

THUNDER BIRD LUR

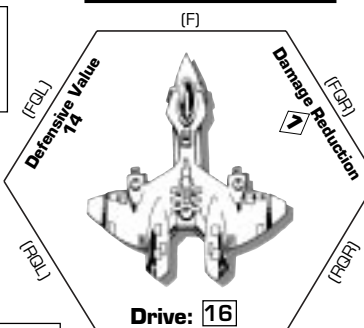
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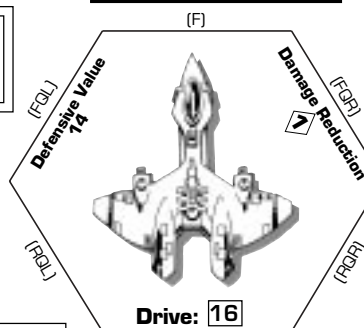
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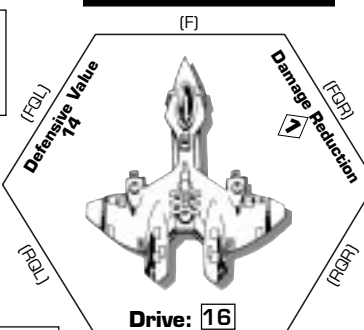
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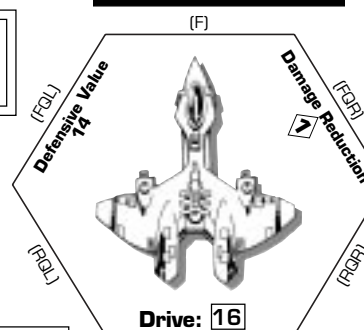
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CRITICAL HITS

- 2 — **Pilot killed.** Thunder Bird may perform no further actions. Defensive Value drops to 5.
- 3 — **Engines severely damaged.** Thunder Bird reduced to a Drive value of 1. Reduce Defensive Value by 7 due to additional damage.
- 4 — **Electronic Warfare knocked out.** Thunder Bird may no longer jam torps. Reduce Defensive Value by 5.
- 5 — **Maneuver Thrusters damaged.** All turns, including Tight Turns, cost one extra movement point to perform.
- 6 — **Shields damaged.** Reduce Defensive Value by 2.
- 7 — **Minigun Pod wrecked.** One Minigun system marked off.
- 8 — **Autocannon damaged.** Autocannon may not be fired until after the next game turn.
- 9 — **Autocannon ammunition explodes.** Add 2D6 Medium damage to Thunderbird.
- 10 — **Engines sputter.** Thunder Bird may only use 2 movement points next game turn. Reduce Defensive Value by 6 due to additional damage.
- 11 — **Pilot dazed.** Thunder Bird may not move or fire until after the next game turn.
- 12 — **Reactor hit.** Thunder Bird detonates and is destroyed.

AUTOCANNON SPECS

Short Range: 1-3 hexes (+1 To Hit).
Medium Range: 4-10 hexes.
Long Range: 11-24 hexes (-1 To Hit).
Target Speed Restriction: Target's Drive value must be ≤10.

MINIGUN SPECS

Short Range: 1-2 hexes (+1 To Hit).
Medium Range: 3-5 hexes.
Long Range: 6-12 hexes (-1 To Hit).

Imperial Transtar "Thunderbird LUR"

Crew: 1

Maneuvering Thrust: 0.155 km/s/s

Mass: 200 tons

Translight Capability: None

Armour: Crystanium w/belt

Atmospheric Capability: Full

Armaments:

4 x Mk. 10 Miniguns
(Ammo: 18,000 rounds)

4 x Mk. 10 Autocannons
(Ammo: 8,000 rounds)

Comments: The Luches Utopia frequently struggles to maintain its defenses against both external enemies such as House Tokugawa and the fiercely independent Caledonians, and from within their own oppressed and outraged populace chaffing under the tyranny of the Luches dynasty of crime families and degenerate power seekers. Luches agents scour far and wide for whatever viable salvage they can claim for their "people's revolution," and theft is a common practice of these Luches privateers. In 12AL a particularly enterprising Luches agent discovered a consignment of modified Thunderbird SPACs mothballed at an abandoned Imperial training facility. While the armament had been completely removed from these sleek if obsolescent fighters, they were completely flyable and in excellent condition.

Better still, there were over one hundred of them, apparently intended as advanced training craft for fledgling Imperial fighter pilots. Acting quickly, the Luches salvage team arranged to transport these unarmed ships back to Utopian territory. Once delivered to the central Luches fighter repair facility in the Devil's Star system, the Luches authorities realized that they lacked the resources to replace the missing Pulse Lasers of the original design, and that torpedoes were at a premium in the Utopia. A more readily available solution was needed, and the proximity to the main source of fissionable materials within the Utopia led very quickly to the solution.

The Pulse Lasers were replaced by a pair of standard Autocannons, while the external torpedoes were replaced by a pair of twin Minigun pods. Due to a lack of suitable fire control hardware, the Luches were forced to fit only the most basic fire control systems in the newly refitted Thunderbirds. This inhibits the ability of Luches pilots to coordinate the fire of these separate weapons systems in battle, thus reducing the combat effectiveness of this variant of the ubiquitous Thunderbird. Overall this new variant of the Thunderbird is found exclusively in Luches service, a desperate expedient by a desperate and increasingly embattled tyrannical regime.

