WARHAMMER 40.000 KILL TEAIVI

THE BALANCE DATASLATE

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This document contains the collected Q2 updates to the rules for game balance improvements.

New updates can be identified by the presence of an asterisk (*) bullet point.



CORE RULES

- New Core Rule: Some rules allow you to activate operatives in succession before your opponent can activate. Regardless of such rules, you can never activate more than two operatives in the same Turning Point before your opponent has had a turn to activate a ready operative or perform Overwatch.
- New Core Rule: The Movement characteristic cannot be modified to less than 2 (even if injured).
- Jump tests: Automatically successful (do not roll).

KILLZONE: BHETA-DECIMA

- Restricted Line of Sight: The target operative is not Visible (instead of Obscured).
- Tactical Ploys that allow one or more operatives to be set up outside of your drop zone, e.g. Sneaky Git, KOMMANDO® and Dimensional Translocation, HIEROTEK CIRCLE®. Such operatives must be set up wholly within 2 of your drop zone.





EQUIPMENT

 You can only select each equipment with the Indirect special rule (e.g. dynamite, krak grenade, fusion grenade) once per battle. If a friendly operative already equipped with such equipment is selected for deployment (e.g. ASSAULT GRENADIER PATHFINDER operative), this counts as your selection.



REPLACED ARMY LISTS

Over time, certain new army lists will be introduced that are designed to replace similar army lists from the Compendium. We recommend the newer army list replaces the older one where balance is concerned, particularly in an organised play setting such as a tournament. These army lists and their replacements are as follows:

FORGE WORLD® replaced by HUNTER CLADE®
THOUSAND SONS® replaced by WARPCOVEN®
TROUPE® replaced by VOID-DANCER TROUPE®



CRITICAL OPERATIONS 2022

- Each player cannot score more than 16 victory points in total from the mission objective during the battle (instead of 12), and a maximum of 24 victory points from the game (instead of 20).
- Loot mission action: Each objective marker can be looted a maximum of four times during the battle (instead of three).





KILL TEAM COMPENDIUM

SPACE MARINE® & GREY KNIGHT®

 Operative selection: Every fire team except SCOUT and TACTICAL MARINE can take 1 additional WARRIOR operative.

DEATH GUARD

- Operative selection: PLAGUE MARINE fire team:
 - o 1 additional WARRIOR operative.
 - CHAMPION operative is instead of 1 WARRIOR operative, not in addition to.

CRAFTWORLD

 Operative selection: Every fire team can take 1 additional WARRIOR operative.

TOMB WORLD

- FLAYED ONE operatives: Add 1 to both Damage characteristics of flayer claws.
- Reanimation Protocols Tactical Ploy: 0CP.



KILL TEAM: OCTARIUS

KOMMANDO ...

- Operative selection: If you select a BOMB SQUIG operative, you can also select a KOMMANDO GROT operative for free (or vice versa) for 11 operatives in total (instead of 10).
- Sneaky Git Tactical Ploy: You can only use it once per battle, and that operative cannot have its order changed in the first Turning Point (i.e. from the Infiltrate scouting option).
- BOMB SQUIG operative: This operative's APL characteristic cannot be positively modified. For its Bomb Squig special rule, make a shooting attack against each other operative within its Engagement Range (instead of Visible to and within) of it).
- Choppa equipment: Subtract 1 from the weapon's Attacks characteristic (note KOMMANDO BOY operatives are unaffected).
- Just a Scratch Tactical ploy: Excluding BOMB SQUIG, and when damage would be inflicted from a normal hit only.

VETERAN GUARDSMAN®

- SPOTTER VETERAN operative's Spotter action: It treats that enemy operative as if it has an Engage order unless that enemy operative is in Cover provided by Heavy terrain.
- DEMOLITION VETERAN operative's Detonate special rule: Change the distance requirement to (instead of). An operative cannot be a valid target if Heavy terrain is wholly intervening (must be able to draw a Cover line from the centre of the Mine token to any part of the intended target's base without crossing Heavy terrain).
- DEMOLITION VETERAN operative's Plant Mine action:
 This operative can only perform this action once.



KILL TEAM: CHALNATH

PATHFINDER

- A Worthy Cause Tactical Ploy: 2CP. You can only use it once per battle, and only if you don't have the initiative.
- ASSAULT GRENADIER PATHFINDER operative: Delete final sentence of Grenadier ability.
- Change benefit of 5+ Markerlight tokens to: 'In the Select Valid Target step of that shooting attack, the enemy operative is treated as if it has an Engage order unless that enemy operative is in Cover provided by Heavy terrain.'
- · Operative selection: 1 less operative.
- Add the following to Kauyon Art of War ability: 'In addition, once in each of their activations, friendly PATHFINDER® operatives can perform a mission action or the Pick Up action for one less action point (to a minimum of 0AP).'
- Close Quarters: Each friendly PATHFINDER® operative
 can perform the Guard action while it has a Conceal
 order. If it does, interrupt as normal, but instead
 of making a guard attack it can only perform the
 Markerlight action (if able).
- Operative selection: Selecting MB3 RECON DRONE operative no longer requires you to select 1 less operative.
- DRONE CONTROLLER PATHFINDER operative gains
 the following ability: 'Focused EMP Override: If this
 operative is in the killzone, friendly DRONE operatives
 can perform the Operate Hatch action (ignore the first
 bullet point of Artificial Intelligence to do so).'
- * MB3 RECON DRONE operative's Analyse unique action: You can re-roll one of your attack dice (instead of any or all).
- * DRONE CONTROLLER PATHFINDER operative's Drone Scout ability: In a battle that uses Hazardous Areas rules, the DRONE operative must be set up wholly within 2 of your drop zone. In a battle that uses Close Quarters rules, you cannot set up the DRONE operative as specified. Instead, at the end of the Scouting step, if that DRONE operative is wholly within your drop zone and has a Conceal order, it can perform a free Normal Move and/or Operate Hatch action and its order cannot be changed in the first Turning Point.
- * Recon Sweep Strategic Ploy: You cannot use this ploy during the first turning point.

NOVITIATE

- · Auto-chastiser equipment: 2EP.
- Cannot use Acts of Faith to change dice you've re-rolled.



KILL TEAM: NACHMUND

LEGIONARY

- Mutagenic Flesh Strategic Ploy: To a minimum of 3 (instead of 2).
- * Your roster can contain operatives with all four <MARK OF CHAOS> keywords, but when selecting a kill team for the battle, you cannot select operatives with the KHORNE keyword if you have selected any with SLAANESH (and vice versa), and you cannot select operatives with the NURGLE keyword if you have selected any with TZEENTCH (and vice versa).

CORSAIR VOIDSCARRED®

- VOIDSCARRED GUNNER operative's shredder: Gains the Rending critical hit rule.
- Outcasts Strategic Ploy: Change distance requirement to (instead of).
- Deadly Ambush Tactical Ploy: If the friendly operative has a Conceal order and is ready, you can change it to Engage to do so.





PHOBOS STRIKE TEAM®

• Can use the following Strategic Ploy:

DEADLY SHOTS

1CP

Until the end of the Turning Point, bolt weapons that friendly **PHOBOS STRIKE TEAM®** operatives are equipped with gain the P1 critical hit rule. This has no effect on weapons that already have the APx special rule or Px critical hit rule respectively.

- REIVER operatives' Terror action: OAP.
- Change first bullet point of INCURSOR operatives' Multi-spectrum Array ability to: 'The intended target cannot be Obscured.'
- Guerrilla Warfare and LEADER operatives' Strategise actions: Change distance requirement to (instead of (a)).
- Change relevant part of Guerrilla Battle Honour to: 'while not within Engagement Range of an enemy operative' (instead of).
- Add the following to Vanguard Strategic Ploy: 'It can perform a mission action or the Pick Up action for one less action point (to a minimum of 0AP).'

BLOODED

* TRAITOR OGRYN operative: Light terrain and operatives with a Wounds characteristic of 15 or less do not provide Cover for this operative.





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GELLERPOX INFECTED

- Techno-curse ability: Distance requirement is reduced to (instead of), and for GLITCHLING operatives (instead of).
- Revoltingly Resilient ability: GLITCHLING and GELLERPOX MUTANT operatives ignore lost wounds on a 6 (instead of a 5+).
- VULGRAR THRICE-CURSED operative's Lead the Infection ability: You can only use it once per battle.
- Rust Emanations Strategic Ploy: While within Engagement Range of a friendly NIGHTMARE HULK operative only.

ELUCIDIAN STARSTRIDER

- LECTRO-MAESTER's Voltagheist Field and Voltagheist Charge actions: 0AP.
- Archeotech Beam Privateer Support Asset: Improve its BS characteristic by 1.
- VOIDSMAN operative's rotor cannon: Gains the Relentless special rule.
- Undaunted Explorers Strategic Ploy:
 - The first time attack dice are resolved against it (instead of each time it fights in combat or a shooting attack is made against it).
 - o Damage halved to a minimum of 2 (rounding up).

HUNTER CLADE

- Doctrina Imperatives can be selected each Turning Point (instead of only twice per battle).
- Ignore each Imperative's Deprecation effect during first Turning Point that it's active for your kill team during the battle.
- Operative selection:
 - Your kill team cannot include more SICARIAN operatives than it does RANGER and VANGUARD operatives combined (but it can include the same).
 - If your kill team includes no more than 4 SICARIAN operatives, it can include 1 additional RANGER or VANGUARD operative (for 11 operatives in total).
- Change Protector Imperative Optimisation to: 'Each time a friendly HUNTER CLADE® operative makes a shooting attack, in the Roll Attack Dice step of that shooting attack, you can re-roll one of your attack dice.'
- Change Bulwark Imperative Optimisation to: 'Each time a shooting attack is made against a friendly HUNTER CLADE® operative, in the Roll Defence Dice step of that shooting attack, you can re-roll one of your defence dice.'
- Change Bulwark Imperative Deprecation to: 'Friendly HUNTER CLADE® operatives cannot perform Dash actions.'

VOID-DANCER TROUPE

- Change relevant part of Cegorach's Jest Strategic Ploy to: 'once in the Resolve Successful Hits step of that combat, when your opponent strikes with a normal hit'.
- Saedath ability: Delete third bullet point from the effects of adding the fourth mark to your Performance tally.
- Domino Field Strategic Ploy: 1+CP. This Strategic Ploy costs 1 additional Command point for each previous time you've used it during the battle (e.g. 1CP the first time you would use it, 2CP the second time, etc.).
- All operatives: Remove FLY keyword and they gain the following ability: 'Flip Belts: This operative has the FLY keyword for the purposes of moving around, across and over other operatives. However, each time this operative is climbing or dropping, treat the total vertical distance as ...'

WYRMBLADE

- Change second paragraph of Cult Ambush ability to:
 'The first time this operative performs either a Fight or Shoot action in each of its activations, if its order was changed from Conceal to Engage during that activation, or it wasn't Visible to enemy operatives at the start of that activation, in the Roll Attack Dice step of that combat or shooting attack, you can re-roll any or all of your attack dice results of one result (e.g. results of 2).'
- Add the following to TALON operative's Familiar's Soulsight action: 'Until the end of the Turning Point, each time this operative fights in combat with that enemy operative, in the Resolve Successful Hits step of that combat, the first time you resolve one of your successful critical hits, you can immediately resolve one of your successful normal hits (or a successful critical hit if you have none).'
- **HEAVY GUNNER** operatives gain the following ability: 'Suspensor System: The Heavy special rule of ranged weapons the operative is equipped with is treated differently. Instead, an operative cannot move more than 3 in the same activation in which it performs a **Shoot** action with any of those ranged weapons.'



WARPCOVEN

- Exalted Astartes Strategic Ploy: OCP and add the following: 'In addition, until the end of the Turning Point, each time a friendly RUBRIC MARINE operative is activated, if it does not perform a Fight action during that activation, it can perform two Shoot actions during that activation. If it's a GUNNER operative, one additional action point must be subtracted to perform the second Shoot action.'
- RUBRIC MARINE operatives: Change APL characteristic to 3 and change Attacks characteristic of their fists and gargoyle bayonets to 4.
- Delete SORCERER operative's Rubric Command ability.
- RUBRIC MARINE operatives gain the following ability: 'Sorcerer's Command: Each time this operative is activated, if it isn't within + of a friendly SORCERER operative, subtract 1 from its APL characteristic.'
- Change Rubric Affinity Battle Honour to: 'Select one friendly RUBRIC MARINE operative from your dataslate. For the purposes of that operative's Sorcerer's Command ability, this SORCERER operative only needs to be in the killzone (instead of within).'
- Archetypes: Recon or Security, regardless of operatives selected.
- TZAANGOR operatives: Add 1 to Wounds characteristic.
- Psychic Powers: Change all instances of 'the end of the Turning Point' to 'the start of this operative's next activation, until it's incapacitated, or until this psychic power is selected again (whichever comes first)'.
- Ephemeral Instability psychic power: Subtract

 (instead of).
- Arcane Robes equipment: Once per Turning Point.





KILL TEAM: INTO THE DARK

FARSTALKER KINBAND®

- Operative selection: 1 additional operative (not a KILL-BROKER operative).
- KROOT BOW HUNTER operative's accelerator bow: Improve BS characteristic by 1 (all profiles).
- **KROOT PISTOLIER** operative's dual kroot pistols: Improve BS characteristic by 1.
- KROOT LONG SIGHT operative's kroot hunting rifle: Improve BS characteristic by 1.
- Cut-throats Strategic Ploy: To a maximum of 5 Attacks (instead of 4).
- Change EP of equipment as follows: Meat [1EP], Trophy [3EP].
- Add the following to Rogue ability: 'In addition, each time a shooting attack is made against this operative, the No Cover special rule has no effect for that shooting attack.'
- KILL-BROKER operative's Call the Kill ability: Select one enemy operative in the killzone (visibility is not required), and each time you use it select one of the following effects for that Turning Point instead: existing (i.e. auto-retain a normal hit), Ceaseless or P1.
- KILL-BROKER operative's ritual blade (equipment) and blade: Add 1 to Attacks characteristic.
- STALKER operative's stalker's blade: Add 1 to Attacks characteristic.
- HOUND operative: Change GA characteristic to 1.
- TRACKER operative's Marked for the Hunt and From the Eye Above actions: This operative cannot perform those actions while within Engagement Range of an enemy operative (instead of).

IMPERIAL NAVY BREACHER®

- Add the following to Blitz Tactical Ploy: 'If you do either, you cannot re-roll the remaining attack dice.'
- NAVIS GRENADIER operative: Delete final sentence of Grenadier ability.
- Brace for Counter-Attack Strategic Ploy: To a minimum of 3 (instead of 2).



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KILL TEAM: SHADOWVAULTS

HIEROTEK CIRCLE®

- * Reanimation Protocols ability: Operatives are successfully reanimated on a 2+, they regain D3+2 lost wounds and can instead be placed within of that reanimation token (but not within Engagement Range of enemy operatives) with an order of your choice.
- PLASMACYTE ACCELERATOR operative's Accelerate action: 0AP and within (instead of).
- PLASMACYTE REANIMATOR operative's Reanimation Beam ability: Do not subtract 1 from this operative's APL characteristic for doing so.
- CRYPTEK, DESPOTEK and APPRENTEK operatives:
 Add 2 to Wounds characteristic and improve BS/WS characteristic of weapons on their datacard by 1.
- CRYPTEK operatives' Command action and DESPOTEK operative's Demand action: OAP.
- · Commence Reanimation Tactical Ploy: OCP.
- Phase Oculars action (equipment): 0AP.
- CRYPTEK operatives' Cryptek actions: Change all instances of 'the end of the Turning Point' and 'the start of the next Turning Point' to 'the start of this operative's next activation, if it's incapacitated, or if another friendly operative performs this action (whichever comes first)'.
- TECHNOMANCER operative's Rites of Reanimation action: Delete first paragraph. Second paragraph becomes an ability (in other words, it no longer requires the operative to perform an action), but subtract 1 from the TECHNOMANCER operative's APL if you use that ability.
- PSYCHOMANCER operative's Conjure Trauma action: In addition, roll one D6. If the result is higher than that enemy operative's APL, subtract 1 from that enemy operative's APL.
- APPRENTEK operative: Change APL characteristic to 3.

KASRKIN

- Add 1 to Wounds characteristic of all operatives.
- Add the following to Elite ability: 'In each Strategy phase, add 2 elite points to your pool.'
- Elite ability: After adjusting your first dice, if you discard one of your attack dice, you can spend Elite points to adjust an additional dice, but only one of your remaining failed hits to a normal hit.
- Change second sentence of RECON-TROOPER
 operative's Warden Auspex action to: 'Until the end of
 the Turning Point, each time a friendly KASRKIN®
 operative makes a shooting attack, that enemy
 operative is not Obscured.'
- Foregrip equipment: GUNNER and SHARPSHOOTER operatives can be equipped with this for 2EP, and it works for ranged weapons on their datacard.
- Add the following equipment:

COMBAT BLADE

1EP

This operative is equipped with the following melee weapon for the battle. Both its Damage characteristics benefit from the For Cadia! Tactical Ploy.

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Combat blade	3	4+	3/4	



KILL TEAM: SOULSHACKLE

EXACTION SQUAD

- Add 1 to Wounds characteristic of all operatives.
- The following weapons gain the Lethal 5+ special rule: R-VR CYBER-MASTIFF operative's mechanical bite; MARKSMAN operative's executioner shotgun; REVELATUM operative's scoped shotpistol.
- Add the following to Ruthless Efficiency ability: 'Each time a friendly operative with this ability makes a shooting attack with a weapon that doesn't have the Blast special rule or the word 'grenade' in its name, if the target is within of another friendly EXACTION SQUAD® operative, that ranged weapon has the P1 critical hit rule for that shooting attack.'
- Execution Order Tactical Ploy: 0CP the first time you use it during the battle, 1CP thereafter (you can use it more than once). Select one enemy operative in the killzone (Line of Sight is not required).
- Following weapons now only have 1 profile instead of 2, with both of previous profiles' special rules and critical hit rules (i.e. not separated as offensive and defensive):
 - PROCTOR-EXACTANT operative's dominator maul & assault shield.
- **SUBDUCTOR** operative's shock maul and assault shield.
- PROCTOR-EXACTANT operative's Deploy Nuncioaquila action: OAP.
- * Terminal Decree Strategic Ploy: Each time a friendly EXACTION SQUAD® operative makes a shooting attack against an enemy operative within 2 of it, or each time a friendly EXACTION SQUAD® GUNNER operative makes a shooting attack (regardless of distance).
- * Dispense Justice Strategic Ploy: You can re-roll any or all of your attack dice results of one result instead (e.g. results of 2).





HEARTHKYN SALVAGER

- Change Steady Advance ability to: 'While a friendly HEARTHKYN SALVAGER® operative is performing a Normal Move action, add to its Movement characteristic.'
- Add 1 to Wounds characteristic of all operatives.
- **HEARTHKYN FIELD MEDIC** operative's plasma knife: Gains the Lethal 5+ special rule.
- Equipment plasma knife: 2EP, change Attacks characteristic to 4, gains the Lethal 5+ special rule.
- Change THEYN operative's Eye of the Ancestors ability to: 'Once in each Strategy phase, when you would use a Strategic Ploy or pass, you can select one enemy operative to gain a Grudge token instead, or two enemy operatives if three or more friendly HEARTHKYN SALVAGER® operatives are incapacitated.'
- DÔZR operative's Knux Smash action: Add the following sentence: 'This operative can then perform a free Charge action up to (even if it's performed an action during this activation that prevents it from doing so).
- LOKÂTR operative's Early Detection ability: In addition, enemy operatives cannot move until the Firefight phase of the first Turning Point.
- LOKÂTR operative's Pan Spectral Scan action: In addition, that enemy operative is not Obscured for that shooting attack.
- * All operatives gain the following ability:

 'Secure Salvage: Each time a friendly HEARTHKYN

 SALVAGER® operative fights in combat, if it's within

 of an objective marker, in the Resolve Successful

 Hits step of that combat, you can subtract 1 from the

 damage inflicted on it from one of your opponent's

 successful hits (to a minimum of 3).'
- * THEYN operative gains the following ability:

 'Force Field: The first time an attack dice inflicts 4
 or more damage on this operative during the battle,
 ignore that inflicted damage.'

FELLGOR RAVAGER®

- While a FELLGOR RAVAGER® operative has a Frenzy token, treat its APL characteristic as 1 (after all modifiers) for the purposes of determining control (e.g. objective markers).
- Incapacitating a FELLGOR RAVAGER® operative with a Frenzy token: Add the following bullet point: 'Critical damage is inflicted on it in a subsequent shooting attack (i.e. not the same shooting attack in which it gained a Frenzy token).'
- IRONHORN operative's Call the Attack ability: The selected operative must be Visible to and within of this operative.
- GNARLSCAR operative's Uncompromising Attack action: You can only select an autopistol for this action's shooting attack.
- War Paint equipment: 2EP.
- DEATHKNELL operative's War Gong ability: No effect when the DEATHKNELL operative has a Frenzy token.
- * FLUXBRAY, MANGLER and VANDAL operatives: Replace all instances of Relentless with Ceaseless.
- * GNARLSCAR and MANGLER operatives: Subtract 1 from Wounds characteristic.
- * Reckless Determination Strategic Ploy: Each time a shooting attack is made against a friendly FELLGOR RAVAGER® operative that is not ready and is not in Cover.



KILL TEAM: ASHES OF FAITH

CHAOS CULT

- ICONARCH operative's Ruinous Deterioration and Ruinous Invigoration abilities: Become unique actions that cost 1AP, last until the start of that operative's next activation, and Ruinous Invigoration's damage reduction is to a minimum of 3 (instead of 2).
- MUTANT and TORMENT operatives' Unnatural Regeneration ability: Ignore lost wounds on a 6 (instead of a 5+).
- Sickening Aura Strategic Ploy: While within Of a friendly MUTANT or TORMENT operative only.
- MUTANT operative's blasphemous appendages: Change special rule to Ceaseless (instead of Relentless).
- Friendly **DEVOTEE** operatives can mutate at the end
 of a combat in which they incapacitated an enemy
 operative and were not incapacitated themselves (they
 cannot do so just by inflicting damage).
- Mutation into a new operative: The new operative no longer has full wounds remaining. Instead, it has the same wounds remaining as the preceding operative did, but then regains D3+1 wounds if it's now a MUTANT operative or D3+3 if it's now a TORMENT operative; in either case, it cannot go above its maximum wounds.
- Winged Accursed Gift: Delete first bullet point.
- Operative selection: 1 less **DEVOTEE** operative.

INQUISITORIAL AGENT®

- Operative selection: Including Ancillary Support, you can only select up to two operatives equipped with weapons that have the AP2 special rule (even if only in one of their profiles).
- INTERROGATOR and TOME-SKULL operatives: Change GA characteristic to 2 and they fulfil each other's Group Activation requirements.
- Absolute Authority Tactical Ploy: Cannot be used to stop the same ploy more than once per battle, or a ploy that no CP was spent on.







