing, if only one model remains in combat, they suffer an additional -1 penalty.

Behemoth

Not all models have the same 'presence' as others. Monstrous creatures will count as multiple models for determining outnumbering: 2 times that of their starting wounds characteristic. Similarly, when determining combat resolution wounds dealt to monstrous creatures count as 2.

FLEEING FROM COMBAT

A unit which has failed a break test will immediately fall back using the rules as described in the [Falling Back](#) section of the Morale chapter.

Our weapons are useless

Any turn in which a player fails combat they may choose to auto lose the resulting morale check.

No Retreat!

Some units will never retreat from combat, their mental fortitude or strong sense of duty will not allow them to. When such units lose a combat, they are in danger of being dragged

down by the victorious enemy despite their determination to hang on.

Units that have special rules which allow them to not flee from combat will still take break checks like normal units. If they pass then there is no further steps, but if the test is failed then the victorious side will get to strike out one last time using the rules for harrying (see below).

Some models are completely immune to all psychology. Models which do not take break checks are considered to have passed them, and so they cannot be dragged down in a moment of weakness.

TACTICAL WITHDRAWAL

When a unit wins combat they may choose to use their momentum to their advantage and disengage from the fight, provided their opponents did not already break or flee. To do so, make a consolidation move (see below); so long as there are no model models in base contact with enemies the combat ends. The opposing force may consolidate at this time, but only 1" instead of the normal 3". A unit which chooses to disengage from combat in this way may not charge or heroically intervene in the following turn.

A unit which performs a tactical withdrawal cannot harry for any reason in the turn which it does so.

HARRYING, PILING IN, AND CONSOLIDATION

If a combat has ended, meaning one side has either fled or is completely destroyed the victorious side may harry and consolidate.

Harrying

If the all remaining enemy units in a combat break and will flee, then the victorious side may attempt to harry their opponents. In this case both players make an dice off by rolling a d6 and adding their initiative (using their highest in the combat).

If the fleeing side scores lower, the fleeing unit suffer a number of wounds (with no saves allowed of any kind) equal to the number of their models that are in base contact with enemies, but not exceeding the number of models in the harrying force.

Pile Ins

At the end of each assault phase, models in units what engaged in combat this turn, but which are not themselves in base contact with an enemy model **MUST** move up to 3" in attempt to contact enemy that were in the same combat. Pile in moves start with the defending player.

If for some reason (mass carnage usually) the pile in moves of the both combatants are insufficient to allow them to engage any models, the combat ends leaving remaining units no longer locked in combat. They may now consolidate.

Consolidation

After a combat has ended, each model remaining may make a 3" move. This move may not be used to start a new combat — you cannot end in base contact with another enemy model. There are a few ways that combat can end outside of the assault phase, in any circumstance if a combat ends, all remaining participants get to consolidate.

MORALE

It is a fortunate commander who can always rely on his troops to perform up to (and sometimes beyond) the limits of their courage. In the chaos and confusion of battle, troops can easily become demoralized, disoriented, or simply terrified by the violence unleashed against them.

For this element of the unknown, your units will have to check to see if their morale holds under certain circumstances. As you will have already gathered, particular events will require your units to take morale checks, and sometimes more than one!

MORALE CHECK

Morale represents the grit, determination, or (sometimes) plain stupidity of warriors in action. Morale checks are a specific kind of Leadership test. Morale checks (also sometimes called morale tests) are taken by rolling 2d6 and comparing the result to the unit's highest Leadership value.

- If the result is equal to or lower than the unit's Leadership the test is passed and the unit does not suffer any ill effects.
- If the result is higher than the target's Leadership the test is failed and the unit will become shaken!

Insane Heroism!

Occasionally, warriors will refuse to retreat even when faced with impossible odds or particularly harrowing experiences. Sometimes you can push someone just too far! A natural roll of double 1's on the morale check will automatically pass the morale check no matter what modifiers.

WHEN TO TEST

The most common reason to test for morale checks are

- A unit losing 25% or more of its current models during the shooting phase.
- Various psychic powers and wargear.
- A unit is within 12" of a friendly unit which has fallen back.
- When a unit loses combat during the assault phase.

If for any of the above cases the unit suffered 50% casualties of their remaining models then they must take the morale test with a -1 penalty to their Leadership.

But no matter what factor required the morale check(s), **morale checks are always taken at the end of the assault phase.** The best practice is to place a token or pair of dice next to a unit for each morale check that it must take to help not forget.

Units can be made to take multiple morale checks, but once a unit is falling back then further morale checks will cause no further effects.

Units in combat

When a foe bears down upon a target prior worries become the least of a soldier's concerns.

Any unit engaged in close combat cannot be made to take a morale check unless it is a result of losing combat, for any reason, no matter the cause.

SHAKEN!

When a unit nearly fails a morale check they become shaken. They will not flee, but will instead suffer a -1 penalty to any Leadership tests or morale checks they might need to take the following turn, and they suffer a -1 penalty to their movement weapon skill, ballistic skill, and initiative score for the same duration.

If a unit is shaken when called to take a morale test, failing the test will cause the unit to flee!

PINNED

Enormous blast that cause the earth to tear and the skies to shake; it is not uncommon for a unit to lose their nerve and try to cower in self preservation.

When a unit becomes pinned, they shelter in whatever protection they can find, or simply throw themselves to the dirt and pray to the emperor's protection. Until the end of the following turn they cannot move, shoot, charge, or otherwise do anything. The unit will benefit from a +1 cover save while pinned. If the unit is charged they will fight, but do so at initiative 0 and cannot make normal charge reactions.

The circumstances that cause pinning are not as common, and will be called out explicitly for the user to take a pinning test. Pinned units will also suffer the effects of being shaken, and if they fail another morale check they will flee.

Maybe pinning should not be an all or nothing thing? Like it could impose stacking penalties like movement? Pinning being separate from morale seems strange, given the implementation of their current rules. Perhaps there can be a flat effect, and a pinning check is in addition too, in which case I would say fearless should only ignore the fear aspect of the check.

FALLING BACK

Sometimes retreat is the only option left for a soldier. A withdrawal can give troops the chance to retire to a stronger position, to regroup and mount a fresh attack, or to hold back approaching enemy. Of course, a retreat is not without its risks.

When to Fall Back

Units must make a fall back move **at the end of the assault phase** upon failing a morale check whilst they were either: fleeing from combat, already shaken or pinned, or attempting to rally.

Fall Back Distance

Most units fall back **3 + d6 inches**, and all units fall back towards their table edge using the most direct path. Units comprised of models with different fall back speeds have each model fall back at their own speed – unit coherency is a secondary concern right now. If any model in the unit reaches the table edge the model is removed from play.

Fleeing From Close Combat

Models that are fleeing from close combat can freely move though all enemy models that were involved in the combat (the enemy has already missed their chance to catch them). This is an exception to the normal rules for moving. You still must be able to place the models though, if you cannot, they are trapped!

Trapped!

Sometimes a unit falling back finds itself blocked by terrain or enemy models. The unit may move around obstructions to get to their table edge even if it means moving back away from the table edge to do so. If a fleeing unit is ever completely trapped though such that there is no more avenues for retreat they are treated as being pinned for that turn – they must keep trying to rally as normal.

Falling back and Moving

Units falling back may do nothing in the movement phase.

Falling Back and Shooting

Units that are falling back may do nothing in the shooting phase.

Falling Back and Assault – Sweeping Advance

A unit that is falling back cannot charge or make any charge reactions or finally volleys. If they are successfully charged then the unit must pass a regroup test immediately and engage in combat, or it is removed from play — the victors may consolidate as normal upon ending a combat.

Continuing to Fallback

Units who have begun to fallback will continue to do so until they rally, as detailed following.

REGROUPING – RALLYING

All fleeing units, from both players, must **attempt to rally during the morale phase at the end of each turn**. If both players have units which regroup, the controlling player does their units first.

If they fail to regroup, they fall back again. If you pass the regroup test the unit rallies, consolidating up to 3 inches – they may not move more this turn, but may move normally the following turn. During the following shooting phase a unit that rallied may only snap-fire their weapons, or run as normal. The unit may charge as normal.

Attempting to rally is functionally exactly the same as a morale check – take a leadership test. Failing to rally will cause the unit to fall back again.

WEAPONS, AP, AND SAVES

By the 41st Millennium, warfare has spawned countless instruments of destruction and death, from the simple guardsman's service lasgun to the terrifying reality-tearing distort weaponry of the Eldar. In this section, we describe how the myriad types of weapons work in the Warhammer 41st

THE WEAPON PROFILE

Every weapon has a profile that details the weapon's characteristics. All weapons will use a similar looking profile as shown below.

	Range	S	AP	Type
Boltgun	24"	4	5	Rapid Fire

Melee vs Ranged Weapons

As we have previously discussed there are two phases in the game where combat and attacking occurs. The kind of weapon determines which of these phases it is to be used in. There are two categories that all weapons in Warhammer fall into — either ranged weapons, for use in the shooting phase, or melee weapons, for use in the assault phase. A weapon profile is a ranged weapon by default unless otherwise specified.

The way to tell them apart is to look at details of the weapons profile. If the weapon has a range of "-" and the type says "melee" then it is not a ranged weapon, and therefore is used in the assault phase. Like this chain sword.

	Range	S	AP	Type
Chain sword	-	+1	-	Melee, cleave

Weapons with multiple profiles

Some weapons have multiple profiles, such as the Eldar singing spear.

	Range	S	AP	Type
Singing Spear				
- Thrown	18"	x3	2	Assault 1, Witchblade
- Hand to Hand	-	x3	2	Melee, Witchblade

When using the weapon, you must select one profile to use. In this example we can even see that one of the weapon profiles is a melee profile, while the other is ranged. With weapons like these it is important to use the correct profile where appropriate.

Range (R)

Weapons ranged are given in inches, this is how far the weapon can shoot. Some weapons will have a range bracket with two

numbers, the first is the minimum range, the second is the maximum.

Template weapons

If it contains the word 'Template' or 'Hellstorm', it is still a shooting weapon, but instead of measuring range with inches it uses a special teardrop-shaped template.

Melee Type

Weapons with the Melee type can only be used in close combat, and they will have a range of "-".

Strength (S)

Like with weapon ranges there are a few different values to expect to see in present for this characteristic.

- If the weapon confers a Strength bonus, the Strength of the weapon's attacks is equal to that of the user after any such modifiers have been applied.
- If the weapon's Strength is 'User', then attacks made with that weapon are resolved at the wielder's Strength value.

For example, if an Imperial Guardsman (Strength 3) attacks with a weapon with Strength x2, his attack is Strength 6. If he attacks with a weapon with Strength +1, his attacks are Strength 4. If he is instead shooting his heavy bolter (Strength 5), his shots are resolved at Strength 5.

Armour Piercing (AP)

This value shows how good the weapon is at punching through armour. The lower the number the better the weapon is at piercing armour — canceling the target's armour save. Some weapons have no AP value at all, while heavy anti-tank weapons commonly have very good armour penetration capabilities.

The AP value of a weapon indicated which levels of armour save it goes through — an armour save of equal value or higher (worse) than the AP value cannot be made in defense of this attack. If the AP value is higher than the save, then the save can be made as normal. For example, a space marine missile launcher shooting a krak missile is AP 3, so only a model with a 2+ armour save would be allowed to take its save against this hit. Note that armour penetration is always applied before any armour save modifiers.

Armour Rend

Very rarely a weapon will present itself with a *negative* AP score. This negative value indicates that the weapon uses the armour rend rules in addition to the normal armour penetration rules just covered.

Armour rend manifests itself in a reduction of saving throw in a similar way as overpower. If a weapon's AP is -1, then a -1 penalty is applied to the target's saving throw. Armour penetration is always applied before armour rend.

OVERPOWER

There is a time and place for everything, especially when its a big gun. When an attack exceeds the criteria to wound on a 2+ it will deal major damage to their target. Hits like these are resolved with -1 penalty to armour saves. Additionally, when a model suffers an unsaved wound from an attack with overpower they lose one additional wound.

For example, consider a guardsman firing a strength 7 auto-cannon at a toughness 4 chaos space marine. While the AP4 of the weapon is not enough to go through the marine 3+ armour, the s7 to t4 causes the attack to exceed the 2+ to wound threshold. In this attack the marine will suffer a -1 penalty to his save, so he makes a 4+ save.

INVULNERABLE SAVES

Some warriors are protected by more than mere physical armour. They may be shielded by force fields, shrouded by psychic energies or have an alien metabolism that can shrug off hits that would put holes in a battle tank.

Models with wargear or abilities that grant the user with an invulnerable save are powerful indeed. An invulnerable save is an extra save that can be taken in addition to an armour save providing another layer of protection, but most important of all, is that an attacks armour penetration has no effect on an invulnerable save. They can almost always be taken, only in very explicit circumstances can an invulnerable save not be used.

RANGED WEAPONS

A shooting weapon always has one of the following types: **Assault, Rapid Fire, Heavy, Ordnance, Salvo, or Pistol**. These rules (found on the next two pages) measure a weapon's portability and affect the way they can be fired, depending on whether or not the model carrying them moved that turn. Other type modifiers can also be applied in addition to one of these, but the ranged weapon will always have one of these types.

A shooting weapon can only be used to make shooting attacks and may not be used while in combat, except for pistols.

Number of Shots

The number of shots a weapon fires is noted directly after its type in the following notation: Rapid Fire 2, or Assault 3, or Heavy 1. Always the type is listed first, then immediately afterward the number of shots the weapon fires.

For example, a multi-laser is a Heavy weapon that fires three shots each Shooting phase, so its type is Heavy 3.

Remember that the player can decide that any model in a firing unit is not going to fire its weapon. However, if a model does fire, it must do so at full effect (so it cannot fire only two shots from its Heavy 3 weapon).

Special Rules

The type section of a weapon's profile also includes any special rules that apply to the weapon in question. More information on these can be found either in the special rules section or in the codex or army list entry the weapon is found in.

Sometimes a weapon will have an ability or special use instructions not listed in the profile, but directly above or below it,

so pay attention while looking over the weapon listing in your codex armoury.

Firing Modes

Some weapons can be used in different ways, representing different power settings or types of ammo. Some weapons can be used in combat as well as shooting. Where this is the case, there will be a separate line in the weapon's profile for each, and you can choose which to use each turn.

WEAPON TYPES

Close Combat Weapons

Many weapons (combat knives, maces, axes and other improvised or primitive weapons) don't confer any Strength bonuses, AP values or special rules. These weapons are simply referred to as 'close combat weapon' in the model's wargear and have the following profile:

	Range	S	AP	Type
Close combat weapon	-	User	-	Melee

Pistols

Pistols are light enough to be carried and fired one-handed, but with limited range, allowing a trooper to fight in close combat with a pistol and sword or other melee weapon.

The pistol weapon type is unique, in that in addition to being a ranged weapon, you may use it during the assault phase to make a single attack as if it were a melee weapon too. Models can fire pistols in pairs during the shooting phase.

	Range	S	AP	Type
Shuriken Pistol	12"	4	-	Pistol 1

Assault Weapons

Assault weapons are fired by warriors as they move forwards into combat. They fire so rapidly or indiscriminately that they don't have to do much more than point and shoot. For example, a flamer is a weapon that fires a gout of burning fuel – it's just as accurate whether the firer is moving or not. This means they are very good for advancing on the foe!

A model shooting an Assault weapon shoots the number of times indicated on its profile, whether or not the bearer has moved this turn.

	Range	S	AP	Type
Storm bolter	24"	4	5	Assault 2

Rapid Fire Weapons

Rapid Fire weapons are very common and usually come in the form of fast shooting infantry rifles. Their versatility means they can be fired effectively 'from the hip' when a squad is advancing, spraying shots into the enemy whenever they present themselves, or instead, used for aimed single shots against targets at greater distances.

A model armed with a Rapid Fire weapon can fire double the shots at a target that is within half range, or the indicated number of shots at a target within the maximum range. If a unit shooting Rapid Fire weapons is only partially within half

range of the target, the models within half range fire two shots, while those further away fire one.

	Range	S	AP	Type
Plasma rifle	24"	7	2	Rapid Fire, Gets Hot!

By far, the most common amount of shots when using a rapid fire weapon at max range is 1. In these cases weapon profiles will read Rapid Fire, instead of Rapid Fire 1, but they mean the same thing.

Salvo Weapons

Salvo weapons are heavier weapons that spit-forth a large volley of fire. While capable of continuous fire while moving, they are much more effective while stationary.

Salvo weapons have two numbers on their profile (listed after their type) separated by a '/'. If the wielder has moved this turn then the number of shots is equal to the first number otherwise it can instead fire a greater number of shots equal to the second number.

	Range	S	AP	Type
Splinter Cannon	24"	6	5	Salvo 4/6, Poison 4+

Heavy Weapons

These are heavy, man-portable weapons, such as missile launchers, or lighter weapons that require reloading between each shot, careful set-up or bracing to counter their recoil.

When shooting, a model with a Heavy weapon shoots the number of times indicated. If a model carrying a Heavy weapon moved this turn then he may not attack with this weapon.

	Range	S	AP	Type
Missile launcher	48"	8	3	Heavy 1

If an infantry model did not move in his last movement phase, he gains +1 to hit when firing heavy weapons.

Ordnance Weapons

Ordnance weapons are the big guns of the battlefield - cannons so vast they normally have to be mounted on tanks and artillery.

When shooting with an Ordnance weapon the bearers fires the number of times indicated in the weapon's profile. A non-vehicle model carrying an Ordnance weapon cannot fire it in the Shooting phase if he moved this turn. Ordnance weapons cannot fire Snap Shots.

Firing a massive ordnance weapon requires the attention of all the crew. If a non-vehicle model fires an Ordnance weapon, then the massive recoil from the Ordnance weapon means that the model cannot fire other weapons that phase, nor will it be able to charge in the ensuing Assault phase. If the gun is on a vehicle, other weapons fired that turn are fired as snap shots.

Ordnance weapons hit with such force that when rolling to wound or to penetrate a vehicle's armour with an Ordnance weapon, roll two dice instead of one and pick the highest result!

	Range	S	AP	Type
Battle cannon	72"	8	3	Ordnance 1, Large Blast

Ordnance Barrage

Ordnance barrage weapons may not be fired in a turn which any unit moves – even vehicles.

GRENADES

There are two main types of grenades, assault and defensive grenades. Grenades are primarily used as part of modifying combat. Defensive grenades deny a charging unit their extra attack from charging. Assault grenades are used to flush out foes from behind cover, allowing them to assault into foes in cover with no penalty to initiative.

BLAST AND TEMPLATE WEAPONS

Blast weapons fire shells, missiles or bolts of energy that explode on impact. If the target is in range, the large area affected by the blast means it's going to be very hard to miss completely. Nonetheless, the shot may not land exactly where it was intended to.

Firing Blast Weapons

When firing a blast weapon, models do not roll to hit as normal. Instead scatter the blast template using the following procedure.

- Position the blast template over your desired target location, not covering any friendly models, keeping the center of the blast marker within range and line of sight.
- Scatter the template 3d3 minus the firer's ballistic skill, and not more than half the distance to the original target location.
- Count up the models partially or fully under the template, these are hit by the attack.
- If the shot scatters so that the hole in the center of the marker is beyond the table's edge, the shot is a complete miss and is discarded.

Example, a BS4 Space Marine fires a frag missile and rolls an arrow result on the scatter dice. The 3d3 roll is a 7, so the blast is moved 3" (7 minus 4) in the direction indicated by the arrow.

Note that it is possible, and absolutely fine, for a scattering shot to land beyond the weapon's range and line of sight, representing the chance of ricochets, the missile blasting through cover and other random chance. In these cases hits are worked out as normal.

Blast weapons and Cover

When determining a targets cover save from blast weapons, always consider the attack to be made from the location of the attacker. In cases where they are out of line of sight, remember that the rules for determining cover save do not rely on line of sight.

Example: A mortar team is attacking a unit of guardians hiding behind a wall. Walls provide a medium cover for units at least 25% obscured by then which are also in base contact. In this case 25% obscured is still true when completely out of line of sight, so the target models gain a 4+ cover save.

Blasts and Large blasts

There are two sizes of blast marker: the normal one (3" diameter) and the large one (5" diameter). A weapon with the blast rule shoots the smaller one, and weapons with the large blast rule fire the larger template. When resolving an attack from a large blast you will need both templates. **A large blast weapon will only deal maximum damage inside the inner most 3", the outer ring has an AP penalty of 1, and cannot overpower.** All models that are at least partially under the smaller template take full effects from this weapon – the remaining units are hit at the weaker profile.

Multiple blasts

If a unit is firing more than one blast weapon (for example, a heavy weapons team armed with four frag missiles at an enemy, or a single blast weapon fires multiple shots), resolve each shot one at the time as described above, determining and recording how many hits are scored by each blast marker. Finally fire any other weapon in the unit, then add all of the hits together and roll to wound as normal.

Blast weapons and re-rolls

If a model has the ability to re-roll its rolls to hit and chooses to do so after firing a blast weapon, the player must re-roll both the scatter dice and the 3d3.

Multi level terrain.

Lots of terrain has multiple levels or floors. When shooting blast or template weapons at a walled structure with distinct levels, the terrain features will constrain the blast as determined by where the center of the blast template lands. Blast weapons are considered to be a cylinder with height equal to the diameter of the template.

The attacking player may decide how to vertically position the blast if there are multiple options, but it can only ever hit one floor at a time.

Barrage

Certain weapons launch their shells high up into the air so that they plunge down upon their target, passing over any intervening cover en route and even striking targets that are out of sight.

All barrage weapons use blast markers and consequently use the rules for blast weapons, with the following exceptions:

- Barrage weapons scatter 2d6" instead of 3d3".
- When firing a barrage weapon they will only and always hit the highest exposed floor which the center of the blast marker covers.
- Most barrage weapons have a minimum range as well as a maximum range (e.g. Range: 12"- 48"). If the center of the marker is placed by the firer within the minimum range (before rolling for scatter), the shot misses automatically and is removed.
- Death raining from the sky is a truly terrifying experience, therefore all barrage weapons have the pinning special rule.
- Barrage weapons can fire at a target they cannot see, but if they do this, the BS of the firer makes no difference and the blast marker scatters a full 2D6" if an arrow is rolled on the scatter dice.

Template Weapons

These are particularly indiscriminate short-ranged devices, such as flame throwers, which affect a broad, cone-shaped area represented by a template (see diagram). They are indicated by having the word 'template' for their range instead of a number.

- Instead of rolling to hit, simply place the template so that its narrow end is touching the model firing it and the rest of the template covers as many models as possible in the target unit without touching any friendly models.
- Against vehicles, the template must be placed to cover as much of the vehicle as possible without also touching a friendly model.
- Any models fully or partially under the template are hit.
- Because template weapons bathe the area in burning fuel, cover is ignored when resolving wounds, even for models inside area terrain!

Torrent

Torrent This weapon fires a massive gout of flame, gas or lethal fluids across the battle field.

A weapon with this special rule is treated like any other Template weapon, but when firing it in the Shooting phase, place the template so that the narrow end is within 12" of the weapon and the wide end is no closer to the weapon than the narrow end. You cannot place the template such that more than 1" of the template is out of Line of Sight of the firer.

Ranged Templates

Sometimes a template weapon will have a range value associated with them. When this happens they are fired similarly to torrent weapons placing the narrow end within the specified range of the model, but the template cannot be angled. It must be positioned such that the model, the narrow end, and the tip of the template form a straight line.

INDEPENDENT CHARACTERS

Veteran warriors. brilliant officers. possessed prophets and ferocious war-leaders can inspire the troops to great feats of heroism (or fiendish bravery as the case may be) and are often quicker, stronger and more skilled in combat. In Warhammer 40.000 these kinds of powerful individuals are called ‘characters’

CHARACTERS IN BATTLE

There are two kinds of characters. The first are most common, squad leaders, or high ranking and inspirational units who join a squad, but will stay with them for the whole duration of a game. These characters often are fielded with unique or powerful wargear, and sometimes they have an enhanced characteristics such as higher leadership.

- Only independent characters can leave and join units freely

The rules presented here in this chapter mostly pertain to the second type, the independent characters. Basic characters will operate as part of their unit and follow all the normal rules, but are still considered characters for some specific rules, such as Look out Sir!

INDEPENDENT CHARACTERS

These are your armies heroes, captains, or leaders. Equipped with the finest, their skills stand above the rest of their followers.

Characters do not belong to a unit, that is to say they make up a unit all on their own. You will see rules following for when an character leads another unit, but remember that unless otherwise stated he is his own independent unit.

INDEPENDENT CHARACTERS AS LEADERS

Independent characters often fight right along side their allies, bolstering ranks and morale whilst leading them to victory!

So long as an independent character maintains unit coherency with a friendly unit he will, for purposes that concern the unit, be leading the unit. This is also sometimes referred to as joining a unit. Independent characters is free to leave and join units however and whenever they like. But they can only be said to be leading one unit at a time, so if there could be confusion make sure to be clear as to which he is leading.

There are a number of bonuses a unit gains when their is a character leading them. For one they will be able to use the characters leadership score for the purposes of morale checks, assuming its higher. Additionally there are some special rules that will be passed onto the lead unit from the character.

Retinues

Retinues are the exception to the rule. Some characters choose to lead a special retinue of their finest soldiers as their own personal bodyguard. These cases will be made explicit, and indicated as such in the respective codex. In these cases you must field the character together with a their retinue as they are treated as a unit. Likewise, the character may not leave the unit unless the retinue is destroyed.

Loner

Some independent characters never join units. In this matter they are still considered to be an independent character for all other purposes.

CHARACTERS AND SHOOTING

All independent characters shoot just like ordinary troopers, although in many cases they will have better Ballistic Skill or exotic weaponry that sets them apart. For the purposes of shooting characters are considered to be part of the unit they are leading.

Lost in the Heat of Battle

Throughout the chaos of the war torn battlefield it is often hard to distinguish individuals, and even harder to pick them out as specific targets.

Independent characters are protected from ranged attacks in the two following ways:

- Independent characters cannot be picked out as a separate target by ranged attacks if they are in a position to lead a unit or units.
- Independent characters cannot have wounds allocated to them unless every model from every unit they are within unit coherency with has already had hits allocated to them.

Example: An Eldar farseer is standing in the center of two different 10 man guardian squads. Because he is close to a unit he cannot be targeted individually by ranged attacks. For any hits to be allocated onto him at least 21 hits would need to be scored, with at least 10 on each guardian squad.

Characters that are not leading a unit may be targeted by ranged attacks as normal. Characters that are monstrous creatures can always be picked out as separate units, regardless of if they have joined a unit or not following the normal rules for Shoot the Big Ones.

Look out Sir!

Sometimes a brave soldier will willingly (or unwillingly) sacrifice themselves boldly into harms way to protect their leader.

Before rolling for saves, wounds that were allocated to a character can be reallocated to a different model in the unit on a

roll of a 4+. Please note that both independent and regular characters can use Look out Sir!

In order to make use of Look out sir! an independent character needs to be next to a unit of sufficiently similar size. I currently have no rules for size (normal, bulky, extremely bulky, monstrous creature). But I'm also not sure if this is better handled on a case by case basis.

CHARACTERS AND ASSAULT

If a unit including a character charges into combat, the independent character can come with them, or may break off at this point.

In combat characters are considered their own unit and may target and be targeted using the normal rules to do so.

CHARACTERS AND MORALE

Independent characters take morale checks for all the normal reasons, just like regular units.

Their Unit Breaks

When a unit in which a character is with breaks, the character may choose to flee with them, or choose to take a further morale check, if they succeed they remain steadfast and can continue to operate as normal. If the character is in a position in which he could lead multiple units, this test is passed automatically.

Uplifting Spirit

An independent character who can come within unit coherency of a fleeing unit can give them another chance to regroup using his leadership during your turn. Failing this test will not cause the fleeing unit to flee further. This cannot be used on the first turn a unit flees.

CHALLENGES

Warriors issue their battle cries in challenge of cowardice!

Characters can issue challenges in combat against other characters and squad leaders for a chance at single combat to prove their worthiness, valor, or whatever characteristic they deem important.

Starting with the attacking player, both players are given the option to call for a challenge after a successful charge is made. In doing so, the controlling player must nominate which of their characters is giving the challenge. At this point, the opposing player may choose to answer the challenge with one of his characters, or ignore the challenge.

Refusing a challenge imposes a -1 penalty to leadership if you lose combat, but otherwise nothing else. If a challenge is issued then the charging unit(s) of that player do not gain +1 attack for charging, the momentum is lost. If a challenge is accepted, no other models in the combat fight — the two forces stand by as the champions duel. The two characters in the challenge count as being in base contact with one another.

PSYCHIC POWERS

Some individuals are known as Psykers, characters capable of tapping the power of the Warp and manipulating its energies in terrifying ways. Some can send bolts of lightning arcing from their fingertips while others can hurl aside tanks with the powers of their mind, or rip their foes asunder with but a glance. However, in order to wield such power they risk eternal damnation, for the Warp is a nightmare realm inhabited by all manner of fell entities and daemons that can ravage the mind and body of the incautious Psyker.

PSYKERS

Each Psyker knows one or more psychic powers, as detailed in their codex. These powers vary from race to race, and sometimes from one individual Psyker to another. Sometimes, a Psyker will have the option to know additional psychic powers, in which case. This will also be clearly shown in the relevant codex.

MASTERY LEVELS

The number of psychic powers a Psyker knows and can cast each turn depends on his Mastery Level. Even a Psyker with a Mastery Level of 1 is a fearsome foe. Psykers with a Mastery Level of 4 or higher are incredibly rare, and it is better for the galaxy that this is so - they are almost unbelievably powerful, and rarely submit to any authority other than their own.

A psykers master level will be indicated by a number immediately following psyker special rule, usually in parenthesis. For instance, psyker (2) means that the psyker is master level 2.

How Many Known Powers

Most psykers will know one more power than their mastery level, but this is not always the case. Double check a units entry and the psychic powers listing.

Our example psyker is master level 2, and so they may pick 3 powers.

Picking Psychic Powers

Picking psychic powers is done during army building, and should be written down as they may not be changed during the battle.

How many powers can be cast

Unless otherwise stated, a psyker can try to cast a number of psychic powers equal to his mastery every turn, and he will know one more spell than his mastery.

Going back to our example, the mastery level 2 psyker can cast 2 powers a turn.

WARP LEVEL

All psychic powers have varying degrees of casting difficulty, known as their warp level. The higher the warp level the more difficult it is to cast, but also the more powerful the power will be. This will be indicated next to each specific power in their respective codex.

Here is an example power wielded by Tyranid zoanthropes, warp blast.

Warp Blast **warp level 5,6**

Warp Blast is a psychic shooting attack that can be used as either a Blast or a Lance mode. When using the lance mode, the warp level is increased to 6.

	Range	S	AP	Type
Warp Blast	24"	5	3	Assault 1, Blast
Warp Lance	18"	10	1	Assault 1, Lance

The warp level of a power is used when taking psychic tests, as discussed below.

CASTING PSYCHIC POWERS

Different psychic powers are used at different stages in the turn; some powers are used at the start of the turn, others are used at the start of a particular phase, or might replace a model's normal action within that phase. Sometimes, this will be specified in the psychic power itself. At other times, you'll need to refer to the power type listed in the psychic power.

A Psyker cannot attempt to manifest psychic powers if he is falling back, but can if he has gone to ground. A Psyker cannot manifest the same psychic power more than once each turn, but can try to cast it again if originally not successful. On a turn that a psyker arrives from reserve he cannot attempt to manifest any psychic powers that must be manifested at the start of the Movement phase.

Once a Psyker states which psychic power he is going to attempt to manifest, follow this sequence:

- 1. Declare Target**
If the psychic power requires a target, choose it now.
- 2. Take Psychic Test**
The Psyker must now take a Psychic test. If the test is failed, the psychic power fails. If a double 1 or double 6 is rolled, the Psyker suffers Perils of the Warp, which is resolved immediately.
- 3. Deny the Witch**
If the Psychic test was passed and the target was an enemy, it now gets a chance to Deny the Witch and nullify the power. If the power is nullified, the attempt fails and nothing further happens.

4. Resolve the Power

Assuming that the Psychic test was passed and the power was not nullified by a Deny the Witch roll, it is now resolved

Declare Target

If the psychic power requires a target, you must nominate it at this point. **Unless otherwise stated, the Psyker must have line of sight to his target.** This means that a Psyker embarked on a Transport can only target himself, his vehicle or another unit embarked on the same vehicle as the Psyker. Similarly, a Psyker outside a Transport cannot target a unit embarked within one.

Psychic Test

The Psyker must now pass a Psychic test to see if he can control the power he's calling upon.

In order to successfully cast a power the psyker must **roll 2d6 and add his mastery level.** If he rolls higher than or equal to the warp level of the power he is trying to cast, then the power is successful. If he rolls lower the power fails, but it still uses up one of the psykers attempts to cast.

Deny the Witch

One of the most important roles of a psyker is to protect his fellow men from the onslaught of enemy psykers. If an enemy psychic power is targeting one of your units that is within 12"

of one of your psykers then they may attempt to thwart their foe, channeling their own magics in defense.

In order to Deny the witch your psyker must also take a psychic test, **rolling 1d6 plus up to a single extra d6 for each psychic mastery level,** with the goal to roll higher than the score made by their assailant. If you roll higher the spell is successfully dismantled. Note that perils of the warp also applies to attempts to deny the witch. A psyker may attempt to deny the witch without limit, but only once per enemy cast.

Resolve the Power

Assuming that the Psychic test was passed and the enemy did not nullify it through a successful Deny the Witch roll, you can now resolve the psychic power according to instructions in its entry. Unless otherwise stated, the effects of multiple different psychic powers are cumulative.

PERILS OF THE WARP

If the roll for the Psychic test is either a double 1 or double 6 (whether the test was passed or not) this indicates that something horrible has happened to the Psyker. The forces of the Daemon-haunted Warp claw at the psyker's mind and threaten to engulf and destroy him. The Psyker immediately suffers 1 Wound with no saves of any kind allowed.

If the psyker is destroyed by perils of the warp, then for every other unit within 6" of psyker up to d3 models suffer a wound with no saves allowed of any kind.

UNIT TYPES

The following goes into greater depth about the working of how all non-vehicle models move around the battlefield and interact during each phase. Vehicles are so different that they need their own chapter

INFANTRY

Infantry make up the most common trooper of armies. Ranging from hardened veterans to alien creatures, they are all similar in that they are ground based. Infantry have no special rules, so if you have finished reading all the other sections you already know how they work! The rules here are just a re-iteration to make them easy to find.

Infantry represent the foundation of all armies. They offer no unique rules not found elsewhere in the rules, the following is only written here for convenience as a reminder. Other unit types build off the regular infantry rules, describing and unique differences and special rules they might have.

Moving with Infantry

Infantry movement is very straight forward. Infantry models can move 6" from their start point. This includes both vertical and planer movement for climbing up and over things, and when moving up a hill just measure the diagonal.

Shooting with Infantry

Infantry may only shoot one weapon in the shooting phase or two pistols. They use the normal restrictions for moving and firing weapons of all types. Infantry count as having a 360° firing arc.

Charging with Infantry

Sometimes an Infantry team is outfitted for a close quarters fight. It is still a brutally effective combat tactic, as even the best armour gives little protection against many of the weapons used. When making an assault, infantry charge 4 + 2d3 inches.

JUMP INFANTRY

Jump Infantry are a very maneuverable type of any unit, able to cover much more ground than their foot slogging brethren. Jump infantry are for all intents and purposes also infantry and so inherit the traits of the infantry unit type, and can move and behave as such if they wish, choosing between using jump or grounded movement.

Moving with Jump Movement

When using their jump movement, jump infantry can move an extra 3 inches. When fleeing they will flee an extra 3 inches. Unlike standard foot soldiers they can move in any vector flying up over obstacles if they so desire, rather than needing to

walk and climb. Jump infantry need to be landed at the start and end of their move.

Dangerous Descent

Jump infantry using their jump movement can move over all intervening terrain provided their move is such that they can clear it. When moving through difficult terrain with your jump move they must take dangerous terrain tests for doing so but are not slowed by it.

Charging with Jump Packs

Using your jump move in the assault phase to charge grants the wearer the Hammer of Wrath special rule, and lets your re-roll charge distances, but again must take dangerous terrain tests if charging through or terrain.

JET PACK INFANTRY

Jet Pack Infantry sacrifice the speed of jump packs for maneuverability and one distinct advantage – they provide a very stable mobile firing solution. Jet Pack infantry are for all intents and purposes also infantry and so inherit the traits of the infantry unit type, and can move and behave as such if they wish, choosing between using jump or grounded movement.

Moving with Jet Packs

Jet pack infantry are not as fast as jump infantry and so gain no extra movement in the movement phase. They do have the option of using jump movement, enabling them to move in any vector, flying up over obstacles and intervening models if they so desire. Remember that like jump infantry, they need to be landed at the start and end of their move.

Thruster Move

Jet Pack Infantry can, instead of charging during their assault phase, use an a special move called a thrust move. The unit can move up to 4+2d3 inches in any direction using their jet packs, following the rules above for moving with jet packs. Jetpack infantry will flee an extra 3 inches.

BEASTS

Beasts are a terrifying sight, blindingly fast they cover all sorts of ground with ease – some even able to run along the sides of walls! Beasts inherit all the standard traits of infantry with the following exceptions

The benefit of Beasts is their ability to cross all sorts of terrain without difficulty. Beasts have the move through cover and fleet special rule. Beasts move, and flee an additional 3 inches. Beasts have the fear special.

MONSTROUS CREATURES

Monstrous creatures are a terror for any common soldier to see on the battlefield. Towering many times the height of a man, these seemingly invincible creatures leave nothing but destruction in their wake.

Lumbering Behemoth

One of the bonuses of being a massive force is that petty trees and rocks don't slow you down as much as smaller creatures. Monstrous Creatures suffer no penalties from moving through difficult terrain, but otherwise move just like regular infantry.

In addition, monstrous creatures always suffer a -1 penalty to any cover saves the might receive — being gargantuan does have its down sides. Monstrous creatures have the bulky and fear special rule.

Monstrous creatures sheer size lets them simply walk away from a combat with little to no regard for those at their heels. But if they do so they are subject to being harried.

No model that is not also of the monstrous creature unit type may join a unit that includes a monstrous creatures.

Big Guns Never Tire

Monstrous Creatures are capable of shooting two weapons, but they have to shoot at the same target. Additionally, monstrous creatures can treat one of their ranged weapons a single shot unwieldy pistol type weapon in close combat – this will never generate bonus attacks. Monstrous creatures have the relentless special rule.

Crushing Blows

Such is the might blow of a monstrous creature, it can crush all but the most protected individuals. Monstrous Creatures have the hammer of wrath and smash special rules.

Damaging Monstrous Creatures

As most monstrous creature takes damage, they begin to weaken – only the rare and most nasty creatures are capable of fighting at full strength all the way up until they die.

Every time a monstrous creature loses a Wound, the owning player must chose one other characteristic to be worsened by 1. You may not choose the same characteristic twice until every other characteristic is damaged at least once. If at some point a Wound is somehow restored, the stat is also recovered.

Jump and Jet Pack Monstrous Creatures

Sometimes even monstrous creatures are not bound to the ground. These monstrous creatures gain the abilities of the jump and jet pack infantry unit types respectively.

DREADNOUGHTS

These massive engines of war are unlike the soulless machines of other races, for at their heart rests a mortal warrior whose instincts and experience guides their steel body on the field of battle. Employed by the Space Marines, these towering behemoths excel as line-breakers and siege engines.

The following rules apply to all Dreadnought models:

- Deadnaughts have poison immunity, with similar defences against attacks made with the fleshbane special rule, and witchblades: Successful Wounds scored by attacks with the Poisoned or Fleshbane special rules must be re-rolled against them and the special rule itself does not work.
- All Dreadnought model shave the Fearless special rule.
- All Dreadnoughts have the Lumbering Behemoth special rule.
- Dreadnoughts have the crushing blows special rule.
- All Dreadnoughts have the Big Guns Never Tire special rule, and may fire all weapons they are equipped with.
- Dreadnoughts have the relentless special rule.
- No model that is not also of the Dreadnought Unit Type may join a unit that includes a Dreadnought model.

MOBILE WEAPONS SYSTEM

These piloted machines allow deployment of heavy weaponry on small and often speedy platforms often at the cost of defensive capabilities. Being cumbersome to control are not the most apt at fighting in close quarters combat, as they often lack any means to fight other than their legs. If the enemy closes in they can quickly find themselves overrun and taken down.

Mobile weapons systems have the following special rules: relentless, bulky.

BATTLESUITS

Battlesuits are a far more elegant solution than walkers, but not so grusom as the permanent cybernetic implantation of deadnaughts. Semi integrated control systems allow much more finesse and reactions from a battlesuit, feeling to an experienced pilot as if it is an extension of themselves like a knight with his sword.

Battlesuits come in varying sizes, but all use the following special rules: relentless, bulky, poison immunity: attacks do not benefit from the poisoned special rule successful wounds scored by said attacks must be re-rolled against battlesuits.

Jump and Jet Pack Battlesuits

Many battlesuits come fitted with some form of flight. These battlesuits gain the abilities of the jump and jet pack infantry unit types respectively.

CAVALRY

Cavalry are a rarity in the battlefield, they fill a similar role of other more 'modern' fast attack units. Still there are some who prefer to ride with the thundering beat of hooves underneath.

Moving with Cavalry

Cavalry carry their riders swiftly across the landscape, and move and flee an additional 3 inches.

However, cavalry cannot climb up vertical slopes or terrain pieces with multiple levels. A Cavalry unit can only move upwards 2" at a time and may never go onto another floor of a ruin unless it features an obvious ramp. They may never enter buildings.

Additionally, cavalry cannot be pinned.

Unstable Footing

When moving through difficult terrain cavalry models suffer no movement penalties, however all difficult terrain is treated as dangerous terrain.

Advance, Charge!

A Cavalry team is often outfitted for a close quarters fight, their speed and maneuverability aiding in getting them close. Cavalry units have the Hammer of Wrath special fleet special rules.

BIKES

Bikes are a very effective means of quick movement while also being able to mount a heavier array of guns. Their downside is their inability to handle as much terrain as foot soldiers.

A model's bike counts as an extension of the model's body despite normally being wargear.

Moving with Bikes

Bikes move in a complicated fashion following normal rules for grounded movement. The following rules apply to all bike models:

- Bikes are very fast, bikes move, and flee an extra 6 inches.
- However unlike infantry, bikes cannot climb up vertical slopes or terrain pieces with multiple levels.
- A bike unit can only ride upwards over obstacles that are smaller than their wheels, and may never go onto another floor of a ruin unless it features an obvious ramp.
- They may never enter buildings.
- Additionally, bikes cannot be pinned and have the jink and skirmish special rules.

Treacherous traversal

Rough terrain can pose a serious threat to Bike units, cracks and obstacles are perilous to those who make a mistake. When moving through difficult terrain Bike models move their full distance, but they count all difficult terrain as dangerous.

Shooting with Bikes

Bikes may shoot one weapon for every infantry model represented on the bike. Bikes have the relentless special rule allow-

ing them to fire weapons as if they had not moved. Weapons mounted on Bikes have a 90° firing arc out of their front, while weapons the riders carry have a 360° firing arc.

Turbo-boost

When bikes 'run' it is known as turbo boosting; when turbo boosting bikes may move up to 12". When bikes turbo-boost they become hard to hit, imposing a -1 to hit penalty from shooting attacks and melee attacks.

Bikes and Assault

Bikes make a poor platform for prolonged close quarters engagements, they are not maneuverable enough for the rider to protect himself. On the other hand their mobility makes them ideal for a quick strike and get-away. Bikes have the Hit and Run and Hammer of Wrath special rules.

However if the bikes did not charge that round, they suffer a -1 penalty to weaponskill, initiative, and attacks (to a minimum of 1) whilst in combat. Bikes cannot counter charge. Additionally, riders of bikes can only use 1 melee weapon, and so never gain bonuses attacks from multiples weapons.

Jet Bikes

Jet bikes follow all the usual rules for bikes, but use hover movement. Additionally jetbikes can turbo-boost an additional 6".

SWARMS

Swarms represent creatures that are too puny to be an individual threat on the battlefield, but when operating as a sea of dozens of creatures they can destroy much larger enemies.

All swarms have the small targets and vulnerable to blasts special rules. In addition, intervening swarms never offer any cover save to monstrous creatures or vehicles.

Power in Numbers

Swarms Always have attacks tied to their remaining wounds. For every lost wound, the swarm loses one attack.

VEHICLES

Lumbering armoured behemoths riddled with guns scour the landscape with blasts of fire and death. Vehicles play an important role on the battlefield, protected by heavy armour they can be a spearhead for your forces, provide high powered fire support, or even transport infantry quickly across the battlefield.

Because vehicles do not fight in the same manner as creatures of flesh and blood, their rules differ from other models in a number of ways, detailed here. The types of vehicles you will see is as diverse as the types of other units, but the thing they have in common is that they all use a two different type of characteristics, armour and hull points.

ARMOUR AND HULL POINTS

Vehicles have characteristics that define how powerful they are in a different way from other troops. Shown here is an example of a vehicles profile.

	⊖ Armour ⊖				
	BS	Front	Side	Rear	Hp
Hammerhead Gunship	4	13	12	10	4

Looking past the other differences for right now, we can see that there are two new characteristics that vehicles have that are not also seen on the other unit profiles we have seen until this point, these being armour facings, and hull points.

Here is another example of a different type of vehicle, but you will find it also using armour facings and hull points.

	⊖ Armour ⊖								
	WS	BS	S	F	S	R	I	A	Hp
Sentinal	3	3	6	10	10	10	2	2	2

Armour Facing Values (AV)

The Armour Value (sometimes just referred to as Armour) of a vehicle tells you how hard it is to damage. Vehicles have separate Armour Values to represent the protection on their front (F), sides (S) and rear (R). Armour Values typically range from 10 to 14, depending on which side of the vehicle is being attacked, with the lightest armour usually on the rear.

Hull Points (HP)

If you punch enough wholes in something it stops working the way you need it to – every vehicle has a number of Hull Points, indicating how much damage it can take before it is wrecked. When this value reaches 0 the model is destroyed.

MISSING CHARACTERISTICS

You'll have noticed that most vehicles do not have all the characteristics of regular units. This means that they do not interact in ways that would require those characteristics.

For example, tanks do not have a weapon skill, and as such cannot make melee attacks. Similarly, vehicles do not have Wounds, so any rule interacting with wounds, such as +1 to wound, has no effect on vehicles — you cannot roll to wound against something with no wounds!

Vehicles and Morale

Vehicles never take Morale checks for any reason. It is assumed that in all cases the vehicle's crew has unshakable faith in their vehicle and their orders. Any occasional lapses that do occur are represented by crew shaken and stunned results on the Damage table. **This is something I might change. Most moral checks from shooting wont be applicable, but I want to work out a better solution for losing combat.**

VEHICLES AND MEASURING DISTANCES

As vehicle models do not usually have bases the normal rule of measuring distances to or from a base cannot be used. Instead, for distances involving a vehicle, measure to and from their hull, ignoring gun barrels, dozer-blades, antennas, banners and other decorative elements.

There is, however, the notable exception of a vehicle's weaponry. When firing a vehicle's weapons, ranges are measured from the muzzle of the firing weapon and line of sight is determined from the weapon's mounting point and along its barrel.

PLAYING WITH VEHICLES

There are lots of sub types within the realm of vehicles, which give special attributes and ways said vehicles interact with the game. Some common examples include tanks, skimmers, walkers, and flyers. There are more 'sub-types' that further describe the vehicles characteristics, such as Fast, Heavy, and Open-topped. But these are generally small details.

These will be seen together for example, a fast open-topped skimmer, in which case the vehicle has all of the rules for all of its types. Throughout the rest of this chapter we will go over the basics for playing with vehicles as a foundation, with more details involving specifics of particular vehicle types detailed in the following chapter.

MOVING WITH VEHICLES

Many armoured vehicles are fitted with powerful engines, allowing them to cover open ground more quickly than infantry, ensuring that their mighty guns can get to where they are needed on the battlefield. Other highly advanced vehicles are fitted with anti-gravity drives that allow them to skim swiftly over rough terrain to launch unexpected attacks, while

some vehicles stride forwards on mechanical limbs, ploughing through densely packed terrain with ease in order to bring their weapons to bear.

Moving with Tracked and Wheeled Vehicles

Tracked and wheeled vehicles (including tanks and basic vehicles) have the simplest rules for movement, the basic rules for movement handle vehicles of this classification, and other vehicle types will build atop these.

Vehicles use grounded movement unless otherwise noted, and may only drive up obstacles and terrain that are shorter than the height of their treads or wheels. Vehicles can never drive up into the ruins beyond the ground level.

Vehicles can turn any number of times as they move, just like any other model. Vehicles turn by pivoting on the spot about their center-point, rather than ‘wheeling’ round. Turning does not use up any of a vehicles movement, but does count as moving.

Moving with Skimmers

Skimmers on the other hand can be positioned anywhere they physically can be placed. In fact skimmers can move over any obstacle or piece of terrain, only needing to pay the movement cost to do so. Skimmers use hover movement.

Just like other units, vehicles can move freely through friendly units, but cannot end their movement on friendly models.

Moving with Walkers

Walkers are more nimble than tanks and other vehicles, but are slower. Walkers move in a manner similar to infantry, normally moving 6". Walkers measure to climb up an over obstacles just as an infantry would, however a walker may only maneuver over obstacles as tall as their legs are, and they may never climb up floors in ruins, unless they have feature a suitably sized pathway up. Walkers use grounded movement.

Vehicle Speeds

The distance common vehicles (including tanks skimmers) move influences the amount of weapons it may fire accurately, as well as how easy a target the vehicle will be if assaulted. These concepts will be addressed later but for now know that:

- By default the maximum move of a vehicle is 12".
- If you chose to move over half speed your vehicle is known as moving at **full speed**.
- If you move below half speed you are moving at **half speed**.

Fast Vehicles

Some vehicles are notably faster than others, lighter constructions, powerful engines, or both. Fast vehicles can move at full speed without suffering penalties.

Heavy Vehicles

Some vehicles are extra heavy for their size, and this extra weight comes at a cost. Heavy vehicles can only move up to 6" in the movement phase. The lumbering nature of these vehicles also means they do not suffer negative penalties from moving at full speed.

Difficult Terrain Effects

Vehicles attempting to move through broken terrain are not slowed down like other units, but risk becoming stuck, bogged down or damaged.

Vehicles are not slowed down by difficult terrain, but treat most difficult terrain as dangerous. Vehicles test for dangerous terrain as follows.

- Roll 2d6 for any vehicle that has moved through, into, or out of one or more areas of dangerous terrain during its move. Unless both die add to either a 2 or 3, nothing happens and the vehicle can carry on moving.
- A result of a 2 or 3 means that the vehicle halts immediately and is immobilized until the end of the following turn. Move the vehicle 2" in the direction of intended movement and there is where it lies.

Designer note: When discussing terrain at the beginning of the game, it is perfectly fine for players to agree that some terrain has different effects on vehicles than it does on other units. For example, players may agree that tank traps are dangerous or even impassable to vehicles, but clear terrain for other units. Similarly, you could agree that vehicles (or just certain vehicle types) treat barbed wire as clear terrain, and so on.

Terrain and Skimmers

Unlike standard vehicles which are limited to driving along the surface, skimmers can move in any vector flying up over obstacles if they so desire, rather than needing to walk and climb. Note that a skimmer must be set down on the table at the end of its move – it cannot be left hovering in mid-air!

Skimmers can move ignoring all intervening terrain provided their move is such that they can clear it. When moving through difficult terrain skimmers move their full distance, however they must take dangerous terrain checks for doing so. Remember that this is only for moving through, not over. For example a skimmer floating over a creator would not need to make a difficult terrain test, but one moving through a jungle would.

Terrain and Walkers

The limbs on a walker allow it to easily maneuver itself through dense terrain that could prove dangerous to a traditional tread systems or delicate gravatronic thrusters. As such they treat terrain in the same manner that infantry do i.e. difficult terrain is difficult, dangerous terrain is dangerous, but they are slowed by it.

Roads

A non-walker vehicle that is following a road for their entire Movement phase may move up to an extra 6".

SHOOTING WITH VEHICLES

Just like infantry, vehicles need to be able to draw a line of sight to their targets in order to shoot at them, but line of sight must be drawn from the weapon. When firing a vehicle’s weapons, point them against the target and then trace the line of sight from each weapons’ mounting and along its barrel, to see if the shot is blocked by terrain or models. It is entirely possible for the target unit to be in cover from only some of the vehicle’s weapons, if this happens work out if the target gets cover saves using the rules for complex units.

Shooting with Tanks and Skimmers

When a vehicle fires it uses its own Ballistic Skill characteristic and shoots like other unit, rolling to hit and wound as normal, but there are a few advantages to a vehicle. **Unlike regular units, vehicles are commonly mounted with multiple weapons and they can often fire all their weapons in a single turn!** In fact, unlike most other models, many vehicles can fire separate weapons at a different targets. In addition, the normal penalties of movement on shooting any type of weapon does not apply – they are instead superseded by the following rules.

The accuracy of weapons a vehicle can fire in the Shooting phase depends on how fast it has moved in that turn's Movement phase, as detailed below.

- A vehicle that **remains stationary or moves at half speed**, than it will be able to bring its full firepower to bear on the enemy. There are no penalties to shooting for a vehicle that did not move. (remember that pivoting on the spot does not count).
- A vehicle that moved at **full speed** can still fire all its weapons, but suffers -1 BS when shooting with heavy, salvo, and ordinance weapons.

When fired from a vehicle, these weapon types always fire as if the firing model had not moved, regardless of whether it actually did or not.

There are a few exceptions to these rules, such as firing ordinance weapons, which have rules in addition to these that while not related to movement, do take president over these.

Gunnery Crew & Splitfiring

All vehicles have a set number of crew, which will be indicated in their unit entry. When making shooting attacks a vehicle may direct their weapon fire at a number of different enemy targets, up to their crew count. For example if a vehicle has 2 crew, they may split their fire between 2 targets.

Moving Flat Out

Sometimes a tank crew may decide its necessary to to push their vehicle to the limit and sacrifice any hope to hit a target as its travels at top speed.

Tanks and skimmers do not 'run' but instead during the shooting phase a vehicle may choose to forgo its Shooting to move Flat Out 6".

... with Skimmers

These sky-borne vehicles are not slowed by undesirable terrain and rubble that litters a battlefield.

A Skimmer can move Flat Out 12".

Skimmers moving at high speed are very difficult to hit. A skimmer that is not immobilized and has moved Flat Out in its last Movement phase ensues a -1 penalty to hit when targeted with ranged attacks. On the other hand, having your engines stall when flying at high speed has its consequences, so a skimmer that suffers any vehicle damage that effects its mobility while moving flat out suffers and additional hull point in damage.

Shooting With Walkers

Walkers typically do not have multiple pilots, and therefore must shoot all their weapons at a single target.

Walkers can always fire all their weapons regardless of how far they move.

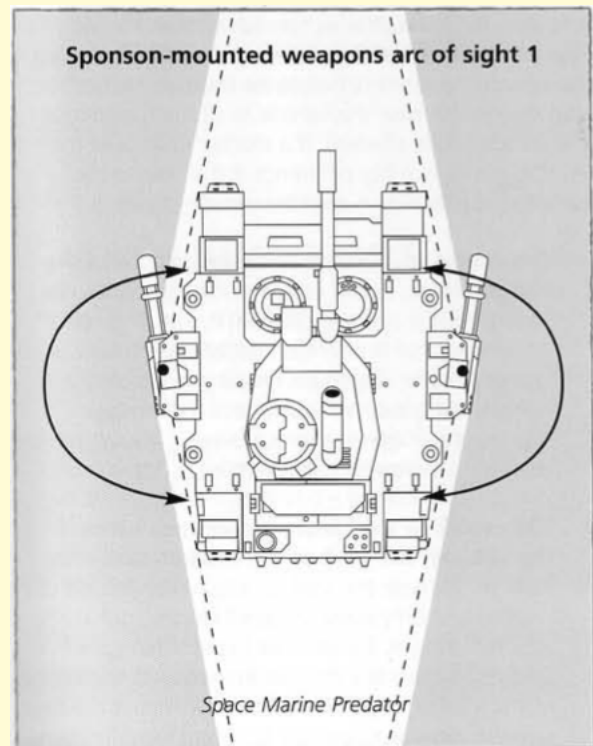
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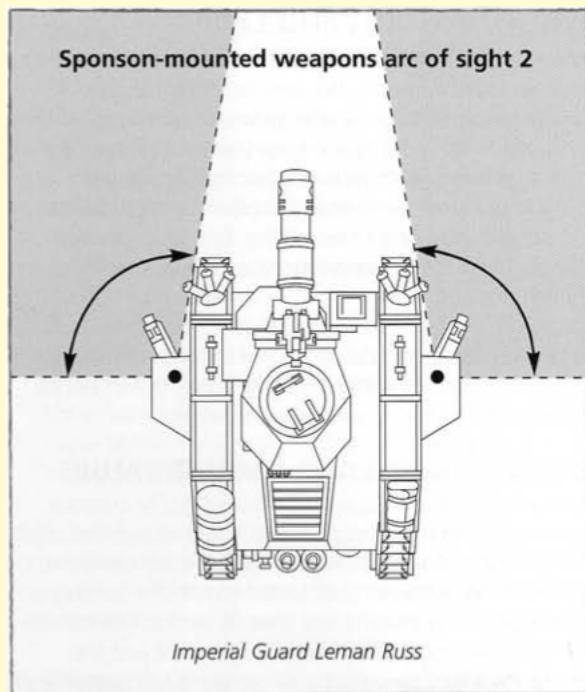
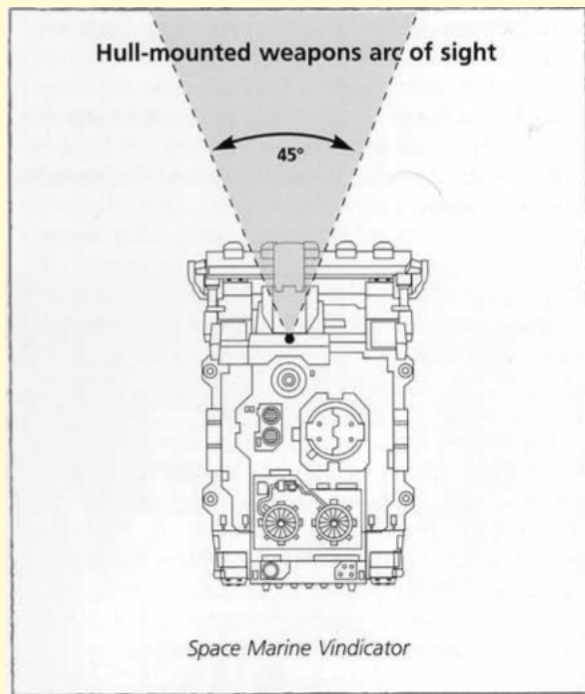
Walkers do not poses the engines or thrusters that more traditional vehicles do so they cannot move flat out. They can make a standard run move in stead of shooting.

FIRING ARCS

When shooting with weapons on vehicles, line of sight is drawn down the barrel of the weapon. On some models it will be impossible to literally move the gun and point it towards the target because of the way the model was assembled or because the gun or turret has been glued in place. In this case, players should pretend that the guns on a vehicle are free to rotate or swivel on their mountings. In order to make clear how much any gun is supposed to rotate, refer to the vehicle's entry, where each weapon has been classified as either turret-mounted, pintle-mounted (or 'bolt-on'), sponson-mounted, or hull-mounted. Then apply the following guidelines:

- Turret-mounted weapons can rotate 360° together with the entire turret (see diagram).
- Hull-mounted weapons can fire in a 45° arc from their mounting point (see diagram).
- Sponson-mounted weapons vary greatly, as some can cover the full 180° of the flank they are mounted on (or even slightly more), while others are more limited. This is determined by the shape and position of the sponson's mounting (see diagrams).
- Pintle-mounted (or bolt-on) weapons can either fire in a 360° arc if they are mounted on the vehicle's turret or cupola; or can fire in a 45° arc from their mounting point if they are mounted on the vehicle's hull.





In the rare cases when it matters (your tank might be targeting a sniper high up in a bell tower), assume that guns can swivel vertically by 45°, even if the barrel on the model itself cannot physically do that!

SHOOTING AT VEHICLES

When a unit fires at a vehicle it must be able to see its hull or turret (ignoring the vehicle's gun barrels, antennas, decorative banner poles, etc.). Shooting at a vehicle otherwise begins just the same as it does vs any other target — roll to hit as normal.

After the To Hit roll has been made is where things differ. When attacking a vehicle (either ranged or in close combat) for every successful hit, instead of rolling To Wound, you must roll to see if the attacks penetrate the vehicle's Armour Value, as explained next.

Vehicles and Cover – Obscured Targets

Vehicles do not benefit from cover in quite the same way as infantry – their sheer size and bulk mean they cannot take advantage of cover as well as infantry and other smaller, more agile troops. They can, however, position themselves in such a way as to make it harder for the enemy to hit them in a vulnerable location.

As such, when checking for cover for vehicles, the vehicles armour facing that is being targeted must be 50% obscured by the terrain piece to be counted as in cover. Additionally, the cover save provided to vehicles is always at a -1 penalty, to a minimum of 6+.

Hull Down

Sometimes a vehicle can be in a position such that the only visible portions of the vehicle are not within within the armour arc of the shooter. This is known as hull down.

When shooting at a vehicle that is hull down, treat the vehicles armour as the higher of the two facings (the visible and the hidden). Additionally, penetrating hits will be downgraded to a glancing hit on a roll of a 4+.

ROLLING FOR ARMOUR PENETRATION

Hitting a vehicle is no guarantee that you will actually damage it. Once a hit has been scored on a vehicle, roll a d6 and add the weapon's Strength to it, comparing this total with the Armour Value of the appropriate facing of the vehicle.

- If the total is less than the vehicle's Armour Value, the shot has **no effect**.
- If the total is equal to the vehicle's Armour Value, the shot causes a **glancing hit**, the target vehicle loses 1 hull point.
- If the total is greater than the vehicle's Armour Value, the shot scores a **penetrating hit**, the target vehicle also loses 1 hull point, and roll on the vehicle damage table on page 50 to see what happens

Glancing Hits

Just like when rolling to wound, when you score equal to the target threshold it is called a glancing hit. In cases like these the armour pen of the weapon is ignored for this hit, and the defending model gets to make saving throws as normal.

Example: A lascannon shot hits the front of a Space Marine Predator (Armour Value 13). Rolling a d6, the player scores a 4, and adds this to the lascannon's Strength of 9, for a total of 13. Because this equals the Predator's Armour Value, it inflicts a glancing hit. **For each glancing hit roll another die, and on a 4+ this causes one point of damage.**

Penetrating Hits

If a penetrating hit was scored, not only does the target lose one hull point, you roll on the vehicle damage to see if it suffers additional effects

Template and Blast weapons against vehicles

When firing a blast weapon against a vehicle, place the marker with the hole over any part of the vehicle's hull and then roll for scatter as normal.

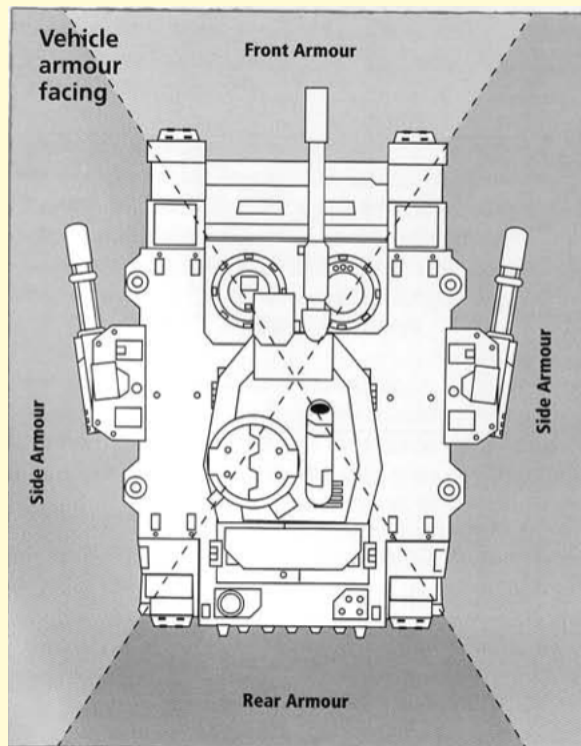
Whether or not the center of the blast marker hits the vehicle effects the strength of the attack.

- The center of the blast marker ends **over** the vehicle's hull. In this case the shell or missile has hit the vehicle and exploded on it and the hit is resolved at full strength.
- The center of the blast marker ends up **off** the vehicle, but part of the marker covers its hull then the attack is resolved at half strength, the attack has missed the vehicle and only some shrapnel clanks against the vehicle's armour.

Regardless of where the blast template ended up, the armour penetration roll is resolved against the armour value facing the firer no matter the scatter result, except barrage weapons which always count as originating from the center of the marker. In addition, barrage weapons always resolve against side armour if the center of the marker is over the vehicle (representing its top armour).

ARMOUR FACINGS

Not all vehicles are equally armoured. Some massive tanks are protected by countless layers of reinforced adamantium and ceramite plates, while other lighter vehicles rely more on their speed to avoid incoming fire. As such, each different type of vehicle will have different armour values, representing not just the thickness and slope of its armour, but also how difficult a target it is because of its size and speed, how tough and numerous its crew are, and so on.



Armour values for individual vehicles also vary depending on which facing of the vehicle the shot hit – its front, sides, or rear. To determine which armour facing you are targeting we need

to determine which firing arc you are in. Imagine a bounding rectangle around the target vehicles main hull and draw diagonal lines from corner to corner separating the area into 4 arcs (see diagram) – **the arc the attacker is in is the armour value used when attacking.**

When rolling for armour penetration the armour value is always that of the side the attack (ranged or close combat) is coming from.

If a unit has firing models in two different facings of a target vehicle (some models in the front arc and some in the side, for example), shots are resolved separately for the two facings.

VEHICLES IN CLOSE COMBAT

Vehicles without a WS stat cannot charge, but they can be attacked in combat. Vehicles with a WS stat can charge and engage in combat as normal.

Assaulting Tanks and Skimmers

Engaging a vehicle in close combat may be a desperate move, but with the right equipment infantry can pose a terrific threat.

While vehicles without weapon skill cannot assault, a unit can assault a vehicle in the assault phase just the same as assaulting other enemy units. All engaged models can attack, so long as they have attacks to make!

The difficulty of attacking a vehicles is dependent upon how far it moved. Instead of rolling to hit by comparing weapon skill, instead use the following chart

Vehicle Speed	Roll needed to hit
did not move	2+
moved at half speed	3+
moved at full speed	4+

Any vehicle moving flat out imposes a -1 penalty to be hit. Skimmers are inherently more difficult to assault than tanks are, and imposes a -1 penalty. Open topped vehicles are easier to assault, and grant a +1 bonus.

Subsequent Rounds

Combat with vehicles lacking weapon skill always lasts only turn — Vehicles cannot be locked in combat and likewise they cannot lock other units in combat. Vehicles can disengage at anytime by moving away from the enemy. Likewise a unit engaged with a vehicle may simply leave. The units do count as being locked combat for all intent and purposes (e.g. you can shoot at them). Units assaulting a vehicle may consolidate during the end of the assault phase as combat ends.

VEHICLES WITH WEAPON SKILL

Some rare vehicles are equipped with means of fighting in close combat. These vehicles can charge, have the hammer of wrath special rule, and when these units are within engagement range they may make attacks in close combat.

Walkers and Assault

Walkers are the most common example of a vehicle with weapon skill, making them almost the sole the exception to the rule.

Unlike regular vehicles walkers are very dangerous and capable in close combat, kicking out with and crushing their foes beneath. Many variants are fitted with dreadnought class close combat weapons.

Walkers can both assault and be assaulted just the same as other non vehicles. In close combat, walkers fight like infantry models, attacking and being attacked using WS. Models hitting a walker in close combat always roll for penetration against its front armour, unless the walker is immobilized. Consequently a walker is quite capable of tearing apart its foe in close combat, while only the specially armed (or the monstrously powerful) will have any hope of destroying a walker up close.

Walkers and Grenades

Grenades can be used against a walker like other any vehicle, but a model attempting to score a hit with a grenade against a walker does so at a -1 penalty to hit unless the walker is immobilized, movement impaired, or shaken. Remember that models using grenades against vehicles only make one attack.

Combat Resolution

Combat does not automatically come to an end like it does with other vehicles. However either side of the combat may elect to consolidate out of combat using the rules for tactical withdrawal, with the exception that you may do so even if you did not win combat. As a reminder, vehicles can disengage at anytime by moving away from the enemy in their movement phase, but in the case of combat capable vehicles they may not charge again in a turn which they did so.

Each hullpoint dealt counts as a single wound for the purposes of working out who won the combat. Defeated walkers do not take Morale checks, and so they will not flee. However vehicles that lose combat are considered to fail their brake check for the purposes of being harried, move directly to the initiative roll (suffering hull points instead of wounds) — the cumbersome nature of vehicles does not lend well if the tides turn against you. Vehicles cannot themselves harry.

Immobilized

Immobilized, movement impaired, or shaken combat capable vehicles fight in close combat with one less attack than usual (to a minimum of 1). These effects are cumulative with each other, but not with multiple instances of themselves. Otherwise they attack normally. Additionally, the rules for subsequent rounds as written above for tanks and skimmers are used.

VEHICLE DAMAGE RESULTS

A penetrating hit on a vehicle can have a variety of results. A vehicle's armour could be completely pierced, yet merely result in giving the crew a nasty shock. Alternatively, a lucky shot could detonate ammunition held within the vehicle, resulting in an explosion of titanic proportions. If a vehicle's armour is breached, you need to determine what damage is caused. Roll a d6 for each unsaved shot that penetrated the vehicle's armour, apply any appropriate modifiers and look up the result on the Vehicle Damage table following.

Roll Damage Result

- 1 **No extra effect** – While the shot strikes the vehicle it damages no critical system. No additional effects are had.
- 2-3 **Crew Shaken** – The shot jars the crew resulting in a temporary effect. Flip a coin .
 - **Heads** The vehicle suffers a -1 penalty to WS and BS until the end of the following turn.
 - **Tails** The vehicle suffers a -1 penalty to strength and a -3" penalty to its movement until the end of the following turn.
- 4-6 **Vehicle Damaged** – Major damage has been dealt to the vehicle. These affects are permanent. Roll a d6.
 1. The vehicle permanently suffers a -1 penalty to WS and BS
 2. The vehicle permanently suffers a -1 penalty to Strength and a -3" to its movement.
 3. The vehicle cannot fire one of its weapons each turn.
 4. The vehicle cannot pivot more than 90 degrees a turn.
 5. The vehicle must move straight forward as fast and as far as it can next turn.
 6. Immobilized, the vehicle can no longer move for the remainder of the game.
- 7+ **On Fire!** The vehicle has suffered critical damage and has been set aflame! This hit causes an addition hull point in damage and an extra effect of the vehicle damage. Additionally, until the end of the following turn all additional penetrations cause an extra hull point in damage too. Vehicles that lose their final hull point while On Fire! will explode!

Penetrating Hit Modifier

When rolling for the result of a penetrating hit on the above damage chart apply the following modifiers to the dice roll.

Weapon AP	Modifiers
AP 1	-1
AP 3	+1
AP 2	+2
AP 1	+3

Vehicle Damaged

Each vehicle damaged (4-6 on the damage result roll) result cannot be suffered more than once, re-roll as necessary to apply a different effect.

Vehicle Slowdowns

Note that no matter what the vehicles current movement capabilities are, the denotation of half and full speed always are reflections of the original undamaged speed.

Immobilized

Should a vehicles movement ever be reduced to zero, then it has become immobilized and cannot move so long as the movement value remains at zero, track, grav plate, jets or legs have

stopped functioning entirely. An immobilized vehicles may not move or turn in place but its turret may continue to rotate to select targets, and other weapons retain their normal arc of fire.

Wrecked

When a vehicle is reduced to zero hull points it is so critically damaged that it ceases to function entirely – damages the hull and internal systems have rendered the vehicle destroyed and it counted as a causality, but the model is left in place as a wreck.

Note: Vehicle drivers, gunners and other crew (but not passengers) are killed if their vehicle suffers either Destroyed results.

Forming Wrecks

Wrecked vehicles are left on the table and effectively become a piece of terrain, counting as both difficult and dangerous terrain, and providing cover.

Players should clearly mark that a vehicle has been wrecked in any way they consider suitable. For example, they can turn its turret upside down, place a marker or cotton wool on it to represent smoke and flames, and so on.

Explodes

If when the vehicle is reduced to zero hull points while on fire, its fuel and ammo detonate, ripping it apart in a spectacular explosion! Flaming debris are thrown outwards 3+d3” from the vehicle, and models in range suffer a hit, always wounding on a 4+. The vehicle is then removed and is replaced with an area of difficult ground representing scattered wreckage or a crater, if you have one, otherwise it becomes a wreck.

TANK SHOCK

Tanks and skimmers may decide to use their mass as a weapon, driving right into and through densely packed enemies. This often throws the opposing battle line into disarray, as having some monstrous metal behemoth coming straight at you is unnerving for anybody.

When moving a vehicle the player may choose to move the vehicle both through or into enemy units. This is known as a tank shock. When moving a vehicle this way instead of moving it directly to its final destination do the following.

- Move the tank along the path you wish it to take until it reaches an enemy unit.
- The opposing player will then need to move his models, one at a time, out of the way to the side of the vehicle by the shortest path possible, continuing to do so until the controlling player has moved his vehicle to its the final position.
- Any units which suffered a tank shock must take a morale check.

A tank shock often leaves units in disarray and out of unit coherency. This is perfectly fine, the unit will need to re-attain

unit coherency in its following movement phase. If the unit is an enemy vehicle the tank shock stops and the vehicles both suffer a ram result. If for some reason any model may not be placed while trying to avoid a tank shock the models is crushed and removed from play.

Additionally, units which suffer tank shock must take a pinning test.

Death or Glory!

It takes a serious case of what most would consider to be stupidity to try to stand up to an oncoming tank rumbling down upon you. But whatever it may be called, some still will try in desperate times.

When a unit suffers tank shock, a single model may attempt death or glory. They must first pass a leadership test, and if they pass then they may make a single attack with a melee weapon, or fire a single shot with a ranged weapon of their choosing. If they manage to Destroy or immobilize the vehicle, then they live on as heroes in the eyes of their comrades. But if they did not manage to stall the vehicle then they meet a sad and unfortunate demise, and are removed from play.

Ramming

Ramming is a rather desperate maneuver resulting in a jarring experience for the crew, moving at top speed towards one enemy vehicle. **This means that it may not shoot in that turn’s Shooting phase**, making it an attractive choice for vehicles that have no armament left, or are shaken.

Ramming is a special type of tank shock move and is executed the same way except it ends with two vehicles colliding, the moving vehicles stops upon contacting the target. Units other than vehicles in the way of a ramming tank are tank shocked as normal.

Each vehicle immediately suffers a hit against the armour facing where the other vehicle has impacted (so the ramming vehicle should always uses its front armour). The Strength of the hits will often be different for different vehicles, and is calculated as follows for each vehicle:

- Armour: Each point of armour above 10 on the point of impact, +1
- Speed: The distance from the start to end of the ram, for each 2 inches (round up), +1
- Mass: If the vehicle is a tank (i.e. not a skimmer), +1

The maximum hit from a a ram is therefor $4 + 6 + 1 = 11$, as performed by a land raider.

FLYERS

Flyers will be part of a later version. Fundamentally they are incompatible with a standard table size, it just doesn’t work well. But the models are cool, so I want to work out a compromise. For now I am just stating flyers as +6” move fast skimmers.

TRANSPORTS

There are three types of vehicles warhammer. Tanks, which large armoured vehicles which drive along the ground, skimmers, a more elegant vehicle which can hover along the surface, and walker, which use bipedal or even more legs to navigate the landscape. Each of these types of vehicles moves in a unique way and have some unique behaviors. Of these, you will find that walkers will behave in a fashion somewhat akin to that of regular non vehicle units — they can move more freely and can even engage in combat.

TRANSPORT VEHICLES

Some vehicles can carry infantry across the battlefield, and the advantages of being able to move a squad rapidly from one area to another under the protection of armour plate is obvious. The danger comes if the transport itself is destroyed before its passengers disembark, as they could become smoking corpses, burned alive inside the exploding vehicle.

Transport Capacity

Each transport vehicle has a maximum passenger capacity which cannot be exceeded. Sometimes, there will be constraints on which types of models can embark on a particular vehicle. Terminators, for example, cannot embark on a Rhino or Razorback, although they may be transported by a Land Raider. Only infantry (and infantry sub types) may embark in transports unless the transporting vehicle's rules specify otherwise.

Who can use a transport vehicle?

Sometimes a unit entry in a Codex book will include a transport option, allowing a vehicle to be selected along with the unit. These transport vehicles are directly assigned to that particular unit and are known as dedicated transports. Other transport vehicles are chosen separately and occupy a Force Organization chart slot (for example, Land Raiders).

When a unit enters a transport, the entire unit must be embarked on a transport if any part of it is - a unit may not be spread across multiple transport vehicles. More than one unit (plus any independent characters) can be embarked on a transport.

Access Points

Each vehicle capable of carrying passengers will have a number of access points. These are the doors, ramps and hatches that passengers use to get in and out of the vehicle. The access points for all vehicles are given in the unit entries.

Embarking and Disembarking

Models may not voluntarily embark and disembark in the same player turn. However, they may embark and then be forced to disembark due to damage caused to their transport, or be subject to a special rule in their codex that permits them to do so. Models can only voluntarily embark or disembark in the Movement phase.

Embarking

A unit can embark onto a vehicle at any point in the movement phase if it is wholly within 6" of a transports access points. The whole unit must be able to embark or none of them can. If some models are out of range, their compatriots will have to wait until they can all embark together.

- If the vehicle moved before its passengers got aboard then it may not move any further or make any turns.
- If the vehicle has not moved before its passengers got aboard then it can move normally, as soon as the unit is on board.

Disembarking

A unit that begins its Movement phase aboard a vehicle can get out either before or after the vehicle has moved. When the unit disembarks, each model must be deployed within 3" of one of the vehicle's access points, and within unit coherency.

- If the vehicle has moved at full speed, the passengers may not move further after they deploy — they cannot disembark at all if the vehicle moved more than 12". Once the models have disembarked, the vehicle may not move any further or make any turns.
- If the vehicle moved at half speed or did not move yet, then the passengers may move as normal after disembarking.
- If the vehicle has not yet moved this turn the vehicle can then move off separately at up to full speed,

Passengers aboard a vehicle cannot disembark within 1" of an enemy model. If compelled to disembark (eg, because of the vehicle being destroyed), any models that cannot disembark because there is no room for them to disembark into are killed and removed from play as casualties.

After disembarking models may shoot (counting as moving) but may not launch an assault unless the vehicle is an assault transport as noted in its profile, or if it did not move before the passengers disembarked.

Passengers may not disembark after tank shock or ram.

Assault Transports

The most famous assault transport is the space marine land raider, equipped with a blast charge operated breach assault ramp in its front, allowing for extremely rapid deployment of their passengers.

Assault transports allow units disembarking to launch an assault even if the transport moved that turn.

Firing Points

Many transport vehicles are equipped with firing slits, or in some cases passenger operated pintle weaponry.

When a transport has firing points, one passenger may fire one weapon for each firing point. They count as having moved regardless of whether the vehicle moved or not.

Open Topped

Some of the braver or stupider races will use transport vehicles exposed to the environment, with their passengers simply

sitting atop or holding on to various spots.

Open topped transports do not have specific access or firing points. Models can embark or disembark within 3" of any point of the vehicle. Every model in the transport may fire as if it had a firing point. All open topped vehicles are assault transports.

The downside of an open topped transport is passenger safety. Whenever an open topped transport loses a hull point a transported model, selected by the controlling player, suffers a wound with no saves allowed of any kind.

UNIVERSAL SPECIAL RULES

Here goes all the universal special rules that might get referenced.

... ON AN N+

Some special rules will trigger on a dice roll of N+, for instance rending triggers on a roll of 6. If a weapon instead has such as rule written as “rending N+” then the special rule will trigger on the provided dice roll instead of the default. For instance rending 5+ means that both a roll of 5 or 6 will cause the rending effect. Cleave 4+ will cause exploding wounds on a 4+ instead of the default 6+.

And they shall know no Fear

Space marines refuse to surrender to fear. They do not falter, they do not stumble, they do not cower. The angels of death will keep on fighting until the last, whatever the odds.

Space marines will automatically regroup and rally on the first opportunity to do so, and can act fully as if they had never fled in the first place; it was but a tactical withdraw.

Anti armour

The particularly larger and devastating weapons needed to deal properly with enemy armour are often not best suited for handling smaller targets.

When targeting a vehicle, monstrous creature, or bulky unit, there is a +1 bonus to hit when firing this weapon, provided you did not move in your last movement phase.

Armour bane

If a model has this special rule, or is attacking with a Melee weapon that has this special rule, it rolls an additional d6 for armour penetration in close combat.

If a model makes a shooting attack with a weapon that has this special rule, it rolls an additional d6 for armour penetration. In either case, this special rule has no effect against non-vehicle models.

Big Guns Never Tire

See page 43. **Eventually I think I will make this a size or case by case thing.**

Blind

Any unit hit by one or more models or weapons with this special rule must take an Initiative test at the end of the current phase. If the test is passed, all is well - a shouted warning has caused the warriors to avert their gaze. If the Initiative test is failed, all models in the unit have their WS and BS reduced by 1 until the end of their next turn. Should the attacking unit hit themselves, we assume they are prepared and they automatically pass the test.

Any model that does not have an Initiative characteristic (for example, non-Walker vehicles, buildings etc.) is unaffected by this special rule.

Bring it Down!

No target priority tests are needed to target models with this special rule, the sheer size of the target is enough to draw the full attention of their shooters.

Bulky

This creature is so massive he is just outright dummy thicc. Bulky units suffer a -1 penalty to their cover saves.

Cleave

A well placed blow will cause extensive damage or cleave right through a target into another one!

Any To Hit roll of a 6 with a cleave weapon will generate an extra hit with this weapon.

Coaxial weapons

While these weapons are treated as separate weapons for determining numbers of attacks, but they must be fired at the same time and at the same target and they count as the same weapon system for the purposes of counting how many weapons a model may shoot a turn.

Concealment

A unit with concealment can begin the game concealed in cover, and instead of moving can choose to reactivate their concealment while inside cover. Whilst a unit is concealed, they cannot be targeted by ranged attacks outside of 12". Whilst concealed, they cannot attack during the shooting phase. Moving breaks concealment.

Concussive

A model that suffers one or more hits from a weapon with this special rule must pass an Strength Test or is reduced to Initiative 1 until the end of the following Assault phase.

Crushing Blows

See page 43

deadly

+1 to hit

Decimate

Sometime the right solution to your problem is just a really big gun.

Weapons with the decimate rule will trigger overpower (see page 34) even if they don't normally meet the requirements to do so.

Fast Vehicles

See page 46

Fear

The horror of a monstrous alien of unearthly imagining is enough to break even the strongest wills. When taking a break test from losing combat against an enemy with Fear do so at a -1 penalty.

Note that some units are less prone to Fear than others. Units that contain one or more models with the And They Shall Know No Fear or Fearless special rules are not effected by Fear. However, a model that causes Fear is not itself immune to Fear.

Fearless

Units with fearless will not flee in circumstances that would normally make them do so. The most common example of this are failing a morale check while shaken, or failing a break check in combat. In these circumstances the models will fight on following normal rules, though they may flee voluntarily if they so wish.

Feel no Pain

Some warriors are so blood-frenzied or tough that they can ignore injuries that would incapacitate even a battle-hardened Space Marine. A feel no pain save helps protect the bearer from damage the same way an armour save or invulnerable save would, except it is always taken at face value and it not altered from taking other saves. The default feel no pain save is 5+, and if the save is passed the injury is ignored and the model continues fighting. This ability cannot be used against wounds from weapons that inflict over-power or instant death. Neither can it be used against wounds from AP1 and AP2 weapons, power weapons and any other wound against which no armour save can ever be taken (like wounds from power fists, Dreadnought close combat weapons, rending weapons that roll a 6, Perils of the Warp, failed dangerous terrain tests, etc).

Fleet

Swift and agile, these races are able to cover ground more reliably than others. A model with the fleet special rule can re-roll their run roll.

Flesh bane

Many are the weapons and creatures whose merest caress is fatal.

If a model has this special rule, or is attacking with a Melee weapon that has this special rule, they always Wound on a 2+ in close combat. Similarly, if a model makes a shooting attack with a weapon that has this special rule, they always Wound on a 2+.

In either case, this special rule has no effect against vehicles or buildings.

Fleet

There are many variants of this rule: Fleet of Foot, Fleet of Claw, even Fleet of Hoof. Title aside, all models with these abilities are treated the same. A unit with this rule may assault in the same turn in which it has run.

Furious Charge

Warriors with this skill are known for the wild ferocity of their assaults.

In a turn in which they assaulted into combat they add +1 to both their Initiative and Strength characteristics when attacking in close combat (note that this has no effect on the Initiative tests for sweeping advances).

Gets Hot!

Gets hot! represent the tendency of certain unstable weapons to overload their cooling systems and explode in a users hands.

When firing a weapon with Gets Hot!, on a to a hit roll of a 1 the weapons bearer suffers a wound, saves allowed as normal. Gets Hot! has no effect on weapons mounted on vehicles.

... and blast weapons

Blast weapons do not roll to hit, so you must always roll an additional d6 to determine if the wearer also gets hurt, but it never prevents the weapon from firing.

... and re-rolls

If a model has the ability to re-roll its to hit roll, only the first roll of the dice counts for Gets Hot!. Any initial rolls of a 1 generate wounds, and any subsequent re-rolls of a 1 do not.

Hammer of Wrath

Many warriors hurl themselves headlong into combat, seeking to crush or trample the foe.

If a model with this special rule charges and ends its charge move in base contact with one or more enemy models, it makes one additional Attack that hits automatically and is resolved at the model's unmodified Strength with an AP of -. This Attack is resolved during the Fight sub-phase at the Initiative 10 step. This does not grant the model an additional Pile In move at the Initiative 10 step.

If a model with this special rule charges a Transport vehicle or building, the Hammer of Wrath hit is resolved against the Transport vehicle or building, not the occupants.

Hard to Hit

Various means cause a target to become difficult to hit, the most common being moving at high speeds. Models that are moving fast or are otherwise hard to hit

impose a -1 to hit penalty when being targeted by ranged attacks.

A model can only ever be hard to hit from one source, and so no more than a -1 penalty can ever be applied.

Hatred

A unit which has hatred gets to re-roll all failed to hit rolls in the first round of a combat.

Haywire

Haywire weapons send out powerful electromagnetic pulses that disable electrical wiring and all kinds of mechanical systems.

When a weapon with this special rule hits a vehicle, roll a d6 to determine the effect rather than rolling Armour Penetration normally:

d6	Result
1	No effect
2-5	Glancing hit
6	Penetrating hit

Hit & Run

When making a tactical withdrawal, units containing at least one model with hit and run can consolidate 2d6" instead of the normal 3".

Ignores Cover

Some attacks or weapons are not effected by a targets cover, or impose a penalty to the targets cover save. The most common instance of this is with template weapons, which ignore all cover saves. Cover saves may not be made against a weapon which ignores cover. Sometimes a weapon will list ignores cover -1, in which case only a -1 penalty is applied instead.

Immune to Psychology

Some constructs or machines have no will or sense of self preservation. Their unwavering stalwartness is not to be confused with loyalty though, these, things... have no feelings at all.

Models who are immune to psychology are completely immune to all aspects of morale — they ignore any morale check they may be asked to take, and they cannot be pinned. They will never retreat, and cannot be made to flee by any means or direction.

Infiltrate

In the right circumstances, stealthy troops have the ability to work their way into a forward position on the battlefield or outflank enemy lines.

Units with this special rule are deployed last, after all other units (friends and foe) have been deployed. If both sides have infiltrators, the players roll-off and the winner decides who goes first, and then alternate deploying these units. Infiltrators may be set up anywhere on the table that is more than 12" from any enemy unit, as long as no deployed enemy unit can draw a line of sight to them or are in cover. This includes inside a building, as long as the building is more than 12" from any enemy unit. Alternatively, they may be set up anywhere on the table that is more than 15" from any enemy unit, even in plain sight.

If a unit with this ability is deployed inside a transport vehicle, it cannot infiltrate. Infiltrate also confers a special outflank move to units of infiltrators that are kept in reserve

Intercept Charge

I dunno, I'm thinking about a 3" pilein before charge rolls, thereby allowing a bit of screening to take place.

Iron Heart

Overcoming fear through mental fortitude and calm, these courageous warriors are an exemplar to their cause. Never to turn tail, always to push forward with grit and determination to the heart of the battle these time proven warriors instill hope in their comrades in the bleakness of battle.

Models with Iron Heart may choose to automatically pass or fail their first break check in a combat. Additionally, if a character has this special rule then units within coherency may re-roll failed morale tests.

Jink

Some units favor speed and agility to keep them alive on the battlefield, dodging and weaving through hails of incoming fire.

A model with this special rule that has moved in its movement phase gains a 5+ cover save until the start of its next movement phase. Models with this rule are considered to have been moving on the first turn of the game.

Juggernaut

Models do not gain defensive bonuses from being charged by these units.

Lance

These weapons fire a coherent beam that is so focused it can bore through any armour even at great distances,

When attacking an enemy vehicle unit a lance weapon counts all armour that is higher than 12 as 12.

Look out Sir!

Look out sir! grants protections to characters, on a d6 roll of 4+ wounds allocated (before saving throws) may be redirected onto another target. See page 38 for more details.

Lumbering Behemoth

See page 43

Master Crafted

A Master crafted weapon is one forged by a great artisan and is superior in almost every way to a normal weapon. Master crafted weapons allow either one re-roll to hit or one re-roll to wound when making attacks with them.

Melta

Melta weapons are lethal short-ranged heat ray weapons that can melt a whole straight through enemy armour, if you can get close enough. They are small and portable and make a great tool in an infantry squad for dealing with just such an occasion.

When attacking an enemy vehicle that is within half range, the attack rolls an additional d6 for armour penetration.

Monster Hunter

The galaxy is home to many colossal beasts, and many warriors have honed their skills in order to hunt them.

A unit that contains at least one model with this special rule re-rolls all failed To Wound rolls against Monstrous Creatures and Flying Monstrous Creatures.

Move Through Cover

Elite soldiers confident in their stride, or multi-legged monsters, the swift natured surefootedness of these creatures makes them exceptionally deadly when chasing down foes in dense environments.

Some units of infantry are especially adept at moving through difficult terrain. These units suffer no movement penalty for moving through difficult terrain. This has no effect on dangerous terrain tests. This rule does not deny defensive cover bonuses from assault.

Night vision / Acute senses

Warriors in certain parts of the galaxy have developed nocturnal tendencies by fighting in perpetual night, or perhaps carry equipment that gives them such abilities. The night fighting rules provide no protection from attacking units with night vision or acute senses. Characters with this rule confer it onto any unit they join, as long as they are part of the unit. Units with this rule confer it onto any characters joining them, as long as they are part of the unit.

Open Topped

Some vehicles provide little protection to their crew, leaving them exposed to the elements (and of war).

A vehicle model that is open topped is susceptible to attacks and effects that would normally not work on vehicles. Such attacks (such as poisoned attacks) are considered to have +1 strength when rolling for armour penetration. Additionally, when making close combat attacks against an open topped vehicle the attacks are made a +1 to hit.

Additional rules for open topped transports are found on page 53

Piercing

No glancing hits when rolling to wound with this weapon.

Pinning

Coming under fire without knowing where the shots are coming from is extremely shocking, making troopers throw themselves flat and diving for cover. Sniper fire and barrages are the most common cause of this.

If a unit other than a vehicle or monstrous creature suffer any unsaved wounds from pinning weapons, the unit must take a pinning test (a leadership test) at the end of the current phase – you need only take one per phase no matter how many times pinning weapons fired at you.

If the test is failed the unit is forced to automatically go to ground.

Poisoned

There are many virulent and lethal poisons in the dark future. It is simplicity itself to adapt such toxins for battlefield use. It does not matter whether they coat weapon-blades or bullets, or are secreted by alien monstrosities - all are lethal.

If a model is making an attack with the Poisoned special rule, it will never roll to wound worse than the value presented. (generally shown in brackets). This has no effect on vehicles or targets which you do not roll to wound against.

In addition, if the poisoned attacks are close combat attacks and strength of the wielder is such that the to wound roll is better or equal than that of the poison, then the wielder may re-roll failed to wound rolls in close combat using the poisoned value for the re-roll.

Poison Immunity

Poisoned attacks made against a model with poison resistance never benefit from the poison special rule, and successful wounds must be re-rolled.

Preferred Enemy

A unit that contains at least one model with this special rule re-rolls failed to hit and to wound rolls of 1. This applies to both shooting and close combat attacks.

Rage

Units with rage gain +2 attacks on the charge rather than +1.

Relentless

Unlike common infantry, some powerful warriors like monstrous creatures, jet packers and bikers can advance while firing their weapons at full capacity. Relentless models can shoot with rapid fire and heavy weapons counting as stationary, even if they moved in the previous Movement phase, and are also allowed to assault in the same turn they fire them. Note that a relentless independent character must still abide by the assaulting limitations of any unit it has joined, if the unit is not itself relentless.

Rending

In the right circumstances, rending weapons have the chance of piercing any armour with a hail of bullets and pinpoint accuracy.

Any To Wound roll of a 6 with a rending weapon automatically causes a wound, regardless of the targets Toughness, and

the attack counts as AP2. Additionally, these cannot count as glancing hits when rolling to wound.

Against vehicles any armour penetration roll of a 6 allows a further d3 to be rolled, and the attack is resolved at AP2.

Scouts

Scouts are used to recon ahead and are always in the vanguard of the army. To represent this, after both sides have deployed (including infiltrators), but before the first player begins his first turn, any scouts may make a normal move. This is done exactly as in their Movement phase, except that during this move, scouts must remain more than 12" away from any enemy. If both sides have scouts, the player going first moves his first; scout moves happen after rolling to see who goes first.

If a unit with this ability is deployed inside a dedicated transport vehicle, it confers the scout ability to the transport too.

This rule also confers a special outflank move to units of scouts that are kept in reserve. Additionally, scouting units for the player going second are placed in overwatch!

Shoot the Big Ones!

See page 22

Shred

Some particularly gruesome weapons and warriors strike in a flurry of blows, tearing flesh a sunder in a vicious fashion.

If a weapon has the Shred special rule it re-rolls failed To Wound rolls.

Skilled Rider

The rider is highly practiced at moving through perilous war zones. It may re-roll the dice for failed dangerous terrain tests as long as its unit type is bike or cavalry, and gains +1 to its jink saves if applicable.

Skirmish

A unit that includes only models with Skirmish has a unit coherency range of 3" rather than the normal 1 1/2".

Small Targets

Being extremely hard to hit in grants these units a +1 cover save.

Slow and Purposeful

A unit that contains at least one model with this special rule cannot Run, Turbo-boost, move Flat Out, perform Sweeping Advances or fire Overwatch. They can) however, shoot with Heavy, Salvo and Ordnance weapons, counting as stationary even if they moved in the previous Movement phase. They are also allowed to charge in the same turn they fire Heavy, Ordnance, Rapid Fire or Salvo weapons.

Smash

For the most fearsome of creatures, a single blow is sufficient to breach a tank's armour or crush a living creature to bloody pulp.

All of the close combat attacks, except Hammer of Wrath Attacks, of a model with this special rule are resolved gain -1 rend. Additionally, if the model with this special rule is a monstrous creature, then when it makes its close combat attacks it can choose to instead make a Smash Attack. If it does so, roll To Hit as normal, but halve its Attacks characteristic. A Smash Attack grants AP2 and also doubles the model's Strength (to a maximum of 10) for the purposes of that Attack. Furthermore, a model making a Smash Attack can re-roll its armour penetration rolls, but must abide by the second result.

Sniper

These deadly weapons can be used to pick out key targets or pinpoint vulnerabilities in an enemies defenses.

Sniper hits always wound at least on a roll of 4+, but if the strength of the weapon would produce a better chance then use that. In addition all sniper weapons are rending and pinning weapons.

When firing at monstrous creatures or bulky targets, this weapon gains an additional -1 rend. Sniper weapons have +1 to hit. Additionally, when using sniper weapons your opponent does not gain the benefit of cover saves. Target priority checks may be re-rolled when shooting with sniper weapons. Sniper weapons are rending.

Stealth

The ability to make the most out of a piece of cover is an invaluable skill, and has saved many a warrior from discover and death. The units cover saves are improved by +1.

Stubborn (Stupidity)

Stubborn resistance against impossible odds is a feature of some races, others might just be to stupid for their own good.

When taking morale and pinning tests, stubborn units always ignore any negative leadership modifiers that are resultant from having taken heavy casualties. Additionally, they will ignore penalties from being outnumbered for the first round of a combat.

Sunder

Special ammunitions gives some weapons extra effectiveness against targets outside their weight class.

When making saving throws against a weapon with sunder you have a -1 penalty.

Sweep

Large sweeping blows slice through enemy ranks of smaller foes. When a model with this special rule attacks in close combat, they may make one bonus attack but all their attacks are at half strength.

Tank Hunters

Tank hunter units are especially skilled at finding and exploiting weaknesses in the armour of enemy vehicles. They add +1 to their armour penetration rolls when they target vehicles, and automat-

ically pass morale checks caused by tank shock.

Torrent

See page 37

Twin-Linked

Weapons are sometimes linked to fire together in order to increase the chances of scoring a hit through the crude expedient of blasting more shots at the target.

A set of twin-linked weapons count as a single weapon of that type, but to represent their fusillade of shots you may re-roll the dice to hit if you miss (including twin-linked blast weapons). In other words, twin-linked weapons don't get more shots than normal ones, but you get a better chance of hitting with them.

Example: A Space Marine Land Raider is firing its twin-linked heavy bolters at an enemy. It gets three shots (as heavy bolters are Heavy 3) and may re-roll any to hit dice which don't score a 3 or higher (which is a hit for a Space Marine's BS of 4) because the weapons are twin-linked.

Two-handed

This weapon is particularly heavy and requires both hands to wield. As such a model cannot gain an extra bonus attack for using an additional melee weapon if choosing to attack with this weapon.

unwieldy

Some weapons are inherently unwieldy and slower to use, even in the hands of a skilled warrior. Models suffer a -1 penalty to initiative and suffers -1 penalty to hit when attacking in close combat with these weapons.

Vector Strike

Models with vector strike can make a special melee attack whilst moving past or over enemies. After running, turbo boosting, or moving flat out nominate one unit you have moved over that turn thus far. Each model in the unit vector striking deals one automatic hit using a melee weapon of their choice to the target unit.

These attacks are considered to be ranged attacks, and cover saves are allowed against these hits. Consider the attack to be originating from where the unit started its move. A model which vector strikes cannot charge in the assault phase

Vulnerable to Blasts

Some units are especially vulnerable to blast weapons and template weapons. If the unit is a vehicle, then each hit counts as two hits. If it is not a vehicle, each unsaved wound is doubled to two wounds.

wicked

+1 to wound

MODEL SIZES

There are various size classifications in warhammer, as denoted by the presence of special rules.

Normal, large target, extra large target, monstrous.

Space marine and smaller are normal sized.

large targets include crisis suits, tyrannid warriors.

Monstrous targets are things like a contemptor dreadnaught, a carnifex,

Is there a place for vehicles in these? Or are they different enough already.

I think walkers have room in this zone, in fact walkers are kinda a grey area as to being vehicles as it is. HH2.0 even made dreadnoughts not vehicles. I might follow suit.

bulky denotes a unit with worse cover saves only, not necessarily large, such as a terminator.

Model size and line of sight

Is this ever going to be something that I can write down a concise formula for? Or should I just define handwavy rules for it. For instance a carnifex is a monstrous sized model, but he is all hunched over and actually holds his gun pretty low to the ground. It would make sense to me that a carnifex hiding behind a bunch of warriors would not be able to fire his gun. But on the flip side a wraith lord towers over wraith guard and can easily be pictured shooting over them. What about the crisis suit, should arm mounted weapons differ from shoulder mounted? Same question can be said for the wraith lord. Plus some of these models can fly.

ORGANIZING A BATTLE

This is the compliment chapter to A game of 40000, where now that the reader has a more in depth understanding about the rule, we can go into the nitty gritty of how players setup tables, form armies, and engage in total war with one another.

AGREE ON THE GAME SIZE

The very first step to any game of warhammer is to decide and agree with your opponent as to how large a game you wish to play. Standard games of warhammer range from 1000 points to 2000 points, but you can play as large and as small as you wish. Once you have decided upon a point size, players can begin to construct their forces.

A recommended method for this is to pick just below a target goal, then roll a collection of dice to determine the final value. Keeping your point count a little bit random can help add to variety between games, as you will find that certain combinations withing your army add up better at certain point values.

For example, if you wanted to play a medium sized match, you might start with 1200 points, then roll 60 d6 to determine the final point value.

After you have decided on the points value, setting up a game of warhammer takes the following steps.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Setup the table | 8. Roll to see who deploys first |
| 2. Choose forces | 9. Deploy forces |
| 3. Setup the table | 10. Deploy infiltrater |
| 4. Choose a mission | 11. Roll to see who goes first. |
| 5. Roll for night fighting | 12. Pre-game scout moves |
| 6. Place objectives | 13. Game starts! |
| 7. Roll for deployment zones | |

CHOOSING YOUR FORCE

As you build up your armies and become more comfortable with the rules, you will no doubt crave opportunities to get your entire figure collection onto the battlefield and play with bigger points values. Don't be in a mad rush to play huge games however, it is easier to start small and gain familiarity with the rules rather than trying to master everything at once. You will inevitably forget things in your first few games, so it will help to play a number of small, quick games to learn the ropes before moving up to a larger battle

Building your force is almost as simple as choosing units and upgrades up to the amount of points you agreed to play. Every unit in the your codex belongs to a battlefield role, which is used to guide your army creation.

Unit Battlefield Roles

As detailed in each army Codex, all the forces you can use are categorized broadly by type. These types are: HQ, Elite, Troops, Fast Attack and Heavy Support, and these categories tell you something about the role the troops in question play in the army.

HQ

A Headquarters unit might be a single heroic commander or powerful monster, possibly accompanied by personal guards or with a transport vehicle. These units are amongst the most powerful in the game, as leaders will generally have access to more special equipment than everyone else. They are not invincible but can provide a powerful spearhead for an attacking army, and a strong core for a defensive one. Every army will contain at least one Headquarters unit to command it.

Elites

An Elite unit will normally be a powerful but rare option. Elite choices are often the best soldiers an army has to offer, but there are never enough of them. In some cases they will be specialists, while at other times they will be more experienced versions of the regular rank and file soldiers.

Troops

Troops represent the most commonly available soldiers in an army. This does not mean they are poor fighters though; the category includes such troops as Space Marines and Eldar Dire Avengers, both formidable adversaries. These are the warriors that make up the bulk of an army and, as such, every army will have at least two such units.

Fast Attack

Fast Attack units are generally (surprise, surprise!) faster than their comrades and are expected to fight in a more dashing and decisive way. Often they will be responsible for reconnaissance and scouting, while at other times they will be specialist assault troops relying on speed to strike at the heart of the enemy.

Heavy Support

Heavy Support units are literally the big guns of the army. In this section you will find the heaviest items of equipment and the most powerful creatures. However, these units are also often the most expensive in points, so an over-reliance on them could see you being heavily outnumbered.

THE FORCE ORGANIZATION CHART

The minimum and maximum numbers of each of these battlefield roles is detailed in a Force Organization chart. One box on the chart allows you to make one selection from that part

of your army list. Dark boxes are compulsory selections. As you can see from the Force Organization chart opposite, which is used for all Standard Missions, you will always have to take at least one Headquarters selection and two Troops selections. These compulsory choices ensure that whatever else you select, your force will have a core within it that is representative of that army. This is rarely a disadvantage and many players often use the maximum number of Troops selections.

Sometimes a single choice on the Force Organization chart will allow you to select more than one unit. This will always be explained in the appropriate Codex so be sure to read it carefully.



Dedicated transports

Dedicated transport vehicles sit outside the Force Organization structure, as they are attached to the unit they are bought for.

Other exceptions

Quite a few Codex books include units that, much like dedicated transports, are not part of the armies force organization chart. This may be because they are too puny, specialized support units, or simply not part of main fighting forces of that race. These units normally do not count towards the number of choices the player can make from the force organization chart and have rules that will clearly tell the player how many can be included in his force.

Unit availability

Some units will have a restriction (or sometimes a requirement) on how many can be taken, as indicated by a number before the name of their unit entry.

For example, **(1+)** Necron Warriors indicates that an army must have at least 1 squadron of necron warriors. Where **(0-1)** Lictors indicates that you may have between 0 and 1 unit of Lictors.

Points restrictions

There are also points restrictions to go along side the force organization chart. The amount of points in elites, fast, or heavy

cannot individually be more than that of troops. For example, if you wish to take 400 points of heavy support, you must also have 400 points in troops present in your army.

Additionally, some unit entries will tell you a minimum points for playing with the unit. For example a Land Raider cannot be included in a game smaller than 1300 points.

APOCALYPSE GAMES

Playing huge games can take a while, but it is also a fun and rewarding activity to see whole collections pitted against one another. Apocalypse games are intended to be played from 3000 to 4000 points, and allow usage of a new type of units called Lords of War. When playing a game above 3000 points, you can play with two force org charts worth of units, and additionally Lords of War are allowed.

Lords of War

Towering colossus and gargantuan behemoths roam the skyline of epic battles as armies clash. Lords of war represent some of the meanest, most destructive and outright largest of units you will see on the battlefield. From the mighty baneblade to the horrific Tyranid hyrophant, these monstrosities are too large for a normal sized skirmish. As such they are only allowed to be taken in apocalypse sized games. You may have one per force org multiplier you are playing with.

PREPARING THE BATTLEFIELD

Playing a game of warhammer can take up quite a lot of space. For a regular sized game, its recommended to use a 6' x 4' area. But playing on something larger or smaller based upon what you have is totally acceptable too. For even larger games you can play on a ping pong table! But for the rest of this chapter we are going to provide rules for playing on this standard table size, so if players who need to should adjust accordingly.

Build the table. Make sure you plan accordingly for each mission.

HOW MUCH TERRAIN

A general rule of thumb, is that roughly 50% of the base gaming surface should be covered by some piece of terrain or another. These can range from simple hills, to mysterious forests, to ancient decrepit ruins!

You want to avoid terrain setups that lead towards play where units feel like they are leap frogging from one piece of cover to the next. Ideally, terrain is part of the board, not simply on top of it. This is hard to describe, but the easiest example is just coarsely spaced grid of similar. These battlefields tend to not be very engaging or interesting. Always try not to play on a symmetrical battlefield if you can help it for the same reasons.

Remember that part of creating a battlefield is agreeing on the final position, and you don't get to know which side you are going to be playing on! So its always in your best interest to communicate with your opponent until you both think the game table looks fair.

Its always better to create your army list *after* you create your battlefield table, that way neither player feels like they are getting cheated by an unlucky circumstance. Sometimes you might not have the time to do this, having planned your armies

in advance, but it's always best if you have the time. Extra fun is to have a 3rd friend, who isn't playing right now, make the board for both of you!

Identifying the Terrain

Remember to make sure both players are on the same page as to what terrain is what! Hammer out any area terrain rules and such.

CHOOSING A MISSION

After the table is all setup, players must select a mission. Normally this is done by rolling a dice to see which mission you will play, but feel free to just choose if both players (or the board designer) want a specific mission. It's fun to play out a mission on a table which was designed for it.

There are 6 standard missions included in this rulebook, but that should not limit you from trying out your own missions and scenarios.

Die Roll	Mission Type
1	Spearhead
2	Labyrinthine Escape
3	Data Retrieval
4	Capture Point
5	Control Zone
6	Flag Capture

These missions are discussed further in the following chapter. But many of them involve the step of placing objectives.

OBJECTIVES

Securing objectives in one way or another is the goal of every game of warhammer, that and trying to eliminate your foe! Objectives are used in all of the following missions in some form or another, but exactly how is mission specific. Objectives are represented on the board by objective markers, and can be influenced in a variety of ways by the players. Securing objectives is the primary way to collect victory points in all of the mission types.

Objective markers

Objective markers are physical tokens which players place on the board to indicate the objectives. There are no fixed rules for what constitutes an objective. Some players use rare coins, while others enjoy making intricate scenic bases to represent their objectives. Not all objective markers need to be the same size or shape, but it is sometimes important to be able to keep track of which marker is which, so they should be visually distinct in some form.

Securing and Contesting Objectives

The goal of many of the following missions is to secure the objectives on the board, while at the same time trying to thwart your opponents attempts to do so. Units in the game all fall under one of two categories, scoring units, which can score and contest objectives, and non scoring units, which cannot score but can contest objectives.

The exact method for securing objectives detailed in the missions chapter on page ?? as it varies from mission to mission.

Scoring units

Scoring units are used to secure objectives throughout the game. They are necessary to get victory points, for without them you cannot secure objectives. In general, all units except vehicles, monstrous creatures, and swarms are scoring units. Every unit is able to contest objectives but vehicles, monstrous creatures, and swarms cannot score on their own.

Placing Objectives

Placing objectives is an important part of any game, but naturally there can be some bias for players as to where to place them. Objectives are best placed by a 3rd party who setup the table if that is an option. Objectives are placed before table sides and orientation are set, to encourage even placement.

There are always an odd number of objectives. Place one in the center of the map, on the highest floor if in a ruin or structure. The rest are divided up between the players to place, dicing off for which player places first. The objectives may not be placed within 6" of the table edge.

DUSK & DAWN

All games of warhammer have a day night cycle. Roll a d6, and on a 4+ the game starts in darkness. Starting on the bottom of turn 4, roll another d6 to see if the day/night cycle changes, also a 4+ — if the game started in daytime it will turn to night, and if the game started in darkness it will turn to daytime. This roll is attempted at the bottom of each game round until the light changes, in which it will stay for the rest of the game.

When the night fighting rules are in effect, units gain additional bonuses to their cover saves based on the distance from their attackers. When outside of 12", defending units will gain +1 cover saves. When outside of 24", defending units will instead gain +2 cover saves. Lastly, units outside of 36" are completely untargetable.

BATTLEFIELD ORIENTATION

Not every game of warhammer is played along the same axis of the table. With the battlefield all setup with terrain and objectives placed, its time to establish the deployment zones.

Reversing the Order

Sometimes its fun to craft an intricate battlefield and pre-plan out the deployment zones and even the game direction. Sometimes even after knowing who is going to have which side and go first! This is totally fine to do too. If you are placing the objectives after table orientations have been decided, then only one objective may be placed in each deployment zone.

Deployment and Dead Zones

Deployment zones are the areas on the table in which players will deploy their forces. Deployment zones vary based upon the deployment shape as mentioned previously. But what will stay the same is the dead zone. Each battlefield will have a 24" dead zone centered along its axis of play in which neither

player can position their forces. The space that is left on either side is the deployment zone.

Roll a d6 and consult the chart below.

Die Roll	Deployment Shape
1	Surprise Engagement
2-4	Pitched Battle
5-6	Vanguard Strike

Surprise Engagement

A surprise engagement is played in the long axis of the table.

Pitched Battle

A pitched battle is played the short axis of the table.

Vanguard Strike

Vanguard strike is played diagonally, where players have triangular deployment zones. Additionally, when playing vanguard strike you have to determine which diagonal you are going to play. Identify the diagonals and flip a coin.

It is typical for players to use a spaced out line of dice for identifying the deployment zones.

Vanguard strike is often the best choice for playing on an undersized table, as it creates the best balance of deadzone, while keeping a deep area to deploy some of your units.

DEPLOYING FORCES

With the table now all ready for models to be placed. Its time to roll to see who deploys first! Both players will roll a d6, and the victor gets to pick which side he wants to have and will deploy his models. After which the other player will deploy his models.

Deploying models and units is a simple process, simply position them on the battlefield, wholly within your deployment zone, following the rules for unit coherency and the agreed upon terrain rules.

A Note on Secrecy

Hidden stuff can be fun, just when your opponent thinks they have you on the ropes your surprise attack can hit and send them into disarray! But it can also sometimes be detrimental to the experience. Games ending in the list building phase are not fun. Before starting to deploy forces, players should agree whether or not to show, discuss, and perhaps adjust your army lists with one another in order to get a well balanced match were both players get to try their hardest. The most fun is always had when you really have to test your metal as a battlefield commander.

Competitive List Building

Sometimes an event or situation simply cannot allow for the time needed to have these meaningful discussions with your opponents. In that case it best practice to bring a few variations of a army list.

Designer note: I have plans for writing rules guiding this kind of advanced list building, but that will not make it into the first version of this ruleset.

Infiltrators and Scouts

After deploying all their normal units, players will deploy infiltrator and scouting units, following the respective rules on page 56 and page 57. Scouts make their scout move after rolling for first turn, but before the start of said turn. Scout units who belong to the second player are also placed into overwatch after they complete their move.

WHO GOES FIRST?

After both players are done positioning their models, its time to roll to see who gets the first turn. Both players will roll the dice, and the winner of the toss can choose whether or not they want the first or second turn. Remember that you don't get to know who is going to go first while positioning your forces, so plan accordingly!

ENDING THE GAME

Games of warhammer do have a variable length. Starting at the end of the 6th round, one of the players will roll a dice to see if the game continues on.

- A 7th will occur on a 3+
- An 8th will occur on a 4+
- A 9th and here on after will occur on a 5+

When the game is concluded, players will tally up their victory points (discussed further in the missions chapter) and see who wins!

VICTORY POINTS

Games of warhammer using the standard missions are determined by scoring victory points by completing the mission objectives. The winner is whoever has the most. More details on how to gain victory points can be found in the missions chapter, as it varies from mission to mission.

Annihilation!

The game always ends if one of the players forces are completely destroyed. The remaining player is victorious, regardless of victory points.

RESERVES

A widespread battlefield tactic employed by command is to strategically hold back portions of a strike force in order to get advantageous positioning. Some armies do so by skirting fast units along the outside edges of a battlefield while others drop right into the thick of the fray. Some advanced alien races even open rifts in real space and stride out onto the battlefield as if walking out their back door.

USING RESERVES

Reserves are a part of an army that is not deployed on the battlefield at the start of the game. They will be used as support further on into the battle.

How many Reserves?

You may choose to hold up to half the points of the army can in reserve.

Arriving from Reserves

Unfortunately the downside of not being on the battle field is the chance of bad timing or communications between events on and off the field.

Only a certain amount of units can arrive from reserves at a time. So if you have a lot of them you have to choose wisely which and when you would like to call in your reserves. The **controlling player may choose** to bring in units from their reserves such that the amount each round does not exceed the current game round, with the first player at a -1 penalty. See the following table.

Game Round	Reserves	
	Player 1	Player 2
1	0	1
2	1	2
3	2	3
4	3	4

Starting from the 5th turn and onward the limit for both players remains fixed at 4 units per turn.

Double size games

When playing in games of 2500 points it is encouraged to use double the allowed number of reserve arrivals, just make sure both players are on the same page.

Types of Reserves

There are three categories of reserves in a game of warhammer: standard, deep strike, and outflank. As part of deploying units you must choose which type of reserve a unit is going to enter

play though, provided you have not simply deployed the unit normally. When said units enter play they must do so using the rules for their elected reserve type.

STANDARD RESERVES

Its not uncommon to see a commander withhold some key units until the coast is clear. Any unit may be held in reserve. When deploying your army simply leave the unit(s) off to the side of the board. These units will arrive later to support the army.

Units in standard reserves come onto the controlling players board edge. Place it wholly onto the board such that the unit is within the units move from the board edge.

Units coming onto the board from standard reserve count as moving, and may shoot, run, and charge as normal.

DEEP STRIKE RESERVES

A slightly riskier operation, but sometimes the benefit of a tactical insertion are enough to justify its danger. These units are dropped from spacecraft, sent down to the surface in drop pods, come up from the ground, teleport, or some other equally exciting form of deployment. When deploying, your units with the Deep Strike special rule may be put in deep strike reserve, set the unit off to the side of the board.

Units in deep strike reserve come onto the board in a more complicated manner than other units. Use the following procedure.

- Place a single member of the unit onto the table in an open space and roll for scatter to determine the units final position.
- Move the unit to its new location, and place the rest of the members of the unit. These members must be placed as close as possible to the starting model, forming concentric circles around him until they are all placed.

After completing the deep strike maneuver, the unit may consolidate 3" using the rules for consolidation on page ???. Units that deep strike cannot move further or charge on the turn they enter play, but can shoot or run.

Units that deep strike count as moving the turn they arrive and must take a dangerous terrain test if they deep strike into forests, ruins, or other difficult terrain.

Deep Strike and Multilevel Terrain.

Units deep strike onto multilevel terrain differently based upon their unit or wargear descriptions. If the units is described as orbital dropping, be it drop pods, jump packs or the like then the unit must be placed on the uppermost level. If the unit burrows or users some other subterranean method then they must be placed on the lower-most level. Units that teleport may be placed on any level.

For clarification, the uppermost level is referring to the highest highest place that lies underneath the end location. This means that some units can end up on different levels if there isn't enough room on a certain level.

Deep Strike an Terrain Boundaries.

Sometimes a deep strike scatter leaves the model precariously positioned over a ledge or on the top of a thin wall. In a case like this simply move the model the shortest direction to endure its safety – this is the new deep strike location, and the unit must take a dangerous terrain test.

Deep Strike Mishap

Sometimes things go very wrong for a deep strike – its a risk that one must face.

If a deep striking model cannot be placed, due to either terrain limitations, scattering off the table, or landing where an already existing unit is they suffer a deep strike mishap! Roll on the following table to see what happens.

Roll	Result
1	For each inch by which the scatter needs to be changed by the minimal amount in order to place the unit, one model chosen by the controlling player is removed from play with no saves of any kind. Place the survivors in their new location.
2-3	Roll 4 more d6, and add the value to the scatter, continuing in a straight line until the unit can be placed, looping around onto the opposing table edge if necessary.
4-6	The deep strike had a miss-coordination, and the unit is placed back into deep strike reserves.

OUTFLANK RESERVES

Some units specialize in sneaking around the side of a battlefield to provide support from the flanks. When deploying your units with the Outflank special rule may be put in outflank reserves, set the unit off to the side of the board.

After both armies have deployed and after scout moves, but before the first turn decide which side of the table your outflanking units will arrive on, either of the two non-player sides – write this down on a piece of paper as you cannot change it later.

Units in outflank reserves come onto the decided board edge. Place it wholly onto the board such that the unit is within the units move from the board edge.

Units coming onto the board from outflank reserve count as moving, and may shoot, run, and charge as normal.

MISSIONS

Following are the standard mission types for a game of warhammer. They dictate the way players will interact with objectives on the board, as well as any special setup instruction, and which secondary objectives are relevant (as detailed further at the end of this chapter).

SPEAR HEAD

Reach and hold the enemies base of operations, while protecting your own!

Objective Setup

There are no standard objectives to be placed during the usual time players position objectives. Instead, in spearhead both players will be given one objective marker to represent their base of operations. Each player places their marker within their deployment zone, after both players have placed their normal forces, but before infiltrators and scout moves. Placement begins with the player who deployed second.

Base of Operations

The goal of Spearhead is to get to and secure the enemies base of operations, while defending yours. If an unit manages to secure it and hold the objective uncontested for two turn turns, or are holding it when the game ends, they win.

Victory points in this mission are only allotted for the sake of determining a winner if the primary mission objective is not reached by either player.

- Players are allotted 1 victory point at the end of their turn if they are holding the base of operations, whether it is contested or not.

In order to secure the base of operations a scoring unit must come into base contact with the objective marker. From then on the capturing unit only needs to remain within 3" of the marker to hold the objective.

Contesting the objective requires an unit to be within 3" of the marker. Contesting units do not need to ever attempt to capture their own base, just contest it.

ZONE CONTROL

Storm and secure the area, defending it from foes until it mysteriously vanishes and re-appears elsewhere!

Objective Setup

There is only one objective marker in zone control, known as the control zone. The control zone begins in the center of the board, on the ground floor if applicable.

The control zone

Capture and hold the control zone more often than your opponent.

In order to take the zone, a scoring unit must simply enter the control zone, which is all space within 4" of the objective marker.

- 1 point is awarded for each player turn ended with a unit on the zone.
- 1 point is awarded for forcing an opponent off the zone. 2 points if the unit was fearless or had a fearless independent character.
- 1 point is awarded for a complete zone capture: activating the point and remaining inside till the zone moves.
- 1 extra point is gained for each action if the Warlord of either army was participating in the act (part of the unit scoring or being forced off the zone).

Both teams can score points on the zone simultaneously. As such, contesting is not part of this game type.

Zone Capture:

After a zone becomes first activated by a unit entering it the zone remains so for two more player turns after this. The zone will last until the end of these turns.

After this the zone moves, scattering 4d6", using the arrows on the direct hit marker — the zone will never not move. If the zone scatters off the table, continue the scatter from the opposite side of the table. The player with fewer points may always chose to force a re-roll of the scatter.

FLAG CAPTURE

Secure artifacts and return them to your score point, or carry them around for extra bonuses!

Objective Setup

Flag capture is played with either 5 or 7 flags. Start by rolling a d6, on a roll of 3+ use 7, otherwise 5.

Placing flags is handled using the normal objective placement rules. One goes in the center, with the remainder for the players to place.

Additionally, each player will be given 1 special objective marker to represent their teams drop point. These will be placed after forces have deployed, but before infiltrators and scouts. These may be anywhere on the table that is out of 12" of a flag. Be careful when considering this location, as you have to protect it from being raided.

Get the Flag

In order to capture a flag, you must have a scoring unit come into base contact with the flag. The flag is now attached to

the unit, and will moving with them. Flags may not be moved into ongoing reserves, but may enter transports. A unit can carry the number of flags equal to its surviving members.

If a unit flees it immediately drops all its flags before falling back. Flags have no connection to models but to the unit. For the purposes of moving the flag, you may place it anywhere within unit coherency every time the unit moves.

Passing Flags

At any point where two units can simultaneously maintain unit coherency to the flag, the controlling player may transfer the flag from one unit to another.

Dropped Flags

If a unit carrying a flag is eliminated and no allied unit is close enough to take possession of it (unit coherency) Then the flag is dropped, and stays where it currently rests.

A unit can always choose to drop a flag when they so desire, such as at their drop point.

Scoring Flags

At the end of the game players are awarded victory points for the flags that they have returned to their drop point, and for flags that they hold.

- 1 victory point for each flag held by a scoring unit.
- 2 victory points for each flag within 3" of their drop point.

CAPTURE POINT

Capture and Hold more points than your opponent for longer.

Placing Objectives

Control point uses 5 objectives. If players are placing the objectives, place one in the center of the map. The players then divvy up and place the remaining objectives, dicing off for which player starts. The objectives may not be placed within 6" of the table edge.

Holding Points

In order to capture an objective you must have a scoring unit come into base contact with the objective marker. From then on the capturing unit only needs to remaining within 3" of the point will qualify as holding the objective.

In order for a new squad to capture the objective they must also come into base contact with the objective. Contesting an objective requires you to move a unit within 3" of an enemy controlled objective. All units can contest objectives.

- At the Start of a your turn, for every un-contested objective that you control add 1 point toward your total score.

DATA RETRIEVAL

Collect the data from the unique terminals scattered about the field!

Placing Objectives

Data retrieval uses 7 objectives. If players are placing the objectives, place one in the center of the map. The players then divvy up and place the remaining objectives, dicing off for which player starts. The objectives may not be placed within 6" of the table edge.

Data Uplink

In order to capture an objective you must have a scoring unit come into base contact with an uncontested marker. Contesting a marker requires a unit to only be within 3".

- Upon first capturing an objective, you immediately gain 2 victory points.
- No further points can be gained from holding an already scored objective.

It is your goal to secure as many new objectives as you move across the battlefield, while trying to thwart your opponent from visiting the ones you already have!

LABYRINTHINE ESCAPE

Survive impending doom by fighting to escape the tesseract labyrinth.

Placing Objectives

There are 5 objectives in Labyrinthine Escape. Portal markers are placed onto the battlefield like normal objectives, and are then scattered d6 inches. Once all the portals are placed, roll 2d6 and place it next to each objective, this is the countdown timer for the portal opening.

Escape and Live

In order to win this mission you must evacuate more units than your opponent. In this regard this mission is unique in that it is the only mission in which players can still win while having no units remaining on the table. The normal rules under annihilation on page 63 do not apply.

Countdown Timer

At the start of every player turn but the first, the escape pod timers tick down and become active when the counter reaches 0. If at the end of this turn no one is contesting the objective marker, the marker is removed.

The Power Shield

At the end of the round which the portal activates, all contesting units within 3" of the marker are sealed in a power shield, isolating them from the rest of board. There is no way in or out of the power dome. If there is an ongoing combat, they continue to fight until only one players units are remaining. These units have successfully escaped.

- Each model successfully escaped is worth its point value in victory points.
- Scoring models are worth double.
- If the model is a HQ, they are worth double bonus victory points (scoring or not).

Alternate rules if you have the means, everything in the escape pod is moved onto a new boarding action table to be played out in sync with the rest of the game.

Extra Rifts

On any player turn past 5, roll a dice, if the roll is a 6 then an extra portal has impacted opened up! Scatter the rift 4d6” from the center of the board. If a direct hit is rolled, scatter using only the lowest and highest of the dice using the small arrow. These portals start with a countdown timer of 1.

Secondary Objectives

All secondary objectives in are worth 20 times their normal points in this game mode.

SECONDARY OBJECTIVES

In addition to the primary objective, each of the missions have the following secondary objectives as a way to score a few bonus points, and maybe tip the odds in your favor. They are all worth 1 victory point.

- Kingslayer
- First blood
- Last laugh
- Heroic intervention
- Causing a failed moral or pinning test on a unit holding an objective

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