Starships D6 / The Lexx



Name: The Lexx
Type: BioEngineered Space Vessel
Scale: Capital
Length: 10km
Skill: Capital Ship Piloting; The Lexx ***
Crew: 1 (*)
Passengers/Troops: Unknown (due to size, tens of thousands likely)
Cargo Capacity: Unknown (due to size, millions of tonnes could be comfortably carried)
Consumables: 3 Years
Hyperdrive Multiplier: x1 **
Nav Computer: Yes
Space: 8 **
Hull: 15D
Shields: 0D
Sensors
- Passive: 250/0D
- Scan: 1000/1D
- Search: 5000/2D+2
- Focus: 40/4D

Weapons:
- Lexx's Weapon
  - Fire Arc: Front
  - Scale: Death Star
  - Skill: Capital Ship Gunnery; Superlaser
  - Fire Control: 0D
  - Space Range: 1-50/100/250
  - Damage: 3D-15D

* - The Lexx only requires it's "captain" to properly operate, however in normal operation the vessel would carry a support crew of troops, pilots, and cyborg maintenance crew such as moth breeders.

** - The Lexx doesn't actually have a Hyperdrive as such, but can move at Faster than Light velocities so great that Intergalactic Travel is easily within its capabilities.

*** - The Lexx itself is an intelligent being (okay, its got an intelligence equal to a dog, but it's good at what it does) and is alive and capable of healing damage to itself, and therefore usually operates itself having the following skills. Capital Ship Piloting: 6D+2, Capital Ship Gunnery: 6D, Astrogation 6D+1, Sensors 6D+2, Communications 6D, Capital Ship Repair (The Lexx) 8D, Capital Ship Weapon Repair (Lexx's Weapon) 8D

Fighters - 0
Transports - 50 (Moths)

Description: The Lexx is a bio-engineered, Manhattan-sized, planet-destroying bioship in the shape of a giant wingless dragonfly. It was grown by ingesting organ collections from the protein bank on the Cluster, the seat of the Divine Order, for use by His Divine Shadow. The Lexx was originally intended as the ultimate deterrent: the threat of a weapon that could instantly obliterate any planet would keep the remaining "Heretic" worlds of the Light Universe in line, and those that refused to capitulate would be summarily destroyed to reinforce the point. This plan was foiled when the crew commandeered it to escape from the Cluster.

The most important function of the Lexx is its ability to destroy entire planets with a single, high-powered blast. Its primary ? and only ? weapon is initiated by command from the captain only, followed by a highly dramatic sequence when the Ocular Parabola found on the surface of its eye tissue flips from a smooth surfaced dome into a complex array of satellite dish-like structures. Huge amounts of yellowish-orange particles are released en masse from the array and focused by Lexx's nervous system to a point just above its mouth. Once focused, the particles burst into a massive, forward-moving, planar wave which expands ahead of the Lexx exponentially until colliding with an object of sufficient mass to disperse it, usually a planet. The wave instantly vaporizes smaller ships without losing momentum. Though the Lexx is designed to destroy entire planets, it can fire less intense blasts to hit smaller targets; however, the smallest area it seems capable of destroying is roughly the size of an entire city.

A special living energy being known as the "key" is required to control the Lexx, and it will usually only respond to the one who has it. The key is presumably a form of organ belonging to the Lexx as suggested by Lexx's offspring generating a key of its own immediately after birth. A special holographic hand-scanner on the bridge confirms that the captain of the ship possesses the key, but after this point the captain can control the Lexx through voice commands.

The Lexx itself is intelligent, but not much so. The show's creators have it compared to a dog. The Lexx often takes orders literally, even when it's not being addressed directly (Stan accidentally orders the Lexx to destroy a moon when he explains its function to some astronauts). It acknowledges commands and comments with a droning, simple male voice; for example, "As you command, Stan." The Lexx has emotions (it actively enjoys destroying planets, for instance, and becomes rather petulant when denied the opportunity), and is, to a small extent, capable of acting of its own accord. In the final episode of the show, as the Lexx is dying, it tells Stan that he was always its favorite captain, since they both enjoy destroying planets.

Being alive, the Lexx needs to eat to function. It can digest any form of organic matter, and will usually land on a planet's surface to scoop up suitable organic foodstuffs; however, it is content to simply blow-up a planet and feast on the sizable chunks. When denied food, the Lexx can become rather cranky, but will always attempt to follow orders no matter what is happening. The moral dilemma of destroying inhabited worlds for Lexx's functioning and survival is a recurring plot theme, and occasionally Lexx will swallow passing ships without informing the crew. Another means of collecting energy is to "resorb" discarded items left on its floors.

The Lexx has various amenities for the crew, though unusual in their implementation. It has showers which use long, phallic, writhing shower-heads that are activated by squeezing a pair of nearby balls. It also has a practical if appalling toilet system; living commodes that use large, waggling tongues for user sanitation. A cryo-chamber is also available.

The Lexx also hosts a contingent of smaller bio-engineered ornithopter-like craft called "moths", which the crew often use for short-range travel in space, in a planet's atmosphere, or even within the vast Lexx itself. The moths are insect-like ships (as befits their name), and twitter

constantly as they travel. The moths fly themselves, with the joystick only used to direct their movement. The moth only uses its wings when in an atmosphere, and has a "jet pack" of sorts on its underbelly when traveling through space. Stan usually sleeps in the husk of one of the dead moths. The Lexx has a crew of moth breeders, zombie-like human slaves re-engineered entirely for moth breeding, to produce these craft when necessary.

The technological irony of the Lexx is apparent in its tremendously specialized function and organic body. An example of this is the complete and utter lack of a diversified weapons system, which is not common to most science fiction warships. Also, the Lexx has an incredibly soft exoskeleton, especially on the eyes, leaving it vulnerable to offensive attacks. The follies of Lexx's engineering are apparent throughout the series, mainly because it has no internal defenses or even a properly protected landing bay. The best that can be said for it throughout the entire show's run is that the bridge can be sealed. However, it is probable that His Divine Shadow purposefully made the Lexx weak in order to minimize the potential damage if it were ever captured by heretics: originally, the Lexx could not fire on ships belonging to the Cluster, and its planet-killer weapon could be easily predicted and dodged by sufficiently maneuverable ships anyway. Since His Divine Shadow had an entire fleet under his command to protect the vessel, this would not present a problem when it was used by him.

When the Lexx arrives on Earth, it becomes pregnant, suggesting that the ship is in fact female even though it speaks in a male voice (in the English-language version; the version shown in Germany gave the ship a female voice). Similarly, when a sex-changing virus sweeps through the ship, the Lexx is affected and develops stereotypical feminine characteristics, suggesting that it is normally male. It seems likely that the ship is actually hermaphroditic, although this has never been specifically revealed.

The Lexx ages several thousand years during the run of the series, and in later seasons its advanced age and decrepitude following millennia of starvation and neglect lead to it becoming increasingly unstable. In the final episode of the series, Lexx dies, giving birth to a smaller, very Lexx-like ship, the result of a brief union with an insect from Earth. The new ship, dubbed "Little Lexx" by Stan and Xev, imprints upon Stan when he tells it that he is its captain. This causes Little Lexx's key, blue instead of Lexx's yellow, to bind with Stan's right hand.

Note: Converting Lexx to Star Wars is difficult (as with most other sci-fi universes), the Lexx is capable of faster than light travel without hyperspace, its main weapon is very long ranged (capable of hitting a planet across a solar system) and is actually faster than light (although seems to build up to that speed, being easily dodged at close range, but travelling the distance across a solar system in a few seconds).

Also worth noting, is The Lexx is not mature or complete when stolen in the television series, and mentions that it's still growing several times. The ship is effectively a cyborg, with organic and technological parts to it, and while very hard to destroy (a nuclear device is detonated inside it with no effect), it is easily damaged (on numerous occasions its hull is penetrated).

Given the technology used by the Divine Order in the period when they destroyed Brunis 2 some 2000 years before the Lexx is stolen, it could be assumed that they would have mounted turrets and fighter squadrons aboard the Lexx when it was fully grown. However, its use as a planet destroying tactical weapon could have seen it put into use pretty much as it is seen, but protected by a support fleet.

Finally it must be noted that basically this is a "joke" set of stats, the Lexx is incredibly powerful, fast and tough, but conceivably could be intergrated into a campaign as a left over superweapon design from an ancient civilisation (possibly the Rakata), whose DNA is discovered

and grown. It could be an interesting point for Jedi, who preserve life, would want the Lexx (itself an innocent being) killed because of the danger it presents to the Galaxy.

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