Vehicles D6 / Otoh Gunga Bongameken

Name: Otoh Gunga Bongameken Cooperative Tribubble

bongo Submarine Scale: Speeder Length: 15 meters

Skill: Aquatic Vehicle Operation 5D

Price: 6,000 (used)

Crew: 1

Passengers: 2 Cargo: 1600 kg

Water Speed: 25;85kmh
Maneuverability: 1D

Hull: 4D





Description: A tribubble bongo, also called a Gungan bongo submarine, was a bio-engineered submersible transport used by the Gungans of Naboo.

Bongos were handcrafted Gungan vessels, built around a coral-like skeleton underwater. Each one was unique, due to being made individually. The bongo's hull was strong, though could be damaged by some of the creatures in Naboo's oceans. Bongos were in fact based on the creatures found underwater, and thus many of them resembled squids or other such animals. Bongos were equipped with an electrical power plant and a guidance system. They ranged from being able to hold just one occupant to a number of individuals. Those capable of holding many passengers were known as heyblibbers.

The bongo's propulsion system was based on long tentacles at the aft of the vehicle. These tentacles pushed the bongo forward. The vessel was also equipped with repulsorlifts to push it through specially designed bays in Gungan cities. The bongo had a unique buoyancy system; when the vessel went underwater, special chambers release oil, which increased the vehicle's density. To surface, the oil was absorbed.

Bongos were very versatile, and fulfilled many functions, from carrying passengers to cargo. The Gungans based their starfighter designs on the bongo.

The first bongos were probably invented by a tribe known as the Bongomeken Collective. Millennia later, they evolved into the Otoh Gunga Bongameken Cooperative. They ranged from tiny, single-person craft to the large Heyblibbers used for long journeys.

Bongos were handcrafted, ensuring that each craft was unique from the rest. A bongo was built around an organic coral-like skeleton bred in special underwater fields by Gungan designers. This skeleton

formed the bongo's hull and was strong, though not durable enough to withstand Opee sea killer attacks. This made it prone to damage by sea monsters encountered in the watery depths of Naboo.

While the Gungans produced much of the technology needed for bongo creation, electronics and specialized equipment like metal cargo containers had to be purchased from the Naboo. Gungan traders procured such items from the Naboo in exchange for foodstuffs and medicine.

Bongos were incredibly versatile and could be built for many functions. Cargo bongos featured cargo holds instead of passenger modules, while a Gungan Army transport bongo could carry about five armed passengers. Monobubble racing bongos were also produced and bongo technology even enabled the Gungans to construct starships, which they used to colonize the Naboo moon Ohma-D'un.

Bongo technology inspired Gungan engineers in Lamaredd to create the gondola skimmersub, basing on bongo designs. As locab plasma, a component of the bongo, was scarce in Lamaredd, the gondola used an alternate technology.

During the Invasion of Naboo, Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn, via a Jedi Mind Trick, got Boss Nass to agree to let them use the Bongo to go through Naboo's core and arrive at Theed so they could rescue Queen Amidala. However, it ended up damaged from an opee sea killer, where it briefly bit into the vehicle when capturing it to eat, only releasing it when it itself was devoured by a sando aqua monster, and eventually lost power as a result within a colo claw fish's lair. Upon arriving at Theed, they ended up arriving at the channel, but were forced to ditch it after they parked it too close to the current of one of Theed's waterfalls.

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