

Imperial APC Land-Cruiser

During the time immediately surrounding the battle of Endor, the Empire began a small and short-lived revitalization of treaded vehicles. Rather than using repulsors these Land-Crusiers used old fashioned tank tread. However the reasons for this were logistical. Treaded vehicles can handle uneven terrain better in many cases for one thing. Also heavy cannon recoil would cause a repulsor vehicle to rock backwards. Finally, there are 'dead reckoning' sensors in each tread. These sensors monitor and record, with a high degree of accuracy, the distance and direction the craft moves. This way, even if typical navigation systems fail, the pilot will still know where the craft is and where it's heading. This is fed into a Global Positioning Computer, and a Terrain Sensor that picks up and digitizes landmarks. These systems work independently with low power sensors to determine the craft's surroundings and heading. the 'dead reckoning' supplements this and serves as a backup should these sensors be interfered with.

The Land-Cruisers typically have a Pilot, a Navigator, A Communications office, and a captain, as well as any gunners that may be on board. The bridge of the cruisers is a small circular area ringed with instrument panels and monitors that feed information to the crew, with a captain's chair positioned at the center, able to rotate to look at any station.

The Land-Cruisers saw the most amount of action during the hasty retreats the Empire was forced to make. These craft showed up time and again to supplement withdrawal forces to cover a retreat while under attack from the New Republic.

The APC class Land Cruiser has one key difference that makes many wonder why it's considered a Land Cruiser. The APC variant actually uses repulsorlifts instead of treads. Dead reckoning sensors are stuck between the repulsor coils to keep track of distance and direction, but it is less accurate. It has a blocky, angular shape to it. Its front is a flat plane with two short flat planes running back off it diagonally. At the center of the front plane and covering either diagonal planes is a small turret with a repeater in it. The back is a mirror of this. The top is flat, and the sides are slanted in as they go up at a 45 degree angle. The turrets the repeaters sit in, are small domes with vertical slits in them. They look like small observatories that swivel. The sides of the APC-LC are covered in

thickly plated pannels hinged at the bottom. these pannels are hydraulically sealed so that when a lever is thrown they drops down and form off or on-loading ramps for the troops. It was common to see an APC-LC suddenly drop it's sides down in a dozen or so of the se pannels and stormtroopers to rush out, with the craft only slowing and never actually coming to a stop.

Craft: Imperial APC-class Land-Cruiser

Class: Speeder [Tracked]

Size: Gargantuan (18 m long)

Passangers: 40 (troops)

Cargo Capacity: None

Speed: 30 m

Max Velocity: 90 km/h

Cost: Not Avaialble For Sale

Crew: 3 or 4 (Expert +8)

Initiative: +4 (-4 size, +8 crew)

Maneuver: +4 (-4 size, +8 crew)

Defense: 16* (-4 size, +10 armor)

Shield Points: 0

Hull Points: 105 (DR 15)

*Provides full cover to crew and passangers.

Weapons:

6 Heavy Repeating Blaster

Fire Arc: 1 Front, 2 left turret, 2 right turret, 1 back

Attack Bonus: +8 (-4 size, +4 crew, +8 fire control)

Damage: 4d8

Range Increments: 80 m

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