

# SHADOWRUN



## MIL SPEC TECH 2

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"Wisdom seldom leads to violence. Thankfully there are few truly wise people."

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**Latest News**  
 Knight Errant and Ares are upping their game again. All of you who prefer to do your biz in the meat and chrome have been warned.  
 - FastJack

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### Today's Heads Up

\* Glitch did it again. Here are the new entries for Ares' 2074 Security Catalog. I cut out the repeats, as bandwidth seems a little low lately, and besides, who has time to look at reruns? -FastJack

### Incoming

- \* In the Awakened world, even the flowers have enough power to be reckoned with. [Tag: [Parabotany](#)]
- \* Think spellslingers are meeting together and plotting stuff? You're right. [Tag: [Magical Societies](#)]
- \* Well the last one was popular, and guns make the world go round. [Tag: [Gun Haven 2](#)]
- \* Because sometimes "it starts" is the only quality you need in a car. [Tag: [Used Car Lot](#)]

### Top News Items

- \* Knight Errant has deployed an additional three Seeker teams to monitor the borders along the Redmond Barrens in an attempt to stop drug traffickers. A spokesman from the governor's office applauds the move as a positive way to reduce the flow of narcotics to the streets. [Link](#)
- \* The membership of the Seattle Green Party has been released on the Matrix by parties unknown. All 3,461 financial contributors are identified by name, SIN, and account number. In an unrelated story, 3,395 layoffs are announced by a number of local firms. [Link](#)
- \* Former CAS Congressional Representative Lance Jennings was arrested by Renraku while attending a job interview. The corporation has not responded to requests for further information. [Link](#)
- \* Five Polish nationals are added to the UCAS Terrorist Watch list after a diplomatic request. Civil liberty organizations are requesting further clarification. [Link](#)

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# ARES ARMS

## 1Q 2074

### SPECIAL ORDER CATALOG

>PRIORITY MESSAGE<

## ARES ARMS SALES—1Q 2074 SPECIAL ORDER CATALOG

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- We all know how dangerous the streets can be, and a few of us know about the battlefields. If you're going to be running anywhere near a hotspot, these are the latest toys Mr. Knight has come up with. Remember to thank Glitch if you have the chance—the intel here might just save your hoop.
- Fastjack
- All together now, "Thanks, Glitch."
- Slamm-0!
- Nice to know you finally learned some manners.
- Bull

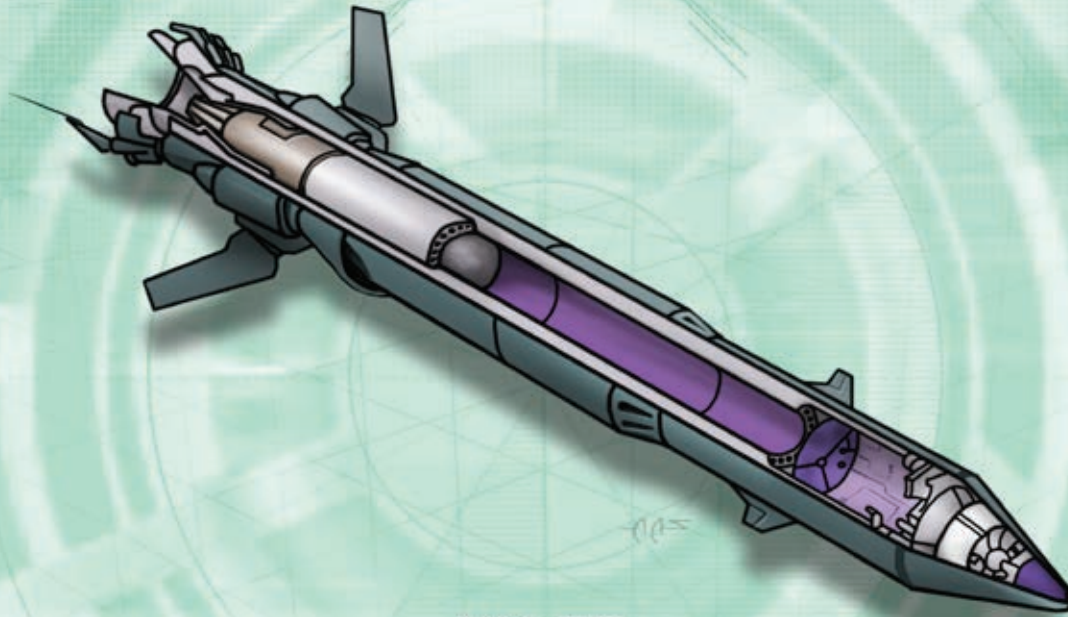
Welcome to the Special Order Catalog! Ares Arms takes pride in meeting the desires of our customers with the most effective means available. Your Customer Relations Supervisor will provide you with an analysis of your current defensive capability and a customized plan to develop your capabilities to the next level. As always, the Security for Tomorrow™ white papers are at your disposal along with field representatives to provide personalized answers to your questions. We believe an informed customer is a long-term customer.

- Has anyone actually seen one of these white papers? And why do they call them white papers if they're all electronic?
- /dev/grrl

- You should be able to find them on your own. You just have to hack your way into the Ares Arms Nexus or onto the commlink of nearly any tin-pot dictator on the planet.
- Kane
- So you haven't seen one either.
- /dev/grrl

The Ares Arms Quality Control Department ensures every piece of pre-owned certified merchandise passes a four-hundred-point inspection prior to shipment and provides a full year guarantee on parts and labor. Unfortunately, due to the heavy use these systems undergo, we can no longer cover damages related to user enthusiasm. If the purchaser also selects the Ares Maintenance Support Program, however, we will gladly cover such incidents under that contract. Please remember to ask your Customer Relations Supervisor about this and our other logistic-support programs. Ares always works to ensure our customers sleep easier knowing their security is our priority.

- Do we have to read all of it? You cleaned it up last time. If I wanted to read corporate double-speak al day, I'd stay in school.
- /dev/grrl
- You should stay in school, but that's a different conversation. I deleted the rest of the pre-sales stuff so Slamm-0! wouldn't fall asleep again.
- Netcat



XM-E3

# XM-E3

Ares is proud to offer a new long-range drone intended for automated-strike packages. This third-generation platform is capable of complex extended operations and has been fabricated in the most cost-effective manner possible to allow the purchaser to easily purchase this expendable asset in bulk. The XM-E3 is primarily designed to engage aircraft and drones, allowing strike packages to reach their targets safely. The autopilot program will even place itself between recognized threats and its charge, taking rounds intended for the escorted vehicle if that is the only way to ensure its survival. The drone is launched from Vertical Launch Systems or dedicated artillery rocket launchers and is not intended to be recovered.

The XM-E3 is equipped with two internal weapon mounts, normally fitted with White Knight machineguns. This recommended armament selection can be easily changed by the purchaser and is sold separately for your convenience. If the purchaser desires, your Customer Relations Supervisor can provide a list of factory-installed weapons that fit, along with a cost-benefit analysis of each one. The drone also features a limited stealth airframe to allow it to escort strategic assets without compromising the mission.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Improved Economy, Signature Masking (Rating 1), 2 Weapon Mounts (internal, flexible, remote)

## XM-E3 (LARGE DRONE)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
+2	25/100	600	5	4	4	5	12F	24,000¥

- This is a toy for the big boys to play with. I have yet to see a mercenary unit use one, since the single-use nature of the drone is counter to the cost-effective nature most mercs prefer.
- Picador
- Looking into some of the specs and the more easily found technical papers, it appears to be designed to use cheaper materials to keep costs down. Getting as many repeat sales as possible lets Ares keep the price low enough so that customers will buy lots of them, which in turn funds research into the E4.
- Beaker
- It might function well as an escort or as a tool for a surprise strike, but watching a trid of Lone Star trying to use them to stop a t-bird was amusing. It is interesting the Star equipped them with one anti-tank missile and a LMG each, though.
- Rigger X
- Ares offers an alternative radar-signature sculpt if you want to pay extra for it. Apparently it is designed to mimic the Arbalest, so you can add a deception plan to your drone strike.
- Red Anya



TANDEM SECURITY DRONE

## TAN DEM

The TAN DEM drone is a perfect fit for those organizations that require a large presence on the ground and are unable or unwilling to put flesh-and-blood troops in harm's way. The TAM DEM was also designed to fulfill the need for patrol forces that could navigate toxic environments without health concerns and minimize the employer's vulnerability to human resource-related security compromises. Ares provides frequent software updates as part of the limited warranty provided with the purchase of these drones. As a testament to their utility, Knight Errant has selected the TAN DEM to patrol near reactors and other high radiation areas to reduce terrorist infiltration of these critical facilities through contaminated zones.

The ability of a designated operator to directly control the drone minimizes the possibility of "friendly-fire" incidents and allows them to be used in operations that require heightened situation awareness. The anthroform body also allows the purchaser to equip the unit with nearly any desired small arm.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Clearsight Autosoft 1, Targeting Autosoft 2, Weapon Mount (external, flexible, remote)

### TAN DEM (MEDIUM DRONE)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
+3	5/10	30	2	3	2	3	16F	5,900¥

- I love the term "human resource-related security compromises." That's a nice way of referring to bribes or attempts to hold the guard's family hostage. And that's something you can't ever entirely get rid of. If your force is all drones, you just need to get to the rigger to control the whole security force.
- Kane
- Depending on the nature of the nodes and the procedures that are set up, getting to one rigger might buy you a little time, but his time-share pal or a spider can still activate those ugly little scripts that you can't stop without smashing the drone.
- Snopes
- This isn't much of a combat drone, the Hachiman and Steel Lynx are much better packages, even if they cost more.
- Clockwork
- Security, not combat; admittedly I'm sure the "Customer Relations Supervisor" talks up their combat ability if the buyer is unwise enough to believe it. You just have to look at the ballistic plastic it uses for armor to realize it's more of a walking tripwire than a real deterrent.
- Fianchetto
- It might not be top of the line, but equipping this with an LMG and ordering it to provide suppressing fire until the rapid deployment force arrives is pretty effective. The key is not being seen.
- Mika



**A70 DRONE**

# A70

The A70 is intended to provide law enforcement and small tactical teams the means to win the information game. Its small tracked design can navigate a wide variety of terrain with minimal difficulty or loss of speed while its extra battery pack allows it to maintain prolonged deployment or cover entire blocks of urban terrain in a preprogrammed patrol sequence.

The A70 features an expanded array of passive and active sensors, allowing the operators to generate a three-dimensional map of surrounding terrain follow-up operations. Knight Errant has recently began to add these units to their Seeker teams in a successful bid to stop smugglers and other undesirables from entering restricted areas. The A70 has also consistently scored well during simulated terrorist events in several large North American cities.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Additional Fuel Tank, Clearsight Autosoft 1, Improved Sensor Array, Tracked Vehicle,

## A70 (SMALL DRONE)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
+1	5/20	40	4	2	1	5	14F	10,000¥

- An annoying little bugger to run into. They are normally programmed to squeal like mad if they catch someone without clearance in their patrol area. Knight Errant has been sending them out to some of the higher crime areas to keep an eye on things.
- Riser

- What stops a ganger from popping it and scavenging the nano-circuit boards for spare parts? I know I would do it given half a chance.
- Slamm-O!
- Well to start with, they usually have a couple of high-mileage LEBD-1s as top cover, and occasionally one of the TAN DEMs as an escort as well. Basically KE seems to be using them as bait for street thugs. It's an effective method of population control.
- Riser
- I'm surprised Ares went with a ground-based sensor platform. I always figured they would do some kind of airborne system to keep the sensors from catching too much hostile attention.
- Clockwork
- Considering the last two seasons of Desert Wars have been absolute murder on flyers, a move to a crawler was probably to be expected. The Aztlan-Amazonia thing is also proving to be hard on flyers with the proliferation of cheap surface-to-air options. That rainforest canopy isn't proving to be as much a defense as some people thought it would be.
- Hard Exit



BLOOD SCYTHE

# BLOOD SCYTHE

The Blood Scythe is a new design Ares was pleased to purchase from an independent design facility. The drone lives up to its name with a fully traversable weapon mount and sophisticated targeting algorithms. Originally designed to meet the needs of counter-insurgency forces as a quick response asset, the Blood Scythe has managed to find a home in the inventory of numerous private security firms.

Your Customer Relations Supervisor has a number of combat recordings taken by the Blood Scythe and accompanying units for your perusal to help ascertain the unit's suitability for the client's needs. As an optional feature, Ares Arms also has predesigned combat programming available for those purchasers who desire additional contingency programming.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Ammo Bin, Targeting Autosoft 5, Tracked Vehicle, Weapon Mount (external, turret, remote)

## BLOOD SCYTHE (MEDIUM DRONE)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
+2	10/20	60	3	3	1	3	15F	18,000¥

- Holy shit! Have you seen the trid of this thing going off in Warsaw? They never saw it coming until the minigun started to spin up.
- Slamm-O!
- Why should they have thought a security drone was going to start a massacre? The drone killed twenty Polish citizens standing in line for food. According to witnesses, their only crime was to be in front of a Russian soldier's girlfriend.
- Sunshine
- I'm surprised it didn't make a larger splash in the newsfeeds. It would have made big ratings across most of Europe.
- Aufheben
- Kind of hard to arrange that when the only known footage is owned by the Russians and the corporation making the drone.
- Sunshine
- Hey! Since when did Ares sell to Russia? They're supposed to be the All-American corp.
- Slamm-O!
- I'm just going to act like that was a joke.
- Stone



A-74 MK2 DRONE

# A-74 MK2

From the Royal Marines testing grounds, Ares has purchased the worldwide marketing rights to latest amphibious warfare exemplar, the A-74 Mk 2. This amphibious tank is capable of swimming up to nearly any coastline, crossing it, and taking the fight to the enemy. The drone typically carries a variety of mission-specific weapons, allowing the user to choose the type of munitions that will be most effective for their particular needs. This versatility also allows the purchaser to utilize a wide array of already-purchased ordnance.

Extensively tested by Her Majesty's Marines under realistic scenarios, the Mk 2 has been greatly improved over its predecessor. The Marines maintain a full battalion, and they intend to maintain their capability for at least another decade, providing a clear upgrade path to any purchasers and also serving to minimize research and integration costs if they choose compatible munitions.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Amphibious (Level 1), ECCM 2, Reinforced Weapon Mount (external, heavy turret, remote), Targeting Autosoft 3, Tracked Vehicle, 3 Weapon Mounts (external, fixed, remote)

## A-74 MK 2 (VEHICLE DRONE)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
-2	10/40	80	3	20	10	3	20F	650,000¥

- It's almost as good as a real tank and has better mobility than most other tracked designs in wet terrain. A number were purchased by the government of Thailand to help chase down some of the drug and gun runners who manage to work in their territory.
- Black Mamba
- There have been rumors of a couple of platoons worth chasing soldiers through the jungle, but I haven't seen any. Although I'm not sure the jungle is a good place for them.
- Marcos
- There are few here around here. A German mercenary unit air-freighted about a dozen into Bogotá figuring they would be more resilient to the moisture. They also seem to have a camera drone following them around most of the time. I wonder if Ares is paying for "combat encounters."
- Hard Exit
- Lifescape has been improving their ability to put out niche video products, and combat footage falls under that. It might not be the best way to compete with Horizon, but it provides revenue.
- Mr. Bonds





BMV-3

## NIZHINYI BMV-3

The Nizhinyi design studio keeps putting together winning projects, which Ares is proud to offer to our customers. The BMV-3 is the latest generation of vectored-thrust fighting vehicle procured by the Russian military, with the first operational unit completing qualification testing three weeks ago. This is your opportunity to be on the bleeding edge of military technology. The latest version has improved signature and fuel economy to help ensure they get into the fight and remain there long enough to support the infantry or drone team. The BMV-3 also features a fully integrated control system, allowing a single operator to perform the duties of three personnel using earlier models.

Ares will provide vehicles straight from the production line and customize the armament package to suit your needs. Ares also offers a number of training programs for purchasers, including personal instruction and simulator support. Please specify which Maintenance Agreement you desire when purchasing; while the BMV-3 has many components in common with the BMV-2, supplies of unique parts is still limited in this stage of the production process.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Amenities (Squatter), Extra Entry/Exit Points, Improved Economy, Signature Masking (Rtg. 2), Life Support (Level 1), Rigger Adaptation, Weapon Mount (external, heavy turret, remote), Weapon Mount (internal, fixed, remote)

### NIZHINYI BMV-3 (APC)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
+1	40/180	800	3	22	18	3	24F	2,900,000¥

- Still has a badly designed infantry compartment. It seems the designers are more interested in the bells and whistles than making sure the real soldiers arrive in a good enough condition to fight.
- Picador
- I'm surprised they bothered to use RAM on the forward surfaces, since the air intakes and passenger doors provide large enough returns from any direction except the front to ensure nearly any missile will get a lock-on.
- Rigger X
- The new simulators for the vehicle are all VR based. You can learn to fly one without ever leaving the house. There are rumors Ares might try to market a new MMO game based on it.
- Snopes



M-173 WHEELED APC

# M-173

A traditional wheeled design, the M-173 has been selected to replace a number of older designs fielded by the UCAS National Guard. As this procurement process will take several years, Ares has the opportunity to sell a fully tested vehicle to you with a major customer guaranteeing replacement parts are available for decades in the future. The M-173 utilizes a fully integrated control system along with a touch-based computer interface to provide an infantry combat team with all the information they require to complete their mission. When combined with military-grade communications, this allows soldiers to perform under a multitude of scenarios, from civil disobedience to high-intensity warfare.

Ares offers a number of armament and lock-on countermeasures packages, each tailored to a different possible opponent. Inquire with your Customer Relations Supervisor about which package best suits your requirements. The current customer favorite is the riot-control package with an automatic grenade launcher and sonic weapon installed.

**Std. Upgrade/Accessories:** Amenities (Squatter), Complete Skinlink, Improved Suspension, Life Support (Level 1), Lock-On Countermeasure, Rigger Adaptation, Smoke Projector, 2 Weapon Mounts (external, turret, remote)

- About time they started to improve the electronics of the National Guard. I'm surprised they went with a completely new design though. I always figured they would just add to it onto the Devil Rat.
- Snopes
- Ares offered them a good deal on selling the old units back. How else do you think they get models into their pre-owned certified program? Not every AA corp sells back their security vehicles when a new model comes out.
- Netcat
- I'm surprised they didn't go with a vectored thrust design with all the cash UCAS can spend, the generals will be looking to upgrade this to a more modern design within ten years. It might be a good police action vehicle, but I doubt it is capable of true high-intensity operations.
- Black Mamba
- UCAS has always been a little more reluctant to purchase a major vectored thrust combat vehicle. They use them a lot for scouting and cavalry roles, but lately they've focused on purchasing anti-armor weapons rather than armor itself.
- Beaker

## M-173 (APC)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
-1	10/30	110	2	19	15	3	15R	65,000¥



GD LONGSTREET

# GD LONGSTREET

We're proud to present the opportunity to purchase the official infantry-fighting vehicle of the CAS. Designed to perform operations in tandem with the Stonewall and Jefferson Davis armored fighting vehicles, the Longstreet matches their mobility and general protection level while carrying a combat team into the fight. Typical features include a full rigger's cocoon to protect the crew, a dedicated anti-armor system, an improved EnviroSeal™ system, and an active armor system to defeat infantry-carried missile systems.

The Longstreet is capable of providing planning support for the attached infantry using large displays while on the move and constant communication when dismounted. The satellite communications array is virtually unstoppable, ensuring you can always look "over the shoulder" of your field commanders and correct problems before they arise. The Longstreet represents the pinnacle in infantry support and is expected to maintain that position for a decade to come.

**Std. Upgrade/Accessories:** 2 Ammo Bins, Enhanced Image Screens, Life Support (Level 1), Lock-On Countermeasure, Rigger Adaptation, Rigger Cocoon, Satellite Communications, Smart Armor (Level 10), Signature Masking (Rating 3), 2 Weapon Mounts (internal, fixed, remote), Weapon Mount (external, turret, remote)

## GD LONGSTREET (INFANTRY FIGHTING VEHICLE)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
+0	20/100	400	3	30	24	3	24F	6,500,500¥

- The reloading missile launchers are a nice touch. One of these managed to shoot down both my retrans drones in less than thirty seconds. After that it called in air support. It was not a fun place to be.
- Picador
- Looking at the features, I wonder why CAS has allowed such a fully loaded vehicle to go to the open market. Normally they strip out at least part of their gear before they are sent back to a manufacturer for resale.
- Marcos
- Depending on the subtype, this is stripped. CAS has a bunch equipped with enhanced sensors and missile-defense systems. They normally serve as company command units but they slip a couple in with normal squads to keep the Azzies honest.
- Hard Exit



BRIDGETTE

# BRIDGETTE

The Bridgette is a recent vehicle designed to help armor-infantry formations deal with the proliferation of flying drones. With recent advances in drone technology threatening independent military contractor's livelihoods, our engineers noticed an unfulfilled niche market, that of a dedicated air defense vehicle which did not rely on expensive missiles to destroy its target. Thus, the Bridgette was born.

Designed by a team lead by noted military theorist Georgette Burgy, we drew upon over a hundred years anti-aircraft experience to develop a direct-fire system to defeat flying opponents above the modern battlefield. The primary design is outfitted with a combination of laser weapons and a single missile system for those situations where anti-aerosol munitions have been utilized, though the vehicle is configured for rapid weapon removal and integration to better suit the needs of our clients.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** ECCM 3, Enhanced Sensors, Improved Suspension, Life Support (Level 1), Reinforced Weapon Mount (external, heavy turret, armored manual), Weapon Mount (external turret, manual), Weapon Mount (internal, fixed, remote)

## BRIDGETTE (TACTICAL VEHICLE)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
+1	10/30	120	2	16	14	5	28F	1,600,000¥

- The standard load-out on this is pretty mean for a drone killer—a heavy MP laser along with a Firelance or a Fire Blossom and is a lot of easy-to-aim firepower in one place. No wonder Horizon's corporate security is snapping them up.
- Turbo Bunny
- Well, they made sure most "independent contractors" can't afford them, or are unlikely to tie themselves that closely to Ares with one of the Maintenance Agreements. But you also need to remember that lasers are not as easy to use as you would think.
- Picador
- They aren't that bad. The hardest part to using them on a remote rig is to remember not to lead the target. After that, the rapid cyclic function on the Fire Blossom fixes any other discrepancies in aiming.
- Clockwork
- Imagine, you need technological assistance to hit what you aim at. What else do you use machines to compensate for? Or would it simpler to list activities you don't use assistance for?
- Netcat



## LOCKHEED MAMBA

# LOCKHEED MAMBA

The Mamba is the ultimate mobile artillery currently offered by Ares. The Mamba is capable of utilizing a number of different artillery rockets or cruise-missile options, which can be selected by the purchaser and rapidly exchanged as the tactical or strategic situation changes.

Ares provides this system on a heavy tracked chassis allowing the system to traverse nearly any terrain. The system is also provided with advanced communications and specialized software for planning artillery-fire missions. The Mamba's ammunition consumption can be prodigious, so your Customer Relations Supervisor will offer an Ammunition Supply Agreement if this weapon platform is selected.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** 3 Ammo Binss, Artillery Tactics Knowsoft 2, Enhanced Image Screen, Improved Suspension, Reinforced Weapon Mount (external, fixed, remote), Satellite Communications

### LOCKHEED MAMBA (ARTILLERY VEHICLE)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
-3	5/15	50	2	20	15	2	24F	125,000¥

#### BASIC HE ARTILLERY ROCKET\*

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	AVAIL	COST
16P	-2/-5	-2/M	28F	4,800¥

\*Use the Ballista range Table, but the Extreme Range band is extended to 20km.

- The Mamba is an update of an old design which has been used around the world for nearly a century. Nothing to see here; move along, move along.
- Clockwork
- Actually, once you start getting into artillery rocket launched drones, like the XM E3, the versatility of the system goes up exponentially. You can launch long-range strikes of varying types or just provide your forces on the ground with different intelligence options.
- Beaker
- The ability to saturate an area at long-range is a classic military need. The use of precision guided munitions might have replaced that ability under many circumstances, but overwhelming firepower still has its uses.
- Black Mamba
- I've worked with a few razorboys with a similar attitude.
- Bull



TR-73 VTOL

# TR-73

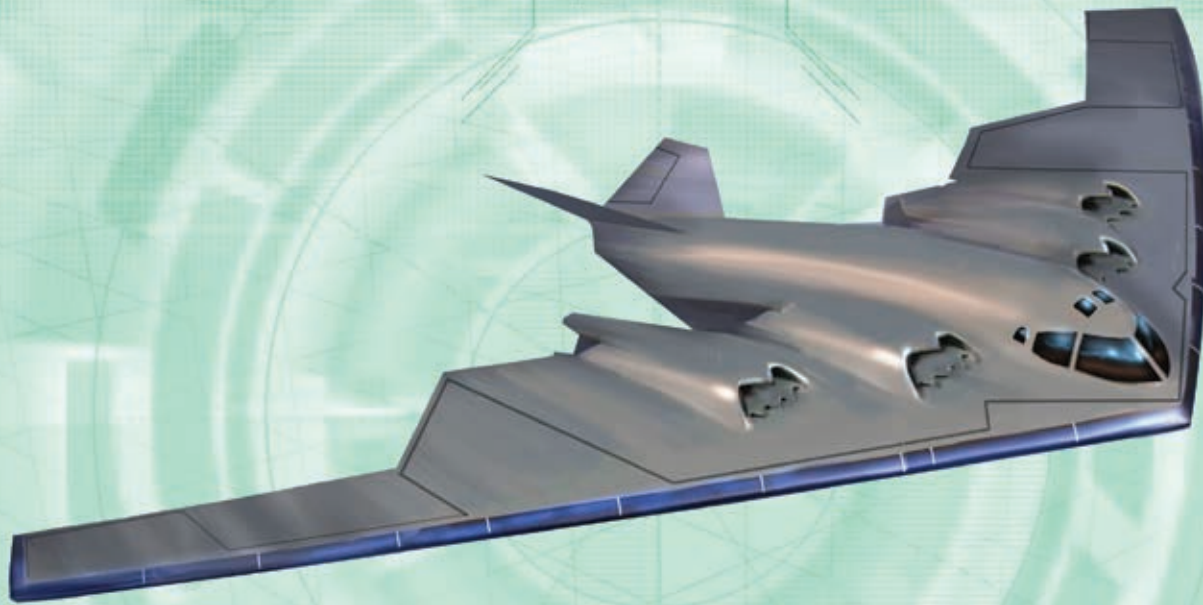
The TR-73 is Ares' latest update to the venerable TR-55 Security model. The TR-73 is capable of greater speeds, improved damage resistance, and better target suppression than the earlier models. The keys to the model's success are General Dynamics' avionics and the new General Motors turbines. Improvements in materials technology have improved the tilt-rotor's resistance to damage without a large increase in weight. Now produced with virtual-reality integrated controls, the TR-73 is capable of amazing feats of agility.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Extra Entry/Exit Points, Improved Takeoff and Landing 2, Lock On Countermeasure, Rigger Adaptation, 2 Weapon Mounts (external, fixed, remote), Weapon Mount (internal, flexible, remote)

## TR-73 (TRANSPORT PLANE)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
+1	30/120	360	3	30	10	3	24R	1,550,000¥

- There is a different variant out with a retractable belly turret instead of the flexible mount. It was quite a surprise when it started shooting at us while we were chasing it.
- Kane
- I'm sure you did something suitably drastic.
- Snopes
- No, not really. The air-to-air missile was pretty tame. I only fired one, and it wasn't painted red.
- Kane
- Mercury Express has purchased nearly a hundred of these to handle priority shipments. They use them at the regional hubs for the local portion of the trip.
- Clockwork



## B-6 LEMAY STEALTH BOMBER

# B-6 LEMAY

The CAS Air Force has commissioned the LeMay as a strategic asset, and a limited-warfare version is now available for sale through Ares Arms. The B-6 is shaped to minimize its radar signature and carries defensive jammers to handle any missiles that managed to lock onto it. The LeMay is capable of carrying nine sophisticated ground-attack munitions internally.

Ares Arms also provides strike-planning packages and aerial refueling services for those clients who desire a global reach but are unable to handle the logistics of a global military program in a cost-effective manner. Your Customer Relations Supervisor can provide the details of this service.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Additional Fuel Tank, Area Jammer 4, ECM 2, Ejection Seats, Rigger Adaptation, Signature Masking (Rating 6), Satellite Communications, Reinforced Weapon Mount (internal, fixed, remote) w/ 2 Ammo Bins, Reinforced Weapon Mount (internal, fixed, remote) w/ 2 Ammo Bins, Reinforced Weapon Mount (internal, fixed, remote) w/ 2 Ammo Bins

### B-6 LEMAY (TACTICAL AIRCRAFT)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
+0	60/240	800	3	28	14	5	36F	21,000,000¥

- The LeMay is bigger than the most of the other things in this catalog, and it's for military use only. It's amazing they can get flight clearance for these to leave the factory and fly to their customers. I'm sure the nations along the logged flight path take note of the destination.
- Snopes
- Talk about putting the neighbors on notice. What is the difference between this and UCAS' strategic strikers?
- Picador
- A lot more electronic warfare gear mostly. The special weapons capabilities are removed, but anyone who can afford one can afford to deal with the positive controls required to inhibit unauthorized nuclear releases, things like the UCAS' triple key system.
- Clockwork
- They aren't all flown to their customers; Ares ships a number of them in freighters to their customers without the fanfare an airborne delivery creates. I managed to intercept three complete sets of wings with an Asian address. Does anyone know where I can find a fuselage?
- Kane



## A-17 CARRIER-BASED AIRCRAFT

# A-17

The A-17 is Ares' latest dedicated supersonic carrier-capable strike aircraft. Originally developed for the Imperial Navy's aborted *Akagi*-class light carrier program, our engineers focused on this project when we realized the dearth of quality tactical aircraft currently on the market. The A-17 is a vectored thrust aircraft, with two engines providing thrust in both the horizontal and vertical flight profiles. We cannot classify this as a craft designed for sustained supersonic performance, but we believe the afterburning engines allow the A-17 a blistering dash speed when called for.

The A-17 is capable of carrying a variety of stores while operating in standard or short-takeoff mode. The internal bays are configured for air-to-surface munitions although air-to-air weapons can be used when needed. The A-17's two external hard points are capable of carrying a wider selection of options, although users should note that these increase the radar signature of the aircraft. We are happy to provide regular demonstrations of the aircraft's capabilities; please contact us to arrange in-person or virtual attendance at one of these events.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Ejection Seats, Improved Takeoff and Landing (level 1), 2 Reinforced Weapon Mounts (external, fixed, remote), Rigger Adaptation, Signature Masking (Rating 1), 3 Weapon Mounts (internal, fixed, remote)

### A-17 (TACTICAL AIRCRAFT)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
+2	50/200	1200	3	20	10	3	28F	18,000,000*

- So Ares finally decided to compete with the Eagle. I wonder how Fed-Boeing is dealing with one of their largest customers becoming competition.
- Glitch
- Looking at the sub-contractor list for the parts, I would think laughing all the way to the bank. It is using almost 25 percent of the Eagle's subassemblies, and they are charging 33 percent more for those components.
- Mr. Bonds
- Why bother with such old-fashioned stealth features? They compromise payload weight without much effect against modern air-defense systems.
- Clockwork
- I can think of a couple reasons; first, not all that many national air defenses are modern, so it's good enough. Second, just like those crotch rockets some runners insist on riding, sometimes it's the look that matters.
- Black Mamba
- Hey! What's wrong with having style?
- Kane





## DASSAULT ZETA BRAVO

# DASSAULT ZETA BRAVO

Dassault's newest air superiority design highlights the manufacturer's return to manned military aviation with an eighth-generation platform capable of taking on all contenders. The Zeta Bravo is designed to function as a member of an aerial strike package, sweeping the skies clear of opposition before the ground-attack assets arrive on scene. Our licensing agreement with Dassault allows us to sell this product outside of the current South American conflict zone. We anticipate this restriction to be lifted within the next year.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** ECM 4, ECCM 2, Ejection Seats, Life Support (Level 1), Lock-On Countermeasures, Reinforced Weapon Mount (internal, fixed, remote), Rigger Adaptation, Signature Masking (Rating 5), 4 Weapon Mounts (internal, fixed, remote). 4 Weapon Mounts (external, fixed, remote)

### DASSAULT ZETA BRAVO (TACTICAL AIRCRAFT)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
+3	100/500	1800	3	18	12	6	38F	3,800,000¥

- It's the Ares competitor to the Kanyuk Interceptor. I guess they weren't going to let NeoNET get too far ahead in the "eighth-generation market," whatever that is.
- Turbo Bunny
- It's mostly a marketing tool now. It used to be a gauge of the relative age and capability of an aircraft, but sales teams use it to promote the purchase of more expensive aircraft.
- Dr. Spin
- The Zeta Bravo was originally intended for the European arms market but failed to make a big impression with all the older aircraft still in inventory. The governments are starting to notice that their arsenals are getting smaller with every new generation.
- Red Anya
- That was the original reasoning behind the drone research: Let cheap machines replace flesh-and-blood units that demand a salary. This practice also lets the purchaser increase their inventory, as the units cost less than the manned versions they replace.
- Clockwork
- I wonder what margin the pyramid is making by selling these through Ares.
- Cosmo



# HUNT-CLASS FRIGATE

The Hunt-class frigate is the latest development in littoral combatants. The stealthy vessel is ideal for counter-smuggling operations, anti-submarine warfare and naval gunfire-support missions. The vessel includes a point-defense system to help the craft survive the short-range encounters typical of coastal combat environments. The frigate's anti-submarine ability is centered on integral drone support and integrated sensor processing, allowing the ship to locate, track, and prosecute any submerged contacts.

The CAS has recently purchased two of these ships to assist in monitoring illicit activity around the Caribbean League, and to interdict unlawful shipments destined for the eastern seaboard. These vessels are available for inspection by interested purchasers after suitable notice is provided so they can be seen performing in actual operational conditions. Ares Arms can also arrange training or staffing assistance for those organizations that desire technical proficiency from the moment of purchase. Please notify your Customer Relations Supervisor of any particular staffing requirements you desire; any long-term employment offers can be handled through third-party negotiators.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Additional Fuel Tank, Ducted Waterjet, 2 Large Landing Drone Racks, Improved Sensor Array, Missile Defense System, Reinforced Weapon Mount (external, heavy turret, armored manual), Signature Masking (Rating 2), 2 Small Torpedo Launchers, 3 Weapon Mounts (external, flexible, remote)

## HUNT-CLASS FRIGATE (CORVETTE)

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
-1	5/10	100	5	30	15	5	30F	5,200,000*

- They are pretty good boats. The sales blurb fails to mention they can self deploy when you want to cruise across the ocean. They put a decent diesel engine in as the cruising motor.
- Red Anya
- There is a rumor Ares is trying to sell a couple of these to Tír Tairngire as anti-smuggling vessels. I hope the dandelion eaters manage to bungle the contract. The last thing I need is more sonars on the water.
- Sounder
- The contract labor offer is interesting; apparently there is one of these things docked at Malta with a rather attractive elf deck crew. Ares seems to be marketing these pretty heavily—are they trying to start a naval arms race of some sort?
- Icarus
- They really aren't frigates once you get a good look at them. It's more of an over-hyped corvette.
- Kane



# FLORIDA-CLASS SSGN

The Florida-class is the most affordable strategic submersible platform on the market today. This was initially manufactured to provide retaliatory capability for any nation, and the first customer, the Confederation of American States, purchased several as escorts for their SSVNs. The submarine has also been chosen by several nations as their sole strategic asset, as the purchase of as few as two of these craft allows for near-continual deterrence patrols. Due to maintenance requirements and crew certification training, however, Ares recommends a purchase of three such units in order to ensure that one is always on patrol.

The vessel's layout was designed by Proteus to minimize the number of crew required, reducing operating costs. The vertical launch systems are capable of ejecting any approved missile from depths of thirty meters or less, including surface launch if desired. The vessel's reactor is designed as a single-core system with an expected life of fifteen years, and it conforms to international safety standards. The purchase of this submarine and its payload ensures no other nation will fail to listen to you.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Ballast Tanks (Level 2), Life Support (Level 2), 2 Large Torpedo Tubes, Signature Masking (Rating 2), Small Landing Drone Rack, 16 Advanced VLS Systems

## FLORIDA-CLASS SSGN (SUBMARINE)

LENGTH	HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	STR	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
185M	-1	4/8	60	4	22	20	3	36F	160,000,000¥

- Strategic weapon systems? Why the hell didn't you delete this one, FastJack? There's no way any runner is going to get close to owning one of these. This is one of the worst examples of mental masturbation on this site in a while.
- Netcat
- How about stealing one? The crew is only forty people, and according to released information it only takes three to operate it in benign environments. I want one!
- Slamm-0!
- Great idea; let us know how that works out, and how it feels when the marines guarding it inflict severe lead poisoning on you.
- Clockwork
- I like how Slamm-0!'s thinking, but even I'm not going after a sub that could potentially be carrying ninety nuclear warheads. There's a limit to how much heat even I can handle. Every country and corp would be after you, and they wouldn't stop until you died in some horrible, painful way.
- Kane



## HENSLEY-CLASS DESTROYER

# HENSLEY-CLASS DESTROYER

The Hensley-class Destroyer is designed to lead squadrons of small combatants and provide area air defense coverage for its charges. The ship has accommodations outfitted to carry a command staff and the additional processing power required to coordinate group engagement capability. The destroyer also maintains dedicated flight facilities aft, allowing the group's surveillance coverage to be extended through the use of vertical-takeoff-capable airframes. The modular weapon mounts easily integrate any weapon meeting ARARM-284-19034 standards into the system, with expert systems providing target selection and prioritization information to the operators.

Crew assigned to the Hensley are able to remain at sea longer than several comparative designs through carefully planned ergonomics and accommodation spaces, along with extensive storage space for food and nanofax equipped damage control lockers and machine shops. These features allow the purchaser to maximize the vessel's time at sea, while gaining an adequate return on manpower costs.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Improved Sensor Array, Life Support (Level 1), Satellite Communications, Special Equipment (Helicopter Pad), 10 Advanced Vertical Launch Systems, 2 Reinforced Weapon Mounts (external, heavy turret, remote), 2 Weapon Mounts (external, flexible, remote), Workshop (nautical and aeronautical)

### HENSLEY-CLASS DESTROYER

LENGTH	HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	STR	ARM	SENS	AVAIL	COST
170M	+0	5/10	80	3	20	15	6	30F	125,000,000¥

- I'm a little surprised the class is named after Cmdr. Kelley Hensley considering the first ship was ordered by the Athabaskan Council. They ordered one as their flagship; I wonder how it's affecting the smuggling routes.
- Snopes
- Since it spends most of its time showing the flag and serving as a chief's yacht, not much at all. The advanced radars can be a pain to avoid, but the Council opted for the "fitted for, not with" options, so it rarely leaves with much armament anyway.
- Sounder
- I find it strange an anti-missile system isn't standard. Most major combatants feature one, but I won't look a gift horse in the mouth. Unless I'm planning on taking the fillings.
- Kane
- I'm more interested in knowing how the Kingdom of Tonga could afford five, with full missile load outs. The cruise missile and Constantines should bankrupt any tiny country. Ares won't be able to fulfill a new order for this destroyer until 2077 unless they start on additional slips.
- Mr. Bonds



## AN74 RIFLE

# AN-74

The latest security design from the Nikonov Design Consortium, the AN-74 features unique recoil-reduction measures, allowing a shooter to effectively fire two rounds at a target before recoil reduces their accuracy. This increased accuracy allows an organization to minimize ammunition expenditure and ensure their combatants will not replicate trideo-inspired tactics.

The rifle is designed to efficiently operate in desert environments after extensive prototype testing during the Desert Wars' 2072 Season. The weapon also has a powered slide mount to facilitate quick changes of accessories. The weapon has been selected by Turkestan's Interior Ministry troops to replace their aging AK series rifles.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Bayonet Mount, Extreme Environment Modification (Level 1, desert), Powered Slide Mount (Level 2)

### AN-74 (ASSAULT RIFLE)

DAMAGE	AP	MODE	RC	AMMO	AVAIL	COST
7P	-2	SA	1	35(C)	5R	6,000¥

- The rifle still falls under the automatic weapon laws of most jurisdictions, and the law-enforcement corporations aren't eager for that classification change. The last thing they want is for it to be easy for a wired-up sam to buy these from Weapon World.
- Riser
- The weapon has been picked up by Wolverine Security as a select-issue weapon. Apparently the "two-shot" burst is an attempt at political correctness, or a way to ensure the weapon has an endorser.
- The Smiling Bandit
- With the prevalence of AK-based weaponry across the globe, the uniqueness of the AN-74 is lost on the street market. I have problems moving them when they're in inventory.
- Red Anya



HK MG-14

## HK MG-14

The MG-14 is the latest addition to the G-12A3z family of firearms. The machine gun is capable of sustained fire and is intended to function as a squad automatic weapon. The weapon's feed system is magazine-fed with an integral bipod and a smartlink to improve accuracy. The caseless ammunition is lightweight, allowing the operator to maximize their load out.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Bipod, Smart Link

### HK MG-14 (LIGHT MACHINE GUN)

DAMAGE	AP	MODE	RC	AMMO	AVAIL	COST
6P	-1	BF/FA	2(4)	60(C)	10F	2,250¥

- Pretty much an upscaled version of the G-12. The bipod is effective in suppressing the recoil, but the internal recoil compensation system is good enough to handle short bursts from the hip.
- Picador
- The marketing campaign behind this model is pretty tame compared most HK models. I wonder if they are trying to divert sales to the G13, whose sales figures are much better.
- Mr. Bonds
- The weapon is a bullpup configuration, just like the rifle. The only difference is the size and the weight, although the weight difference is negligible.
- Black Mamba



## ARES PULSE FIRE

# ARES PULSE FIRE

Ares has continued to develop laser weaponry since the initial release nearly twenty-five years ago. The Pulse Fire is the latest development in rapid pulse technology. The rapid pulse feature reduces the thermal energy transferred to the target, though testing has shown the overall effect to be minimal in combat situations.

The weapon is normally powered by a satchel power pack but can also be charged through the use of standard peak discharge battery.

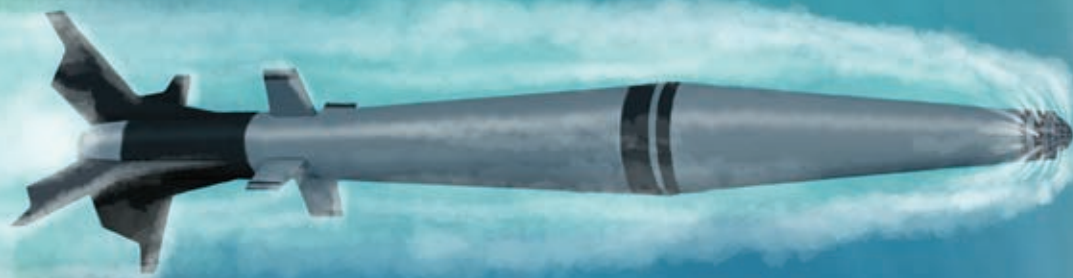
### ARES PULSE FIRE (LASER WEAPON)

DAMAGE	AP	MODE	RC	AMMO	AVAIL	COST
6P	-HALF	SA	-	2x5(c) or external source	22F	20,000¥

#### RAPID CYCLE

4P	-HALF	FA	-	-	-	-
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- Ares keeps pumping out improved laser designs. They nearly have the market cornered; once they develop a weapon capable of suppressive fire, lasers will be able to fulfill most battlefield roles.
- Picador
- The thermal dynamics of the shroud are a little suspect—prolonged rapid-pulse mode can overwhelm the cooling system, resulting in failure of the focusing array.
- Beaker
- The weapon is about as damaging as an auto pistol, and the rifle component is a pretty big thing to haul around in exchange for that kind of hurt. I'd rather carry the right tool for the job.
- Riser



## RIPTIDE

# RIPTIDE

The Riptide is Ares' latest foray into the development of rocket-propelled torpedoes. The weapon is 533mm in diameter, matching a large number of launch platforms' existing equipment. The weapon is intended to destroy escorts or other submarines that have closed with the carrying submarine. The weapon is capable of reaching speeds of nearly 250 knots, forcing the target to immediately evade or suffer a debilitating hit. The Riptide is available for immediate delivery through Mercury Service's Special Freight; please enquire if speedier delivery is required.

### RIPTIDE (TORPEDO)\*

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	SENSOR	AVAIL	COST
30P	-8	-1/M	3	24F	450,000¥

\*Use the Ballista range table, but Extreme Range is extended to 12 kilometers.

- I doubt it can hit anything if it is traveling that fast. It moves five times faster than most other torpedoes. Anything I modify that far past its competition breaks down.
- Turbo Bunny
- Supercavitating torpedoes have been around for seventy to eighty years. Basically it surrounds itself in a gas bubble to reduce friction, allowing it to move faster than a conventional design. Apparently the literature concerning them normally mentions terminal guidance, but I have no idea how that works.
- Beaker
- For typical naval engagements, three minutes is actually a short period of time. Compared to street fights where the duration rarely exceeds fifteen seconds, naval engagements can seem like they last hours. And people wonder why I prefer street fights.
- Kane
- Naval battles leave less people to sell off to corporate test labs?
- Butch
- That too.
- Kane



# MEDUSA POINT DEFENSE LASER

Ares is pleased to announce the first public sales offer for the Medusa. Utilized by UCAS naval vessels and fixed installations, the Medusa is effective against all currently fielded cruise-missile threats and is also capable of intercepting incoming artillery and mortar rounds. The Medusa's exclusivity contract clause has expired, allowing Ares to offer the same level of protection to all nations or extraterritorial corporations that are perceptive enough to match one of the world's nuclear powers.

## MEDUSA POINT DEFENSE LASER (MAIN GUN)

DAMAGE	AP	MODE	RC	AMMO	AVAIL	COST
9P	-HALF	FA	-	External source	28F	128,000¥

- The Medusa is barely capable of intercepting artillery rounds from a moving platform like a ship. It is much more capable when firing from a fixed position.
- Black Mamba
- The reason the exclusive contract clause lapsed is because there is an improved model in production. Most of the units available for immediate delivery are refurbished.
- Glitch
- An improved model? When is that supposed to reach the market? The Azzies' attempts to set up an anti-mortar perimeter have failed so far, but if they can get a better unit in the field, things could get interesting.
- Hard Exit

# CRANSTON

The Cranston is a light rocket designed to be fired from light hard points or rocket pods. The weapon is normally equipped with a light explosive warhead designed to limit collateral damage. Intended for use by paramilitary forces, the weapon has also been selected by several police agencies engaged in counter-insurgency operations.

## CRANSTON (SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE)

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	AVAIL	COST
9P	-2	-3/M	14F	800¥

- The biggest users of this I have seen are Amazonian-supplied units harassing the Azzies. If you place them against a convenient rock and launch them in the general direction of a compound, the defenders start getting nervous.
- Aufheben

- They can also spiral out of control and hit residential neighborhoods, if that's the sort of thing that bothers you.
- Hard Exit
- The weapon's primary benefit is its weight. You can strap it onto nearly anything and engage troops without worrying too much about hitting your own people. Yellow Jackets and Wasps seem to be popular platforms.
- Black Mamba
- There is a t-birder operating along the Alaska route who swears they're the most cost-effective option available, but he also thinks anything big enough to hole his own bird is too big.
- Turbo Bunny

# DAGGER

The Dagger is a lightweight, collapsible rocket capable of defeating most light armor fielded today. Designed by IMI to counter the recent proliferation of infantry fighting vehicles, the Dagger features superior armor penetration when compared to similar weapons in the light anti-tank weapon category. The Dagger is designed to be easily deployable and simple enough that poorly trained conscripts can easily ready one for firing. Discounts for full pallet purchases are available.

## DAGGER (ANTI-TANK ROCKET)

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	AVAIL	COST
14P	-9	-4/M	12F	1,300¥

- Full pallets? I want one. I'll store 'em in the living room.
- Turbo Bunny
- Normally it's required to purchase multiple pallets to get the discount. Ares offers a flat three percent off the order, provided you buy four of them. Although what anyone here, except maybe Picador, would do with 576 rockets is beyond me.
- Red Anya
- Donate a shipment to me, and I'll try 576 different ways to use them, if only for research purposes. That way, once I can afford a purchase that big out of petty cash, I'll have a clear idea of how to use them.
- Kane



RIBBLE

# RIBBLE

The latest anti-structure munitions developed by Ares for urban combat operations. The thermobaric warhead is ideal for enclosed spaces as the overpressure is more lethal than traditional fragmentation effects in an enclosed space. The Ribble's warhead spreads its specially formulated nanofuel through the detonation of a series of carefully placed micro-charges. The effect of these micro-charges is to reliably spread the fuel prior to ignition, thus avoiding one of the problems commonly associated with fuel air explosive usage.

The Ribble's guidance system has been extensively redesigned after field-testing in some of the world's latest hot spots. The Imaging Infrared Seeker's logic has been improved to hit targets through windows, and the operator can select from three detonation delays for those scenarios when the missile is fired at targets protected by a door or other structural elements.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Powered Slide Mount (Rating 1)

## RIBBLE (ANTI-STRUCTURE MISSILE)\*

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	SENS	AVAIL	COST
16P	-5/-2**	-2/M	2	28F	4,800¥

\*Use the Ballista range table \*\*vs. people/v. vehicles

- The latest hot spot was Bogotá. Ares dropped a shipment to mercs working here at almost half price to get feedback for their development teams. It was a sweet contract for the few who bought them. Too bad the first-generation seeker had problems with heat.
- Marcos
- I know of one unit that used them on the Sangre Del Diablo trees after the first couple failed to lock onto their intended targets. It was quite a fireworks display. I can only hope they incinerated the seed pods instead of spreading them.
- Hard Exit
- I found info on three shipping containers' worth of these things being sent to Nairobi, with the consignee being listed as "Lucifer Incarnate." I have no idea who the real recipient is supposed to be, but considering the nature of the cargo, I found the name amusing.
- Plan 9
- A few of the merc units in the area probably did a bulk buy to save on shipping costs. The effects against spirits are unknown, but it should be better than assault rifles.
- Black Mamba

# SA-53

The SA-53 has entered the open market through Ares' exclusive sales agreement. If you desire the best point-defense naval missile available today, this is the weapon of choice. Available in both VLS and conventional missile arm launching configurations, the SA-53 offers versatility to any purchaser. Capable of engaging targets at ranges approaching twenty kilometers, this missile provides protection against any known aerial threat.

Originally developed for naval forces exclusively, current upgrades allow the missile to be emplaced at strategic ground bases to offer inner-layer protection against first-strike units. The low cost also allows the missile to be purchased in large enough quantities to make it viable in attritional warfare scenarios. While not yet available in a field-mounted system, the manufacturer is pursuing this development and anticipates an operational launch system within the next three years, allowing purchasers to field a fully integrated logistics chain for all military branches.

## SA-53 (SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE)\*

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	SENS	AVAIL	COST
16P/22P**	-6	-2/M	3	34F	4,800¥

\*Use the Ballista range Table, but Extreme Range is extended to 18km.

\*\*Anti-Aircraft Rockets have 22DP against targets moving faster than 200m/Combat Turn, 16P against others

- Inner layer protection? How does a missile with a range of twenty kilometers rate as inner layer? I thought "inner layer" was a razorboy with a Vogeljaeger on his shoulder
- /dev/grrl
- It's a matter of scale. For naval formations, the expected attack in hot-war scenarios are massed drone and cruise missile attacks. Anything that has a range less than two kilometers is considered point defense. Also, don't believe the hype. The SA-53 only flies eighteen kilometers or so; the extra distance mentioned in the hype is the distance a missile would travel toward the launching unit.
- Black Mamba
- There is a facility with VLS launchers being built at an old airstrip outside Vladivostok. Shipments of this missile were sent there. I wonder what the Russians have planned.
- Snopes
- This missile isn't a strategic asset for a country; you probably need to look into private ownership. There is another major employer in that region who might want to keep a facility safe from prying eyes.
- The Smiling Bandit

# BULWARK

The standard missile of several large navies across the globe, the RIM-248 has replaced a number of earlier designs. The Bulwark is an area-defense missile, currently manufactured in a number of different variants to ensure compatibility with the wide array of launching systems still in use. The missile is intended to provide area air defense for a naval formation and is also capable of limited interception of ballistic weapons. The missile is guided to its target through a multi-spectrum sensor and scanner array that limit the effectiveness of countermeasures or jammers at the target.

Capable of use in Vertical Launch Systems (VLS), Ares Heavy Industries has a number of fortified designs available for purchasers who wish to protect fixed installations from airborne threats. These designs are capable of merging off-installation sensors as well as the phased array radars normally included. Please contact your Customer Relations Supervisor for additional information, including whether local construction contracts are available for your location.

## BULWARK (SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE)\*

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	SENS	AVAIL	COST
16P/20P**	-4	-1/M	5	36F	9,800¥

\*Use the Ballista range Table, but Extreme Range is extended to 55 km.

\*\*Anti-Aircraft Rockets have DV of 20P against targets moving faster than 200m/Combat Turn; DV is 16P against other

- I wonder why Ares is pushing these fixed-location options. Against a modern

- opponent they are largely obsolete since you can send drones to run the silos dry then destroy the facility anyway. Fixed defenses went out over a century ago.
- Slamm-O!
- They're not entirely obsolete, because they serve a psychological function, not just a tactical one. They are a visible reminder to your neighbor that they need to buy something similar if they want to keep up (a reminder Ares is happy to help provide). Consider it the ultimate lawn gnome.
- Dr. Spin
- What's a lawn gnome?
- /dev/grrl
- As a naval-based system, they are cost effective. A frigate knocked out my drones with this last week. It didn't save him, but it made the chase longer than I planned.
- Kane



STEALTH SHADOW

# STEALTH SHADOW

This missile was developed by programs under control of the Lord Protector, and Ares has secured production rights for one of the deadliest stealth attack options available. Developed to provide a reliable first-strike capability in the event a conflict the size of the EuroWars ever developed, the Stealth Shadow was intended primarily for destruction of air-defense assets, allowing follow-up missions to be carried out under less demanding parameters.

The Stealth Shadow's effectiveness is due to a combination of factors. The weapon's radar-absorbent coating and low-level flight profile allows the missile to evade most early-warning systems while its launch platform returns to base or begins evasive maneuvers. The missile's fragmentation warhead is sufficient to damage most equipment within a reasonable radius of the impact point.

## STEALTH SHADOW (CRUISE MISSILE)\*

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	SENS	AVAIL	COST
36P	-5	-4/M	6	41F	1,350,000¥

\*Use the Missile Launcher range table, but Extreme Range is extended to 600km. The Stealth Shadow has the Signature Masking (Rating 3) Quality

- The first models were restricted to preplanned strikes of targets selected at the moment of launch. The latest versions are capable of limited retargeting while in flight. The missile opens a datalink at predetermined points along its flight path for new instructions.
- Black Mamba

- I'm surprised the United Kingdom allowed their export without a more advanced successor. Something must have triggered that kind of concession from Parliament.
- Kay St. Irregular
- The Brits occasionally practice using this as an air-launched attack option to destroy fixed air-defense nodes. The released percentages of successful engagement are much higher than the actual results they keep tucked away.
- Snopes

## ARES DORU LAUNCH SYSTEM

The Doru is a launch system designed to carry a cruise missile on an aircraft's external reinforced weapon mount. Capable of carrying nearly any cruise missile available on the market, the Doru is not cleared to carry strategic weapons as it lacks some of the safeguards required for such systems.

- Just so you know, some smaller players use these to win enemies and influence the defenseless.
- Fastjack

### DORU

AVAILABILITY  
28F

COST  
1,600¥

# EMTACAR

The EMTACAR is a precision attack weapon intended to penetrate hardened facilities' defenses. The missile's tandem shaped-charge warheads have penetrated nearly every commercially available fortification type with a single round; none survived the impact of two. This is the missile you need to dig your opposition out of their holes and force them into a stand-up fight, which you are more likely to win in an affordable manner.

## EMTACAR (CRUISE MISSILE)\*

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	SENS	AVAIL	COST
40P	-20	-5/M	5	48F	1,700,000¥

\*Use the Missile Launcher range table, but Extreme Range is extended to 1,000km.

- "More likely to win in an affordable manner," as if Ares cares who wins as long as they are able to sell weapons to both sides.
- Aufheben
- War is good for their bottom line. So are reconstruction and rearmament contracts from the losing side. Ares has service providers for all of it, including troops if that's what you need. They don't put out this catalog just to display the pretty art.
- Dr. Spin
- Ares' subsidiary, Executive Protection Services, saw their profits increase by 150 million nuyen last year for operations in "Unsettled Political Locales" which matches a list of Ares Arms' customer's neighbors.
- Mr. Bonds
- The better question is how many of those locations were customers who fell behind on their payment terms. It's hard to stop someone who knows what you have for defense, right down to the last bullet.
- Fianchetto

# REGULUS 68

The Regulus is a cruise missile designed to eliminate maneuver forces through the use of smart sub munitions. The Regulus is a cost-effective weapon system, allowing a purchaser to acquire an extensive inventory and generate a credible deterrent against any aggressor. Commonly fielded by ground forces, the missile can be controlled up to the point of impact, ensuring maximum effectiveness against targets in a real-time combat environment.

## REGULUS 68 (CRUISE MISSILE)\*

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	AVAIL	COST		
30P	-	60M RADIUS	40F	875,000¥		
HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARM	SENS
+3	100/400	500	3	6	6	4

\*Use the Missile Launcher range table, but Extreme Range is extended to 300km.

- Cheap, yes. Cost-effective? Not so much. It's the cheapest cruise missile on the market for a reason. I've seen three computer simulation studies showing a purchaser would need to buy three times as many of these as they would of one of their competitors to launch an effective attack.
- Snopes
- There are a few smart dictators out there, but usually the job description does not favor those with economics degrees. The applicants tend to have a more "hands-on" skillset. Which means a lot of them will just look at price tags.
- DangerSensei
- It's still a capable system when used against less sophisticated or overconfident defenses. A whole rifle company got pasted in Desert War Gobi last season because they didn't honor the threat.
- Black Mamba

# MTR

The latest generation of shoulder-fired anti-tank missile is capable against the threats of today and tomorrow. The weapon has been selected by the UCAS National Guard as its standard platoon-level missile. The MTR's sophisticated targeting logic defeats a wide array of launched countermeasures, and its top-attack mode strikes vehicles where they are weakest. The MTR's dual-seeker system is designed to be reprogrammed when desired, allowing the system to be improved as threats evolve. The weapon is stored in its firing tube, with all required controls to utilize the weapon contained therein, simply use and discard.

The production schedule for this weapon is already projected through 2085, allowing new purchasers to buy small lots as their security budgets allow, confident the system will be available for additional purchases in the future. Please be advised due to the popularity of this item, express delivery options may not be available.

## MTR (ANTI-TANK MISSILE)\*

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	SENSOR	AVAIL	COST
18P	-2/-8	-4/M	5	24F	8,000¥

\*Use the Missile Launcher range table, but Extreme Range is extended to 3,200 m.

- Definitely a capable system, although there seems to be an intermittent glitch with the top attack function. Apparently it doesn't always engage, but the only way to test it is to fire the missile, which makes it not nearly as cost-effective as they are claiming.
- Picador
- UCAS Army has accepted it into inventory as the M-231, although Congress has only authorized an annual purchase of 2,000 units. At that rate it'll take close to forty years before they replace their older weapons.
- Glitch
- There have already been a few shipped to the Caliphate. I have no idea why Ares is shipping them there, but a recent trideo showed "freedom fighters" training with them in the desert.
- Sunshine

# ZUNI IX

The Zuni IX is the latest update of a venerable weapon system. The unguided Zuni IX is an aircraft-launched weapon equipped with a fixed dual-purpose warhead. The rocket is compatible with most international weapon-mounting standards, and Ares will work with purchasers to ensure compatibility with their existing equipment. The weapon has been extensively tested to pass safe-handling standards, allowing a purchaser to utilize the weapon from less-sophisticated facilities.

## ZUNI IX (LAUNCH WEAPON)

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	AVAIL	COST
18P	-4	-3/M	20F	800¥

- The rocket was designed for use by carrier-based aircraft and had to pass some pretty tough standards from both the IJN and the UCAS navy to be accepted. At least you know it won't explode if dropped three feet.
- Picador
- The warhead is pretty good, but why chooses unguided weapons when precision-guided weapons have become so affordable?
- Slamm-O!
- It's still cheaper to use basic rockets when you don't care about collateral damage, or if there are no reporters around to tell the stories about your actions.
- Black Mamba

## CRUISE MISSILE DRONES

All Cruise Missiles have the following stats unless otherwise noted.

HANDL	ACCEL	SPD	PILOT	BODY	ARMOR	SENSOR
+5	100/400	750	4	8	8	6



## INFERNO

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The Inferno has been designed to be fired from the main gun of an armored vehicle, filling a niche vacated by earlier Soviet designs. The Inferno has been designed to match several weapon diameters through the use of clip-on sleeves. Please specify which diameters you will require when ordering.

The weapon is capable of command link guidance or independent guidance through the use of its imaging infrared seeker. The weapon's guidance software is designed for dual-purpose use, capable of hitting low-flying drones and helicopters as well as other armored fighting vehicles. The shaped-charge warhead is capable of penetrating most designs in use today, while its blast effects are sufficient to be effective in urban clearing operations.

### INFERNO (ANTI-TANK MISSILE)\*

DAMAGE	AP	BLAST	SENSOR	AVAIL	COST
15P	-2/-7	-3/M	5	20F	8,200¥

\*Use the Missile Launcher range table, but Extreme Range is extended to 4,800 m.

- I'm not sure using a missile like this is all that cost effective. Main gun rounds are cheaper than nearly any guided missile, and they require far less maintenance too.
- Mr. Bonds
- The warhead isn't nearly as strong as the advertisement says. I doubt it can reliably hurt the Stonewall or the Jefferson Davis.
- Hard Exit
- Maybe not, but the Inferno is extremely accurate. Anything less than a main battle tank will be a smoking wreck if this hits it.
- Picador