

Advanced Recon Commandos, also known as Advanced Recon Clone troopers or simply ARC troopers, were an elite variant of clone trooper in the Grand Army of the Republic during the Clone Wars. Although less numerous than the other clones, they were among the most skilled soldiers in the galaxy.

During the early stages of the clone army's development, Jango Fett and his Mandalorian military advisors advocated the creation of clones capable of handling covert missions too delicate for the standard units. To achieve the desired results, the Kaminoans did not apply the standard behavior correction and enhanced the prime clone's genetic sample to increase physical prowess.

The first attempt at genetic alterations failed, resulting in the Null-class ARC troopers. Having learned their lesson, the Kaminoans succeeded in their second attempt, generating the first 100 ARC troopers, designated the Alpha-class.

After completing standard flash training and accelerated growth, these clones were placed under the direct tutelage of Jango Fett. Under Fett's strict discipline they learned to use their fierce independence, innate creativity, and physical superiority in combination with their training in advanced weapons and vehicles to become virtual one-man armies. After completing their training, the ARC troopers were locked in stasis on Kamino until they were required.

Two months after the Battle of Geonosis, a Confederacy assault on Kamino prompted their early activation. As droid detachments closed in on Tipoca City, Prime Minister Lama Su activated the Advanced Recon Commandos and authorized their deployment to hot-spots across Kamino in a last-ditch effort to save the planet's precious cloning facilities. The ARCs worked with a force of Jedi to repel the droid forces.

Following the First Battle of Kamino, the ARCs were integrated into the Grand Army of the Republic. As the ARCs took their place in the larger world, they developed distinct personalities due to their unaltered nature; some gave themselves names, others formed relationships outside the GAR. Once integrated, Advanced Recon Commandos worked as solo operatives or in small squads led by ARC captains, either performing self-contained missions or supplementing larger Grand Army of the Republic operations. It is possible that they trained ordinary clone troopers in ARC techniques and commanded them in squads; due to the limited number of ARCs, it is unlikely that the teams would be comprised only of them. One notable exception was the aftermath of the Battle of Hypori, where a twenty-man ARC trooper team under the leadership of Captain Fordo engaged General Grievous in combat.



As the Clone Wars progressed, some battles were won by the Republic largely thanks to the ARC troopers, most notably the Battle of Muunilinst, where the Muunilinst 10 disabled Separatist defenses that were causing damage to Republic forces. Soon, as their reputation spread among the GAR and throughout the galaxy, the Advanced Recon Commandos proved time and time again as to why they were they regarded as the best of the best in the Grand Army. As perfect soldiers, the ARCs and Jango were almost exactly alike; in fact, the leader of the Muunilinst 10, Fordo, had adapted the same blaster-spinning routine as Jango Fett.

However, because of their training as independent soldiers, they were more prone to questioning orders. In one unforgettable incident on Ord Cestus, ARC trooper Alpha 98 (known as Nate and later as Jangotat) disobeyed an order from his Jedi commander and sacrificed his life to destroy a local group of despots.

The Advanced Recon Commando tradition did not end with the death of Jango Fett in 22 BBY. Following his escape from Rattatak in early 20 BBY, Alpha, one of the earliest ARCs, returned to Kamino to train the second generation clone trooper commanders as Fett had trained him. These commanders, like Bacara and Cody, adopted the individualized practices of the ARCs and brought a new sense of creativity to the Grand Army of the Republic. Later in the war, distinguished infantry clone troopers could be promoted into ARC troopers. ARC troopers Fives and Echo obtained ARC status in this way

After the Clone Wars, all surviving ARCs were offered either retirement or the option to train their successors, the stormtroopers, passing on their combat experience. These new ARC troopers were also rumored to have undergone intensive deep core programming. Some even defected to the Alliance to Restore the Republic while others went rogue, following in Jango Fett's footsteps by becoming bounty hunters and assassins. A number of ARC troopers were assigned to become part of the Imperial Commando Special Unit, a special forces unit that was attached to the elite 501st Legion.

Some ARC troopers, possibly a new batch, took part in the Kamino uprising by leading the secretly grown clone anti-Imperial troopers against the Imperial stormtroopers of the 501st Legion in a fight to liberate Kamino from the Empire. The anti-Imperial clones failed, however.

During the Empire's reign, specialized stormtroopers known as shock troopers bore armor similar to that used by ARC troopers. They were also armed with DC-17 hand blasters.

Dex: 3D

Armour Weapons: 6D+2

Blaster: 7D+2

Dodge: 7D

Brawling Parry: 6D

Grenade: 5D+2

Missile Weapons: 5D
Vehicle Blasters: 6D+2

Know: 3D

Intimidation: 6D+1
Survival: 5D+2
Tactics: 6D
Tactics; Clone Commandos: 6D
Tactics: Advanced Recon Commandos: 7D

Mech: 3D

Jet Pack Operation: 6D
Repulsorlift Operation: 5D
Starship Gunnery: 6D+2
Walker Operation: 5D+1

Perc: 3D

Command: 5D
Command; Clone Troopers: 7D+1
Command; Clone Commandos: 7D+1
Hide: 5D+2
Search: 7D
Sneak: 6D+1

Str: 3D

Brawling: 6D+1
Climbing/Jumping: 6D+2
Stamina: 6D+2
Swimming: 5D+2

Tech: 3D

Armour Repair: 5D+2
Blaster Repair: 5D+2
Computer Programming/Repair: 6D
Demolitions: 7D
First Aid: 6D
First Aid; Clone Commandos: 6D
First Aid; Advanced Recon Commandos: 6D+2
Security: 7D

Move: 10

Size: 1.83 meters tall

Force Sensitive: No

Equipment: 2 DC-17 Blaster Pistols 5D

DC-15A Blaster Rifle 5D+2

WESTAR-M5 blaster rifle 5D+2

4 Grenades 5D

ARC Trooper Armor (+3D Physical, +2D Energy, -1D Dexterity, -1 Move)

Special Equipment: Merr-Sonn Z-6 Rotary Blaster Cannon 5D

Merr-Sonn Reciprocating Quad Blaster 4D/5D

Merr-Sonn PLX-1 portable missile launcher 6D+2

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