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Welcome to the official Dropzone Commander rulebook FAQ & Errata.

In this document you will find some errata for the current edition of Dropzone, and answers to frequently asked questions to help your games flow better. There are also some experimental changes to rules based on community feedback.

Note that this document is written to reference the 2.1 version of the rulebook. The page numbers will not match the digital version, although it is updated with the errata already - just re-download the file to update your version!

This document will be periodically updated to answer questions or make changes as they come up. As such, each update will have a number and date of publishing.



Every change or question that is new to that edition of the rules will be marked with a target symbol.

CURRENT EDITION

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ERRATA

Page 19 - Unit Types - Add the following to the end of the second paragraph:

“To be in coherency each unit in a squad must be within their coherency distance of another unit in the squad, creating a single unbroken chain or web connecting every unit in the squad.”

Page 31 - Aircraft - Change the last sentence in the third paragraph to “All flight stands should be between 50mm and 70mm tall.”

Add to 3rd paragraph in **Landing**: “Landed Aircraft cannot carry or claim Objectives.”

Page 54 - Bloodthirsty - Delete: “within 1” of an enemy unit or”.

Page 55 - Fast - Add to the end of 2nd paragraph: “Fast units cannot land”.

Page 57 - Area - Add: “If an Area weapon targets an Infantry unit on the edge of a Garrison, do not place the template, instead every unit on that edge is hit for D6 hits. An infantry unit on the edge of a Garrison that is touched by the template but **not** the target of the Shooting action is not hit.”

Page 59 - Strafe - Change to “units within 3” of at least one other targeted unit”.

EXPERIMENTAL RULES

Page 44 - Hidden Objectives - Change second paragraph to:

“A friendly Infantry or Vehicel squad **in coherency** with at least 1 unit **within 2”** of a Hidden Objective or in the same Garrison as a Hidden Objective may make a special **search action**, counting as **both of their actions for the round**. A Hidden Objective in a Garrison may only be searched for by squads in the same Garrison.”

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

THE BASICS

Is there a consistent hierarchy of rules?

We try to make the rules work together, no matter their source, but in such a large wargame, we don't always manage it! In these fringe situations, it's best to confer with your opponent to decide what makes most thematic sense. And remember the Golden Rule!

COMMAND

Do Scouts and/or Commanders generate Influence when embarked in a Transport?

Yes. Measure from their Transport as if measuring from the unit itself. Note that this only affects Command Radius, not other special rules.

When a Scout or Commander is in a Garrison, should its Influence be measured from the centre of the building, or from the edges of the building?

From the edges of the Garrison.

SHOOTING

Can a Unit with a weapon with M&F 0" shoot if it disembarks from a Transport? Can it shoot if the Unit moved to a different edge in a Garrison? Can the Unit shoot the weapon if an Aerial Transport has them free disembark?

No. The Disembarking action applies all penalties to shooting for the units activation, this means the unit has moved for the purposes of M&F 0" weapons.

Can the Units at each end of two opposing squads organized in a perfect column target each other without modifiers, such as Hull Down?

Yes.

Can Aircraft gain Hull Down when in the air or having landed, when less than 50% of them is visible?

Yes.

Can Infantry count as Hull Down if less than half are visible?

Yes. Remember that when shooting at Infantry in a Garrison, you measure line of sight to the edge of that Garrison, so you'd be judging Hull Down based on how much of the Garrison you can see, not the Infantry inside.

Can friendly Units be targeted by a Shooting action?

No.

If for example a Unit of UCM Legionnaires has 1DP remaining, is the Unit forced to fire the Missile Launcher or can it choose the Assault Rifle or does it have a choice of either?

In this instance, all of the UCM Legionnaires armed with Assault Rifles have been killed! All that's left is the Missile Launcher (which is a lot more valuable - you try explaining to the CO why you left it behind).

Can Accuracy be modified above a 6 or below a 0?

Yes. Accuracy can be modified to any number! Simply add or minus all of the modifiers; that is the result needed to hit. Remember, a 1 always misses and a 6 always hits.

When a Squad that has a Unit out of coherency performs a Shooting action, does the whole Squad suffer the +1 Accuracy penalty, or just the individual Unit that is out of coherency?

The entire squad suffers a penalty for being out of coherency.

At what point in the Shooting action sequence is damage considered successful? Before or after Passive saves?

After Passive saves.

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TRANSPORTS

Is it possible for a Unit to be split across multiple transports? (e.g. could 3 bases of razor worms fit in 2 invaders) Does this also apply to units with the access rule? (e.g. could a leopard disembark from 2 Tegus)

A single unit must be able to fit inside a single transport - matching their Capacity and Requirement numbers. A squad however can be split between multiple transports - see "Embarking & Disembarking" for more information.

Do Units that have two transport Requirements listed count as one or both?

Either. Equally, a Transport with multiple Capacity can count as either.

For example a Gun Technical counts as 1 Requirement in either "wheels" or "drills". And a Kraken can transport up to 6 Capacity of either "wheels" or "buses" or a mixture of both!

Can non-Auxiliary Transports like the Njord, Thunderstorm or Firedrake embark units from another Battlegroup?

No.

AIRCRAFT

When an Aircraft lands it is treated as a Vehicle, what specific bonuses are lost?

No bonuses in the core rules - this is simply for a specific Aircraft that have bonuses.

If an Aerial transport is destroyed and it has an embarked Transport which is also destroyed what then happens to the Infantry embarked in the Transport?

The Infantry test for their transport being destroyed as per the normal rules, in a cascade effect.

SCENERY

Can Units operate and disembark on top of a Garrison? If yes, then is there a limit to their size? What happens to these units when the Garrison is destroyed?

Technically yes they can. However, they would be bound by the standard placement rules (just like on the rest of the board). In practice we would advise against doing this too often, as it can quickly get confusing between units on top of a Garrison and units inside a Garrison. If a unit is on top of a scenery piece when it is destroyed, that unit takes damage in the same way as any other unit within 3" of the scenery piece.

If a Unit is on the roof of a Garrison, how would a unit in that Garrison target it? Is the top face of the Garrison considered an edge? Can a Unit exit onto the top of the building?

This is up to players to decide when agreeing on scenery at the start of the game. Personally, we wouldn't let units sit on top of a Garrison in any place that a unit inside could shoot up (they'd likely fall straight through the gap).

Can an Infantry Unit in a Garrison move to the edge to shoot out the windows with a normal weapon and shoot into the building with a CQ weapon in the same Shooting action?

Yes.

Can Passable scenery be targeted for a Shooting action?

Only scenery with the Destructible rule may be targeted for a Shooting action. You can make all scenery Destructible if you like, but we'd highly advise against it for ease of gameplay and for the sake of finishing your game.

If a weapon with Flame targets a Unit inside a Garrison that is not Destructible, how does the Collateral Damage token resolve?

No Collateral Damage tokens are placed if the Garrison is not Destructible.

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Does Collateral Damage resolve when a Shooting action ends that targeted an occupied Garrison and no damage was applied?

No.

Does Collateral Damage resolve at the end of an action that adds Collateral Damage tokens to an occupied Garrison?

Only a Shooting action.

Is it correct that when a wheat field is destroyed that a 1D3 is rolled to determine the hits and range at Energy 5?

Yes. That fire spreads!

SCENARIOS

During deployment can a player reassign Auxiliary Units and Initial Auxiliary Transports to different Battlegroups or Squads?

During deployment, you choose to deploy squads within Auxiliary Transports. It's usually handy to do this before the game during army creation to save time! Once all Battlegroups are decided, deploy them as normal. Any Auxiliary Transports must be deployed as part of their cargo's Battlegroup. You may also deploy additional Auxiliary units (like an Archangel squad for example) with a particular Battlegroup, or on their own at the end. Then when the game starts, the Battlegroups activate like normal - assigning Auxiliary units to each Battlegroup (or having them automatically assigned if they have cargo inside).

If there are Garrisons in your deployment zone and the Scenario specifies Directly Deployed, can Infantry start the game into them? If so then what happens to the transports that were originally assigned to these Infantry?

No, Infantry cannot be deployed directly into a Garrison.

Do Scan Tokens stack? Can a Unit use more than one Scan Token to modify a search roll?

Yes, a unit can use more than one Scan Token.

Is claiming a non-Mobile Open Objective equivalent to carrying the Objective?

No.

Can an Infantry Unit pass a carried objective during its activation if it fails a fortitude test?

If an Infantry squad fails its Fortitude test, it will immediately drop any Objectives it is carrying. Those Objectives can be claimed by enemy squads within 1", but not friendly squads.

Bunker Assault - if a player claims an Open Objective in the Garrison and their opponent has more points within 6", how are Victory Points awarded?

There are 2 ways of gaining Victory Points in Bunker Assault. The Open Objectives can be claimed by units inside following the normal rules. In addition, the player with the highest number of points of units within 6" of each Garrison scores 2 Victory Points. So in the above example, player A claims the Open Objective and scores 1 Victory Point, but Player B has more points within 6" and scores 2 Victory Points.

SPECIAL RULES

Do Units with Fast have to enter from their deployment zone edge?

Yes.

Can a Unit with Fast come on a table edge without moving its minimum distance on the first turn it's on the board, or do you have to place it on the table edge and then move the minimum?

Fast units deploy on subsequent rounds in exactly the same way as normal units, "make a Moving action measured from any board edge inside their deployment zone", so they would be required to make their minimum move.

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Do the benefits of Rapid Insertion apply if the unit disembarks normally?

No. A unit must disembark from an Aerial Transport that hasn't landed to gain any of the benefits of entering straight into a Garrison from any direction and not having to re-roll successful damage rolls.

When a weapon with Indirect shoots does the Soft Cover and/or Hull Down come from the line of sight of the shooting Unit or the Scout Unit?

Line of sight from the shooting unit.

How do Limited-X weapons with Alternate Fire function? For example Resistance Sappers, do they get one shot with each option, or only one (which could be any of the three sorts)?

Each Limited weapon may be used X number of times, but only one ALT weapon can be used each round.

For example Sappers with 3 Limited (2) weapons all with Alt-1 can use each weapon twice, for a total of 6 uses.

Can a Unit with a weapon that has Reduced X, reaction fire at Aircraft?

No. The Reduced special rule only gives the weapon AA for that Shooting action, meaning Reaction Fire is impossible.

How does Strafe and Focus work together? If you use Strafe against the same target do we pool all shots together then apply the Focus rule or resolve each Strafe attack separately?

Strafe essentially means you fire the weapon profile multiple times. Treat each as a different weapon, resolving each one at a time.

For example if a weapon was Strafe-2 with Focus (1) and 5 Shots at Energy 6, each of the 2 times you shoot you would be able to Focus up to Energy 11.

Can a weapon with Strafe target Destructible Scenery?

Yes.

Does a weapon with Strafe-X and Flame that targets the same Garrison with all Strafe attacks generate one Collateral Damage token, or X number of tokens?

It generates 1 additional Collateral Damage token per use, so a weapon with Strafe (4) would generate 4 additional Collateral Damage tokens if all of the uses are on a Garrison. A strange question though, since **no official units currently published** have both of these rules!

COMMAND CARDS

Does the Marksmanship command card ignore Evasion countermeasures? Or just effects that explicitly reference Accuracy?

Marksmanship ignores all modifiers to Accuracy, even Evasion Countermeasures.

Does the Reinforced Steel command card re-roll dice against the scenery, the units, or the scenery and units? If it includes the units, are passive saves rolled before or after the re-roll?

It forces re-rolls on all successful Damage, from both the Garrison and the Infantry inside. This is done before Passive saves.

If my opponent plays the Deploy Flares command card, what happens if I choose to use the Incendiary Rounds Command Card?

You can only ever re roll a dice once. For example:

Player A: Roll to hit.

Player B: Plays Deploy Flares.

Player A: Rolls to damage.

Player A: Re-rolls only successful damage dice due to Deploy Flares and does not re-roll any dice that missed.

Player A: Plays Incendiary Rounds.

Player A: Re-rolls all failed damage dice from the original roll, no other failed damage dice are re-rolled as they have already been re-rolled once due to Deploy Flares.

Player A: Allocates damage as normal.

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UCM

What happens to the Starsprite Drones of a Ferrum Drone Base when it embarks into a transport?

Nothing! They continue to operate as normal.

When a Phoenix becomes untargetable, can it be hit or damaged by weapons that do not require a target, such as being under an Area Template or being attacked by a weapon with Ion?

When it's untargetable it has 0 Damage Points left, so damaging it wouldn't do much!

SCOURGE

Does the Annihilator land when it completes a Moving action?

Yes.

How should the range of the Despot's Micro Subjugation Field be measured when it affects Infantry in a Garrison? As an example if a Despot is placed in base contact of a short edge of a rectangular Garrison with dimensions 3" by 6" are Infantry Units at the opposite edge affected? Are Infantry Units not at an edge affected?

Measure to the closest edge of a Garrison. Any enemy units in that Garrison are affected, regardless of which edge they are on.

What amount of points do Razorworms from heavy tanks or the Corruptor count as for Victory Point and Kill Point conditions?

They count as their regular points value.

Can a Monitor use Self Destruct while airborne? If yes, can the weapon resolve damage against other Aircraft?

Yes it may Self Destruct while airborne, but the weapon does not have the AA special rule, so cannot target Aircraft, just anything under the template as normal.

Can the Screamer use Huge Claws to target a unit outside the Garrison?

Yes.

PHR

What happened to squads containing Type-1 Walkers and Type-2 Walkers? Is it a force builder limitation, or a rules change?

You can no longer take mixed squads (outside of the Retinue special rule).

If an enemy Unit targets a friendly Unit and they are both within 6" of two Units with EM Disruption Field Generator, does the shot suffer a +8 penalty to Accuracy?

Yes.

Is it intentional that Valkyries are immune to Reaction Fire while using their Jump-Jet Packs when the Hera/Apollo can be targeted by Reaction Fire upon when using their Thrusters?

Yes. They're too small for accurate targeting!

SHALTARI

Does a Unit within a Shield Boosting Relay and within a Shield Boosting Node gain -2 modifier to their Passive Countermeasures? (e.g. do they stack with each other since they have different names?)

Yes.

Can a weapon with Focus combine hits to increase their Energy to negate the Active Countermeasures on a Unit that has a Warsuit/Heavy Warsuit??

No, since Focus is applied after rolling to hit.

Can two units embark into the same gate, and each disembark from a different Haven or Tegu gate in a single activation?

Yes, they can disembark from different transports, following the normal rules for disembarking from multiple transports (make sure they're in coherency etc).

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If in the same battlegroup a Tegu disembarks from an Eden, then a Haven disembarks from the Tegu, then a Yari disembarks from the Haven. Can the Yari then use its Light Ion Cannon?

Yes! The Yari disembarked from a Transport that disembarked from a Transport which is **not** an Aerial Transport (even if that did in turn disembark from an Aerial Transport!). If you pull this off, well done you - that's serious dedication to Shaltnanigans.

RESISTANCE

The Hydra's Scanner Array says "At any point during this unit's activation, pick an enemy unit within line of sight". Does that imply it can interrupt its move to pick an enemy unit in which it may not have had line of sight to at the beginning or end of the Moving action??

Yes.

Can the Hydra pick Destructible Scenery with the Scanner Array?

No.

Because the Rigged Explosives targets the Bomb bus itself and has Area, is it correct that this weapon cannot damage Infantry on edges and Destructible Scenery?

Correct, they cannot damage infantry on edges or destructible scenery.