

**EPIC 40,000**  
**Horus Heresy**

**TALONS**  
**OF THE**  
**EMPEROR**

# Talons of the Emperor in Epic 40,000

## **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 Captain .....25pts**

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 Squad .....30pts**

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 Squad .....50pts**

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 Squad .....50pts**

Consists of 1 Venetari unit.

Mount in a Rhino .....+7pts

**Dawn Eagle Jetbike Squad .....20pts 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**

**Squadron .....35pts per unit**

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

Consists of 1 to 3 Pallas Grav Attacks.

**Contemptor Dreadnought .....27pts per unit**

**Custodes Land Raider .....45pts per unit**

**Telemon Dreadnought .....30pts per unit**

**Achillus Dreadnought .....27pts per unit**

**Land Raider .....45pts 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 Gunship .....45pts

Orion Assault Gunship .....80pts

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

## ADEPTUS CUSTODES SUMMARY

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

# SISTERS OF SILENCE DETACHMENT

## Command

You must choose a Commander

1 Detachment HQ .....+25pts

Up to one Knight Commander .....25pts

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 Squad .....20pts

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

DETACHMENT NAME  
DETACHMENT TYPE  
PSYKER  
COMMANDER  
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POINT COST

RESERVE SPEED  
HALF STRENGTH  
MORALE VALUE  
TOTAL POINT COST

DETACHMENT MAIN FORCE

POINT COST

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

DETACHMENT SUPPORT

POINT COST

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

UNIT

SPEED RANGE

FIRE POWER

ASSAULT

ARMOUR

NOTES

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