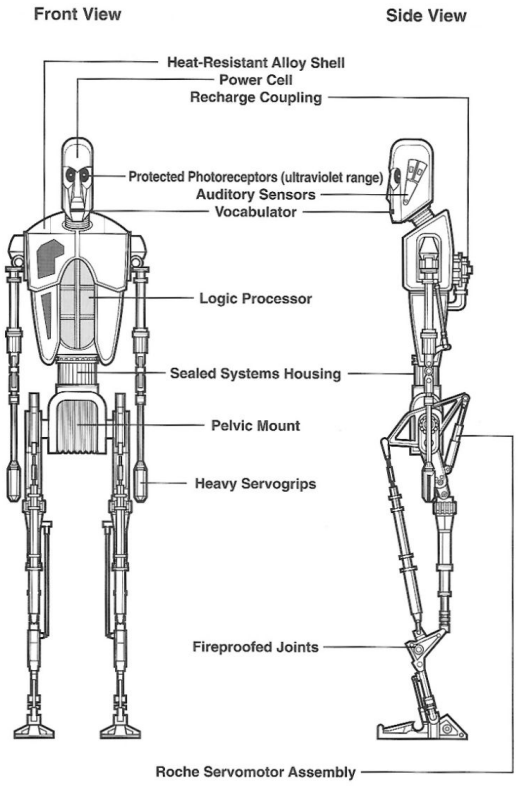
Droids D6 / Roche Hive 8D Series Smelting O



Name: Roche Hive 8D Series Smelting Operator
Manufacturer: Roche Hive Mechanical Apparatus Design and Construction Activity for Those Who Need the Hive's Machines
Place of manufacture: Roche asteroid field
Class: Smelter droid
Height: 1.8 meters
Gender: Masculine programming
Sensor color: Yellow

DEXTERITY 1D
KNOWLEDGE 1D
MECHANICAL 2D
Machinery operation 4D
PERCEPTION 2D
STRENGTH 4D
Stamina 6D
TECHNICAL 1D

Equipped With:
Humanoid body (two arms, two legs, head)
Heat-resistant durasteel molecularly bonded with kevlex chassis (4,000 degrees resistance)
Protected photoreceptors (-1D to search)

Move: 7

Background: The 8D smelter droid (or 8D Smelting Operator) was a heavy industrial droid model manufactured by Roche Hive Mechanical Apparatus Design and Construction Activity for Those Who Need the Hive's Machines, a company founded by the Verpine species on the Roche Asteroids.

Description
The 8D droid series resembled Muuns rather than their insectoid Verpine designers to suit the majority humanoid population of the Galaxy. They were distinguished by their rather long heads though the droid units seldom interacted with sentient beings once assigned to a job. Their attenuated limbs and complex leg joints were a trademark of their Verpine creators.

An 8D was designed to operate in smelting factories on worlds as varied as Aridus and Balmorra where working conditions were too dangerous and hot for most sentient beings. Each body part was cast from high-grade Duravlex. This off-white substance's melting point was at over 4,000 degrees centigrade, but the droids seldom worked in blast furnaces over 1,650 degrees centigrade.

Their photoreceptors were small and protected, giving the droid model quite weak eyesight. An 8D

also was quite strong and possessed strong stamina though this came at the cost of the droids being rather sluggish. The 8D droids were programmed to have minimal intelligence, as their main tasks were simple labor, such as mining and smelting. The droids had crude personalities and a dislike for more intelligent units, and made a point to bully weaker droids whenever possible.

Operational history
The 8D smelter droid was manufactured and introduced into the heavy industrial market by Roche prior to the Clone Wars, following its debacle with the earlier J9 worker drone. Customers often found the droid to be tough, unfriendly and ill-tempered, crude and sluggish.

These droids participated in Nuna-ball leagues, and lost a game against Cybot Galactica's CLL-6 binary load lifter team in 22 BBY.

One notable 8D Smelting Operator 8D8, also known as Atedeeate, served in Jabba Desilijic Tiure's palace. At some point, he was modified to serve as a starship maintenance droid, while under the sadistic tyranny of EV-9D9.

Following his migration to Jabba's employ on the sparse desert world of Tatooine, 8D8 was completely reprogrammed to serve as a dedicated torture droid—for both droids and organics. Despite his programming, 8D8 retained a secret dislike for his taskmaster, EV-9D9.

Watto owned at least two droids of this model. They drove garbage grinders in his junkyard.

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