

EPIC 40,000
Horus Heresy

TALONS
OF THE
EMPEROR

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Adeptus Custodes

The Adeptus Custodes, renowned as the Brotherhood of Demigods, the Golden Legion and a host of other titles, (The Custodian Guard, The Guardians, Watchers of The Throne, The Thousand Companions, The Ten Thousand), but most commonly known as Custodians, are the guardians of the Imperial Palace and the Golden Throne, as well as being the personal bodyguard to the Emperor. Due to the vast size of the Imperial Palace, the Custodes always act as a defensive army. Together with the Sisters of Silence they represented the Talons of the Emperor being the right hand of the Emperor. For the most part the Custodes themselves never leave Terra, and only rarely leave the Palace. It is the Adeptus Custodes that decide who may enter the throne room of the Emperor, and when. Such is their authority in this matter that Legio Astartes must kneel before them. Custodians are the mightiest of mankind's warriors. They are to the Space Marines what those transhuman warriors are to common Guardsmen, an elevated elite whose raw strength and willpower are wholly insurmountable.

Sisters of Silence

At the time of the Great Crusade and Horus Heresy the Sisterhood was overseen by three general officers: the Sister Commander, the Mistress of the Black Fleet, and the Nemesis Praxia. Below these were two distinct groups. The first was the Chamber of Oblivion which operated battlefield units led by Oblivion Knights and Knights-Centura. The second was the Chamber of Judgement which fielded the dreaded silent judges of the Excruciatu. The organization of the Sisters involved the splitting of its members into numerous cadres such as the Storm Blades each of which contained a different armour schemes. The largest primary operating unit of the Sisterhood was a Vigil, which contained approximately 1,000 sisters. The exact size of the Sisterhood at the end of Great Crusade is not known, though it numbered in the tens of thousands.

This document is made to complement the Legio Astartes Army list.

Talons of the Emperor can be used as allies in any Loyalist Force.

New Rules

Pariah.

Psykers attacking a Detachment containing a stand with the Pariah rule do not gain the Psyker +1 bonus in Assault. The Detachment is also unaffected by a Psychic blast Fate Card on a d6 roll of 4+.

ADEPTUS CUSTODES DETACHMENT

Command

You must choose a Commander

1 Detachment HQ+25pts

Up to one Shield Captain25pts

Consists of 1 Space Marine unit (Hero, Stubborn)

Extra Cost to (choose one) :

Mount in a Rhino*+7pts

Mount in a Land Raider*+45pts

Upgrade to Coronus Grav Carrier+10pts

Upgrade to Allarus Terminator (Cannot use Rhino)

(Hero, Stubborn Save)+5pts

or

Upgrade to Dawn Eagle Jetbike

(Hero, Stubborn, Skimmer)+5pts

Main Force

Choose up to **10** from the following list.

Allarus Terminator Squad30pts

Consists of 1 Allarus Unit (Save).

Extra cost to:

Mount in a Land Raider+45pts

Mount in Cronus Grav Carrier+10pts

Upgrade to Aquilon Infernus (Close Support)+2pts

Custodes Squad Squad50pts

Consists of 2 Custodes units. (*Choose one)

Mount in a Rhino*+7pts

Mount in a Land Raider*+45pts

Mount in a Coronus Grav Carrier+10pts

Upgrade both units to Wardens* (Assault)+8pts

Custodes Venetari Squad50pts

Consists of 1 Venetari unit.

Mount in a Rhino+7pts

Dawn Eagle Jetbike Squad20pts per unit

Consists of 1 to 3 Dawn Eagle Jetbike Units.

Support

Make up to **10** from the following list. You may not exceed the number of choices in the main force list.

Caladus Grav Tank

Squadron35pts per unit

Pallas Grav Attack.....20pts per unit

Consists of 1 to 3 Pallas Grav Attacks.

Contemptor Dreadnought27pts per unit

Custodes Land Raider45pts per unit

Telemon Dreadnought30pts per unit

Achillus Dreadnought27pts per unit

Land Raider45pts per unit

Chain of Command: Shield Captain > Allarus > Custodes > Any other unit.

ADEPTUS CUSTODES AIR DETACHMENT

Command

1 Detachment HQ (see Notes)25pts

Notes: Any Unit that is part of this detachment can be designated as the detachment HQ. IF the Original HQ is eliminated the next unit below on the chain of command becomes the new HQ

Thunderhawks may only transport Legion Stands

AIRGRAFT

Make up to **10** choices from the following list.

Ares Gunship45pts

Orion Assault Gunship80pts

Chain of Command: HQ > Any other unit in detachment.

ADEPTUS CUSTODES SUMMARY

	Speed	Range	Firepower	Assault	Armour	Special
Custodes	10cm	30cm	1	3	5+	Hero, Rapid Fire, Stubborn
Allarus Terminators	10cm	30cm	1	3	5+	Hero, Stubborn, Save
Wardens	10cm	30cm	1	3	5+	Hero, Assault, Stubborn
Contemptor	15cm	45cm	2	4	6+	Stubborn
Shield Captain	10cm	30cm	1	3	5+	Hero, Stubborn
Dawn Eagle Jetbikes	35cm	15cm	1	3	5+	Stubborn, Skimmer
Land Raider	20cm	45cm	2 x Anti Tank	2	6+	Transport (2)
Rhino	30cm	-	0	0	5+	Transport (2)
Orion Assault Gunship	Flyer	30cm	8	1/4	6+	Transport (6)
Ares Gunship	Flyer	30cm	4	2/3	5+	
Venatari	10cm		1	3	5+	Hero, Stubborn, Jump packs, Assault
Caladus Grav Tank	35cm	45cm	2	1	6+	Skimmer
Telemon Dreadnought	15cm	45cm	2	4	6+	Stubborn, Hero
Achillus	15cm	45cm	1	5	6+	Stubborn, Hero, Assault
Sagittarum Squad	10cm	30cm	1	3	5+	Stubborn, Rapid Fire
Aquilon Infernus	10cm	-	3	2	5+	Stubborn, Close Support
Coronus Grav Carrier	35cm	30cm	1	1	5+	Skimmer, Transport (2)
Pallas Grav Attack	35cm	30cm	2	1	5+	Skimmer

SISTERS OF SILENCE DETACHMENT

Command

You must choose a Commander

1 Detachment HQ+25pts

Up to one Knight Commander25pts

Consists of 1 Knight Commander unit
(Pariah, Hero, Stubborn)

Extra Cost to (choose one) :

Mount in a Rhino*+7pts

Mount in a Land Raider*+45pts

Mount in Kharon Acqistor+20pts

Main Force

Choose up to **10** from the following list.

Sisters of Silence Squad20pts

Consists of 1 Sisters of Silence unit Pariah, Stubborn).

Extra cost to: (Choose one)

Mount in a Land Raider*+45pts

Mount in Kharon Acqistor*+20pts

Upgrade to Witch Seeker

Squad (Close Support)+4pts

Or

Upgrade to Vigilator

Squad (Assault)+4pts

Or

Upgrade to Prosecutor

Squad (Rapid Fire)+4pts

Chain of Command: Knight Commander > Sister of Silence Squad

SISTERS OF SILENCE SUMMARY

	Speed	Range	Firepower	Assault	Armour	Special
Knight Commander	10cm	30cm	1	2	4+	Pariah, Stubborn, Hero,
Kharon Acqistor	30cm	30cm	1	1	6+	Transport (2)
Sisters of Silence	10cm	30cm	1	2	4+	Pariah, Stubborn
Witch seeker squad	10cm	-	3	2	4+	Pariah, Stubborn, Close Support
Vigilator squad	10cm	30cm	1	3	4+	Pariah, Stubborn, Assault
Prosecutor Squad	10cm	30cm	1	2	4+	Pariah, Stubborn, Rapid Fire
Rhino	30cm	-	0	0	5+	Transport (2)
Land Raider	20cm	45cm	2 x Anti Tank	2	6+	Transport (2)

DETACHMENT NAME	POINT COST
DETACHMENT TYPE	
PSYKER	
COMMANDER	
COMMANDER	
COMMANDER	

RESERVE SPEED	
HALF STRENGTH	
MORALE VALUE	
TOTAL POINT COST	

DETACHMENT MAIN FORCE		POINT COST
1		
2		
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7		
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9		
10		

DETACHMENT SUPPORT		POINT COST
1		
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UNIT	SPEED	RANGE	FIRE POWER	ASSAULT	ARMOUR	NOTES

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