

Name: BlasTech Industries T-21 Light Repeating Blaster

Type: Light repeating blaster

Weight: 4.5 kilograms

Scale: Character

Skill: Blaster: repeating blaster

Ammo: 30 shots (Without external generator); Almost unlimited (With external generator)

Cost: 2,000 (power packs (25))

Availability: 2, X

Range: 3-60/150/300

Damage: 6D



Description: The T-21 light repeating blaster was a standard-issue repeating blaster rifle produced by BlasTech Industries, and saw use in the Clone Wars, the Galactic Civil War and beyond.

Description

The T-21 was the heaviest and one of the most powerful standard-issue weapons that could be carried by a single soldier. The sheer power of its bolts could cut through personal armor and break down personal energy shields, even penetrate the armored plating on many light combat vehicles. It could be wielded two-handed and fired on the move, however, for superior accuracy a light extendable tripod, usually carried in the soldier's belt, was included for stationary firing.

While it came with a standard power pack this only provided enough energy for twenty-five shots, which meant the T-21 was almost always paired with a continuous-feed power generator. This twenty-kilogram generator was carried as a backpack, and the entire set-up of weapon, tripod and generator could be made operational in less than thirty seconds, creating a devastating weapon emplacement. The generator's low cooling capacity limited the T-21 to a maximum firing rate of one shot per second. Some units would pair a larger generator for full-auto fire, but this required a second crewman to carry the bulkier generator and sustained use at this higher rate threatened to overheat and melt components of the T-21 if the gunner did not take care to restrict his sustained rate of fire.

History

Clone troopers of the Grand Army of the Republic carried T-21s into battle during the later stages of the Clone Wars, and the weapon was carried over in the transition from Galactic Republic to the Galactic Empire. It was a common squad support weapon for both stormtrooper and Imperial Army trooper squads; artillery sections of the Imperial Army also had at least one T-21 to provide covering fire while the rest of the unit set up heavier artillery pieces and E-WEB repeating blasters. Due to its portability, it was also popular with the Rebel Alliance, and later the New Republic.

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