



Name: Sienar Fleet Systems TIE Boarding Craft

Type: Boarding craft

Scale: Starfighter

Length: 7.6 meters

Width: 9.9 meters

Height/depth: 5.9 meters

Skill: Starfighter piloting: TIE Boarding Craft

Crew: 1

Crew Skill: Starfighter piloting 4D, starship gunnery 5D

Cost: 150,000 credits (new); 60,000 credits (used)

Passengers: 20 (troops)

Cargo Capacity: 1 Tonne

Consumables: 2 days

Space: 6

Atmosphere: 295; 850 kmh

Hull: 4D

Sensors:

Passive: 20/0D

Scan: 35/1D

Search: 50/2D

Focus: 3/2D+2

Weapons:

L-s1 laser cannons (2) (fire-linked)

Fire Arc: Front

Skill: Starship gunnery

Fire Control: 2D

Space Range: 1-3/12/25

Atmosphere Range: 100-300/1.2/2.5 km

Damage: 4D

Military-grade laser cutter

Fire Arc: Front

Skill: Starship gunnery

Crew: 2

Fire Control: 0D

Range: 4 meters

Damage: 8D

Note: The laser cutter is mounted on the ship's airlock system. The controls are just inside the main airlock. Roll the target ship's hull -2D; if the torch scores a lightly damaged, result, it has breached the hull. Once the hull is breached, the torch requires a full minute to cut a one-meter-wide by one-meter-

high hole. The extendable boarding tube attaches to the hull and forms an air-tight seal in 30 seconds.

Description: The TIE Boarding Craft was a variant of Sienar Fleet Systems's TIE line. An armored shuttle, it was used by the Galactic Empire for troop transportation and boarding.

Characteristics

The design of the TIE Boarding Craft was similar in overall appearance to the earlier TIE/sa bomber: both consisted of a pair of elongated pods positioned side-by-side between a pair of "bent" wings. However, with a length of 7.6 meters, a width of 9.9, and a height of 5.9, it was slightly taller and wider than the TIE/sa bomber, but slightly shorter in length. More importantly, while the port-side pod of the bomber carried ordnance, that of the Boarding Craft was designed to carry passengers (six seated and four standing, using ceiling- and wall-mounted handgrips to keep their balance). In addition to a retractable boarding ramp, the front of the portside pod featured a large, also retractable docking claw with a military-grade laser cutter, which allowed the crew to breach and rush into a captured or disabled vessel. The starboard pod featured a transparisteel viewport and housed the cockpit, which was manned by a single pilot. Like the port-side pod, it could hold ten passengers.

Equipped with P-s4 twin ion engines, the TIE Boarding Craft had a maximum speed of 850 kilometers per hour in atmosphere, and of 90 megalights per hour in space. Its maximum acceleration amounted to 2,380 G.

The TIE Boarding Craft was well-armed. In addition to a pair of L-s1 laser cannons and a pair of H-s1 heavy laser cannons, it boasted missile and warhead launchers with various munitions. The pilot could count on a T-s8 targeting computer to help them target those weapons.

Although it did not feature a hyperdrive, the TIE Boarding Craft was equipped with an N-s4 Navcon navigation computer, an ejector seat, a life support system, and could hold consumables for two standard days.

Role

The TIE Boarding Craft was primarily used to transport up to 20 stormtroopers (two squads) from an Imperial Star Destroyer to another starship or space station. With its laser-cutter and claw, it also allowed its crew and passengers to force their way aboard another ship.

History

After approving the TIE/sa bomber, the Navy of the Galactic Empire commissioned Sienar Fleet Systems to create an armored shuttle. Although Navy officials proposed that Sienar should simply repurpose bombers, the company explained that all the necessary changes would compromise the craft's structural integrity. Nevertheless, they designed a boarding craft that greatly resembled the TIE bomber, in an effort to appease the Navy.

After its introduction, the TIE Boarding Craft was readily adopted by the Commission for the Preservation of the New Order's Imperial Office of Customs. In 5 BBY, a TIE Boarding Craft was launched from a Cantwell-class Arrestor Cruiser as part of a failed attempt to board Luthen Rael's Fondor Haulcraft, as it

was quickly destroyed by said ship. Sometime between 2 BBY and 0 BBY, three of these ships were located in the hangar bay of Fortress Vader. At the conclusion of the Battle of Scarif, two TIE boarding craft along with two TIE/In space superiority starfighters escorted Darth Vader's shuttle to board the MC75 Star Cruiser Profundity to retrieve the stolen Death Star plans. Shortly thereafter, in the Tatoo system, Vader used a TIE Boarding Craft to blast through an airlock of the Tantive IV and board it.

During the war between the First Order and the Resistance, an arms dealer named Korfé Bennux-Ai sold old ships, which included at least one TIE Boarding Craft.

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