

THE LANDOTH PROTECTORATE



CAIMAN L-80A heavy tracked tank

Produced by the same development team that designed the Cheetah medium hover tank, the Caiman L-80 possesses many similarities in its lines, particularly in the shape of the turret. Building upon their earlier success, the designers of the Caiman produced an almost perfect blend of firepower, protection and mobility. The vehicle is considered the first of a new generation of Protectorate main battle tanks that should make Landoth's armored forces the equal of any. The Caiman L-80A is armed with a heavy laser cannon, a light phaser rifle and two armored pods, each with six short range, heavy attack rockets. The vehicle is 50 feet long, 25 feet wide and 17 feet high.

The troopers are members of the 15th Composite Strikers, a unit composed of several regiments that were heavily reduced in numbers.

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HYENA L-87 light wheeled scouter

The Hyena L-87 medium wheeled scout is a four-wheel drive armored car of unsurpassed mobility. It was the first vehicle to feature the Leonard tracked-wheel system. This system allows the drive power to be transferred from the axles to the treads, which are fitted around the rims of the wheels. Due to this system it is virtually impossible for the Hyena to bog down. Since it lacks pneumatic tires, the vehicle relies on its suspension system to cushion the ride. The Hyena is a tall vehicle, reaching a height of 22 feet. Since the weapons are the highest part of the vehicle they can be brought to bear easily, and the vehicle can exploit available cover to the fullest. The Hyena is armed with two light maser cannon. The vehicle is 22 feet long and 12 feet wide.

In the background two troopers of a 46th Rangers reconnaissance team use their jetpacks to cross a hedgerow.

Figures by Grenadier. Hedges by Miniature Building Authority.

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SPRINGBOK L-104A medium wheeled scouter

The Springbok L-104A is a three-axle, six wheel drive, open-topped scout car designed for high-speed hit-and-run attacks and reconnaissance missions. The vehicle is armed with two rocket pods each with four short range, heavy artillery rockets and a heavy driver rifle. The Springbok has medium alloy armor and is 18 feet long, 12 feet wide and 10 feet high. The later Springbok L-104B has a closed crew compartment that offers much greater protection to the driver. As a result, the Springbok B is preferred by the reconnaissance units of the Landoth Protectorate.

In the background a Bushman L-26B medium wardrone stands guard at the entrance to a Wayfinder temple. The Landoth Protectorate produces the wardrone in huge numbers and exports it to many non-aligned planetary nations. Many variants of the Bushman have been produced, which differ in the size of the chassis and the weapons carried. The L-26B "Battle" series has a long and distinguished combat record.

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CAIMAN L-80C heavy tracked tank

The third variant of the Caiman put into production was the L-80C. This tank is armed with a very large and powerful heavy fusion cannon, a heavy laser rifle and a four-tube medium smoke launcher. The magnum disruptor rifle mounted on the turret top has a 360 degree rotation and is fired from within the vehicle. To keep the weight of the tank within specified limits the vehicle was not armed with rockets or missiles. The vehicle is 52 feet long, 25 feet wide and 20 feet high.

Figures by Lance & Laser. Buildings by Miniature Building Authority.

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GORILLA L-20 medium walker tank

The Gorilla was the eventual winner of the competition that took place several years before the war to develop a new medium battledrone. Despite its unconventional three-legged design, the Gorilla offered a balance of weaponry, speed and armor protection. Halfway between a conventional four-legged walker tank and a battledrone, the Gorilla was designed to maximize maneuverability and flexibility without sacrificing stability. Several models were produced before the war broke out, with the result that the Gorilla went into battle a proven mechanical design. Despite the fact that it was entered into competition for medium battledrone designs, sufficient confusion was created by the design to result in its classification as a walker tank. The Gorilla is 35 feet high and 29 feet wide.

The lead vehicle is a Warrior L-60A medium tracked carrier. Developed from the ubiquitous Gibraltar Industries GI-60, the Warrior L-60 series is composed of all of the variants produced by the Landoth Protectorate under franchise in its arsenals. The Warrior L-60A is a virtually unchanged GI-60: a tracked personnel carrier of conventional box design. The only modification is the addition of a turret developed by Hanaka Industries. The carrier can transport five fully-equipped infantrymen. The Warrior L-60A is 26 feet long, 16 feet wide and 14 feet high.

Figures by Rackham.

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GAVIAL L-47 medium tracked tank

The Gavial was originally designated the Crocodile L-47, but the name was changed in 2011 after many years of service. The Crocodile was designed for the Landoth Protectorate by the military designers of the Hartogen Republic, and was closely related to the Ogre medium battledrone of that stellar nation. Using components developed for the prototype Ogre, the Crocodile was designed to close in on enemy positions and slug it out with conventional cannon and rockets.

The Gavial is armed with a 100mm cannon, a pod with twenty-two medium range, light attack rockets and two 50mm autocannon. The tank is also equipped with an array of sights and rangefinders which comprise an extended detection system and allow it to serve as a spotter for indirect fire artillery weapons. The Gavial is 30 feet long, 18 feet wide and 18 feet tall.

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PANTHER L-101B medium tracked tank

The Panther L-101B is a conventional tracked design developed to serve as a scout vehicle with the ability to battle enemy reconnaissance forces for objectives. In service for nearly two decades, the Panther was recently upgraded. Two small light cone rifle turrets mounted on the upper hull were replaced by heavy pulse rifle mounts. The main armament of the tank is a 75mm autocannon. The Panther is 35 feet long, 18 feet wide and 15 feet high.

The troopers are members of the 79th Paratroopers, equipped with mesh armor and light energy weapons. The trooper on the right has a light ray rifle, while his comrade has a maser pistol. The trooper on the balcony has a light cone rifle.

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WARTHOG L-3A light grav lifter

The Warthog L-3A is a general utility cargo lifter which was converted to military use by upgrading its grav system, reinforcing the frame to make the vehicle more robust, and installing a weapon mount with a medium disruptor rifle. The Warthog L-3A is 32 feet long and 14 feet wide.

The Landoth technicians are preparing to transport a Fridlund FR-2170B weapon turret. The FR-2170B is armed with a heavy pulse rifle. To the left are two Smyte Arms SM-459 weapon turrets. Each turret is armed with medium plasma rifle and a heavy disruptor rifle. The white and blue color flash on the nearest turret is a "color-numeric" code that represents the number 12. Smyte Arms is famous for its advertising slogan "Smyte makes Right!"

Turret components by Iron Wind Metals.

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IMPALA L-132 medium wheeled scouter

The Impala L-132 was originally designed for high speed reconnaissance in built-up area where paved roadways are prevalent. As a result it has long, lean lines combined with a low ground clearance to produce a sleek road machine. Unfortunately, very few planetary surfaces provided optimum operating conditions for the Impala. Rather than relegate the Impala to patrol operations in quiet sectors and backwaters, and police operations on heavily-populated planets, the designers made several modifications. The frame was strengthened and the suspension was made more robust to deal with rough terrain. The powerplant was also upgraded to provide greater speed and mobility. The modifications produced a highly-successful vehicle that has seen service on almost every front where Landoth forces have fought. The Impala is armed with a 75mm cannon and a three-barrelled 60mm light mortar. It is also equipped with an enhanced detection system. The vehicle is 44 feet long, 16 feet wide and 12 feet high.

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MANDRILL L-90 medium battledrone

The Mandrill L-90 was originally designed as a competitive entry to meet the specifications of the contract eventually won by the Gorilla walker tank. The military panel was sufficiently impressed by the Mandrill to award a contract for two prototypes. With the outbreak of war the military needed more weapons immediately, and the contract was expanded to call for full production at three industrial complexes before the first prototype was even tested. Fortunately, the Mandrill proved to be a dependable workhorse. These battledrones can be found in almost every theater of war. The Mandrill is armed with two medium bolt cannon, two 50mm autocannon and two racks loaded with four short range, light attack rockets each. stands 29 feet tall.

The troopers are members of the 25th Aranarth Rangers equipped with light bolt rifles. The Aranarth Rangers are specially trained to serve in areas which have been contaminated by nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. They have helmets fitted with filtered masks and clothing that can be sealed against penetration. Despite their special training and equipment they are often deployed as regular line infantry.

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SHADOWCAT L-156 medium wardrone

The Shadowcat belongs in that unofficial category of war machines in which the designers have hung everything on the machine that they think might be useful. In this case the design succeeded because the core chassis from RafmWerks was both dependable and durable, serving as the internal structure for wardrones in all of the major stellar nations.

The Shadowcat is armed with a light plasma rifle mounted over a 25mm autocannon, a medium grenade launcher and a twin medium infantry rocket launcher. Its electronics pod is equipped with a light laser designator and an augmented detection system. The wardrone has medium alloy armor. At the present time there are no variants of this wardrone in the Protectorate forces.

Wardrone by Rafm. Building by Armorcast. Hesco barriers by Miniature Building Authority.

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NOMAD L-95 medium tracked carrier

The Nomad L-95 armored personnel carrier developed from a relatively uninspired design of limited utility. Intended to serve as a mobile command post on the battlefield, the Nomad was given a wide range of weaponry in order for it to support advancing troops or bolster a defensive perimeter. The weight of this armament made the Nomad slow, unmaneuverable and almost useless on the battlefield. This problem led to the retrofitting of complete Gibraltar Industries' *Warrior* drive and wheel assemblies in an effort to improve the performance of the Nomad. The Nomad was originally equipped with powerful communications equipment for its role as a command vehicle, but this has been stripped out and the vehicle is used as a personnel carrier. It is particularly useful in supporting more lightly armed personnel carriers. Due to its drawbacks, the Nomad has been produced in limited numbers. Nevertheless, due to its function it is still often found on any front where Landoth forces are located. The top turret of the Nomad is armed with a twin light maser cannon and two triple light smoke launchers. The front hull mounts a heavy cone rifle and two light sonic projectors. The vehicle has two crew members and can carry four other personnel. The Nomad is 26 feet long, 21 feet wide and 16 feet high.

The troops supporting the Nomad include a Protectorate artillery crew with a 50mm autocannon, and troopers of the 46th Rangers.