

LONG CIRCUIT

YOUR GUIDE TO NEWTECH ON THE STREETS OF NIGHT CITY. JANUARY 2047 EDITION.

THIS ISSUE: A FOCUS ON VEHICLES

Enhanced Cyberlinkage: Vehicle Upgrade. All Vehicles. Moto Rank 2

These days, it's not enough to just keep both hands on the wheel like your grandma out for a nice Sunday drive. In today's world, if you haven't got at a steely grip on your favorite street sweeper, you might not even make it through traffic. That's where Zetatech's improved control system comes in. Drive better than you ever have, while eating, shooting, or whatever else you like to do with both hands.

When connected to the vehicle by Interface Plugs, the driver adds +1 to Rolls made to control the vehicle.

Bunny Hopper: Vehicle Upgrade. All Land Vehicles. Moto Rank 3

Named for the LagoForm who broke this baby out for the first time, this adaptation of an NOS system is designed for those who respect the opinions of gravity, but wouldn't vote for it.

Once per day, the Bunny Hopper may be triggered with an action. The vehicle makes a jump in a straight line of up to a distance equal to half of the distance it's moved this turn. Additional installations grant additional daily uses.

Spearhook: Vehicle Upgrade. All Vehicles. Moto Rank 1

A beautiful classic finally making it's way to NC. They've been a mainstay of underground races in Japan for decades now. Infamous for a few scandals involving them being smuggled into pro racing leagues.

A concealed Grapple Gun upscaled and rated for vehicles. Can support twice the weight of the vehicle it is installed onto. The line has 20HP.

Streetsguide's Bodykit: Vehicle Upgrade. All Groundcars. 500eb.

If you're reading this, chances are you can see why it's a piece of crap. If not, just pull up to a race meet and let them tell you. Starting to become popular with corpobrats who are just getting their first cars, so we're listing it anyway.

Reduces the narrative speed of a vehicle by 5mph/8kmh. Combat speed is unaffected. Improves Wardrobe and Style rolls of the driver by +1, except for in the yes of those with a Drive Land Vehicle or Land Vehicle Tech skill base of 12 or higher.

Smart Tires: Vehicle Upgrade. All Land Vehicles. Moto Rank 1

Who says you can't reinvent the wheel? Multiple contact surfaces, flexible profile, centrally controlled. Expect to see these adopted everywhere as soon as the current patent owner has an accident.

Eliminates any penalties from driving on difficult or rough terrain and ice. Can be deactivated by the driver at any time, without an action.

Net Uplink: Vehicle Upgrade. All Vehicles. Moto Rank 5

The time we trashed Ziggurat's new dataterms in a review, we had a van with one of these parked outside our office for two weeks. Maybe they should have spent that money on improving latency.

A Netrunner connected to the vehicle by interface plugs may connect to an access point from 30m/yds away. The Netrunner still requires a second set of interface plugs to be connected to their cyberdeck.

Minelayer: Vehicle Upgrade. All Land and Sea Vehicles. Moto Rank 5

Just straight up unfair in races, but it's a crowd pleaser. Says something about NC that after one of these flipped a car straight into the crowd we had an even bigger audience next weekend.

A two shot minelaying weapon mounted on the underside of the vehicle. Can be activated with an action to release a single mine on the vehicle's current position. Activates after one round, and will detonate the next time something enters the mine's space or after one minute. Does 6d6 damage. Replacement mines are 100eb.

HoverFan: Vehicle Upgrade. All Groundcars. Moto Rank 4

Offroad should mean offroad, baby. Comes with deployable skirt and a fancy new switch under the wheel. Does make your steering go to shit, and the water around the NC will corrode your everything, but it's worth it for the fun.

With an action, the groundcar can switch to Hover Mode. In Hover Mode, the vehicle has 10 less MOVE but can drive over water.

Smokescreen: Vehicle Upgrade. All Vehicles. Moto Rank 1

Setting one of these off is a great way to get yourself banned from amateur racing meets. Kills crowd engagement, and that's bad for business and rep both. Saying that, there's nothing better when the lead starts flying.

Can be activated with an action. Deploys a cloud of smoke around the vehicle. Functions like a smoke grenade, but one that remains centred on the vehicle and moves with it. Comes with a compressor that recharges the smoke after 24 hours from ambient air. Additional installations add to daily uses.

FlickerChaff: Vehicle Upgrade. All Air Vehicles. Moto Rank 1

A few months back, an Exec came crashing out of the sky in his fancy AV-9. As far as I know, those responsible were never identified, but a few more paranoid AV owners starting fitting these to their corporate chariots. Wonder if it's related.

Comes with two charges, replaceable for 100eb each. When a ranged attack is fired at the air vehicle, the driver may use one of these two charges. If they do so, they may attempt to evade the ranged attack as if dodging a bullet. Additional upgrades add to two more charges each.

UltraPremium CH00H2 by Petrochem: 50eb.

The good stuff. Petrochem markets this as a high performance product. Uses some mixture of additives they won't reveal, but the fumes are nasty.

Can be used to fill the fuel tank of a vehicle. Provides enough fuel for 24 hours of driving. Increases Narrative speed by 5mph. Combat speed is unaffected.

Moto Insurance by Asukaga and Finch: 500eb Per month.

With the high price of keeping cars on the road, and how often you get shot at in traffic. I can recommend protecting your investment with Asukaga and Finch. This endorsement is made of my own free will, and has absolutely no relation to any hypothetical recent articles exposing alleged threatening behavior towards journalists.

With this insurance, Asukaga and Finch will cover the cost of repairing your vehicle if it is damaged or destroyed. They'll even provide a courtesy car (a Compact Groundcar) while you wait. The customer is liable for any repairs needed to the courtesy car, and using this service more than once in a month will result in a ten percent increase in premiums for the next two months.