

FRONTIERSPACE: DARK TEMPEST

# HAVEN

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A DISTRESS CALL ALERT SOUNDS ON THE BRIDGE OF THE COLONIAL MARINE STARSHIP PHOENIX, BANISHING WITH IT CAPT. MAQUISTON'S HOPE FOR A ROUTINE DAY OF PATROLS.

ANOTHER DISTRESS CALL, FOURTH ONE THIS WEEK.

ONCE AGAIN, OUR LIVES ARE HELD IN THIS DEADLY BALANCE

DESPERATE PEOPLE PUSHING THEMSELVES BEYOND REASON. FOR...

2009  
**SRM**  
CREATIONS




...FOR, ONE  
LAST SHIMMERING  
GLIMMER OF, HOPE.

COMMANDER  
NERIS, WHAT IS  
OUR STATUS?

CAPTAIN, WE  
HAVE CROSSED THE FTL  
HORIZON AND ALL STATIONS  
REPORT THEY ARE READY TO  
COMMENCE RESCUE OPERATION.  
THE JUMP DRIVE IS CHARGED  
AND FIELD GENERATORS  
ARE STABLE.


COMMAND  
CONFIRMS THAT WE ARE  
THE CLOSEST STARSHIP  
IN RANGE, SO IT'S  
OUR CALL.



LIEUTENANT  
STARNES, WHAT DO  
WE KNOW ABOUT  
THIS SHIP?



NOT MUCH,  
CAPTAIN.




IT'S A  
TRADEWINDS  
CLASS MERCHANT  
FREIGHTER OUT OF  
PROCYON 7.

...CALLED THE  
STAR DANCER.

THE DATA  
STREAM IS  
VERY WEAK...

...LOOKS,  
LIKE A DRIVE  
PLASMA LEAK.  
MAIN POWER IS  
OFFLINE AND SHE  
IS ADrift.

TEN CREW  
MEMBERS, ELEVEN  
ROBOTS, AND NO  
PASSENGERS.



TRANSMISSION  
RECEIVED



WHAT IS THE  
FREIGHTER'S  
LOCATION?



THREE  
LIGHT YEARS  
FROM OUR CURRENT  
POSITION.



THE STAR  
DANCER'S DISTRESS CALL  
ORIGINATED HERE, BETWEEN  
MORGAN'S STAR AND  
FARLIGHT.

THEY DRIFTED  
OUT OF THEIR SHIPPING LANE  
IN THE PROCYON TIRANGLE AND  
AND ARE NOW HEADED INTO  
NEUTRAL SPACE.



SO IT'S A RACE  
AGAINST TIME.

LIEUTENANT  
K'NON, SET THE  
JUMP DRIVE FAIL  
SAFE RETURN  
TIMER.




ENGAGING  
FAIL SAFE  
PROTOCOL.



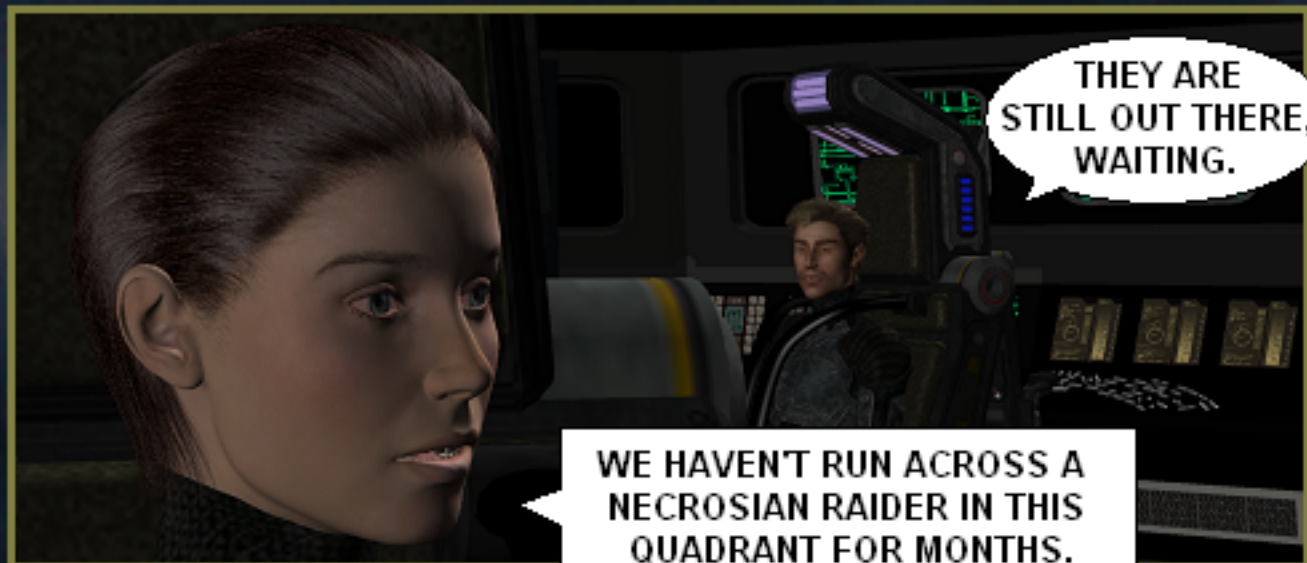
CALL IT AN  
INSURANCE  
POLICY...

COMMANDER,  
WHY DO WE NEED A  
FAIL SAFE RETURN ON A  
RESCUE MISSION?



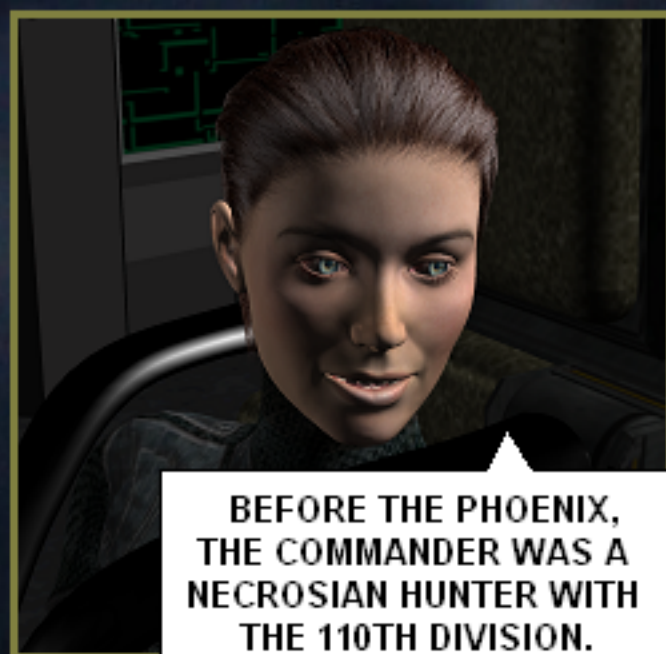
NECROSIANS!

NEUTRAL SPACE  
IS THE NECROSIAN'S  
HUNTING GROUND.



THEY ARE STILL OUT THERE, WAITING.

WE HAVEN'T RUN ACROSS A NECROSIAN RAIDER IN THIS QUADRANT FOR MONTHS.



BEFORE THE PHOENIX, THE COMMANDER WAS A NECROSIAN HUNTER WITH THE 110TH DIVISION.



REALLY?

COMMANDER, YOU WERE A NECROSIAN HUNTER?



ALL ANCIENT HISTORY, ENSIGN RIGGS.

STARNES, TELLING WAR STORIES AGAIN?

UH... NO SIR. BUT THAT SURE MUST BE A STORY TO HEAR.



LIEUTENANT STARNES DOES RAISE A GOOD POINT. IT HAS BEEN FAR TOO LONG SINCE THE LAST NECROSIAN SIGHTING.



YOU THINK THIS COULD BE A CORPSE TRAP?



YES CAPTAIN, IT COULD VERY POSSIBLY BE AN AMBUSH.



WE BOTH KNOW...



...WHAT THE NECROSAINS ARE CAPABLE OF.

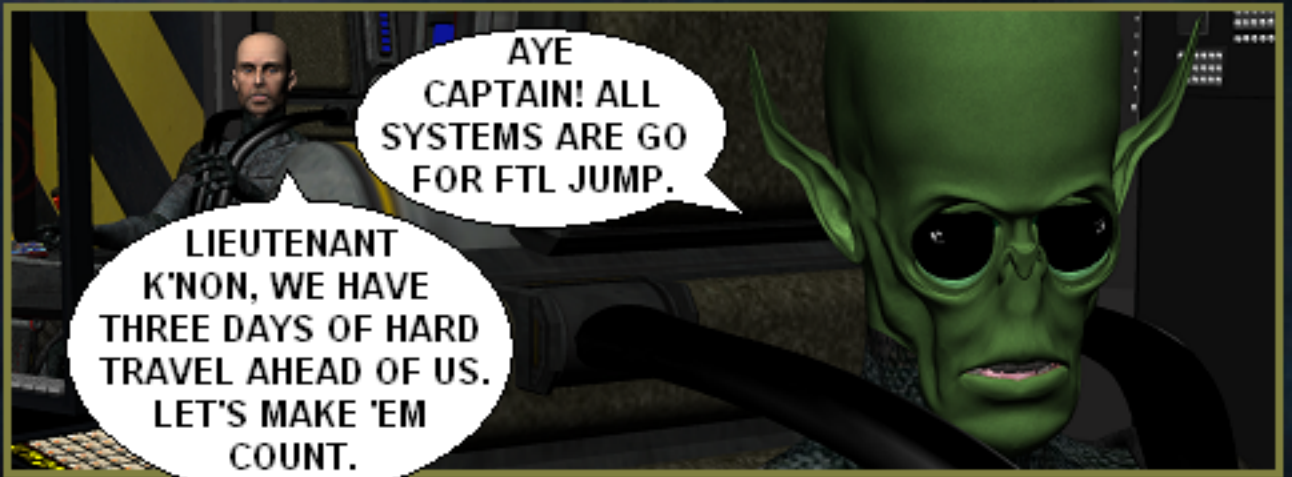
COMMANDER KYLE NERIS' HAND HESITATES MOMENTARILY OVER THE CONSOLE WITH AN ALMOST UN-NOTICEABLE TREMOR.



YES COMMANDER,  
WE DO KNOW WHAT THEY  
ARE CAPABLE OF.

A CRACKLING HALO OF ENERGY  
SURROUNDS THE PHOENIX AS  
THE DRIVE FIELD IS ENERGIZED  
FOR AN FTL JUMP.

...AND THE  
REASON WHY THERE  
IS NO TIME TO  
WASTE.



AYE  
CAPTAIN! ALL  
SYSTEMS ARE GO  
FOR FTL JUMP.

LIEUTENANT  
K'NON, WE HAVE  
THREE DAYS OF HARD  
TRAVEL AHEAD OF US.  
LET'S MAKE 'EM  
COUNT.




SHUT UP  
BUCKET BUTT,  
THAT HAPPENED  
ONE TIME!

LIEUTENANT, WILL YOU  
BE REQUIRING, THE SPACE  
SICKNESS BAG, AGAIN?

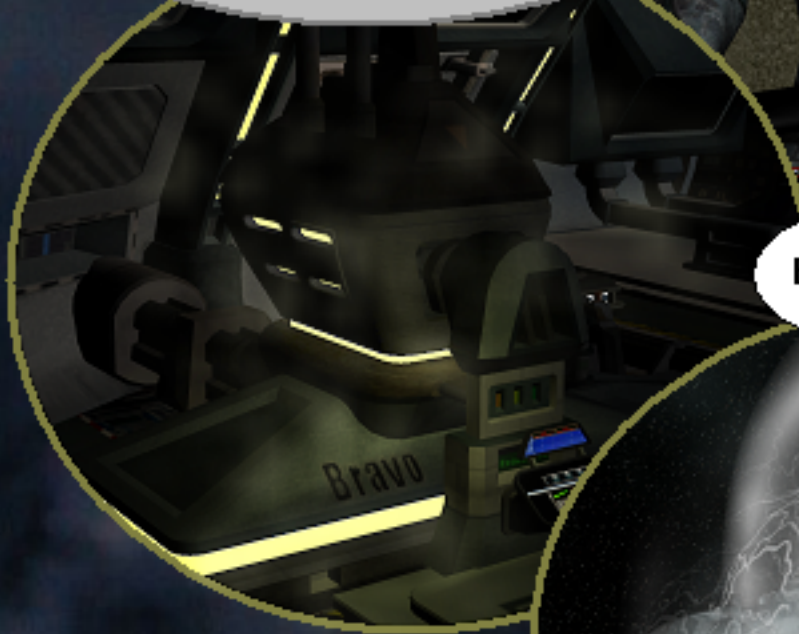




ALL STATIONS  
PREPARE FOR FTL  
JUMP EVENT!



I HOPE THERE  
IS ENOUGH TIME.



THE PHOENIX'S  
FTL JUMP DRIVE RUMBLES AND  
ROARS TO LIFE AS CAPTAIN  
MAQUISTON GIVES THE ORDER  
TO JUMP THE SHIP.



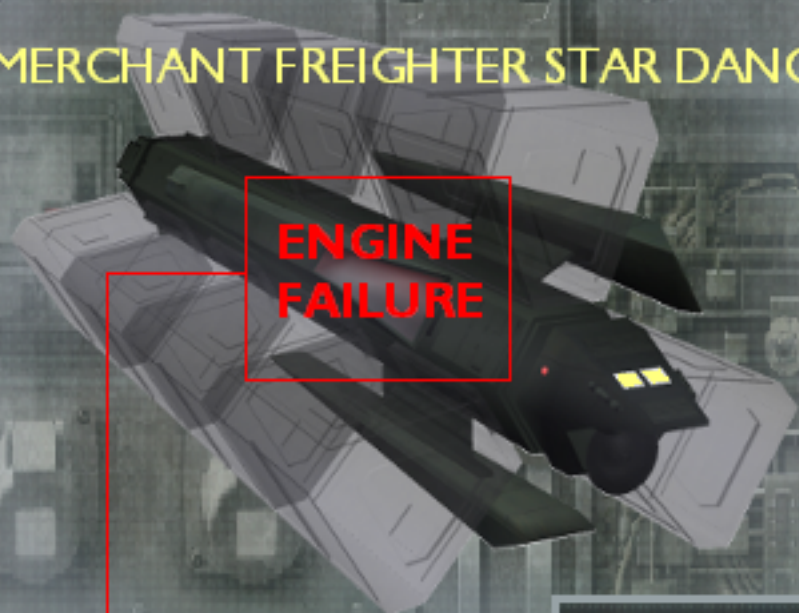
EXECUTE JUMP!

FOOOOM!!!

TO BE CONTINUED

ICMS PHOENIX ES-033  
**DATA STREAM**

**MERCHANT FREIGHTER STAR DANCER**



**ENGINE FAILURE**

**HOME PORT:**  
PROCYON 7  
**TYPE:**  
CIVILIAN

**CREW:**  
3 COMMAND  
7 SUPPORT

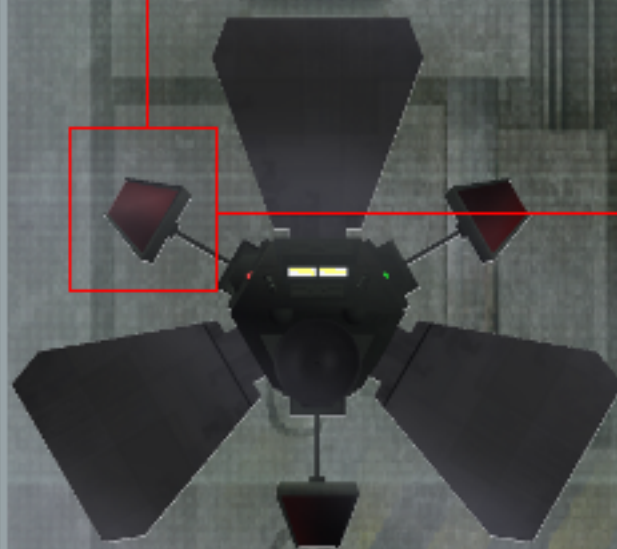
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**TRANSMISSION RECEIVED**



**MERCHANT STAR DANCER**

**MAIN POWER OFFLINE**



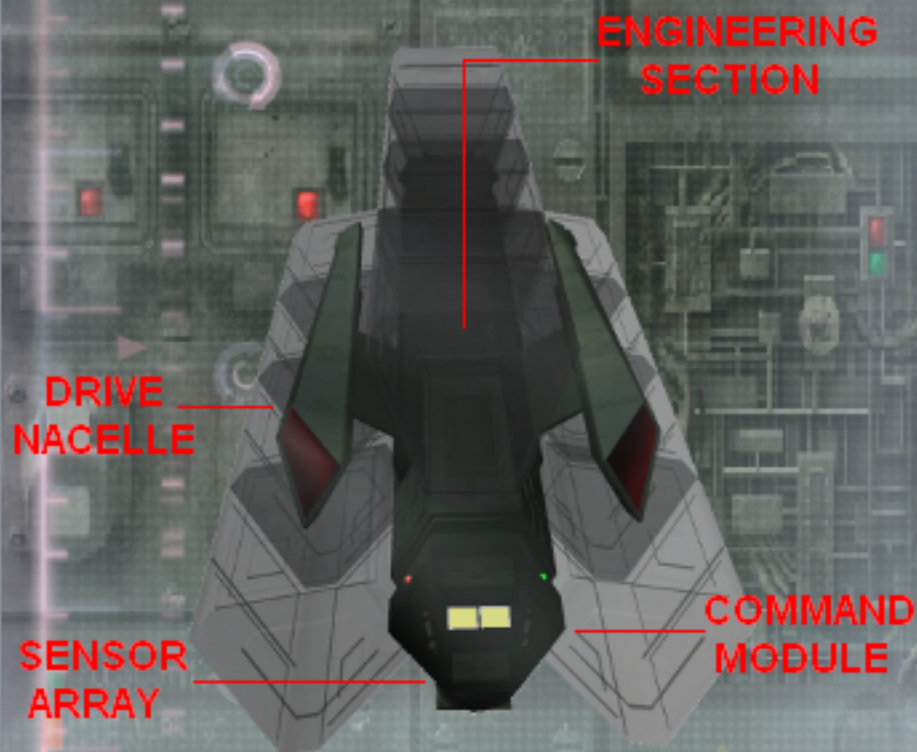
**DRIVE SYSTEM FAILURE**

**HULL:** HC III  
**BP:** 400

**CARGO:**  
300 TONS  
OF FUEL  
GRADE ORE.

**WEAPONS:**  
1x FF LASER  
BATTERY

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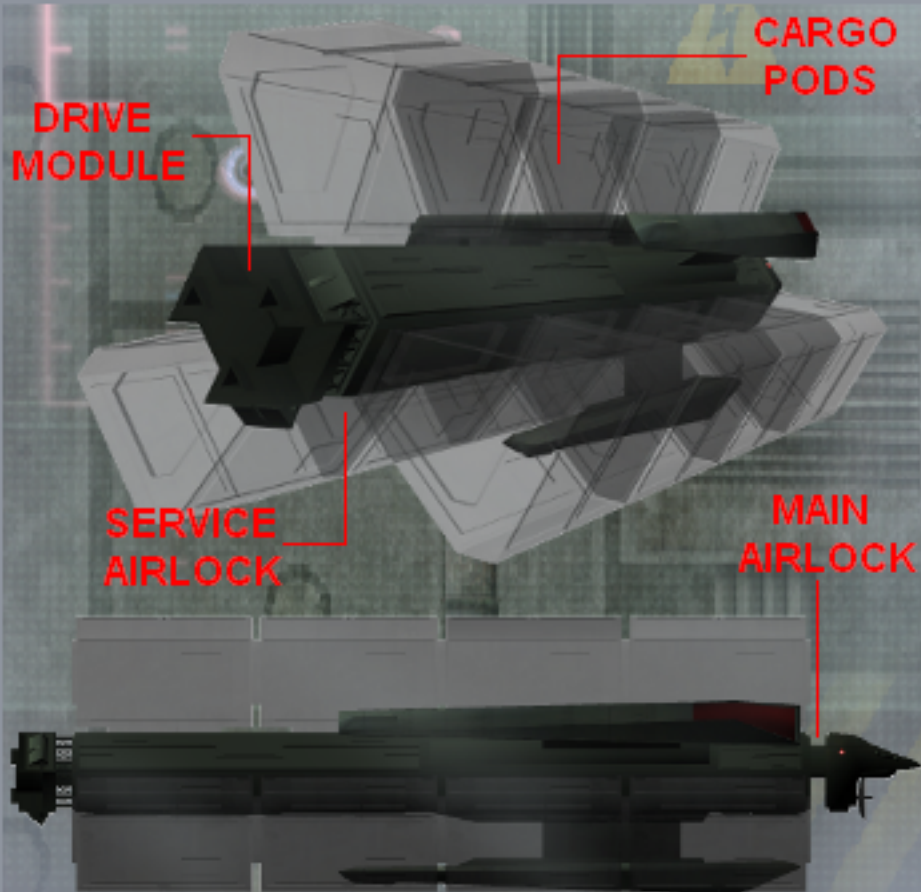
DEFENSES:  
REFLECTIVE  
HULL PLATING,  
INERTIA SHIELD

PROPULSION:  
3x TYPE B:  
ATOMIC FUSION  
DRIVES.

1x TYPE A:  
FTL JUMP DRIVE

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AUTOMATION:  
11x SUPPORT  
ROBOTS



## MODULES

1 2 3  
COMMAND

CARGO

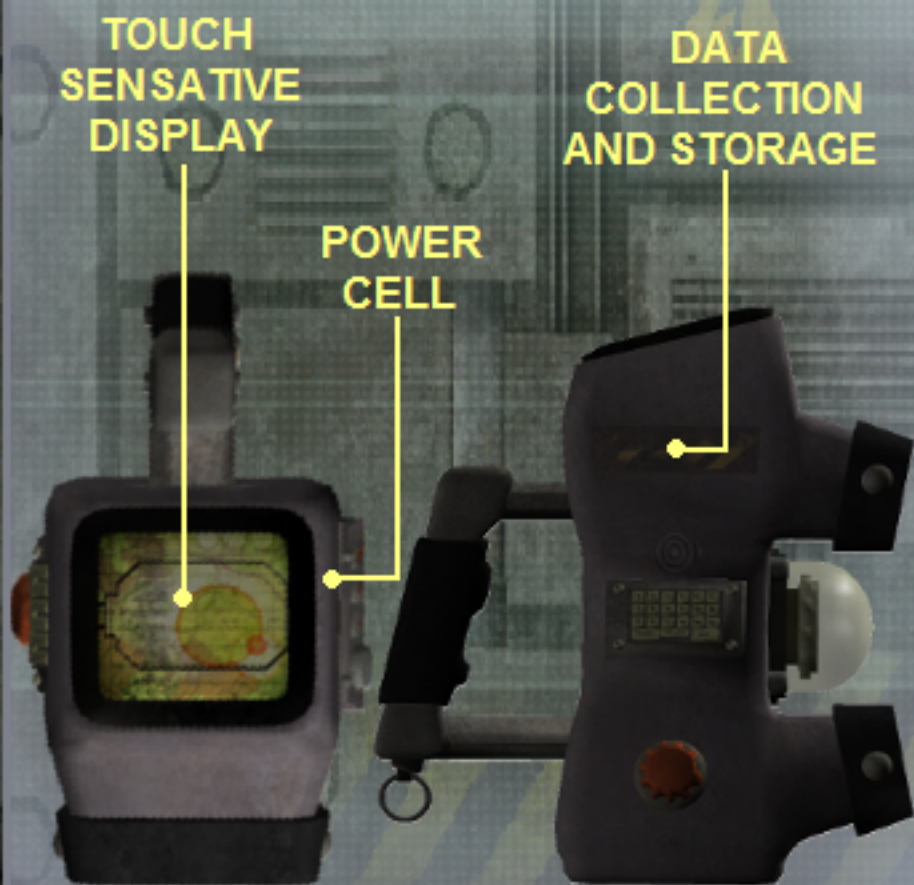
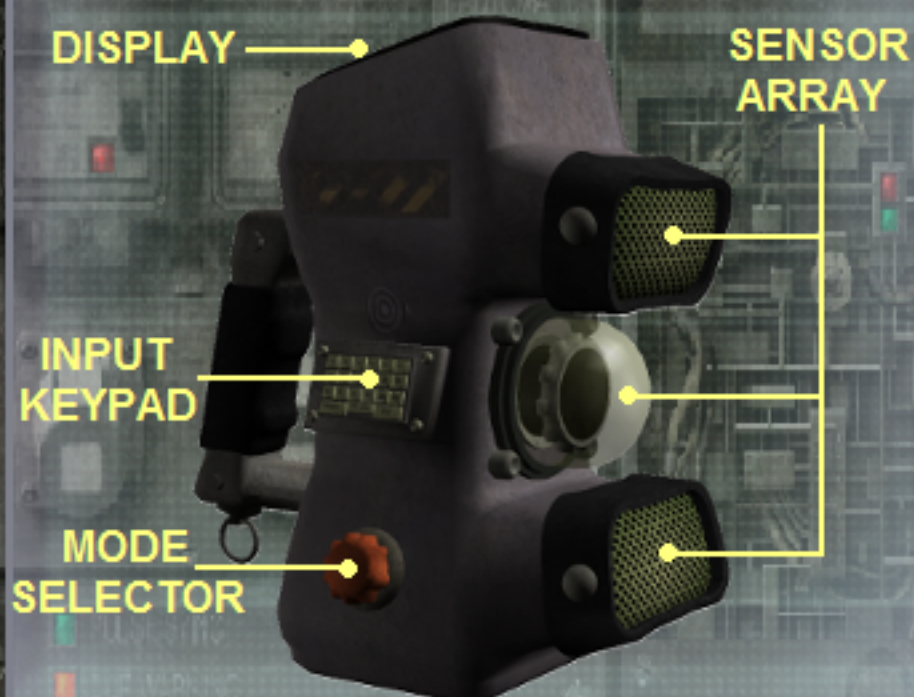
ENGINEERING

SERVICE

DRIVE

# ICMS PHOENIX ES-033 DATA STREAM

## S12 TACTICAL SCANNER HAND-HELD



### SCAN MODES

MOTION TRACKER

GEOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

ATMOSPHERIC ANALYSIS

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

BIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

LASER RANGE FINDER

BIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

BIO-HAZARD DETECTOR

VAPOR / GAS DETECTOR

IR / THERMAL DETECTOR

RADIATION DETECTOR

VIDEO / AUDIO RECORD AND PLAY BACK