

COMPANY COMMANDER

MODULE 2

AIRCRAFT


TACTICAL BRIEFING ON AIRCRAFT


The first role for aircraft was observation, a skill that has been used since 1914. This will probably be the first role that you use your aircraft for, as they are very useful at recon missions and intelligence gathering. The next role, as you get better aircraft is ground attack. This requires dropping ordnance, with the risks of anti aircraft fire. Later, air transport will be an option, as will air combat, as a counter for the bombing you will have suffered. However, the price increases significantly as you move from one role to the next.


Air attack has the potential to hit any target hard, but it is not the complete answer. Often aircraft will suffer from lack of accuracy, made worse by ground fire, or be grounded by bad weather, or abort their mission and jettison valuable bomb loads. Weapons are bought separately and attached to pylons within the weight restrictions. You can order the altitude and target priority for the attacking aircraft, but these might be altered by operational factors (such as cloud ceiling or effective anti aircraft fire). The availability of bombs and other munitions may well dictate the tempo of operations.


Usually there are two types of mission, the Airstrike, and the Close Air Support Mission.

Airstrikes are attacks on their own, while CAS (Close Air Support) is an air attack in conjunction with a ground attack. A mission that requires much greater skill due to the risk of destroying your own forces as they carry out an assault.

Unit Designation	Beech T-34 Tormentor		
Country	USA		
Base Price	105		
Base TTC	250		
Cargo Capacity (Lbs)			
Casualty Capacity (Sect)			
Road Speed (mph)	241		
Supply (Pts)	10		
Travel Range (Miles)	290		
Night	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Main Armament			
Main Armament Range (M)		Attack Strength Forts	
Attack strength Infantry		Cargo Cap (Squads)	
Attack Strength Soft		Radar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attack Strength Lt Armour		Pylon Amount	4
Attack Strength Anti Tank		Pylon Load (Lbs)	300
Attack Strength AAA		Ground Crew Req	1
Total Aircraft Load (Lbs)	1200		
Unit Characteristics	<p>One reconditioned Beech T-34 Light attack aircraft. This unit has a long history as a trainer and light attack aircraft, using rockets, guns, and bombs. It has no electronic flying aids, and can only operate during the day. It is un-armoured, and has no air to air capability. This unit is cheap, but carries a small ordnance load over a short range, and should only be used against lightly defended targets.</p>		

Unit Designation	Britten Norman BN-2 Defender		
Country	UK		
Base Price	250		
Base TTC	277		
Cargo Capacity (Lbs)	2048		
Casualty Capacity (Sect)	1		
Road Speed (mph)	173		
Supply (Pts)	12		
Travel Range (Miles)	706		
Night	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Main Armament			
Main Armament Range (M)		Attack Strength Forts	
Attack strength Infantry		Cargo Cap (Squads)	1
Attack Strength Soft		Radar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attack Strength Lt Armour		Pylon Amount	4
Attack Strength Anti Tank		Pylon Load (Lbs)	550
Attack Strength AAA		Ground Crew Req	1
Total Aircraft Load (Lbs)	2200		
Unit Characteristics	<p>One reconditioned BN-2 Defender tactical transport and strike aircraft. This aircraft encompasses three roles. Light transport, Light troop transport and light strike aircraft. Its short take off means that it can be used from smaller runways, and its useful multi role capability makes it very cost effective. It can carry rocket pods, guns or bombs, or a full armed squad, or a combination of 2048 lbs of supplies and equipment. Unit requires 1 mobile workshop as ground crew.</p>		

Unit Designation	Marchetti SF-260 Warrior		
Country	Italy	 <p>Photo courtesy www.egroups.com/group/AirRecognition</p>	
Base Price	190		
Base TTC	210		
Cargo Capacity (Lbs)	0		
Casualty Capacity (Sect)	0		
Road Speed (mph)	190		
Supply (Pts)	4		
Travel Range (Miles)	340		
Night	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Main Armament	1 x 7.62 mm MG		
Main Armament Range (M)	500	Attack Strength Forts	0
Attack strength Infantry	4	Cargo Cap (Squads)	
Attack Strength Soft	2	Radar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attack Strength Lt Armour	0	Pylon Amount	4
Attack Strength Anti Tank	0	Pylon Load (Lbs)	165
Attack Strength AAA	2	Ground Crew Req	1
Total Aircraft Load (Lbs)	660		
Unit Characteristics	<p>One Marchetti SF-260 Warrior light Attack Aircraft. The SF-260 started life as a trainer, but has been adapted to the third world attack aircraft. Usually armed with rockets or guns for ground attack. It has no advanced navigation or targeting aids, so is restricted in its use to clear weather/ daylight attacks. Requires 1 mobile workshop as ground crew.</p>		

Unit Designation	C-212 Aviocar		
Country	Spain		
Base Price	260		
Base TTC	340		
Cargo Capacity (Lbs)	6100		
Casualty Capacity (Sect)	2		
Road Speed (mph)	235		
Supply (Pts)	7		
Travel Range (Miles)	400		
Night	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Main Armament			
Main Armament Range (M)		Attack Strength Forts	
Attack strength Infantry		Cargo Cap (Squads)	2
Attack Strength Soft		Radar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attack Strength Lt Armour		Pylon Amount	2
Attack Strength Anti Tank		Pylon Load (Lbs)	165
Attack Strength AAA		Ground Crew Req	1
Total Aircraft Load (Lbs)	330		
Unit Characteristics	<p>One reconditioned CASA C-212 Aviocar STOL light transport aircraft. This unit has the ability to be operated from a very short runway, and has a useful 20 man capacity, for parachute operations, and it can also carry a quite large cargo. It can also carry rocket pods as fire suppression during landings, but this is not the primary role. The unit has quite good navigation equipment, but is limited to clear night and day operation. A very useful aircraft, in that it can also carry out LAPES operations from the rear ramp without the need to land.</p>		

Unit Designation	RTAF-5 Light Attack Aircraft		
Country	Thailand		
Base Price	130		
Base TTC	70		
Cargo Capacity (Lbs)	0		
Casualty Capacity (Sect)	0		
Road Speed (mph)	140		
Supply (Pts)	6		
Travel Range (Miles)	210		
Night	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Main Armament			
Main Armament Range (M)		Attack Strength Forts	
Attack strength Infantry		Cargo Cap (Squads)	
Attack Strength Soft		Radar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attack Strength Lt Armour		Pylon Amount	4
Attack Strength Anti Tank		Pylon Load (Lbs)	130
Attack Strength AAA		Ground Crew Req	1
Total Aircraft Load (Lbs)	520		



Unit Characteristics
 One new RTAF-5 Forward Air Control and Recon Aircraft. This unit is a very light aircraft with a pusher engine in the rear of the body pod. The unit is equipped with long range radio and observation aids to enable it to carry out its task as observation aircraft for artillery and other aircraft. It has low maintenance, and needs only a short runway to operate from. It does need a skilled crew who can use terrain as cover, so that they may remain in the operational area even if it is heavily defended. Using its observation aids it is a moderately useful recon aircraft that costs very little. Requires 1 mobile workshop as ground crew.