

ALBATROSS

Craft: UNSC Albatross Dropship

Type: Cargo dropship

Scale: Starfighter

Dimensions:

-Length: 36.8m

Skill: Aircraft piloting: Albatross

Substitute Skill: Space transport piloting: Albatross

Crew: 2

-skeleton: 1/+5

Crew Skill: Aircraft piloting 3D

Passengers: 75+ (replaces Cargo Capacity)

Cargo Capacity: 200 metric tons

Consumables: N/A

Cost: 40,000 cR (new); 28,000 cR (used)

Slipspace Drive: N/A

Nav Computer: Yes

Maneuverability: 1D

Speed:

-Space: 4

-Atmosphere:

Hull: 3D

Sensors:

Passive: 15/0D

Scan: 30/1D

Search: 60/3D

Focus: 2/3D+2

COMPLIMENT:

-Various Vehicles (M12 Warthog FAV, M808B Scorpion MBT, etc)

-Personnel (Marines, Navy/Ground Crews, Technicians, Trainees, ODSTs, etc)

-Various Cargos (weapons/ammunition, food, medical, construction, etc)

DESCRIPTION:

The Albatross is a heavy-lift dropship of the United Nations Space Command.



BACKGROUND

Due to its general design and structure, the Albatross seems to be a dedicated cargo dropship for vehicles, crates, weapons and raw supplies, such as hydrogen, for ground units in the field, rather than possessing any combat capabilities. It appears suited more towards ferrying supplies to a planet's surface once a landing zone has been secured, whereas the D77-TC Pelican has a more aggressive nature and can also function as a gunship.

The Albatross has a large cargo bay. It is capable of transporting multiple vehicles and other heavy weapons at a time. Once it has landed, it lowers three metal ramps holding the bay, allowing its cargo to be unloaded. Both times the Albatross has been seen, it is used as a makeshift base, indicating that it may also serve as a mobile field command post for the UNSC.

APPEARANCES

The Albatross first appeared in concept art in the book *The Art of Halo*. It has since made appearances in *Halo 2* and *Halo 3*, in the multiplayer maps *Relic* and *Sandtrap* respectively. In both *Halo 2* and *Halo 3*, the only observed Albatrosses have crashed into hillsides or have been partially buried. It is possible that the Albatross is the ship that ferries supplies to supply pads in *Halo Wars*, although no official information regarding this matter has been released, and it is therefore assumed that the two ships are different.

In the 2010 reprint of *Halo: Fall of Reach*, the Pelican that carried 75 children has been retconned into an Albatross since it has an immensely larger cargo bay than a Pelican even with a troop deployment pod.

OTHER INFO

Production Information:

- Manufacturer: UNSC
- Class: Heavy dropship; cargo transport

Role: Logistical Support

Technical Specifications.

- Length: 36.8 m/120ft 9in
- Slipspace drive: None
- Hull: Titanium
- Armaments: Unknown, likely none
- Complement: Marines; M808B Main Battle Tanks; M12 Light Reconnaissance Vehicles: Other vehicles and cargos
- Crew: Pilot (1); Co-pilot (1, Speculated)
- Passengers: Several, 75 children

Chronological and affiliation:

-Era(s): Human-Covenant War

-Affiliation: United Nations Space Command

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