

RUNNER'S BLACK BOOK



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INTRODUCTION

It seems like every time I turn around someone wants to tell me about some piece of gear or another. New boats, new planes, new guns, new this, new that—even new commlinks, which I have to pay attention to just to make sure the military doesn't close the gap too much on my personally customized equipment.

While a fetish for shiny new toys is something that binds almost all JackPointers—with Ma'Fan being one notable exception—there are plenty of things that separate us. For some, the way I've been parceling out the information as it comes in has been great. They love having details on new gear, and updates to old gear, as soon as it's available, the better to know what to buy and how to counter what their opposition is doing.

But there's a second group that likes to have their information in one place, a single collection of data that they can pull off the virtual shelf when they need it so that they can reference what they want, when they want it, then put it back. This collection has been assembled with that second group in mind.

For this omnibus, I've assembled the following postings: Red Anya and Picador's rundown on firearms that they called *Gun Haven* but the rest of us dubbed *Gun Heaven*; the *MilSpecTech* posting that that we put up to make sure everyone knows what sort of military hardware they might run into if they wander down to Bogotá or any other hotspot on the globe; Turbo Bunny's summary of how older

drones are staying in service, which we called *This Old Drone*; a second appearance by Turbo Bunny who, with Clockwork, told us about what's flying in the *Unfriendly Skies*; and the most recent posting of the group, Kane and Sounder's *Deadly Waves*, which brings us up to date on a variety of watercraft currently taking to the seas. Of course, the Sixth World never stays stagnant, so gear has changed and been updated since the postings first emerged. I've brought in an old friend, none other than Nightfire, to share some annotations about this gear that he's provided to others in his work as an expert consultant (Netcat, there's at least one comment that you'll want to pay close attention to).

While some of you may look at this collection as a big shopping catalog (and there's no reason to not buy some of these goodies for yourself), it's more than that. The information here can be your first line of defense, because when you can recognize what's coming at you, and you know how it might be used, you can act, instead of just waiting to react. Use this info, study it, and learn which guns you should collect and which you should avoid; which old drones are updatable and which are constantly on the verge of crapping out; which planes are targeted by law enforcement and which ... well, you get the picture now, don't you?

So read up, memorize the pictures, and remember that knowledge is as powerful as a gun.

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Connecting Jackpoint VPN ...
... Matrix Access ID Spoofed.
... Encryption Keys Generated.
... Connected to Onion Routers.
> Login

> Enter Passcode

... Biometric Scan Confirmed.
Connected to <ERROR: NODE UNKNOWN>
"Walking softly is for those without a big stick."

JackPoint Stats

43 users currently active
in the network

Latest News

There is new IC to protect the data files, so make sure you authenticate prior to download. I am not responsible for fried neurons. - Fastjack

Personal Alerts

*Your M22A2's grenade launcher is non-functional due to inadequate lubrication.
*You have 2 new private messages.
*You have 6 new responses to your Jackpoint posts.
*Three fast movers have entered the AO.

First Degree

No Members are online and in your area.

Your Current Rep Score: 241
(63% positive)

Current Time: 20 Feb 2073, 1448 hrs

PREFERENCES

FEEDS

TASKS

LINKS

HISTORY

Welcome back to Jackpoint, chummer;
your last connection was severed: 9
hours, 7 minutes, 5 seconds ago

Today's Heads Up

*All right, metalheads, gather round.
We all know that ork thrash is great, but the heavy metal that really gets our blood racing is the type of thing you see in a Karl Kombatmage trid, These are the combat systems that every runner fears seeing, but the masses seem to soak up as the pinnacle of destruction.

Incoming

*Sometimes it's about the clothes, sometimes it's "I can take you, chummer" strut, but it's always about the Attitude. [Tag: [Attitude](#)]
*There are hotspots in the world. Some are hotter than others; take a look at one of the big ones right now. [Tag: [War!](#)]
*Stories from the decadent cites of Asia don't always involve drunk tourists and sex parlors in dark alleys. [Tag: [99 Bottles](#)]

Top News Items

*CAS naval spokesman, Cmdr. Jeremy Latherby, has stated that the Confederate Navy will continue to pursue the pirate known as Kale until Senator Goldberg's daughter is returned. [Link](#)
*Three suspects for the recent carjacking on Aurora Ave were arrested by Knight Errant. The victim Kelvin Hostler, is still missing. [Link](#)
*The Halloweeners strike again, the Diamond Classique Boutique on Pike St. burns to ashes. Knight Errant is working with select security agents to capture the dangerous street gang. [Link](#)



CHAT

MESSAGES

FILES

POSTS

NEXUS

SEARCH

Active

ComStar
Firewall

Active

Jack-in-the-Box
Antivirus

Active

SpamWitch
Filter

On/Receiving

Commode

Excellent

Signal

Active

Hidden
Mode

Local
Map

MILSPEC TECH

Invited Guests
None

Posts/Files tagged with
"MilSpecTech":

* Ares Arms Special Order Catalog
* Ares Arms Munitions and Missiles
* Limited Dassault Export Catalog
* Dassault Expanded Ordnance Catalog
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ADVANCED
SEARCH

SAVE

ARES ARMS



1Q 2073
SPECIAL ORDER CATALOG

ARES ARMS SALES—1Q 2073 SPECIAL ORDER CATALOG

The Sixth World contains many different levels of development—bleeding edge to state of the art and everything in between. The upgrade listed below is intended to simulate the challenges of utilizing older technology in *Shadowrun*.

VEHICLE TRAIT (UPGRADE):

Obsolescent: The vehicle uses an older generation of software, hardware or a combination of the two, resulting in less-sophisticated computing capabilities. The vehicle's device rating (p. 222, *SR4A*) is one less than what a comparable modern device's rating would be (to a minimum of 1); e.g., a drone with the obsolescent trait would have a rating of 2 rather than 3.

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- Okay chummers, the world is becoming a more serious place, at least when it comes to fighting, and if you're going to be running out there, you'd better be ready. To help you out, I downloaded the security catalogs from some sources that we all know and love. This catalog is circulated to the purchasing agents of most multi-national corporations and smaller nations. Since it primarily features older equipment, the target audiences are those organizations with just enough cash to get them into trouble. I also managed to locate a section that Ares holds closer to the vest. Remember, this is a sales sheet, so apply the appropriate filters.
- FastJack
- Why waste our time with this? We'll never run into most, if any, of this stuff.
- Riser
- Speak for yourself. Some of us see this type of gear almost every week.
- Picador
- I found a section of Dassault's current military catalog and appended to the end of Fastjack's original post, for those who like to see what the pyramid is building.
- Glitch

Welcome to Special Order Catalog! We at Ares Arms take great pleasure in matching the needs of our customers to the most cost-effective options we have available. The Customer Relations Supervisors here at Ares perform a thorough analysis of our customers and the technology available to meet their security needs. Please feel free to ask for our Security for Tomorrow™ white papers; your Relations Supervisor will be happy to provide the full analysis and recommendations from our field representatives so that you can make informed decisions regarding your equipment purchases.

- Well the full analysis, minus the part where they figured out how much you can afford to pay, or how much your neighbor can afford. They will, however, provide a full inventory of your most likely opponent's arsenal, for a small additional fee.
- Snopes

We ensure that all certified pre-owned equipment goes through a thorough four-hundred-point inspection, that all deficiencies are fully corrected prior to shipment, and we provide a full twelve-month guarantee regarding labor and parts for all repairs carried out under this program. Ares Arms also provides full refurbishment services, returning vehicles to a "0 kilometer" state. Please ask your Customer Relations Supervisor for details regarding these and any other of our logistics support programs. Ares always works to ensure that our customers can sleep easier knowing their security is our priority.

- Those "four hundred points" aren't as impressive as they sound. Most of them are things like "Replace bloodstained floor mat," "Paint over rust on tension arm" and other drek like that. I have posted the checklist in a file [here](#).
- FastJack

Ares Arms also provides training services for those customers that are still developing the infrastructure to sustain their own operations. Fully certified professionals will train your military forces to operate with the utmost tactical ability and initiative to ensure that all objectives are met. We also provide thorough background research on all recruits through our sister company, Knight Errant. Ares Arms provides a full range of services to its customers through a network of related service providers so any needs are satisfied.

- Including services provided by Venus Entertainment and Info Sante! I guess all that matters is the size of your orbital account.
- Snopes
- Ares sometimes contracts with independents to supply the training for the purchasers; a decent gig, if you manage to land one.
- Black Mamba
- So I've hit my limit for corpspeak for the day. I deleted the rest of the presales drek so you can get to the parts we care about.
- FastJack