

STARSIEGE 2845

**Compendium Filler Document
Compendium_MachinesofWar_Juggernauts_Final.rtf**

**By
Eric Lowe,
N. David Griffin**

**STARSIEGE 2845 Project © 2004
ClanCore Design Group, LLC**

19 August, 2004

1. PURPOSE

To provide a brief overview of the role of Juggernauts 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 - JUGGERNAUTS

The new Juggernaut vehicle classification is a response to the fragility of Starsiege-era bombardment platforms. Whereas a siege gun or aerospace bomber could be destroyed by a few light salvos, Juggernauts are designed to smash their way through an enemy's strongest defenses despite the most withering return fire. Juggernauts place a premium on durability and striking power over mobility or versatility, and therefore mount tougher armor, thicker shields, and bigger guns than even heavy HERCs.

Both human and Cybrid forces have recognized the tactical need for the Juggernaut class, but they have addressed that need in different ways. Imperial and Free Colonial forces have chosen to utilize agrav designs, which gives their Juggernauts better all-terrain handling than even a HERC chassis. However, the sheer mass a Juggernaut tank requires pushes the limits of agrav technology, making these floating fortresses less mobile than their drive systems first imply. Cybrid forces utilize a more conventional HERC platform, meeting the weight-bearing requirements through a quadruped design. While quadrupedal HERCs are exceptionally stable, the task of coordinating four legs poses difficulties best left to Cybrid computing power.

Although they have formidable defenses, Juggernauts are easily outmaneuvered and will be overwhelmed if left to face conventional forces on their own. They are essentially support platforms, albeit hideously powerful ones. Properly employed, the Juggernaut is capable of reducing enemy fortifications to rubble in short order and is lethal against pinned-down opponents. An offensive force fielding these behemoths will evoke immediate respect from even the most implacable foes.