

PROTOCOL DROID

M-3PO Series Military Protocol Droid

CL 1

Medium droid (3rd-degree) nonheroic 2

Init +0; **Senses** darkvision; Perception +1

Languages Basic, Binary, 1 unassigned; translator unit (DC 10)

Defenses Ref 11 (flat-footed 11), Fort 10, Will 10

hp 4; **Threshold** 10

Speed 6 squares (walking)

Melee unarmed +1 (1d3+1)

Base Atk +1; **Grp** +1

Abilities Str 10, Dex 9, Con —, Int 12, Wis 11, Cha 15

Feats Armor Proficiency (light), Skill Training (Knowledge [bureaucracy]), Skill Training (Use Computer)

Skills Knowledge (bureaucracy) +7, Knowledge (tactics) +7, Persuasion +8, Use Computer +7

Systems walking locomotion, basic processor, translator unit (DC 10), 2 hand appendages, darkvision, vocabulator, plasteel shell (+2 armor)

Possessions audio recorder

Availability Military; **Cost** 3,700

After the huge success of the original 3PO droid, Cybot Galactica hoped to continue its accomplishments by creating and selling multiple variants of the line. Many designs were created, but most of them never made it into production. Top officials began to get frustrated at the lack of results, until one junior executive thought of a market that had yet to be catered to for the organizational and communication skills that only a 3PO protocol droid could bring: the military.

In the years that followed the introduction of the M-3PO military protocol droid, the presence of this droid model grew, most commonly within planetary garrisons and starfighter bases. Despite the fact that M-3POs are highly skilled at what they do, they also came with the same annoying personality traits commonly associated with the base 3PO line, a design flaw that proved to be extremely unpopular with the troops.

M-3PO droids have the standard 3PO body, colored black, but have a radically different head. Shaped roughly like a clamshell, the head was taken from Cybot Galactica's discontinued KW traffic controller series and reinforced to protect the revamped AA-1 Verbobrain within.

M-3PO series military protocol droids can be played as droid heroes.



M-3PO SERIES MILITARY PROTOCOL DROID ENCOUNTERS

Despite their designation as a military droid, M-3POs are not designed for combat. On the contrary, their primary function allows them to work as administrative organizers, performing such tasks as requisitioning, duty roster planning, and personnel file management. Since they are programmed with the rules, regulations, and procedures of over six million military and paramilitary organizations from the past and present, including ceremonial etiquette, historical military principles, and conventions of honor, they are virtually guaranteed to perform their duties by the book every time.

M-3PO droids are most commonly found at military installations, including starships and space stations. Some military leaders decided to take full advantage of the knowledge database stored in the droids' heads and employed them as strategy aides and tactical instructors, putting them at the front of the briefing room to lecture the troops on what can and should be done in a given situation. Although many of the soldiers hated receiving training from a droid (let alone a stiff-necked one at that), many of those who heeded its lessons returned from the battlefield alive.

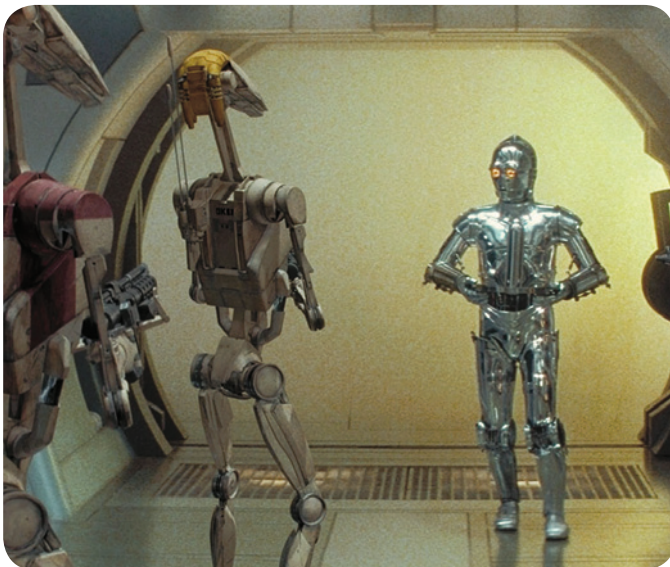
A fair number of soldiers aggravated at their M-3PO units have "accidentally" left them behind in the Outer Rim. Many of those droids took the initiative to reprogram themselves to become soldiers as well.

TC SERIES PROTOCOL DROID

The TC series of protocol droids from Cybot Galactica was designed in an attempt to supplant the 3PO series of protocol droids. Although successful, the TC series never came close to replacing the more famous protocol droid model. Unlike the 3PO series, the TC series includes a TranLang III communications center, a feature that only a few 3PO series protocol droids could boast. In addition to their enhanced communications equipment, all TC series protocol droids were designed with the latest technology in nearly every system, and they received a total programming rewrite before the line was launched to ensure that there were no holdover problems from other software packages.

In almost all ways, the TC series is one of the most technologically advanced and reliable protocol droids on the market. However, its increased price coupled with the longstanding reputation of the 3PO series droids ensured that few people made the switch to the TC series protocol droid. The TC series droid is popular among wealthy nobles and Senators and is also commonly found aboard Trade Federation starships (since the Federation has no difficulty in dealing with price issues). Despite the company's hope that the TC series would replace the 3PO series entirely (thus selling millions of new droids to beings wishing to upgrade to the TC series), Cybot Galactica decided instead to market the TC series droids as a luxury alternative to the 3PO series, since sales were solid but nowhere near as high as they would need to be to replace the older droid model.

TC series protocol droids can be played as droid heroes.



TC Series Protocol Droid

CL 1

Medium droid (3rd-degree) noble 1

Init -1; **Senses** Perception +7

Languages Basic, Binary, 3 unassigned; translator unit (DC 5)

Defenses Ref 11 (flat-footed 11), Fort 10, Will 15

hp 18; **Threshold** 10

Immune droid traits

Speed 6 squares (walking)

Melee unarmed -1 (1d3-1)

Base Atk +0; **Grp** -1

Abilities Str 8, Dex 8, Con -, Int 13, Wis 14, Cha 14

Talents Coordinate

Feats Linguist, Skill Focus (Persuasion), Weapon Proficiency (pistols, simple weapons)

Skills Deception +7, Gather Information +7, Knowledge (bureaucracy) +6, Knowledge (galactic lore) +6, Knowledge (social sciences) +6, Perception +7, Persuasion +12

Systems walking locomotion, heuristic processor, translator unit (DC 5), 2 hand appendages, vocabulator

Possessions audio recorder

Availability Licensed; **Cost** 5,000

TC Series Protocol Droid Encounters

TC series protocol droids are most often found in the company of nobles and businessmen who have extra credits to spend on an expensive protocol droid. Very few TC series droids make their way into the hands of anyone who is less than wealthy, though it has been known to happen. The TC series is very often sought after because of its superior programming, and many wealthy owners use TC series droids as majordomos and personal assistants. Since the TC series protocol droid has a heroic level, it is much more durable than other droids and is slightly more survivable. Additionally, its ability to coordinate allies makes it an excellent aide in combat; though it does not contribute anything directly, it can enhance the ability of other characters to work together.

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- DAULTAY DOPINE