Vehicles D6 / Aratech Repulsor Company Bik



Name: Aratech Repulsor Company Biker Advanced Recon Commando speeder
Type: Speeder Bike
Scale: Speeder
Length: 4.57m
Skill: Repulsorlift operation: Speeder Bike
Crew: 1
Passengers: 0
Cargo Capacity: 5kg
Cover: 1/4
Altitude Range: Ground level-2km
Cost: New: 8,300 credits, Used: 1,150 credits
Maneuverability: 1D+2
Move: 210; 520 km/h
Body Strength: 3D+1
Weapons:
Twin Light Laser Cannons
Fire Arc: Front
Skill: Vehicle Blasters
Fire Control: 1D+2
Range: 3-50/100/200
Damage: 5D

Description: The Biker Advanced Recon Commando (BARC) speeder was a powerful speeder bike model used by the Grand Army of the Republic as a reconnaissance craft during the Clone Wars. It was manufactured by Aratech Repulsor Company. A civilian variant, Police BARC speeder also saw extensive use on Coruscant.

Younger than the 74-Z speeder bike employed at the Second Battle of Dorin, it was actually more closely designed after the Ripper manufactured by Aratech's competitor, Mobquet.

Originally designed for exclusive use by the Advanced Recon Commandos, the vehicle proved so effective that it came to be used by the rest of the army. These speeders were painted in the red-and-white colors of the Galactic Republic.

They were powered by repulsors and a turbine engine mounted on the frontal prong. The speeder was controlled via twin steering vanes atop the bike, and pedals fitted below. Two blaster cannons protruded from the bottom of the forward prong, while two more were fixed on either side of the vehicle's rear.

The speeders were capable of flying at high altitudes and were sometimes used as escorts for LAAT/i gunships carrying important passengers.

Around the second year of the Clone Wars, a variant of the BARC speeder was used by Coruscant

police droids. The only apparent differences from its military counterpart was that it had a dark blue/gray paint job and had flashing red and blue lights near the aft thrusters and stern thruster. Jedi Master Tera Sinube and Jedi Padawan Ahsoka Tano rode a police droid's BARC speeder to a train station to catch Ione Marcy and Cassie Cryar, following the signal of a homing beacon placed on Marcy's back by Sinube. Another time when police droids rode these was when it appeared that Satine Kryze had murdered Davu Golec, and these were used to follow a civilian airspeeder, which the clone shock troopers thought she was escaping in.

Jedi Master Shaak Ti once flew a BARC speeder during the initial stages of the Battle of Coruscant, using it to transport her and Stass Allie to the Supreme Chancellor's residence to see Palpatine to safety. In the aftermath of the Siege of Saleucami, Commander Neyo and his wingman, astride BARC speeders, executed Order 66 by firing the bike's blaster cannons on Jedi Knight Stass Allie's speeder, killing her.

During a mission to capture Shu Mai, Presidente of the Commerce Guild on Felucia, Aayla Secura and Clone Commander Bly were assisted in the assault on the Presidente's headquarters by a squad of 327th Star Corps troopers riding BARC speeders. Aided by ARC-170 starfighters, these elite biker troops defeated Vulture droids during the battle.

Troops under the command of Jedi Generals Yoda, Luminara Unduli, and Quinlan Vos later rode their speeders into combat on Kashyyyk, moving alongside Infantry Support Platforms and HAVw A6 Juggernauts.

Following the war, BARC speeders continued to be used by the early Galactic Empire, although they were seemingly phased out afterward, and replaced with the older 74-Zs for military use.

On Kashyyyk, many speeders were left behind, following the formation of the Empire, and were used during the Galactic Civil War by native Wookiees and visiting pilots. Some others, also obtained from Kashyyyk, came into the hands of some spacers for personal use. During the Galactic Civil War, BARC speeders were also utilized by various groups, although they often required a deed as proof of ownership. Several of these BARC speeders were also given custom paint jobs. Besides civilian use, the BARC speeders also had two variants, one for Galactic Empire personnel use, and another for Rebel Alliance personnel usage. Regardless of the faction, both require their members to be Colonel-class before purchasing one.

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