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And so the lords of Mars are finally revealed: prostrate yourself, readers, as the forces of the Cult Mechanicus are brought to bear. The sinister figures of the Tech-Priests Dominus and their cybernetic vassals are united in worship of the Machine God, and joined in battle by the lethal zealotry of the Electro-Priests. With a new Codex offering fascinating background reading for this deadly new faction, there has never been a better time to smite the enemies of man! And why not combine the Cult Mechanicus with their military forces, the Skitarii Legions? We give you some examples on page 18 in our Sons of the Omnissiah feature – along with an exclusive new formation for Warhammer 40,000 in Theatre of War.

In short, it's another thrilling week in the world of Citadel miniatures and Games Workshop – see you next week for more!



TECH-PRIEST DOMINUS

Within the Cult Mechanicus the rank of Dominus is given only to those Tech-Priests who have displayed a talent for war. As shapers of destruction they bring the cold, calculating logic of the Adeptus Mechanicus to the battlefield. Woe betide any who oppose their will.



A wizened and ancient, hunchbacked spectre, the appearance of the Tech-Priest Dominus belies his true nature – each is a master of warfare in its many guises, the commander of one of the vast armies of the Machine Cult unleashed to hunt down lost treasures, execute techno-heretics and defend the forge worlds, all by the will of the Tech-Priests Dominus.

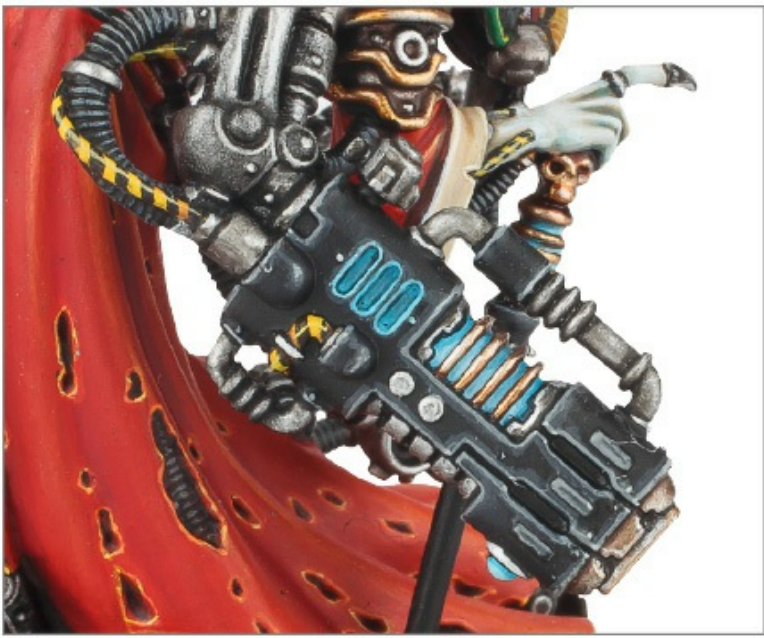
Equipped with a baffling array of weapons and wargear, little of the Tech-Priest's flesh

remains, a trinity of titanium limbs and a sea of mechadendrites supporting his one remaining biological hand, withered flesh still gripping a skull-topped staff; even his face has been replaced with a dispassionate mask of piercing optics and sucking cables. The kit actually includes two separate heads for you to choose from: the cowed one you see here, and another wearing a priestly klobuk (which you can see opposite) for he is amongst the masters of the priesthood of Mars.

The Tech-Priest is armed with a terrifying array of weapons, with a volkite blaster or eradication ray as his main weapon and a phosphor serpenta or macrostubber as a backup weapon. His fourth arm is attached to a tall power axe, the iconic weapon of the Tech-Priests of the Adeptus Mechanicus. This weapon, wrought millennia ago, even has a vox-unit built in – you can just imagine bursts of machine-cant rattling out as he orders his congregation into battle.

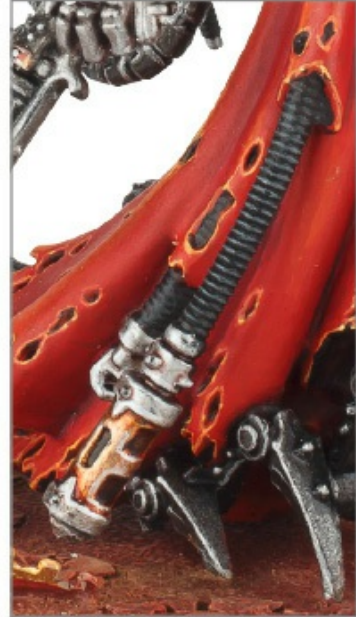


Above: A Tech-Priest advances imperturbably towards the front lines accompanied by Kastelan Robots and a Datasmith.



Left: Hanging on a sturdy bionic arm (one of three, no less) the Tech-Priest carries a volkite blaster, a weapon that kills through subsonic combustion.

Right: The Tech-Priest's one real hand looks thin and feeble compared to his mighty bionic limbs.



Left: A power pack provides the Tech-Priest's many weapons with all the power they need. Above it sit sanctus canisters, filled with fluids to sustain life, suppress emotion and other, more sinister purposes.

Centre: A phosphor serpenta. The kit includes an alternative macrostubber too.

Right: Even the Tech-Priest Dominus wears a rad-cleanser.

CORPUSCARIII ELECTRO-PRIESTS

Tech-Priests devoted to the understanding of the Motive Force, the Corpuscarii Electro-Priests harness vast amounts of electricity within the dynamo generators on their backs and unleash it upon the unworthy in sheets of lightning.





With bulky dorsal generators grafted onto their backs and a halo of transistors like a crown upon their heads, the Corpuscarii Electro-Priests are living batteries, willing hosts to the unstoppable energy of the Omnissiah's Motive Force.

Unlike the sinister Tech-Priest Dominus, the Electro-Priests are men of flesh and blood, though their muscular frames crackle with the barely restrained power coursing through the sub-dermal cybernetic implants that trail around their bodies. Called electroos, these vein-like augmentations resemble something between war paint and a circuit board, and hold so much power the Electro-Priests' eyes have burned out. More importantly they channel power to the electrostatic gauntlets with which they loose arcing lightning into the foe, killing the unworthy with jagged bolts of electricity.



Above: Corpuscarii Electro-Priests advance ahead of Kataphron battle servitors, bathed in their own electric glow.



Left: A layer of sub-dermal implants run beneath the Electro-Priest's flesh. These carry the vast currents that flow through their bodies.



Right: Each Electro-Priest wears holy vestments decorated with sacred depictions of the Motive Force.



Left: The Corpuscarii have powerful dynamo generators grafted onto their backs.

Right: Thick cables transfer power to their deadly electrostatic gauntlets.

FULGURITE ELECTRO-PRIESTS

The violent brotherhood known as the Fulgurite Electro-Priests crackle with stolen energy, plundered from those defeated in mortal combat. Every blow from their electroleech staves steals the victim's anima, siphoning it into their capacitors.





A bizarre and ancient schism within the orders of the Electro-Priests has divided the priesthood into two opposing factions: the Corpuscarii and Fulgurite sects. The Fulgurites believe it is their duty to deny the galaxy's unworthy creatures the Motive Force of the Omnissiah – they crusade to steal away the electrical life force of their enemies, drawing it away from their victim through the haft of their electroleech staves, down thick insulated cables that run from each end of the stave, and into the capacitors they wear upon their backs.

As priests they conduct their violent battle-sacrament clad in holy raiment: sturdy rubberised gloves and boots with inches-thick soles insulate the Electro-Priests against the lethal electrical discharges as they bludgeon their enemies, while the electroos that run across their torsos are bared to the world as a sign of their unflinching faith.



Above: Electro-Priests of the Fulgurite sect prepare to reclaim the Motive Force from the alien heresies that are the Eldar ghost warriors.



Left: Every Electro-Priest is functionally blind, their eyes destroyed by the terrible power coursing through their veins.



Right: A capacitor grafted to the Fulgurite's back stores the Motive Force looted from the bodies of the Electro-Priest's foes.



Above: The Fulgurite Electro-Priests carry electroleech staves into battle. The remarkable technology in these arcane weapons can sap every iota of anima from their victim with a single touch, leaving nothing but a lifeless corpse.

CULT MECHANICUS

The mysterious and secretive Cult Mechanicus is home to some of the Imperium's deadliest warriors, congregations of Tech-Priests, servitors and robots that stride to war with the zeal of priests marching on a crusade, eager to stamp out heresy and punish the unbeliever.



The priesthood of the Cult Mechanicus are not peaceful supplicants to an unseen god, but warriors devoted to the Quest for Knowledge. In every corner of the Imperium where the Adeptus Mechanicus holds sway, the Cult Mechanicus gathers in Battle Congregations, drawing upon countless Kataphron battle servitors and the automaton robots of the Legio Cybernetica to do their bidding. The army advances to the clamour of grinding gears, whirring servos and the blare of binharic cant unleashed from every vox caster and augmented larynx.

Codex: Cult Mechanicus is the ultimate guide to this brotherhood of destruction, an army

of religious zealots devoted to the jealous gathering of knowledge and the utter obliteration of the Omnissiah's foes. The book details the history of this warlike conclave, showing how the Cult organises itself and readies for battle, explaining the forge worlds of the Omnissiah, the Battle Congregations and the warriors within them, from the all-powerful Tech-Priest Dominus to the mindless Kataphron Servitors. Rules for all of these new units allow you to bring the armies of the Cult Mechanicus to the battlefield as never before, with four Formations including Cybernetica Cohorts, Elimination Maniples and the schism-defying Numinous Conclave (Electro-Priests unite!). The Codex also has new Warlord Traits, Tactical Objectives, a brilliant army special rule in Canticles of the Omnissiah, which represents the manifested faith of the Cult as they beseech the Omnissiah, Arcana Mechanicum and much more.



Above: A Tech-Priest Dominus stands flanked by a pair of Kastelan Robots on the Codex cover.



THE LEGIO CYBERNETICA

The anatomies of the Legio Cybernetica are created among the mightiest servitors of the Machine God. When raised to war, their powerful claws flex, their rattling war engines pulse down to the floor of the Omnissiah, and their guns spit hot death into the enemy. Truly these machines are blessed, for unlike those warlords who bear the curse of flesh, the robots of the Cult Mechanicus harbour neither doubt nor weakness.

Since the aftermath of Warmaster Horus' rebellion the Legio Cybernetica's robots have been controlled completely by their masters – not by the bio-plastic cerebra and nervous-like neural webs of Mechanicus constructs, but by sanctified electronic wafers. No bigger than the cards of the Emperor's Tarot, these slivers of seizure are entrusted to the Cybernetica Dataslates that accompany the robot marines in war. Inevitably, once the dataslate fails, behind each robot's chestplate, the wafers' central protocol will dictate every iota of the host's behaviour, usually optimising its ability to destroy its foes in a spectacular fashion.

Should a robot be controlled by a Protective-pattern doctrina wafers, it will concentrate its efforts towards ranged combat, mowing down rank upon rank of the enemy with an accuracy a mere human could never hope to match. If the accompanying Tech-Priest wishes to change the behaviour of his charges – for instance to be more aggressive (Cognoscenti protocol – he must manually remove the first doctrina wafers and insert a new one in its place. Many patterns of doctrina are in shorter supply than the robots themselves. Though there are dozens of robot cloths and accessories, each is strictly mechanical, and hence easier to maintain than the fusion of bio-matter and electronics that form each doctrina wafers. Furthermore, whenever a mariner of robots fresh from battle needs replacing, a Dataslate, it will continue to process its last doctrina protocol until it runs out of power – something that usually takes weeks of unbridled slaughter to achieve. Such risks and limitations are willingly accepted by the Cult Mechanicus, for the act of building independence through a battle automaton is strictly forbidden. Who knows how many marines the Legio Cybernetica could field if the ancient prohibition on artificial life was lifted?

Though the robots of the Legio Cybernetica once numbered enough to shatter entire alien empires, a great many have been lost to the ravages of time. The secrets of their construction are all but forgotten. Because of this it takes a tremendous of suppurating rank to maintain their use, and almost legions are taken to oversee those that fall in action. Yet these static machines remain a constant sight in the armies of the Cult Mechanicus. For a religious brotherhood that believes flesh to be weak and metal incorruptible, to wield such mighty war constructs is to command the might of the Omnissiah himself.

Above: Glorious artwork shows the armies of the Cult Mechanicus in battle throughout the book, including this stunning piece of an Electro-Priest meting out the Ommissiah's wrath upon an unfortunate Ork.



Above: Galleries of Citadel miniatures painted by the exceptional Studio army painters and world renowned 'Eavy Metal team show the Cult Mechanicus in the colours of Mars, Metalica and Ryza forge worlds.

CODEX: CULT MECHANICUS

DOMINUS EDITION

For Tech-Priests of the Adeptus Mechanicus, no goal is more important than the Quest for Knowledge, no treasure greater than the archives of information upon the forge worlds. For collectors who feel the same, we present the Dominus Edition of Codex: Cult Mechanicus.



The Dominus Edition of Codex: Cult Mechanicus is strictly limited to only 900 copies, and is sure to sell out quickly. Make sure you pre-order your copy to avoid disappointment. It's available online only from:

www.games-workshop.com



The Dominus Edition is a labour of love devoted to the lords of the forge worlds. Each comes sealed in a presentation box, detailed with brass foil depicting the icon of the Cult Mechanicus. This box opens to reveal a copy of Codex: Cult Mechanicus with a finish unique to this edition: the outer treatment gives way to a tipped-in page with unique numbering and the cover art from the standard edition.

Beyond the Codex you'll find a decorative envelope that contains an illustration of Holy Mars (something no Tech-Priest should ever be without), and beneath this a layer of foam that holds even more treasures. In custom-cut hexagonal slots you'll find 36 Tactical Objective cards, six Canticles of the Omnissiah cards and six Ryza tokens. These brass effect tokens are labelled with the icon of the forge world of Ryza, and are perfect for marking battlefield objectives. This edition is a sister piece to the Ruststalker Edition of Codex: Skitarii – and they look absolutely amazing side by side.

DATA CARDS: CULT MECHANICUS

6 Canticles of the Omnissiah cards & 36 Tactical Objectives


Harness the mysteries of Mars and unleash the Omnissiah's wrath in your games with these datacards.




CANTICLES OF THE OMNISSIAH

INCANTATION OF THE IRON SOUL

Raising their voices in binharic praise, the Disciples of the Machine God bolster their spirits with the surety of iron.



Units	Effect
1-3	Friendly units with the Canticles of the Omnissiah special rule gain the Stubborn special rule.
4-7	Friendly units with the Canticles of the Omnissiah special rule gain the Stubborn special rule and must re-roll all failed Morale, Fear and Pinning tests.
8+	Friendly units with the Canticles of the Omnissiah special rule gain the Fearless special rule.



PRAISE THE MACHINE GOD

Let the energising power of the Machine God surround you – the jubilation of his flock shall be the bane of his foe.

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Score 1 Victory Point at the end of your turn if you used one of the following Canticles of the Omnissiah during your turn; Incantation of the Iron Soul or Shroudpsalm.

TYPE: CULT MECHANICUS

NETWORKED ARCHEDTECH

Many ancient treasures have been scattered across this land. Ensure you unite their components wherever they can be found.

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When this Tactical Objective is generated roll two dice (re-rolling any doubles). Score 1 Victory Point at the end of your turn if you control either of the Objective Markers whose numbers correspond to the results. If you control both these Objective Markers at the end of your turn, score D3 Victory Points instead.

TYPE: CULT MECHANICUS

When the Cult Mechanicus wages war it does so for its own mysterious purposes, often to secure a precious relic of technology or to safeguard the treasures of the Omnissiah. These datacards allow you to bring those missions to life with 36 Tactical Objectives cards, including objectives such as Reclaim Lost Knowledge, where you must sweep the foe from critical areas, or Destroy, Record, Rejoice, where you are rewarded for bringing death to the war machines in the enemy army.

The set also includes seven Canticles of the Omnissiah cards (six for the Canticles, and a seventh to explain how they work), which reflect the Cult harnessing the power of the Omnissiah on the battlefield, for instance with the Litanies of the Electromancer or Shroudpsalms.



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ADEPTUS MECHANICUS: TECH-PRIEST

By Rob Sanders
Hardback | 192 pages

The lost forge world of Velchanos Magna lies contested. Tech-Priest Torquora must see the battle won.



The anxiously awaited sequel to *Adeptus Mechanicus: Skitarius* is here at last, as Rob Sanders continues the story of an unfolding war between the Adeptus Mechanicus and the Iron Warriors Legion of Chaos Space Marines, and some truly monstrous allies.

In this novel Sanders has perfectly encapsulated the nature and character of the Machine Cult, with vivid, absorbing depictions of the weapons and wargear of the Adeptus Mechanicus in battle and the glorious image of Tech-Priest Omnid Torquora, our hero in this violent adventure. If you enjoyed the first book, or just want some no holds barred Adeptus Mechanicus action, this one is for you.

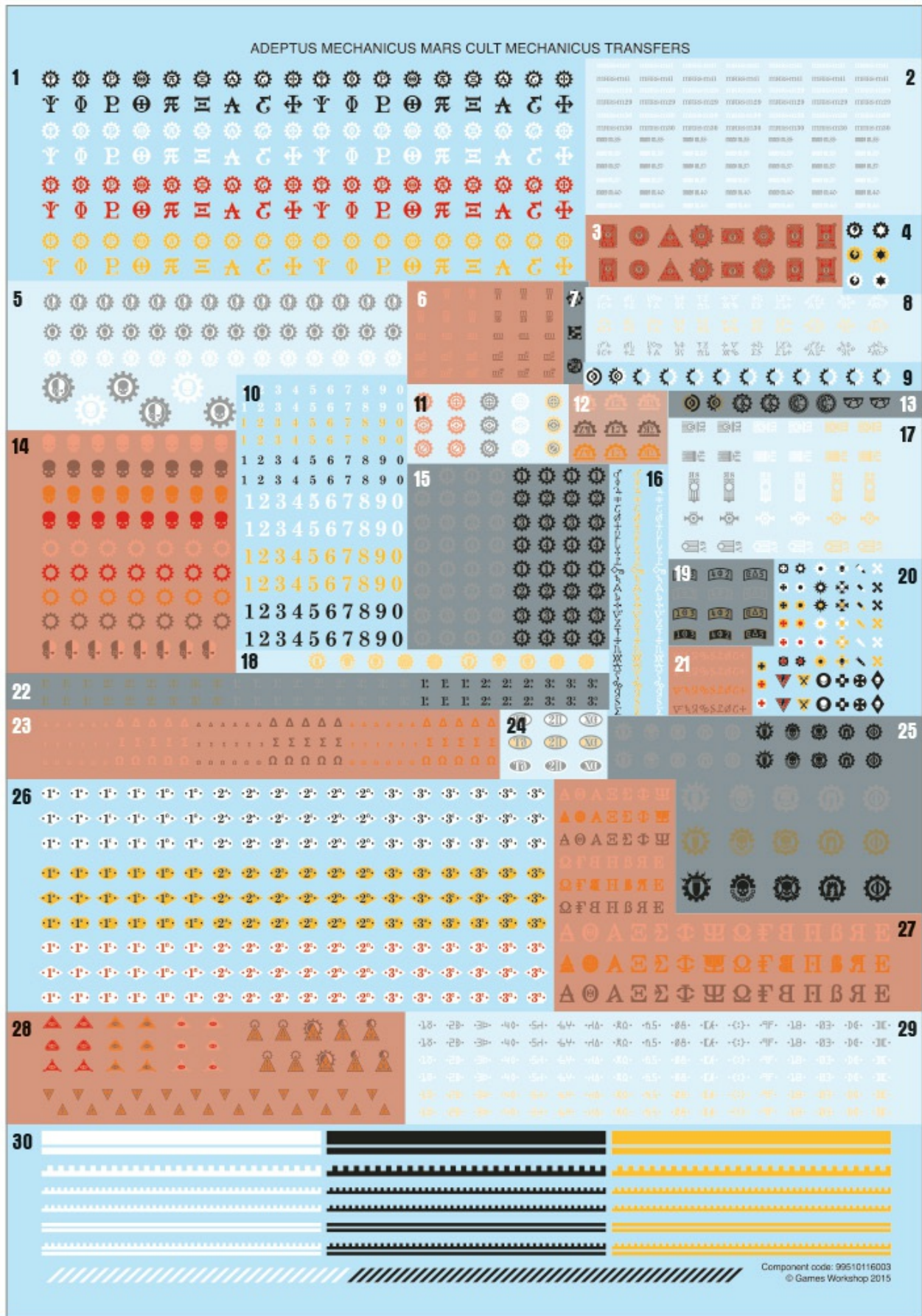
FURTHER READING

If *Adeptus Mechanicus: Tech-Priest* has grabbed your interest, you might want to pick up the previous novel, *Adeptus Mechanicus: Skitarius*, too. If you've already got it, and you're thirsty for more why not try out *Titanicus* by Dan Abnett – the brilliant descriptions of Titan warfare are unmissable.

MARS TRANSFER SHEET

Released this week alongside the new Cult Mechanicus models and Codex is this massive transfer sheet designed with Mars in mind. With more than 1000 transfers on the sheet, you'll have everything covered, from robot designators to chemical compound warnings.

Nothing finishes off a great paint job better than putting on all the right unit markings and this new Mars transfer sheet helps you do just that. Designed specifically for the Cult Mechanicus armies of Mars it covers essential individual and unit markings such as Kastelan Robot markings, Kataphron numbers, Martian origin stamps and even kill markings. The transfer sheet is exceptional quality, with the carrier film shaped around the individual transfers to make removing them as easy as possible.



1. Robot designators. Such markings are unique to a Kastelan and are never repeated within a single Kastelan Robot Maniple.

2. Forge world origin stamps (all of these show Mars, of course). These can be used

anywhere on manufactured equipment.

3. Forge world maker's plates.
4. Weapon designator markings – put them on powerful guns to act as warnings or guides.
5. Adeptus Mechanicus icons and Mars forge world indicators.
6. Short form Mars origin stamps.
7. Cogitator identifiers.
8. Archeoscript.
9. Cog symbols and maker's mark sigils.
10. Numbers.
11. Cog seals.
12. Cog ciphers. What does it all mean...?
13. Rad counters
14. Skulls and cog symbols for use anywhere.
15. Battle Congregation designator badges.
16. Archeoscript.
17. Port and socket markers.
18. Cult icons.
19. Unknown. Possibly obsolete unit markings, meaning now unknown.
20. Kill markings and campaign badges.
21. More archeoscript.
22. Kataphron clade markings; small digits are individual marks.
23. Kataphron and Kastelan designator marks.
24. Mysterious seals. If you don't understand the code, don't touch...
25. Legio designators.
26. Kataphron markers (large digits reflect units, small ones individual servitors).

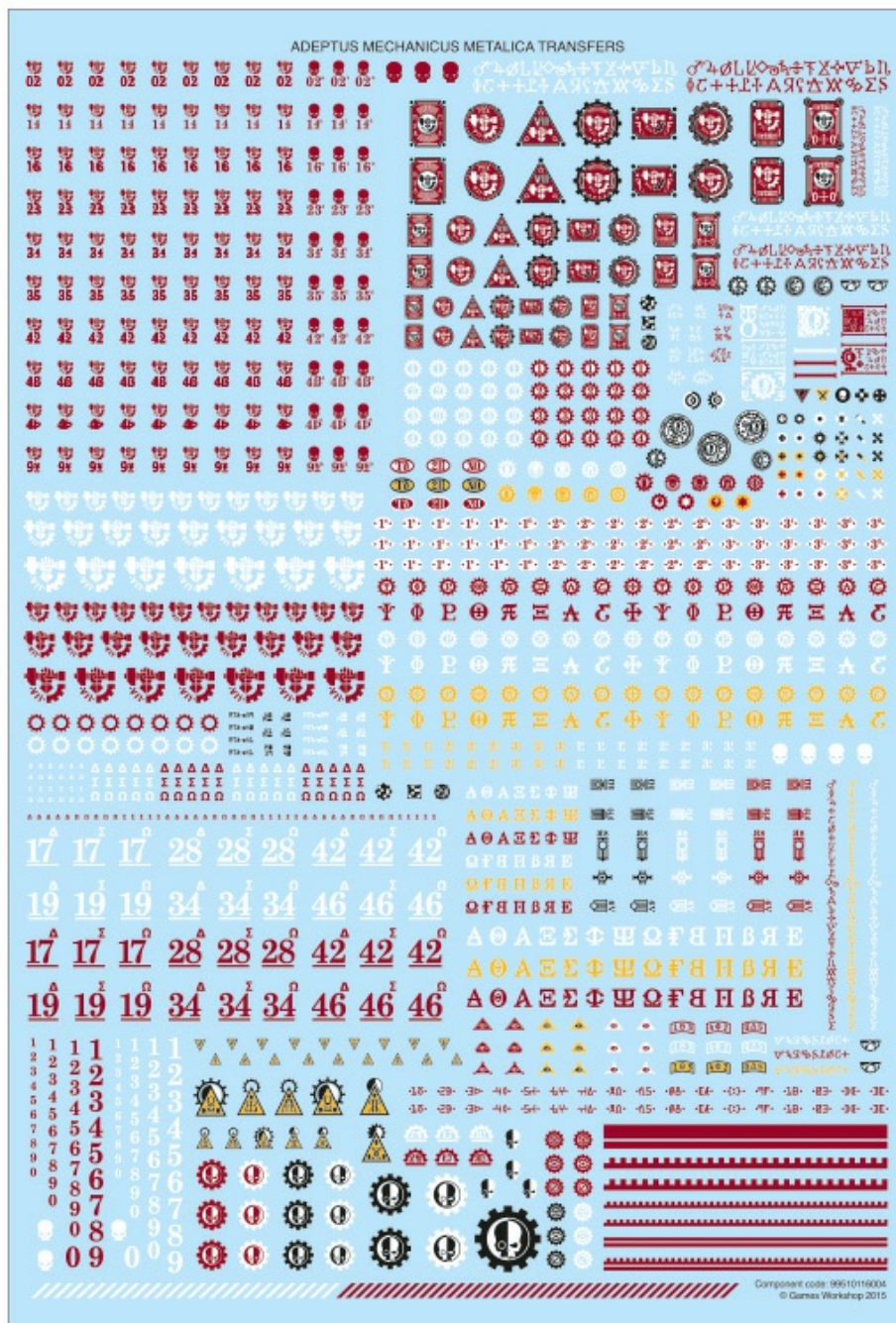
27. Adeptus Mechanicus glyphs for general use.
28. Compound and chemical warning sigils.
29. Kataphron recognition codes (one per servitor).
30. Edging trim, cog design.

ADEPTUS MECHANICUS METALICA TRANSFERS

Want to show your allegiance to Forge World Metalica? With this transfer sheet, you can.

This new, large Adeptus Mechanicus transfer sheet for the forge world of Metalica provides all the transfers you need for your force, be they the legions of the Skitarii, the Cult Mechanicus, or both.

The sheet includes Skitarii squad markings (bearing the hammer-clenching fist icon of Metalica), vehicle recognition numbers, Kataphron markings, forge world maker's plates and origin stamps (bearing the 'MTA' code of Metalica and a millennium of forging!) for the vehicles, not to mention a generous smattering of mysterious sigils, kill markings, campaign badges, archeoscript, arcane iconography, cog trims, hazard markers and much, much more. Get them now and have the legions of Metalica looking their very best.



All of these transfer sheets are available online only, while stocks last, so be sure not to miss them. You can pre-order them right now direct from the Games Workshop website:

www.games-workshop.com



ADEPTUS MECHANICUS RYZA TRANSFERS

The Adeptus Mechanicus of Ryza need feel poor relations no longer with their very own transfer sheet.

This large transfer sheet includes all the markings and designators you could possibly need for your Ryza legions, Skitarii and Cult Mechanicus alike, including squad markings, maniple and cohort designators, vehicle recognition markings and everything else you need for the sons of the rust-red world of Ryza.

Skitarii squad markings and forge world maker's plates all bear the cog-embellished 'R' of Ryza , while separate Ryza icons, numbers and other symbols, in a variety of sizes, can be combined to allow you to produce your own squad markings, maniple designators and vehicle recognition numbers if you want to. All in all, these are some of the best transfers we've ever made.

LEGIONS OF THE OMNISSIAH

The Skitarii Legions are proud to wear the colours of their founding forge worlds, rejoicing in their role as holy warriors of the Machine Cult. Legions of the Omnissiah is the key to painting your own Skitarii army.

Legions of the Omnissiah continues our series of painting guides designed to help you get your own army painted to exacting standards. Within it you'll find specific guides for painting two different Adeptus Mechanicus Skitarii armies: the Lost Macroclade, an army of Martian Skitarii, and a Metalican force known as the Armageddon Excarnaclade.

Both armies are accompanied with enthralling history and stories, as well as detailed stage-by-stage painting guides to help you reproduce the techniques used on the models. If you want a gorgeous looking Skitarii army, this book is a great place to start.

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SKITARI
PAINTING GUIDE



LEGIONS OF THE
OMNISSIAH™



A CURSED EXPEDITION

Skitarii are the blessed warriors of the Omniah, their bodies transformed by the gifts of the Adeptus Mechanicus. The warriors of Mars are especially favoured, for they are the defenders of the Machine God's greatest temple. The maniples of Mars are utterly dedicated to the cause, and wear their colours with pride, knowing that even in death they can be of use to their masters.

Faith flows through a Skitarii like blood and machine fluid. A lifetime of augmentation and infotrituration make the four warriors of the Cult Mechanicus completely devoted to the Omniah and, by extension, the Tech-Priests that speak in his name. How can such a warrior not be in awe of a god that has the power to slay worlds, cross the stars and animate the dead? The warriors of the Adeptus Mechanicus also include the Skitarii themselves, and as devout troopers they welcome the removal of their flesh, bones and blood to allow for more glorious replacements. Those that rise to lead Skitarii maniples are noteworthy not just for their skill in combat or the effectiveness of their enhancements, but also because of their deep and unshakable faith. However, this devotion is tragically one-sided and, little more than cogs in a vast and ancient machine, Skitarii cohorts are hurled carelessly into battle by their obsessive masters.

The Cerberus Macroclade was a Martian expedition sent to planet LV17, a cursed shadow world deep within the Epythia Sector. Ancient data-slates had been uncovered hinting at the existence of STC fragments somewhere on its surface. To the sound of crackling binharic fan-lanes, the macroclade had

embarked on LV17, a vast army made up of four full-strength War Cohorts arrayed for battle. Yet, despite its size, almost at once things started to go wrong for the Cerberus Macroclade.

Mere days after leaving Mars, Warp storms assailed the Adeptus Mechanicus fleet, obscuring the light of the Astronavigation and sending it far off course. The *Patru Epythosian*, one of the fleet's slab-sided transport vessels, suffered a catastrophic gether-field collapse. As it was swept off into the rolling tides of Warp space, static screams and terrified electronic chatter filled the main-vox of the fleet as Darnesus feasted upon its crew and passengers.

Finally emerging from the Warp, the Cerberus Macroclade appeared blind on the edges of an unknown system. Seeking shelter to repair their vessels, the fleet made for the lone world orbiting the system's sickly yellow sun. As the huge void-ships hung in orbit, pale-skinned servitors crawling over their hulls, a delegation of Tech-Priests descended to investigate some tantalising augur shadows glimpsed on the planet. For three days the Skitarii left on board listened for word from the surface, the Alphas obediently awaiting their orders.

The first warning of the Necron attack was when a dazzling emerald beam sufficed, not into space, marking the Martian flagship, and almost all of its remaining priest-leaders, into a ritual hall of flame. Anxious defensive protocols surging through their minds, the Skitarii began a maelstrom heading in deep ships ocean as the fleet looked for high orbit.

Under sweeping ochre skies, the steel soldiers of the Omniah and the ancient living metal warriors met. Rangers scouted ahead of the Skitarii cohorts, searching for any surviving Tech-Priests, but found only an awakening alien empire. Maniples of insectoid Skartans, robed Skitarii and lumbering Orger Duncrawlers poured through the crumbling warrens of the tomb world. The Necrons fell back before the onslaught, their newly awoken warriors too few to stand against the roared might of the Adeptus Mechanicus. When at last the Alphas reached the heart of the tomb, they discovered a lightning-eyed servos lord standing over the remains of their masters. Screaming static prayers to the Machine God, the Skitarii surged forward, rapidly overwhelming the heretical abomination.

Days later, the fleet left the nameless world and its smouldering tombs in their wake. The few surviving Tech-Priests bade the Skitarii to continue their quest, and so they pressed on to LV17. With the remaining Tech-Priests loath to leave the safety of their vessels and interrupt their important research, Alpha 13-Delerrr rose to take battlefield command. He had been the one to deliver the deathblow to the servos overlord, and the other Skitarii were in awe of his faith and dedication to their cause, as well as his rare talent for war, so none opposed him.

In the years that followed, Alpha 13-Delerrr heaped his mastery on their quest for LV17, despite the curse that seemed to linger over the expedition. Essential catastrophes, alien plagues and perilous warzones continued to hamper their progress, robbing them of soldiers and ships. Through it all Alpha 13-Delerrr remained undaunted. Yet it was during this time that whispers of doubt began to creep into the ranks of the Skitarii. Some believed Alpha 13-Delerrr to be the cause of the Omniah's forsaking their mission – the number thirteen was notoriously ill-omened; one more than the sacred twelve. However, the discipline of the Skitarii continued to hold them together despite the misgivings of these few.

By the time the fleet hung above the shrouded skies of LV17 only two ships remained. Regardless, the soldiers of the Adeptus Mechanicus descended into the darkness below, the silent voice of the Omniah driving them on. Under flickering clouds, Alpha 13-Delerrr led his last surviving maniple into the skeletal remains of an ancient Terran colony vessel in search of the fabled STC remains. Daring out of the rusting ruin of the ship, chased servos monstrosities fell upon the Skitarii. Furious close-quarters combat erupted, flashing transonic blades and point-blank energy blasts illuminating hissing alien horrors. Smashing down the final Genestealer with his taser gaol, Alpha 13-Delerrr ushered his survivors into the gutted hold of the vessel. There the Skitarii discovered the static-casket containing an STC, miraculously intact. Bowing their heads in prayer, they conveyed it back to their craft, not daring even to examine it. Turning their unblinking gaze back toward Mars, the final warriors of the two remaining maniples departed from LV17, beginning the long road home.

WARRIORS OF MARS

The Skitarii cohorts of Mars keep themselves in flowing crimson robes which are reminiscent of the ruling tone-deeds of their kuno world. Long ago, this was doubtless a means of camouflage among the rocky landscapes of the Martian wilderness, but it has since become a symbol of the might of the Adeptus Mechanicus across the length and breadth of the Imperium.

Adorning the hems of these crimson robes are the sculpted chest plates of the Skitarii's ancient symbols and icons, each one heavy with meaning sacred to the Cult of the Machine God. Skitarii Rangers and Vanguard bear the stars of their page world and their individual squad number upon their robes, while Skartan Priests and Skitarii Alphas bear their unit's maniple sign, and sometimes a skull marking their status as warriors. Lesser-ranked servitors often bear no markings other than the colours of Mars.



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Priests Rob 11



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Symb 11



Symb 7 Tank

SKITARII VANGUARD

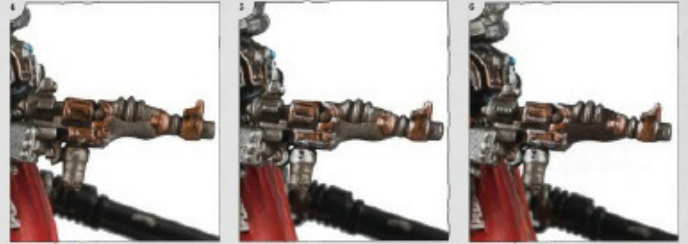


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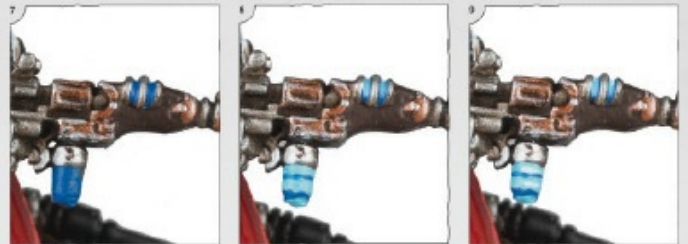
1 Leadbelcher
2 Agrax Earthshade
3 Warplock Bronze

Rescoat the gun with Leadbelcher using a Standard Brush (1). Once this has dried, apply a wash of Agrax Earthshade (2). Then, take a Detail Brush and paint the brass areas using Warplock Bronze (3).



4 Brass Scorpion
5 Runefang Steel
6 Rhinox Hide

Using a Detail Brush, add a layer of Brass Scorpion to the brass areas (4). Then, with a Fine Detail Brush, apply a highlight of Runefang Steel to these areas (5). Next, take a Detail Brush and paint the wooden areas with Rhinox Hide (6).



7 Calador Sky
8 Baharuth Blue
9 White Scar

Use a Detail Brush to paint the energy chamber and the gaps between the coils with Calador Sky (7). Highlight these same areas with Baharuth Blue, applying lines around the energy chamber (8). Then, use a Fine Detail Brush to add a highlight of White Scar (9).

Legions of the Omnissiah is also available to download as a digital edition for iPad and eBook see page 1 for more details.

CRUSADERS OF THE MACHINE GOD

From forge worlds across the Imperium the congregations of the Cult Mechanicus set off on violent crusades to recover the lost treasures of Mankind. This painting guide details how to paint three such armies.

It's a good week to be a fan of the Adeptus Mechanicus – and painting your army – as it also sees the release of a second painting guide: Crusaders of the Machine God. Within the whopping 128 pages of this softback guide you'll find detailed background, history and unit markings for the three Cult Mechanicus armies: the Emperygenic Congregation of Mars, the Ryzan Xenophagist Expedition and Metalica's Bioextinction Congregation.

The history of each army is described in detail and the painting tips within should have you recreating the armies in no time – it's the perfect companion to this week's Cult Mechanicus releases.

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**CULT MECHANICUS
PAINTING GUIDE**



CRUSADERS OF THE
MACHINE GOD



QUEST FOR ORKADIA

The vast Ork hordes of Waaagh! Graz tear at the fringe cities of Ryzia with reckless violence and unbridled fury. The most brilliant and dangerous minds of the Cult Mechanicus work feverishly to devise weapons to destroy the rampant xenos threat. Magi and other Tech-Priests harvest every scrap of battlefield telemetry they can find so they might bring a permanent end to the greenskin menace.

For years, the forge world of Ryzia has been the site of a brutal war between the Cult Mechanicus forces and the Orks, its factories churning out lumbering war engines and hosts of scuttling mechanical soldiers straight into battle. Crying out praise to the Omnissiah, entire cohorts of Skitarii and servitors have vanished into the meat grinder of Ryzia's hellish battlefields. Still more and more Orks pour into the fight from surrounding systems. It has become a bloody war of attrition, where even the slightest edge might tip the balance.

In their desperation, the Tech-Priests of Ryzia have delved into the depths of their world's logic vaults and cogitate-crypts seeking ancient and forbidden secrets. All manner of horrific weapons have been hunted back into the wren light of Ryzia's sun as a result. Atmospheric incinerators, macro-plasma ballistae and explosio-skinned demo-avians have added to the raging conflict. Yet they have failed to turn the tide. At best, only a few thousand Orks are rent apart by each new weapon's diabolical energies. At worst, the senses mottle them, creating their own ramshackle copies.

Some fringe elements in the Ryzian hierarchy, like Neurologues Hexxermane Vorghl, believe that the answer to the Orkoid question resides not within the crumbling data-structures of their forge world, but hidden not among the stars. Vorghl has taken these ideas to an altogether more extreme level, for he believes that somewhere in the void lies the Ork home world, and the genetic foundations of the entire xenos species. Vorghl does not want to merely defeat the Orks on Ryzia – he plans to destroy all Orks, forever.

Obsessed with the Orkoid geno-form, Vorghl constantly seeks fresh subjects for his experiments. Each new Waaagh! encountered is another piece in the puzzle that leads him closer to the Ork home world, a piece the Tech-Priest Dominus has dubbed 'Orkadia'. At first Vorghl visited planets close to Ryzia, places where the Waaagh! Graz had created bitter wars of survival for the Imperial populace. Carefully choosing the worst, beset planets, Vorghl and his personal retinue of Kastellan Robots, Skatigimn Destroyers and Electro-Priests descended in search of a 'pure' sample. Local defenders would rejoice to see the armies of the Adeptus Mechanicus coming to their aid, praising them as saviours sent by the Emperor's divine providence. Vorghl quickly disabused his 'allies' of any such notions, fighting only long enough to retrieve his precious samples before retreating.

It is a pattern Vorghl has repeated many times, though as his forces stray further from Ryzia in their search for Orkadia the Tech-Priest Dominus has been forced to use more cunning ruses to achieve his goals. On the edges of the Dabillion IX System, Vorghl led a successful hit and run assault against the Ork-infused space hulk *Morbisador*. Smacking aboard using a static-shielded void-fighter, the Tech-Priest coaxed

the vast, cavernous decks seeking his quarry. His Fulgurite Electro-Priest robbed canards and chambers of power, their dull voices intoning prayers to the Machine God as arcs of lightning leapt from the walls into their axes. In the shadows, Kastellan Robots smashed apart Ork counter attacks, huge mechanical fists pulverising green flesh. Safely shielded behind his tracked battle servitors, Vorghl directed the combat, his mechaadmiralties clicking with anticipation as he picked out promising specimens from the fray. Only when the hulk's Kaptein joined the fight did Vorghl retreat, his automotons smashing their way out through the hull of the hulk and leaving their foes to freeze and burst in the sudden explosive decompression.

If Vorghl can avoid risking his own soldiers he is not above exploiting the efforts of others. During the Kofashi Purge, the Tech-Priest discovered that Eldar corsairs were fighting on the fringes of the Imperium's war against the Orks of the Kofashi sub-sector. Combat signals and sketched mapping allowed Vorghl to predict when and where they would strike, and so the Ryzians set their ambush. With his robots hiding among the debris of the zone, Vorghl waited until the Eldar began picking through the remains before striking. Kastigimn and Kastellan rose up from the wreckage like vengeful mechanical gods, blasting apart the xenos warrens. Though the Eldar fought with grace and fury they could not match the might of the Ork Mechanicus, Vorghl having anticipated almost every outcome, and his forces guarding the aliens down with expertly fashioned fire patterns. In the aftermath, the Tech-Priest dissected the alien leader's brain to learn where it had been taking its Ork prisoners.

The Tech-Priest's obsession has led him into peril time and again, and even at the hands of the Imperium. For over a year Vorghl shadowed a Black Templars Crusade as it plunged into the heart of the Ork Empire of Odetaria. In the wake of Space Marine assaults the Ryzians would descend upon the battlefield, carving up the dead and making off with the pieces. When Vorghl managed to steal away the remains of Ork Warboss Gurek before the Black Templars could claim his head as a trophy he earned himself the ire of the Chapter, who were already growing tired of the Tech-Priest shadowing their campaign. The resulting insult almost saw a Black Templar fleet dispatched to Ryzia, a full-scale invasion only averted when Vorghl agreed to return the body – minus a few pieces of course.

Even though the holds of Vorghl's ship are filled with all manner of Ork remains, many kept 'alive' by stalling, stumping machines, still the Tech-Priest seeks out fresh clues to the location of Orkadia. It is a quest that may well never end, though one that Vorghl has infinite patience for. He believes that it is only a matter of time before he will be able to rid the galaxy of the greenskin menace once and for all.

COLOURS OF RYZIA

The ochre hulls of Ryzia's war machines are well worn by countless years of constant conflict, but the symbols of the Machine God are clearly picked out in striking black and white.

Red is also prevalent on the warriors of Ryzia, often appearing on the trim of the Tech-Priest Dominus' robes, or on components of constructs like the Kastellan Robot. This colour, used sparingly, complements the Ryzian ochre, and harkens back to Mars, birthplace of the Cult Mechanicus.

Copper is also used, particularly on weapons like the Fulgurites' electrotech staves, or mechanical adornments like the Tech-Priest's harness, to complete the dusty orange colour scheme of Ryzia.



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Priestor 9-Dhai



Datasmith Tyr

Cephasarii Electro-Priest Hestephane

Fulgurite Electro-Priest Basteria

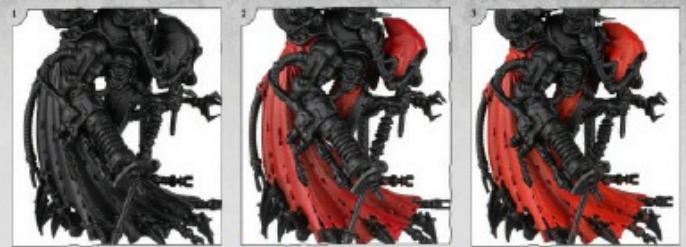
Tech-Priest Dominus Hexxermane Vorghl

MARS

TECH-PRIEST DOMINUS



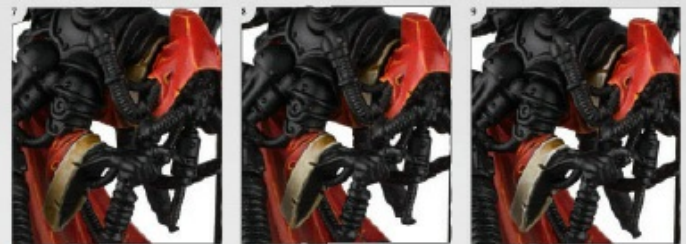
ROBE



1 Chaos Black Spray 2 Mephiston Red 3 Evil Sunz Scarlet
 Undercoat the entire model with a coat of Chaos Black Spray (1). Next, using a Standard Brush, add an even layer of Mephiston Red to the robe (2). Then, use a Detail Brush to add a layer of Evil Sunz Scarlet, leaving the Infodrive Port visible in the moose (3).



4 Wild Rider Red 5 Tau Light Ochre 6 Rakarth Flesh
 With a Detail Brush, add an edge highlight of Wild Rider Red to the internal edges, folds and holes in the robe (4), followed by a fine edge highlight of Tau Light Ochre using a Fine Detail Brush (5). Next, basecoat the cuffs and collar with Rakarth Flesh (6).



7 Seraphim Sepia 8 Ushabi Bone 9 Pallid Wych Flesh
 Apply a wash of Seraphim Sepia to the cuffs and collar (7). Once this has dried, use a Fine Detail Brush to highlight the edges of the cuffs and collar (8). Finally, with a Fine Detail Brush, apply a fine edge highlight of Pallid Wych Flesh (9).

Crusaders of the Machine God is also available to download as a digital edition for iPad and eBook. See page 1 for more details.



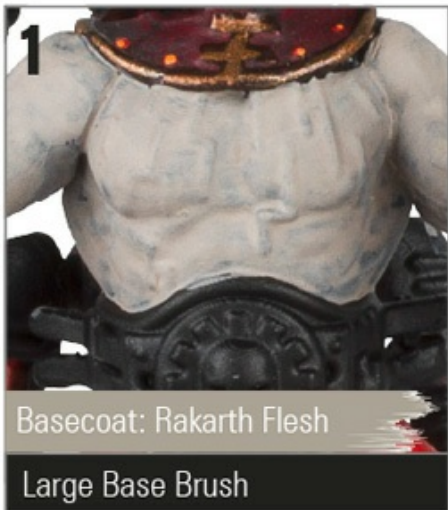
PAINT SPLATTER

Paint Splatter provides handy tips and stage-by-stage painting guides for the week's key releases. This week we look at the new Electro-Priest models.



Although the Corpuscarii and Fulgurite factions of Electro-Priests are forever at odds on how the Motive Force of the Machine God should be worshipped and used (especially in battle), they are in accord when it comes to colour schemes. The difference between the two is the wargear they are armed with. The guide we've included below covers both types of Electro-Priest – all you need to choose is Fulgurite or Corpuscarii.

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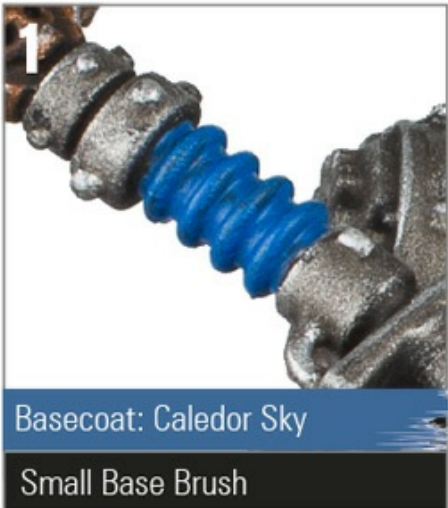
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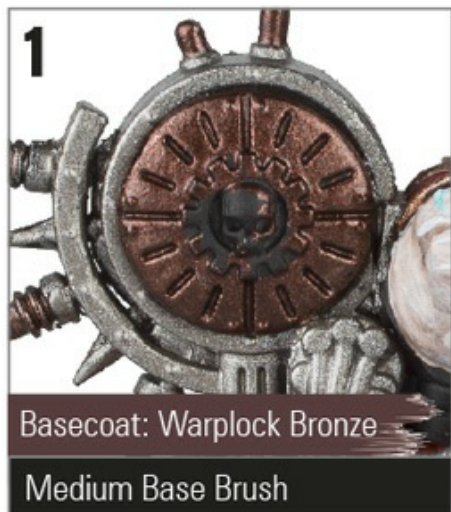


When we talked to the Studio army painters about the Electro-Priests they offered one crucial piece of advice: make sure that you water your paints down sufficiently, especially when tackling their skin – otherwise you might obscure the electroos that crisscross their flesh. A good rule of thumb is to get your paint to the consistency of single cream (like you'd find in a supermarket's fridge section). It is always better to build up colours with a couple of coats of paint that is heavily watered down than to clog details with a single coat that is too thick.

Red Cloth



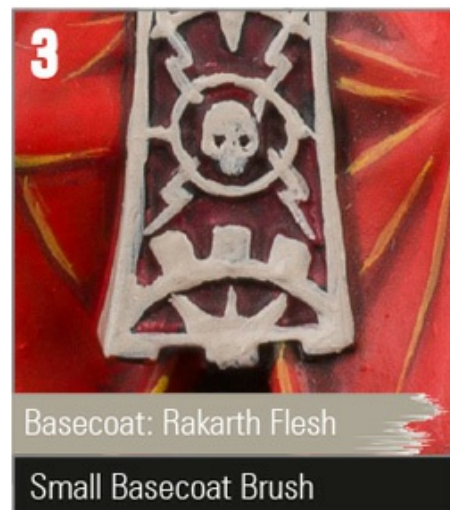
Dynamo Generator



Mouth and Eyes

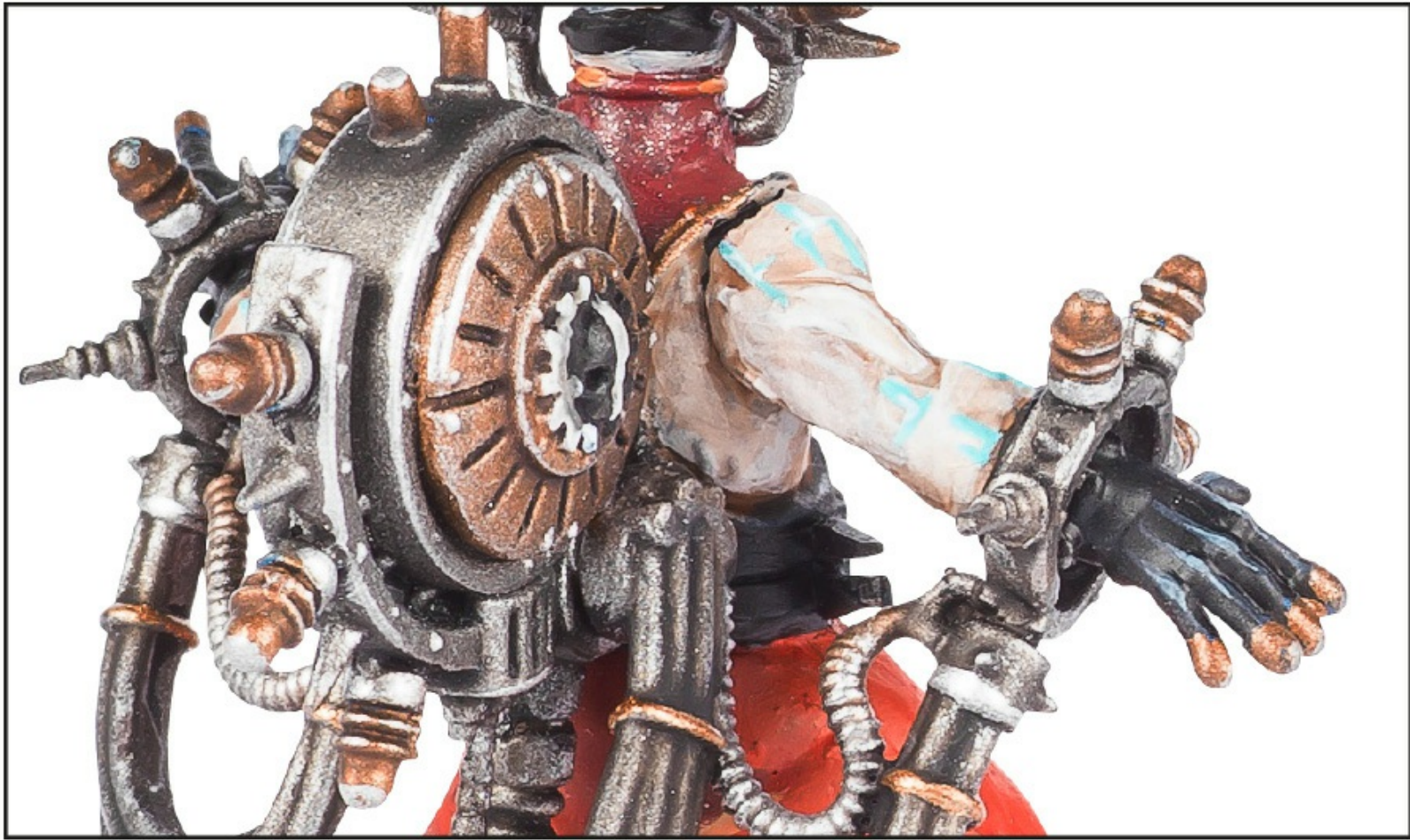


Vestments



PAINING ELECTROSTATIC GAUNTLETS

For the Electrostatic Gauntlets, paint the gloves Abaddon Black, then layer them with Dark Reaper and Fenrisian Grey. For the finger-caps, use Warplock Bronze layered with Brass Scorpion and then washed with Agrax Earthshade.



Next week: painting blue and gold.



SONS OF THE OMNISSIAH

When the dominions of the Adeptus Mechanicus are threatened, the scions of the Machine God answer with devastating force, deploying the faithful warriors of the Skitarii Legions, the battle congregations of the Cult Mechanicus and other, even mightier allies.

The Adeptus Mechanicus is among the most powerful and furthest reaching institutions in the galaxy, with forge worlds, research bases and Explorator fleets operating across the length and breadth of the Imperium. This naturally makes the Priesthood of Mars a widespread and influential organisation, and through ten millennia of dealings with the Imperium, the Tech-Priests of the Cult Mechanicus have fought alongside every possible organ of Mankind's many armies, from the regiments of the Astra Militarum and the Chapters of the Adeptus Astartes to the agents of the Inquisition.

In spite of these varied alliances, the Adeptus Mechanicus remains a secretive and sometimes insular organisation. Most likely when the Adeptus Mechanicus's priesthood, the powerful Cult Mechanicus, plans for war, they will look to their own Skitarii Legions first and foremost. Under the command of the Tech-Priests, these many arms of the Adeptus Mechanicus fight for the same goals, practise the same creed and wear the same vestments. The Skitarii often make war on their own, but they are the Tech-Priests' to command, and when the Tech-Priests so will it, the full might of a forge world will be felt.

MADE FAMOUS

*The pages of Black Library novels are loaded with examples of the Adeptus Mechanicus cooperating with (or coming to blows with) the wider Imperium. Check out *Priests of Mars* by Graham McNeill, the opening novel in a trilogy focusing on the Adeptus Mechanicus, or take a look at Rob Sanders's *Adeptus Mechanicus: Skitarius and Tech Priest* (the second of which is released this week).*

THE LEGIONS OF METALICA

The army you can see below is formed of the warriors of Forge World Metalica, the unification of the Skitarii Legions and Cult Mechanicus. The Metalican Skitarii have always been considered expendable by the forge world's priesthood, their lifeblood the currency with which the priesthood of Metalica wage war against their many foes. The deployment of the Armageddon Excarnaclade, for instance, was a literal death sentence for its warriors, who found themselves face-to-face with the mightiest of Khorne's champions. Not that they lost the war – in fact, the Imperium won a great victory on that accursed world and the Skitarii played a crucial part in it – but such were the horrors the courageous Skitarii warriors had witnessed that a total purge was required in the aftermath, the survivors terminated and stripped for parts.

To one outside of the mysteries and methods of the Cult Mechanicus, such an outcome smacks of cruelty and callousness, but in truth such emotional distinctions are irrelevant to the logically-minded Tech-Priests Dominus who invariably lead such formations. Indeed, many times it has been remarked that a Dominus views the warriors scurrying about on the battlefield with an insectoid detachment, concerned only with how they will help him achieve the most effective victory – after all, Kataphron Servitors are easily repaired or replaced, and there is no shortage of mortals hoping to join the Skitarii cohorts .

An alliance between Cult Mechanicus and Skitarii forces thus focuses on the Dominus leading it. Imagine a megalomaniacal Tech-Priest orchestrating every aspect of the battle, like a virtuoso composer directing a symphony of carnage. At a whim Kataphrons rumble forward, guns blazing; a blurted command has Skitarii Vanguard loosing precision volleys, and the merest whim has the faithful dying in droves for the glory of the Omnissiah.

THE IMPERATIVES

As the holy warriors of the Machine God, the Skitarii are regularly blessed by the divine presence of the Omnissiah – or so they believe. Throughout the course of a battle Tech-Priests overseeing the flow of combat from orbiting command barges are able to directly intervene in the unfolding events, seizing control of their Skitarii minions for long enough to ensure a particular objective is achieved. Unlike psychic possession or other, clumsy involuntary mind control methods, the Tech-Priests connect directly to the Skitarii in question via data-tethers.

For the Skitarii, this is a euphoric moment – as the Tech-Priest takes over, they perceive it as direct communion with the Omnissiah, and readily surrender all control to him.



THE BROTHERHOOD OF MARS

Mars is the ancient home of the Adeptus Mechanicus and is more steeped in tradition and ritual than any other forge world. As one might expect, its alliances are also older than any other, so to reflect this, for our second example we've created a force that includes elements of three interlinked brotherhoods, all drawn from the Red Planet: the Cult Mechanicus, the Skitarii Legions and House Taranis, an Imperial Knight Household of holy Mars.

An army like the one you can see here is ripe for expansion too: the image of dozens of Skitarii Vanguard and Rangers forming a bodyguard for the Tech-Priest Dominus is irresistible, and by adding just a few more units to the Cult Mechanicus elements of the force, it can become a Battle Congregation, which means the whole army is Battle Forged. (Indeed, we've got an exclusive formation for just such an army – the Adeptus Mechanicus War Convocation – in this issue's Theatre of War. Turn to page 22 for more on this.)

One of the great things about an alliance such as this is that it unlocks a wealth of potential in your games – Imperial Knight armies are by their very nature almost always outnumbered, even if they have little to fear. Similarly, the Cult Mechanicus and the Skitarii might have some of the deadliest weapons available to Mankind, but they lack the towering engines of destruction that you see in the likes of Gorkanauts, Wraithknights or even Tyranid monsters such as Tyrannofexes.

The addition of an Oathsworn Imperial Knight detachment really turns that on its head and also adds another dynamic to the way you'll play with your army: even the most cold-hearted Tech-Priest won't needlessly sacrifice such an avatar of the Omnissiah's power as an Imperial Knight – they are too precious and revered for that. Likewise, the Noble pilot of an Imperial Knight is simply too honourable and heroic not to protect the Skitarii and Electro-Priests fighting alongside it.



OTHER ALLIES

There are many within the Imperium who have favourable relationships with the scions of the Omnissiah. The Vostroyan Regiments of the Astra Militarum are drawn from a planet ruled by the techtriarchy, a council which includes Adeptus Mechanicus luminaries. These gruff, insular warriors may not worship the Machine God as the Skitarii do, but they fight alongside the Cult Mechanicus just the same.

Likewise, the Iron Hands Space Marines have long held ties to Mars; indeed, they share the credo that 'the flesh is weak' and venerate their own Techmarines and Iron Fathers. The Adeptus Mechanicus are certainly not afraid to call on such ancient alliances and

turn the Space Marines' destructive power to their own ends...



THEATRE OF WAR

In Theatre of War we present missions, mini-games and scenarios designed to get you having fun on the gaming table with your Citadel miniatures. This week the Studio rules team present a brand new Formation to use in your games – the mighty War Convocation!



When the Adeptus Mechanicus face a threat of sufficient severity they will muster a War Convocation – a formation resembling something between a religious pilgrimage and a military crusade. The most experienced and dangerous Tech-Priest Dominus will be elevated to the rank of Alpha-Dominus and given command over a Cult Mechanicus Battle Congregation, Skitarii Battle Maniple and an Oathsworn Detachment drawn from an allied Imperial Knight Household. Such an assembly of military might is awe inspiring in scale and lethal in terms of power, but it is further supplemented as the armouries of the forge worlds are emptied. An enemy facing an Adeptus Mechanicus War Convocation must contend with faith-filled warriors and Mankind's deadliest weapons.

The War Convocation is a Formation that unites three different Detachments taken from three Codexes – Codex: Skitarii, Cult Mechanicus and Imperial Knights. Not only is it a dread-inspiring alliance of Adeptus Mechanicus-aligned warriors, but the special rules and bonuses your warriors get make it an exciting reward for collecting all these models, and great fun to play with.

Theatre of War is a regular feature all about giving you more things to do with your Citadel miniatures. Within it you'll find ideas to try in your own games.

If you try out the Adeptus Mechanicus War Convocation, why not let us know how your games went?

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ADEPTUS MECHANICUS WAR CONVOCATION



When the Adeptus Mechanicus gathers its warriors for battle, its armies have the power to rival any who stand before them. Able to call upon the combined strength of valiant nobles of the Knight Houses, the Priesthood of Mars's most fanatical zealots and legions of Skitarii, the panoply of military power at their disposal knows almost no limit. War Convocations represent a formidable deployment of Mars's might; equipped with the best weapons and technology and led into battle by a calculating Alpha-Dominus, the machine brothers of a War Convocation fight as a single, terrible whole.

FORMATION:

- 1 Cult Mechanicus Battle Congregation Detachment (see Codex: Cult Mechanicus)

- 1 Skitarii Battle Maniple (see Codex: Skitarii)
- 1 Imperial Knight Oathsworn Detachment (see Codex: Imperial Knights)

RESTRICTIONS:

None.

SPECIAL RULES:

The Machine Brotherhood of Mars: All units in this formation have the Canticles of the Omnissiah special rule (see Codex: Cult Mechanicus), even though they do not all have the Cult Mechanicus Faction.

Alpha-Dominus: If this Formation's Tech-Priest Dominus is your Warlord, you can re-roll the result when rolling on the Warlord Traits table in Codex: Cult Mechanicus.

Might of the Adeptus Mechanicus: All weapon and wargear options taken by units in this Formation, including any Relics of Mars or Arcana Mechanicum, are free. Furthermore, all weapons with the Gets Hot special rule carried by a model in this Formation no longer has the Gets Hot special rule.



THE RULES

TECH-PRIEST DOMINUS
FULGURITE ELECTRO-PRIESTS
CORPUSCARI ELECTRO-PRIESTS

This week the priesthood of the Cult Mechanicus is reinforced with a new Tech-Priest Dominus, along with the Fulgurite and Corpuscarii Electro-Priests. Here we present the rules for using them in your games of Warhammer 40,000.

Artificer Armour

Each suit of artificer armour is a work of art, its electrofibre bundles and ceramite plates customised to the wearer via a hundred cybernetic interfaces.

Artificer armour confers a 2+ Armour Save.

Refractor Field

The refractor field distorts the image of the wearer with a cloak of energy.

A refractor field confers a 5+ invulnerable save.

Voltagheist Field

When incoming projectiles or energy beams threaten an Electro-Priest these tiny voltaic ghosts will often intercede.

A voltagheist field confers a 5+ invulnerable save. Furthermore, a model with a voltagheist field has the Hammer of Wrath special rule, resolved at Strength 4, and does not suffer the penalty to their Initiative for charging enemies through difficult terrain, but fights at its normal Initiative in the ensuing combat.

Mechadendrite Harness

The metal cables and spidery armatures that augment the Tech-Priests of the Cult Mechanicus can fulfil a hundred different tasks.

A model with a mechadendrite harness can fire all of its ranged weapons in the Shooting phase. In addition, a model with a mechadendrite harness is also equipped with a dataspikes.

Dataspikes

A dataspikes can stab into the cortex of enemy machines and steal their secrets.

Range	S	AP	Type
-	User	-	Melee, Dataspikes, Haywire

Dataspikes: When a model equipped with a weapon that has this special rule makes Melee attacks, it makes an additional attack with this weapon at the Initiative 10 step. This does not grant the model an additional Pile In move.

Scryerskull

Some of the Machine God's servants continue their work even beyond death.

At the start of each of your turns, a model with a Scryerskull can choose to identify a single Mysterious Objective anywhere on the battlefield.

Electroleech Stave

The powerful capacitors built into the length of each electroleech stave allow them to drink every iota of electric force from those they strike.

Range	S	AP	Type
-	+2	4	Melee, Concussive, Electroleech, Two-handed

Electroleech: Any To Wound roll of 6 made by an electroleech stave has the Instant Death special rule.

Electrostatic Gauntlets

Corpuscarii wear metal apparatus around their wrists that channels tremendous electrostatic potential from their dorsal generators.

Range	S	AP	Type
12"	4	-	Assault 2, Twin- linked
-	+1	-	Melee

Eradication Ray

The eradication ray spells death to any caught in its pallid light.

A shot from an eradication ray has a different profile depending on how far the target is from the firer. If it is not clear which of the profiles to use, the controlling player can choose.

Range	S	AP	Type
0"-12"	8	1	Heavy 1
12"-24"	6	3	Heavy 1, Blast

Macrostubber

The macrostubber is an antique pistol able to hurl out clouds of solid slugs.

Range	S	AP	Type
12"	4	6	Burst Pistol

Burst Pistol: A weapon with this special rule fires five shots when fired, but is otherwise treated as a Pistol.

Phosphor Serpenta

Even if a target survives the burning white spheres of the phosphor serpenta, the phosphorescent glow can guide an ally's volley to strike the same target.

Range S AP Type

18" 5 4 Assault 1, Luminagen

Luminagen: A unit that suffers one or more unsaved Wounds, glancing or penetrating hits caused by a weapon with this special rule counts its cover saves as being 1 point worse than normal until the end of the phase. Furthermore, units can re-roll the dice to determine their charge range against the afflicted unit until the end of the turn.

Volkite Blaster

Volkite weapons impart so much thermodynamic energy to the target that those under their shimmering rays simply combust.

Range	S	AP	Type
18"	5	4	Assault 1, Luminagen

Deflagrate: After normal attacks by this weapon have been resolved, count the number of unsaved Wounds caused on the target unit. Immediately resolve a number of additional automatic Strength 6 AP5 hits on the same unit equal to the number of unsaved Wounds. Models in the target unit must still be in range in order for these additional hits to take effect. Any further Wounds caused as a result of this special rule do not cause any further hits.



TECH-PRIEST DOMINUS



Slithering, floating, stalking with avian gait, the Tech-Priests Dominus scour their surroundings with carrion eagerness. Ever vigilant for lost treasures they can pluck from the corpses of the worlds they conquer, their minds boil hot with data, and their spines are bent under the immense weight of knowledge they have torn from an unwilling universe. Despite their crooked appearance, these warrior magi are amongst the deadliest and most determined of all the Omnissiah's hunters. To the Tech-Priests Dominus, the armies of the unenlightened are little more than specimens upon which they can demonstrate the supremacy of the Machine God. Alien, heretic and traitor alike are considered mere vermin, victims ready to be exterminated with the most advanced weaponry ever devised by Man.

	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Sv	Unit Type	Unit Composition
Tech-Priest Dominus	4	5	4	4	3	3	2	9	2+	Infantry (Character)	1 Tech-Priest Dominus

WARGEAR:

- Artificer armour
- Volkite blaster
- Macrostubber
- Power axe
- Mechadendrite harness
- Scryerskull
- Refractor field

SPECIAL RULES:

- Canticles of the Omnissiah
- Feel No Pain
- Independent Character
- Relentless

Master of Machines: In each of your Shooting phases, instead of firing one of his weapons (controlling player's choice), a Tech-Priest Dominus can choose either to repair a single friendly vehicle that he is in base contact with or embarked upon, or to restore a Wound lost earlier in the battle. To do either, roll a D6. If the result is a 2 or more, your attempt was successful: if repairing a vehicle you may restore a Hull Point that the nominated vehicle lost earlier in the battle, or repair a Weapon Destroyed or Immobilised result suffered earlier in the battle; this is effective immediately. If restoring a Wound, either the Tech-Priest Dominus or any model with the Skitarii or Cult Mechanicus Faction in his unit regains a Wound lost earlier in the battle; this is effective immediately.

OPTIONS:

- May replace volkite blaster with an eradication ray - *15 pts*
- May replace macrostubber with a phosphor serpenta - *5 pts*
- May take items from the **Special Issue Wargear** and/or **Arcana Mechanicum** lists.



FULGURITE ELECTRO-PRIESTS



Fulgurite Electro-Priests crackle with the life energies of those they have personally slain. Their quest is to locate the Motive Force that animates all things, rip it from the bodies of the unworthy in the heat of battle, and hoard it on behalf of the Machine God. To do so they use electroleech staves – eldritch weapons that suck the bioelectricity from living creatures, drawing it out in one great draught and harnessing it within their core capacitors. Once stolen, that sacred energy can be used to power the holy instead of the heretical, crackling around them in such measure it can even burn away incoming projectiles. Those that a Fulgurite strikes with his holy weapon will topple to the ground like fallen trees, their synapses severed and their suddenly inert bodies as lifeless as if rigor mortis had set in days ago.

	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Sv	Unit Type	Unit Composition
Fulgurite Electro-Priest	4	3	3	3	1	3	2	9	-	Infantry	5 Fulgurite Electro-Priests

WARGEAR:

- Electroleech stave
- Voltagheist field

SPECIAL RULES:

- Canticles of the Omnissiah
- Feel No Pain
- Zealot

Siphoned Vigour: If a unit that contains one or more models with this special rule completely destroys an enemy unit (i.e. causes the last model in the enemy unit to be removed as a casualty) in the Assault phase, all voltagheist fields in the unit confer a 3+ invulnerable save instead of a 5+ invulnerable save until the end of the battle. This includes catching an enemy unit in a Sweeping Advance.

If several units with this special rule are involved in a multiple combat, be sure to resolve each unit's close-combat attacks separately to determine which (if any) of the units completely destroy an enemy unit.

OPTIONS:

- May include up to fifteen additional Fulgurite Electro-Priests - *18 pts/model*



CORPUSCARIII ELECTRO-PRIESTS



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POINTS



The nomadic warriors of the Corpuscarii Electro-Priests blaze so bright they burn like living torches as they stride across the battlefield. Such is their desire to bring the Omnissiah's glory to unenlightened machines that they have voluntarily become living batteries. Upon inception to their order, the Corpuscarii have dorsal generators grafted to their spines. These allow them to funnel living lightning through the cybernetic electroos that thread their body like artificial veins. Unfortunately for their foes, theirs is a generous creed; when their order marches to war they use electrostatic gauntlets to send coruscating bolts of energy searing across the battlefield, granting warriors and war machines alike the holy rapture of electrocution a moment before they are reduced to smoking ruin.

	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Sv	Unit Type	Unit Composition
Corpuscarii Electro-Priest	3	4	3	3	1	3	2	9	-	Infantry	5 Corpuscarii Electro-Priests

WARGEAR:

- Electrostatic gauntlets
- Voltagheist field

SPECIAL RULES:

- Canticles of the Omnissiah
- Feel No Pain
- Zealot

Shock: Whenever a model with this special rule makes attacks with its electrostatic gauntlets in the Shooting phase or the Assault phase, each To Hit roll of a 6 causes 2 additional hits on the target. Snap Shots never cause additional hits as a result of this special rule.

OPTIONS:

- May include up to fifteen additional Corpuscarii Electro-Priests - *18 pts/model*



THE WEEK IN WHITE DWARF

Join us for a round-up of the week as we share comment, opinion and trivia on all the latest releases, plus other fun tidbits that have cropped up in the White Dwarf bunker. This week we delve into the mysteries of the Omnissiah and get tearful with the Electro-Priests.

LORDS OF THE MACHINE CULT

THE QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE

The Adeptus Mechanicus are driven by a relentless hunger for knowledge, its Tech-Priests always craving greater understanding, with which they can fill the databanks of their forge worlds. Though they cherish all information, from ancient manuscripts and data-records to the combat logs of the Skitarii Legions, there is one treasure the Adeptus Mechanicus covet above all others: the Standard Template Constructs.

Ancient devices created before the dawn of the Imperium, the STCs contained much of Mankind's wisdom and knowledge, and though most of them have been lost in the millennia since Humanity's first attempts to colonise the stars, the Cult Mechanicus remain hopeful that more will yet be recovered. To that end, even now vast fleets of Adeptus Mechanicus space ships ply the galaxy in explorer fleets investigating any whisper of these lost relics. Should they hear tell of an STC, even an unconfirmed rumour, the Cult Mechanicus will mobilise as much force as they are able – and they will readily fight against any foe, be they traitors, xenos or even the Daemons of Chaos. To find an STC is the culmination of a Tech-Priest's life's work, the single greatest act they could ever accomplish.



THE TECH-PRIESTS

A THOUSAND RANKS

Astonishingly, the oft-mentioned 'thousand ranks of Tech-Priest' may even be a gross understatement, for only the databanks of the Adeptus Mechanicus themselves hold meaningful records of the secretive scholar-priests who make up the Priesthood of Mars. There are Tech-Priests who study every possible aspect of technology, science and life, from Magos who specialise in understanding biology, perfecting medicines and comprehending the mysteries of the mortal form to the humble Lexmechanics who pore over vast quantities of cogitator-stored data with holy zeal.

It is interesting to note that no Tech-Priest is more (or less) likely to take to the field of battle than another. A Genetor, who specialises in understanding the human body as a machine, may well also have such an aptitude for destruction that he is raised to the rank of Dominus – indeed, such an individual would doubtless possess valuable knowledge in the area of dealing death.

CANTICLES OF THE OMNISSIAH

The complex hymns, war-blessings and techno-incantations of the Adeptus Mechanicus are known as the Canticles of the Omnissiah. They are a method by which the Cult Mechanicus optimise their subroutines and calibrate their combat systems for imminent action, but also a means by which they praise the Machine God. To those around them, these Canticles sound like hymns and prayers of binharic cant, blurred from vox-casters, speakers and throats alike. The effects, however, are astonishing as limbs are invigorated, weapon systems become more accurate and the Cult Mechanicus are surrounded in a blazing aura.



TECH-PRIEST DOMINUS

A Tech-Priest Dominus is an amalgamation of warrior and savant, girded for war in the name of the Omnissiah. The new Dominus miniature comes with a choice of two heads that each encapsulate different aspects of their extra-human nature. The hooded head matches the traditional image of a Tech-Priest, as long seen hunched over damaged machines in the midst of battle. The tall klobuk, on the other hand, projects even more strongly his priestly aspect – you can just picture him leading his Battle Congregation in fervent worship before the battle begins.

The Tech-Priest Dominus also comes with a couple of other options in the kit – his main gun can either be the volkite blaster seen on page 2 (or just over on the left) or an eradication ray, which you can see here. There is also a macrostubber for his secondary weapon – a sub-machine gun with a dizzying rate of fire.



CODEX: APOCRYPHA EXTRA

Notes from the worlds of Warhammer. This week: steam power.

STEAM TANK

The Empire Steam Tank is probably the most impressive steam-powered innovation seen on the battlefields of the Old World. A battleship of the solid ground, it mounts a cannon in its hull and even has a Steam Gun set into the turret atop its hull. As long as the Imperial Engineer can keep the boiler stoked and the pressure high, a Steam Tank is an all but unstoppable engine of death, able to grind over whole regiments, leaving crushed and mangled bodies in its wake.

DEATH FROM ABOVE

The Dwarfs have a number of inventions that harness steam power to great effect but among their greatest must be the Gyrobomber and Gyrocopters, both of which are propelled by steam-driven screws. The Gyrocopter can even be equipped with a gun that looses a billowing cloud of super-heated steam – such is the heat of this weapon that enemies are often boiled alive in their armour like Marienburg lobsters in a pot.

STORMFIENDS

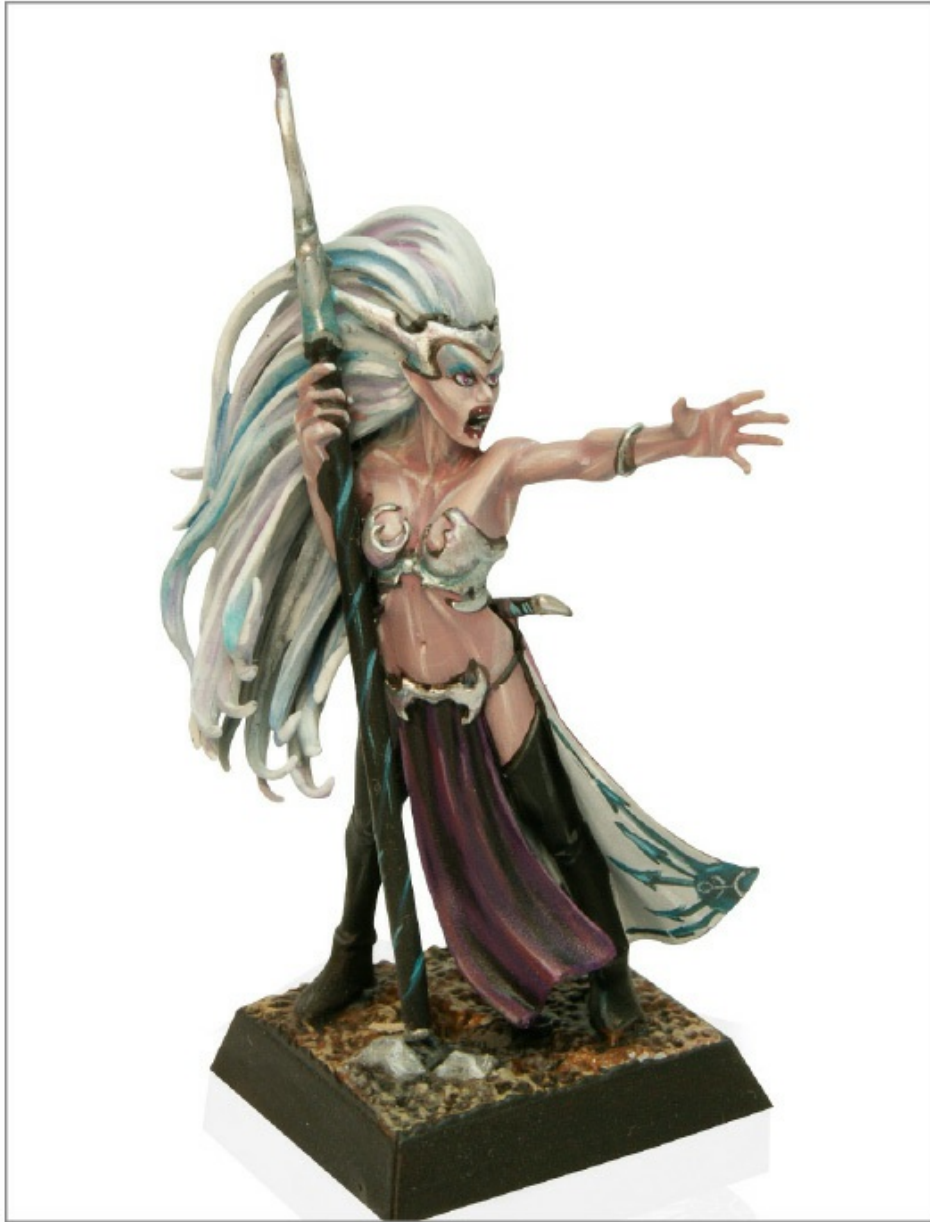
The strange weapons of the mutant monstrosities known as Stormfiends are a hideous hybrid of warpstone and steam power. Furnaces, boilers and valves keep the hideous Chaos-tainted power under high pressure until it is used to power salvos from ratling cannons, poison wind mortar bombardments and other, equally horrendous weapons.

GRIMM'S FIST

The second Dwarf of his line to possess a deadly steam-driven gauntlet, Grimm Burloksson's arm is the perfect tool for an engineer who does lots of hammering (of either grobi or engines).

READER'S MODEL OF THE WEEK

Jon Hart is a prolific hobbyist who we have featured in White Dwarf and on the What's New Today blog many times. His Dark Elf Supreme Sorceress caught our attention for the subtle shading in her hair, which adds a wonderful sense of depth to her flowing locks (the shades in her hair even match her intricate eye make-up). We were also very impressed by the freehand detail painted inside her skirts – a close inspection reveals that she's thrown her lot in with a very dark power indeed.



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If it's something we can use, we'll be sure to get in touch.

ASK GROMBRINDAL

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WHAT ABOUT THE NECRONS?

Since reading Codex: Skitarii I've been wondering how the Adeptus Mechanicus feel about the Necrons. Do they hate them, fear them or envy them?

- Darren 'gauss jealousy' Metcalf

GROMBRINDAL SAYS

No polite greeting? What would your ancestors say? All the same, the priesthood of Mars and the Necrons make for an interesting comparison and rumours and conspiracies

abound. On the face of it, the Adeptus Mechanicus are, of course, appalled by the (as they see it) disgraceful, arcane, alien science behind the Necrons and their wargear. But there must be elements within the Cult Mechanicus who covet their self-repairing metal bodies and the technology that created them.

The answer to your question is: yes, I think openly they hate the Necrons and, while they may not admit it, many fear their technology. Envy? Oh, I imagine so.

- Grombrindal

THE OMNISSIAH'S TEARS

When the power of the Motive Force flows through an Electro-Priest's body, there is one very grisly side effect: the Electro-Priest's eyeballs are caused to overheat and boil, eventually getting so hot they burst or simply melt. The aqueous humour running down the priest's cheeks is referred to as the Ommissiah's Tears. Though grisly, this is not an issue for the Electro-Priests, who thereafter perceive the world in a crackling vision of the Motive Force.



WEAPON OF THE WEEK: BASTILADON TAIL

This massive bony appendage is the business end of a Bastiladon, the most heavily armoured war beast in the jungles of Lustria. While Bastiladons might not be the most aggressive of the creatures used by the Lizardmen, their durability and strength are legendary. When the bony tail-club strikes it does so with enough force to smash trees into splinters, shatter a Giant's thigh bone or reduce a rank of Chaos Warriors to bloody paste.



BIT OF THE WEEK: WARPSTONE RAT

Thanquol and Boneripper come with no less than 21 extra little rats in the kit and we love them. Our favourite is this tiny one clutching a chunk of warpstone with all the jealous enthusiasm of a starving man clutching a loaf of mouldy bread.



WAR STORIES: RIPTIDES RIPPED APART!

This week saw several of the White Dwarf team engaging in honourable battle against the Warhammer World crew. One of the more memorable encounters saw a Tau strike force poised for victory after a hard-fought battle against the Red Corsairs. These Chaos Space Marines – led by Huron Blackheart himself – had been so badly mauled by the firepower of the Tau that only two remained. Victory was surely in the hands of Ke'lshan, if they could only kill off those last two models...

Two heroic Riptide pilots, Shas've Vasl'lon and Shas've Ve'tau, with the glory of battle singing in their veins, decided to storm towards the reeling Chaos Space Marines, determined to crush them rather than use their deadly ion accelerators. With nothing but violence in their minds, they hurled themselves upon the foe – only to fail to actually kill their victims and, in fact, handing the victory to Chaos. An object lesson in sticking to the plan.



WHITE DWARF'S REGIMENTS OF RENOWN

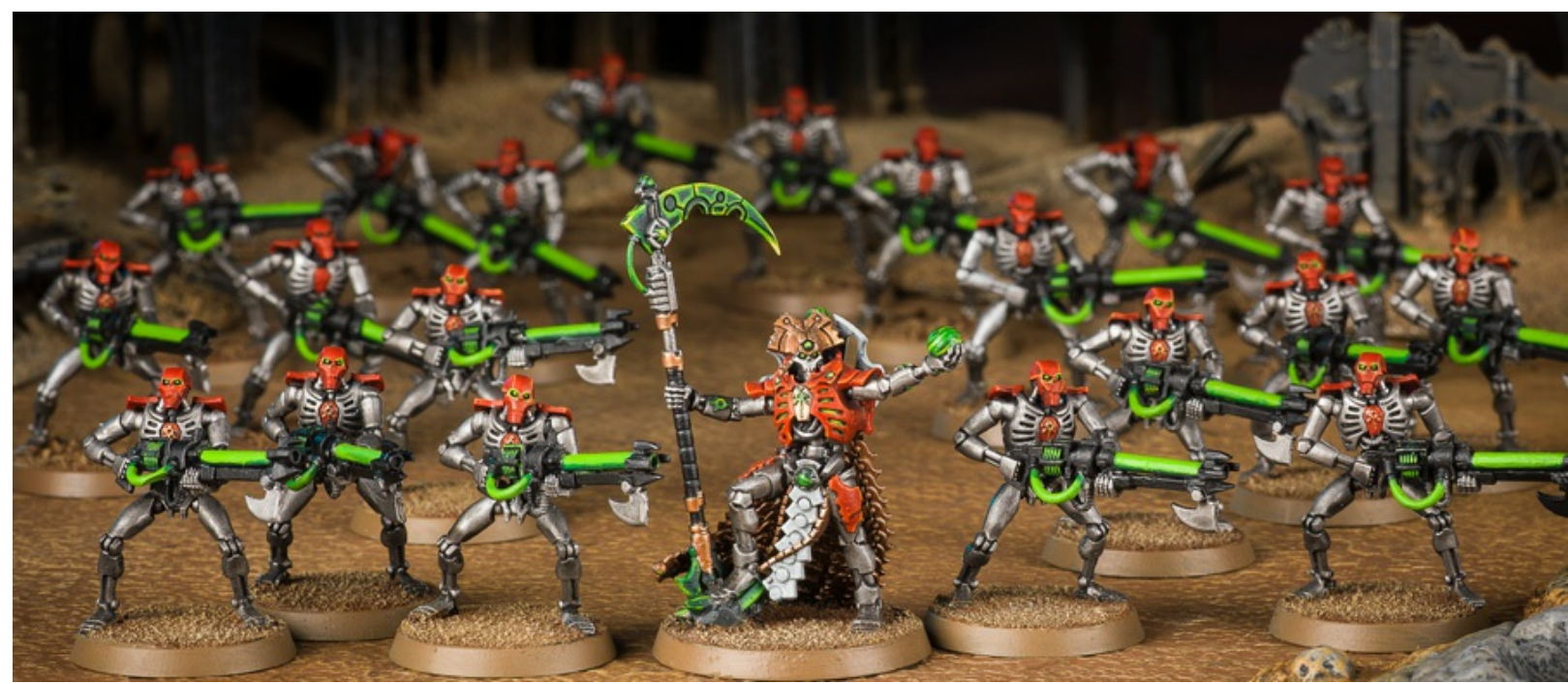
The forces of the Necrons continue to awaken in the White Dwarf bunker, as two separate Necron dynasties gain some very welcome additions to their ranks.

The Xonthar Dynasty continues to grow as more tomb worlds awaken. In their battles against the Imperial Knights of House Terryn, squadrons of Tomb Blades have been sighted with increasing regularity, using their incredible speed to threaten the flanks and rear of the Knights and circumnavigate their ion shields.

The Novokh Dynasty has found a rising star in the fearsome form of Overlord Galmakh, the Moon Killer, whose Decurion recently put a Militarum Tempestus strike force to flight, and even now amasses more power in the Ultima Segmentum.



Above: The Talons of Xonthar, a squadron of Tomb Blades operating out of Oblivios. The thrumming of their grav-engines has become a much-feared sound.



Above: Overlord Galmakh gained fame before the Great Sleep by destroying moons to forever shatter the gravity of worlds that defied his rule.



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