

Name: Jawa Sandcrawler
Type: Modified Corellia Mining Corporation Treaded ground transport
Scale: Walker
Length: About 40 meters
Height/depth: 20 meters
Skill: Ground vehicle operation: sandcrawler
Crew: 50, skeleton: 3/+20
Crew Skill: Varies widely
Passengers: 1,500 (typically scavenged droids)
Cargo Capacity: 40 metric tons
Cover: Full
Consumables: 2 months' fuel and food
Cost: Not for sale
Manoeuvrability: 1D
Move: 10; 30 kmh
Body Strength: 3D



Description: Sandcrawlers, alternatively stylized SandCrawlers, were large, slow, treaded vehicles, used as self-propelled bases for mining squads. Most notable example of usage for these vessels, later adapted by Jawas for their mobile homes, was on Tatooine, where bulky sandcrawlers climbing the dunes were a common sight.

History on Tatooine

Miners

Millennia before the Battle of Yavin, Tatooine seemed a good place to start a mining operation. But it appeared that the ore was of very poor quality, corroding very fast. The planet's climate and Tusken Raider attacks were even worse for miners. As a result, companies left the planet, beaten by nature, without enough funds to take their heavy equipment with them.

Many sandcrawlers – bulky, yet very sturdy vehicles able to travel even in the most harsh of desert conditions – met this fate. As several different companies made the same mistake of thinking of Tatooine as a great font of resources, this happened several times. The first sandcrawlers were used and left behind on Tatooine by Czerka Corporation, before and during the era of the Old Sith Wars. Others, brought to the planet on the same purpose by Corellia Mining Corporation, were also abandoned some time later.

Jawas

The vehicles gained new life thanks to the Jawas, who took to the abandoned vessels as if they were made especially for them. A little-known fact is that Tusken Raiders actually sold some of the vehicles to

the Jawas, putting aside their differences for a short time, in the pursuit of monetary profit. This might be the reason why Tusken from time to time succeeded in raiding a Jawa sandcrawler. Equipped with magnetic cranes, energy furnaces, workshops and lots of living and/or storage space, sandcrawlers were perfect as mobile headquarters, shops, and homes for the diminutive junk scavengers. Soon, the vessels started to play large roles in Jawa society. One of the most important days for most Jawas was the annual meeting of all sandcrawlers. They were also key in Jawa defense doctrine: the vehicle's armor was strong enough to sustain attack of Sand People or even a Krayt dragon. However, it proved to be too weak to survive an attack provided with effective weaponry. One particular sandcrawler was destroyed by a squad of Imperial sandtroopers, supported by an Imperial Flying Fortress, which easily pinpointed and destroyed the weak spots of the desert vessel, immobilizing it and slaughtering all the Jawas.

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