

STARSIEGE 2845

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1. PURPOSE

To provide a brief overview of the role of SCARABs on the 2845 battlefield for use within the Compendium. Word limit of approximately 250 words to fit within the confines of the page layout.

2. MACHINES OF WAR - SCARABS

During the Starsiege the Cybrids responded to human entrenchment tactics by adopting infantry warforms which could penetrate cramped urban environments and tunnel warrens to seek out their human prey. Faster, more powerful, and more resilient than a TDF trooper, these new weapons made it harder than ever for humanity to hold on to the natural advantage its guerilla tactics conveyed in urban environments. This unsettling development required a radical shift in infantry doctrine.

One particularly terrifying unit was the Cybrid Inquisitor, a hulking miniature HERC that could cut through the most determined tunnel blockades in moments. Inquisitors overmatched even the powered armor worn by crack TDF troopers. The Servo-Coordinated Armor with Refluxed-Agility Boost is humanity's answer, and these SCARABs now form the foundation of humanity's indoor defenses. SCARABs are small enough to operate indoors but are much larger than traditional powered armor. They offer a highly mobile heavy weapons platform with enough armor to withstand light vehicle fire.

Initially adapted from heavy-duty hostile environment worksuits used on the colonies, SCARABs enjoyed quick adoption as their military utility became apparent. As more and more hardshells become available, human infantry commanders have begun experimenting with SCARAB doctrine beyond simple facility defense. The most common scheme deploys them as heavy weapons platforms for exosuit units, giving unprecedented mobility to infantry support weapons. More ambitious officers suggest that special "wolfpack" teams should use the SCARAB's armor and mobility to seek out and destroy enemy HERCs. Only the coming conflict can truly define the role of these powerful new tools.