

"This is the Inner Sphere, thousands of planets colonized by humankind. Once, it was united under the Star League, but for the last three hundred years, it has been consumed by savage wars..."

The Awesome seemed to fill the sky, flames ineffectually licking at its metal flanks. The building trembled as the beast wrenched through the wall, rebar a tangle and bricks and mortar exploding in a shower of destruction, crushing cars and panic-stricken people. The Ducal Residence, mortally wounded—red, raw and belching flames and soot—began collapsing as the twelve-meter-tall avatar of mechanized warfare finished kicking its way out.

Raising its right arm, twisting azure blades of energy flashed from the menacing barrels spread from the arm to its torsos: the enemy BattleMech lashed with its particle projector cannons at one of the final vestiges of the planetary militia. The man-made lightning knifed through the already heavily damaged *Enforcer*, eviscerating the war machine, spilling its metallic guts to the street in a spout of blackened, fiery chemicals. The plume of the ejecting MechWarrior's pod barely kept ahead of the shockwave of the 'Mech's destruction.

The invading, enemy pilot turned from the fallen foe towards his new target.

John Smith sucked hot, acerbic air into tired, aching lungs, sweat slicking his face underneath the neurohelmet encasing his head. With the BattleMech looming larger, it seemed, than the DropShip which brought the raiders to his world, warning klaxons continued to blare. Readouts on the forward viewscreen scrawled signals in cringebright red the *Awesome* was recycling its PPCs in anticipation of attacking!

Gritting teeth against the fear piled like bile on the back of his tongue, he swept into action: left hand hammering the throttle forward; feet stomping pedals to begin weaving his 50-ton *Centurion* into action; right-hand grasping the throttle, bringing the targeting reticle center-line to the enemy *Awesome*, one of his last rounds of ammunition cycling into the autocannon mounted in his 'Mech's right arm.

There's still one MechWarrior defending this world!

It is the 31st century, a time of endless wars in which star empires clash across human-occupied space. These epic wars are won and lost by BattleMechs, 30-foot-tall humanoid metal titans bristling with lasers, autocannons and many other lethal weapons; enough firepower to level entire city blocks.

Your elite force of MechWarriors drives these juggernauts into battle, proudly holding your faction's flag high, intent on expanding the power and glory of your realm. Supported by units of armored vehicles and power-armored infantry, will they become legends, or forgotten casualties?

Only your skill and luck will determine their fate!

Since its beginnings as the *BattleTech* boardgame, the *BattleTech*/ *MechWarrior* universe has captivated millions of fans worldwide. For almost three decades, the collision of interstellar politics and war has rewarded fans with amazingly detailed fiction, captivating characters and fantastic adventure. These dynamics have spawned a host of games, novels, toys and more.

**Era Icons:** Each in-universe date in the calendar includes an Era Icon; see the second-to-last page of the calendar for more details.

### Where Do I Jump In?

There are four primary ways in which people enjoy the *BattleTech* universe.

- 1. As a board game (whether on hexes or 3D terrain)
- 2. As a reader of fiction
- 3. As a roleplaying game (RPG)
- 4. As a computer game

It's important to note that what makes *BattleTech* so enjoyable is there is no "right way" to enjoy it. While the avenues above are the primary ones, often players mix and match all aspects, with board gamers reading all the fiction, or the roleplayers rotating to the board game during 'Mech vs. 'Mech combat, the fiction and board game players as much a fan of the computers games as any electronic-only gamer, and so on.

This 16-month Calendar is a celebration of *BattleTech/MechWarrior*, and the variety of ways the universe can be enjoyed. What ever your spice, there's a flavor for you.

The board game is where it all started; leap into the action with its bestselling *Introductory Box Set*, sourcebooks, or epub fiction. Visit **bg.battletech.com**.

MechWarrior Online is a premium, free-to-play game based on the bestselling BattleTech universe, in development by Piranha Games. Visit **mwomercs.com**.

MechWarrior: Tactical Command is an iOS platform Real-Time Strategy game under development by Personae Studios. Visit mechwarriortc.com.

BattleTech: Firestorm is a location-based experience featuring fully enclosed, militarystyle cockpit simulators. Visit **mechjock.com**.

### BATTLETECH.COM

Visit **BattleTech.com**, the portal site for all things *BattleTech/ MechWarrior*, where you can find links to discover more about the board game, fiction, or any of the computer games under development.













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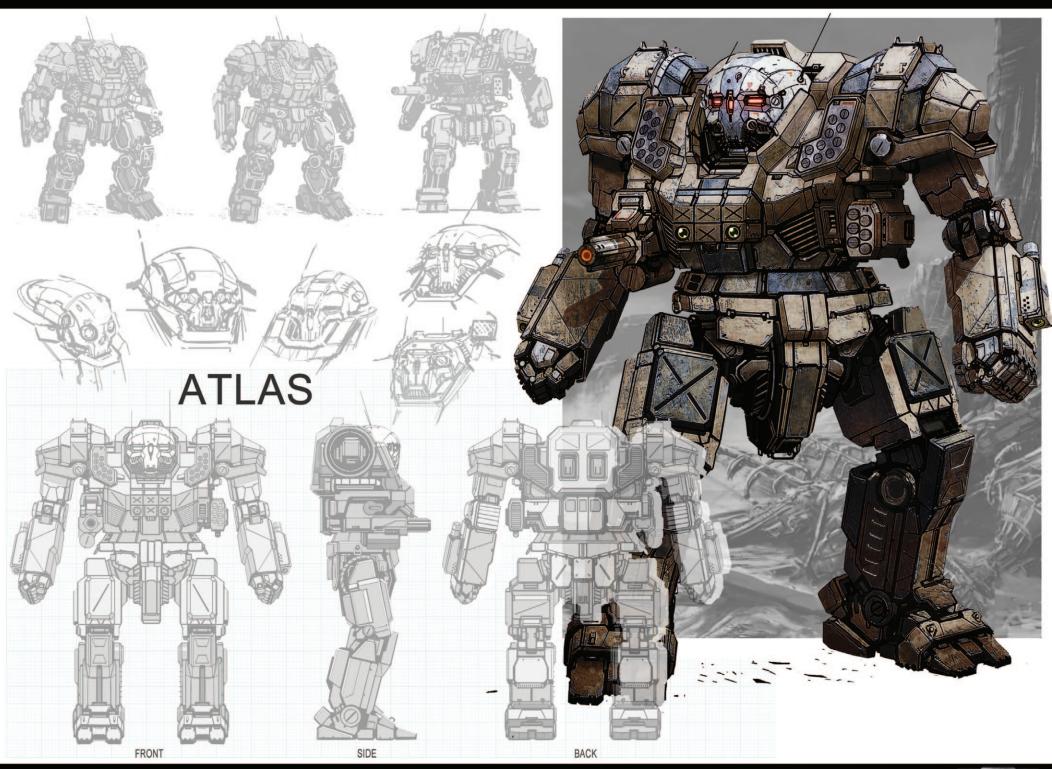






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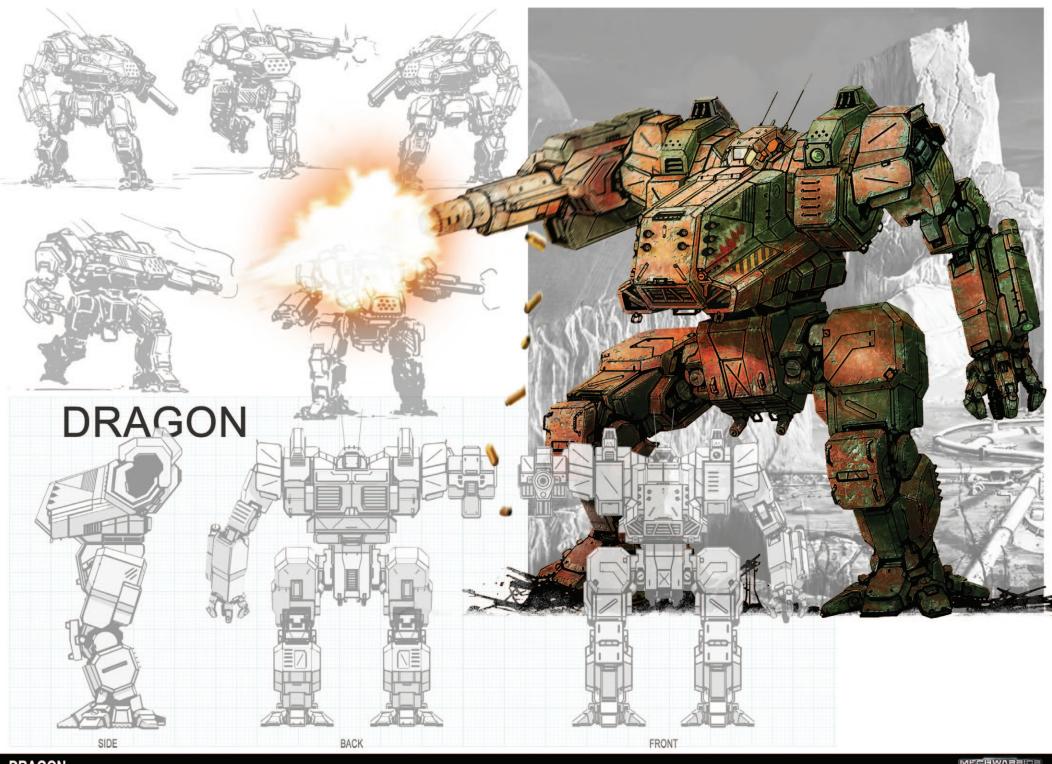


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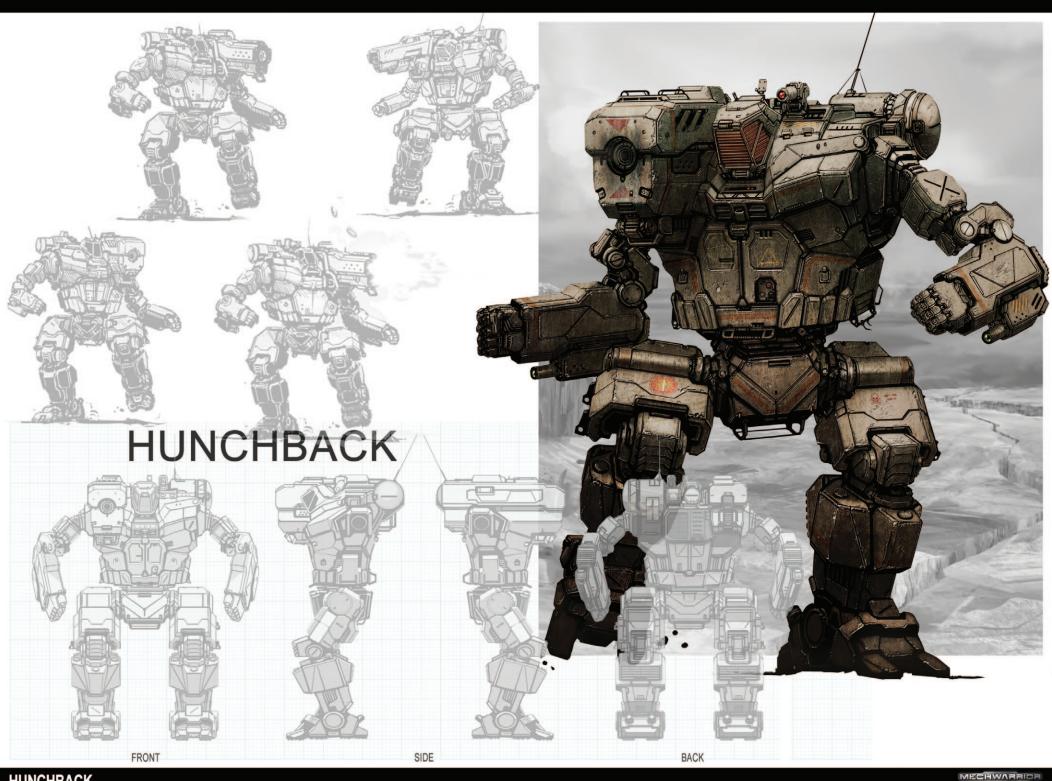






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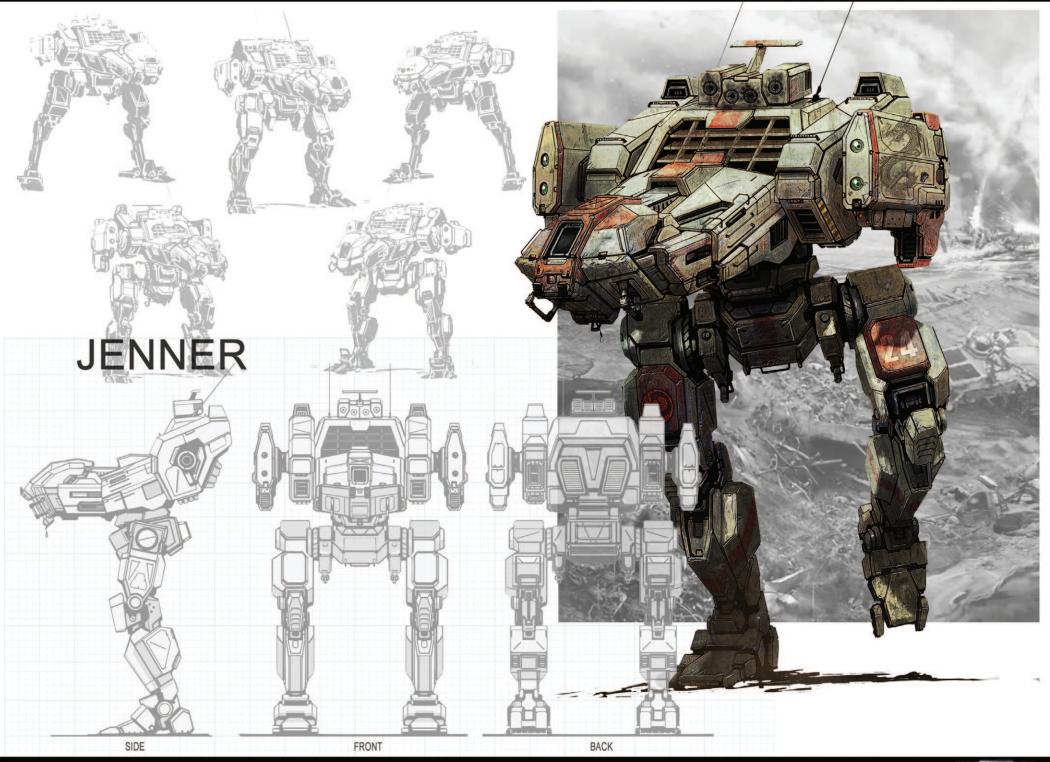






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### **BATTLETECH ERAS**

The *BattleTech* universe is a living, vibrant entity that grows each year as more sourcebooks and fiction are published. A dynamic universe, its setting and characters evolve over time within a highly detailed continuity framework, bringing everything to life in a way a static game universe cannot match.

However, the same dynamic energy that makes *BattleTech* so compelling can also make it confusing, with so many sourcebooks published over the years. As people encounter *BattleTech*, get hooked and start to obtain sourcebooks, computer games or epub fiction and more, they need to know where a particular item is best used along the *BattleTech* timeline.

To help quickly and easily convey the timeline of the *BattleTech* universe—and to allow a player to easily "plug in" a given sourcebook—we've divided *BattleTech* into six major eras.

### STAR LEAGUE (2005-2780)

lan Cameron, ruler of the Terran Hegemony, concludes decades of tireless effort with the creation of the Star League, a political and military alliance between all Great Houses and the Hegemony. Star League armed forces immediately launch the Reunification War, forcing the Periphery realms to join. For the next two centuries, humanity experiences a

golden age across the thousand light-years of human-occupied space known as the Inner Sphere. It also sees the creation of the most powerful military in human history.

### SUCCESSION WARS (2781-3049)

Every last member of First Lord Richard Cameron's family is killed during a coup launched by Stefan Amaris. Following the thirteen-year war to unseat him, the rulers of each of the five Great Houses disband the Star League.



General Aleksandr Kerensky departs with eighty percent of the Star League Defense Force beyond known space and the Inner Sphere collapses into centuries of warfare known as the Succession Wars that will eventually result in a massive loss of technology across most worlds.

### CLAN INVASION (3050-3061)

A mysterious invading force strikes the coreward region of the Inner Sphere. The invaders, called the Clans, are descendants of Kerensky's SLDF troops, forged into a society dedicated to becoming the greatest fighting force in history. With vastly superior technology

and warriors, the Clans conquer world after world. Eventually this outside threat will forge a new Star League, something hundreds of years of warfare failed to accomplish. In addition, the Clans will act as a catalyst for a technological renaissance.

### CIVIL WAR (3062-3067)

The Clan threat is eventually lessened with the complete destruction of a Clan. With that massive external threat apparently neutralized, internal conflicts explode around the Inner Sphere. House Liao conquers its former Commonality, the

St. Ives Compact; a rebellion of military units belonging to House Kurita sparks a war with their

powerful border enemy, Clan Ghost Bear; the fabulously powerful Federated Commonwealth of House Steiner and House Davion collapses into five long years of bitter civil war.

### JIHAD (3068-3080)

After the Federated Commonwealth Civil War, the leaders of the Great Houses meet and disband the new Star League, declaring it a sham. The pseudo-religious Word of Blake—a splinter group of ComStar, the protectors and controllers of interstellar communication— launch the Jihad: an interstellar war that will ultimately pit every faction against each other and even against themselves, as weapons of mass destruction are used for the first time in centuries while new and frightening technologies

### DARK AGE (3081+)

are likewise unleashed.

Under the guidance of Devlin Stone, the Republic of the Sphere is born at the heart of the Inner Sphere following the Jihad. One of the more extensive periods of peace begins to break out as the 32nd century dawns. The factions, to one degree or another, embrace disarmament and the massive armies of the Succession Wars begin to fade. However, in eighty percent of interstellar communications co

Succession Wars begin to fade. However, in 3132 eighty percent of interstellar communications collapses, throwing the universe into chaos. Wars almost immediately erupt and the factions begin rebuilding their armies.

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Visit **bg.battletech.com** to find out more details concerning each Era, including expansive timelines as well as recommended reading.







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