

Vehicles D6 / Sienar Army Systems Century Tank

Craft: Sienar Army Systems Century Tank (Tie Crawler) *

Type: Battle Tank

Scale: Starfighter

Length: 6.7 meters

Skill: Ground Vehicle; Tie Tank

Crew: 1

Cargo Capacity: 65 kilograms

Cover: Full

Consumables: 5 Days

Maneuverability: 2D

Move: 30, 90 kmh

Body Strength: 2D

Weapons:

Medium Blaster Cannons (2)

Fire Arc: Front

Scale: Speeder

Skill: Vehicle Blasters

Fire Control: 2D

Range: 50-200/1/2km

Damage: 5D

Light turbolaser cannon

Fire Arc: Turret

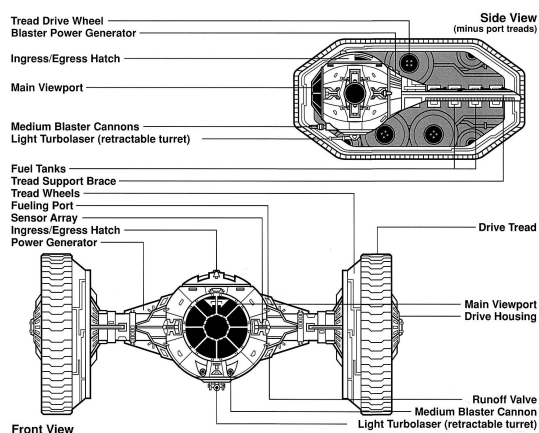
Scale: Walker

Skill: Vehicle Blasters

Fire Control: 1D

Range: 10-50/100/200

Damage: 4D



Description: The century tank, also known as the TIE crawler or TIE tank, was an Imperial light armored vehicle. It was an unlikely fusion of two vastly different vehicle types.

The century tank resembled a TIE starfighter cockpit suspended between two massive tank treads. It could hold only a single person, who acted as pilot and gunner.

Driving the tank treads at speeds of up to 90 kilometers per hour were twin Santhe SSct power generators. The pilot used foot controls to adjust the angle of steering and speed, while the hand controls were tied into the fire control systems.

The tank had a pair of medium blaster cannons in the familiar "chin" mounts found on most TIE cockpits. Suspended below the cockpit ball was a retractable light turbolaser which provided the tank with considerable firepower.

History

The plans for the century tank were made as early as 0 BBY, with the Imperial Army boasting that

its capabilities were superior to that of the TIE/LN Starfighter. One unit notable for their use of century tanks was the 71st Elite Mechanized Assault Group.

Although the century tank became famous after Battle of Endor, an early version of the vehicle—the TIE ap-1, or TIE Mauler—saw some action during the first years of the Galactic Civil War, where it fought against the Alliance to Restore the Republic.

The century tank was the first new design to roll out of the newly liberated Santhe/Sienar Technologies in the uncertain times after the Battle of Endor. The independent-minded Santhe family, owners of Sienar Fleet Systems, had long bristled under the restrictive contracts of the Empire, and saw the opportunity of independence following the Empire's defeat.

Santhe tried to remain neutral in the drawn out fighting between the shrinking Imperial Remnant and the growing New Republic. They still produced TIE fighters for Imperial warlords, but did so on their terms.

In an attempt to break into new markets, the century tank was conceived as a relatively inexpensive to produce and purchase compact assault vehicle (CAV). Its use of recycled components and designs helped cut costs and training time.

The tank was cheap and mass-produced and saw some action in the Imperial Civil War on Coruscant, as squabbling warlords sought to take control of the former Imperial capital prior to the reborn Emperor Palpatine's reappearance.

At least one century tank was in service with the Corellian Security Force during the Second Galactic Civil War.

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