Welcome back to JackPoint, chummer; your last connection was severed: 6 days, 8 hours ago.

Today’s Heads Up
* The older rigs are still on the road. Here is the critical performance data on a few in case you steal Grandma’s. —FastJack

Incoming
* In the Awakened world even the flowers have enough power to be reckoned with. [Tag: Parabotany]
* The wars of yesterday leave us the museum pieces of today. [Tag: Eurowar Antiques]
* There are groups that only the Awakened seem to keep track of, but now you can too. [Tag: Magical Societies]
* When are rocks not just rocks? [Tag: Parageology]

Top News Items
* The Metroplex Guard has locked down Seattle’s northeast border after destroying a number of unidentified drone patrols. Link
* The FBI has opened an investigation in Seattle’s Green Party and the release of personal information. Investigators have stated that individuals who were identified as donors will not be investigated beyond retention-of-SIN investigations consistent with their unemployed status. Link
* Renraku has refused to answer inquiries regarding their seizure of current and former members of the CAS legislature. Link
* Havana, Cuba – Government officials have requested extradition of three Najima Securities executives as persons of interest in a fraud investigation. Link

“Fix or Repair Daily” doesn’t just apply to Fords, ya know.”
How many of you remember your first car? The clean smell of the hidden air freshener always runs out in a week but haunts us for years. I asked our resident grease monkey, Turbo Bunny, to assemble the specs of a bunch of different vehicles that are old but still found on the road. Hopefully these are just fond memories for most of us, but for the newer members of our profession, these oldies might be their only means of transportation.

- Fuck the noobs. The only thing they are good for is blowing up good plans and giving Knight Errant target practice.
- Clockwork
- Really, nobody helped you when you first started out? I find that unlikely.
- Hannibelle
- This is supposed to be about the biz: where to go to get paid, who might be gunning for you, and when it might be best to lay low. Hand-holding only leads to problems when you get to this level of the profession. Hence the freak baby.
- Clockwork

Turbo Bunny also included a selection of European vehicles in this updated download after Fianchetto reminded her there are manufacturing plants outside of North America. I added them in the section labeled “From Across the Pond.”

- It really was only gentle chiding. I did not intend to upset the young lady.
- Fianchetto
- Lady!? That’s the funniest thing posted here in ages. How many unladylike things do you think she did to support her habit? If you want to know, some trids are available on the Matrix.
- Riser
- Habits can get the best of anyone. Addiction is a killer.
- Butch

**VEHICLE TRAITS IN THIS BOOK**

The Sixth World contains many different levels of development, and not all of them are bleeding edge or state of the art. The upgrades listed below are intended to simulate the challenges of utilizing older technology in Shadowrun.

**VEHICLE TRAIT (UPGRADE):**

**Obsolescent:** The vehicle uses an older generation of software, hardware or a combination of the two, resulting in less-sophisticated computing capabilities. The vehicle’s device rating (p. 222, SR4A) is one less than what a comparable modern device’s rating would be (to a minimum of 1); e.g., a drone with the obsolescent trait would have a rating of 2 rather than 3.

**Obsolete:** The vehicle uses a very old version of control software (or maybe even none at all), rendering it incompatible with current remote control rigs and AR technology. It may be considered a traffic hazard or be illegal to operate in certain jurisdictions. The vehicle does not possess the Rigger Adaptation Trait as standard. The vehicle’s device rating (p. 222, SR4A) is three less than a comparable modern device’s would be (to a minimum of 1), e.g., an M1A2 tank would have a device rating of 2, rather than the normal rating of 5 for military equipment.

**Reduced Economy:** The vehicle’s operation time (p.103, Arsenal) is reduced to half normal. This can be due to a variety of factors; poor fuel-injection systems, weak batteries, or some other reason. This means most vehicles can only operate for three hours before a stop at a refilling station of some sort.
A cross-country bike extraordinaire, the Pinto is capable of traversing nearly any terrain, and can even get across some spots their owners would be better off avoiding. The balloon tires provide excellent traction and are capable of ensuring the bike can cross wet terrain when required. The Pinto is still available new from dealers in the Pueblo Corporate Council, and its rugged construction has ensured that one production line remains in limited use, although it is rarely exported as a complete vehicle. The optional riding canopy is still available through reputable parts suppliers throughout the Native American Nations.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Amphibious Operation (level 1), Obsolescent, Off-road Suspension

THUNDERCLOUD PINTO (OFF-ROAD BIKE)

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- It’s a complete pig on the blacktop, but I saw a few gangers outside of San Fran trying to look intimidating while driving them down the city streets. A local security contractor showed them why you don’t ride one when you have to run.
- Sunshine

- The PCC’s Border Patrol uses them to track smugglers. They might not catch up to a t-bird, but the radio outruns everything.
- Traveler Jones

- They’re really popular up north; the ability to handle nearly any terrain makes them a must-have for some of the Inuit.
- Clockwork

PINTO CANOPY

The canopy was developed for riders who intended to use the Pinto as their year-round cross-country transportation. The canopy is made from fiberglass with an aluminum alloy frame and roll protection. Users are advised to follow the installation instructions precisely or retain the services of a professional installer.

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- Hell, just pay a fourteen-year-old fifteen nuyen and a soyburger. It’s not that hard to put on.
- Clockwork
The Blitzen is the collector’s combat bike. Made popular by nearly a decade of spectacular performance, the 2050 model has been relegated to the streets as newer models replace it. The enlarged windscreen is intended to provide increased protection to the rider while the original groundbreaking metallo-ceramic alloys provide adequate levels of impact resistance compared to modern polymer compounds. The Blitzen 2050 is no longer manufactured, although decent custom shops can locate spare parts to keep existing bikes running.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Obsolescent

### BMW BLITZEN 2050 (COMBAT BIKE)

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- The bike that screams, “I’m going to kill something” like no other. The ability to attach a machine gun to it really brings out its character.
- Clockwork
- I doubt most owners keep military-grade weapons in their garage for trips to biker rallies. I also doubt the group that posts here would be considered balanced enough to be invited to said rally.
- DangerSensei
- Balanced people at a biker rally? Have you ever heard of the kettle and pot? Most go-gangers are so disturbed it makes Riser look normal.
- Turbo Bunny
- Whatever. The point is this is one tough bike and if you can afford it; it might just keep you alive, even without “modern polymers.”
- Bull
The Viking was one of the first vehicles designed exclusively for large meta-humans. It enjoyed commercial success through the early to mid 2060s, but with the gentrification of certain segments of its target audience, the bike's rebel image became diluted, and eventually Honda shifted production to a small factory in the Carib League. The bike is rarely offered by dealers, though custom orders are possible. The factory primarily provides spare parts to interested parties as Honda provides more politically correct options to its clientele.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Metahuman Customization

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**HONDA VIKING (MOTORCYCLE)**

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- The custom orders are a pain in the hoop. The dealers claim it takes three months to get a bike shipped, where Matrix sites can promise five-week delivery.
- Riser
- Let's just say the Matrix site has a better supplier and stop your whining.
- Kane
- I think this is one of the best bikes available for those of us with larger frames. Too bad the little people make the decisions about what we can buy.
- Mihoshi Oni
- I'd be careful about which shops you have work on one of these. Some of the nano-fax parts they try to use can't handle the stress as well as the real thing.
- Clockwork
The Papoose has been the choice of the environmentally conscious since its release. The Papoose offers options for both pedal power and electric propulsion for those who want versatility in their transportation. The electric drive can be charged through a variety of external means, with a home charger provided at the time of purchase. Unfortunately the battery cannot be charged through the muscle-powered drive, limiting most Papooses to a ninety-kilometer radius of the owner’s home.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Obsolete, Reduced Economy

### ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEMS PAPOOSE (SCOOTER)

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- The classic moped. It’s fun to ride, until your friends see you doing it.
- Clockwork
- In that case, you’ll be fine. You don’t have any friends.
- Netcat
- In certain cities they’re fairly ubiquitous. You can ride one and not attract any attention while you’re scoping out a target. There are benefits to on-the-ground recon before an extraction.
- Hard Exit
- Actually, the Dodge Scoot has largely replaced this in wage-slave fashion trends. Some independent workers still use them, but they’re barely a step up from public transport, and you’re exposed to any acid rain that might be falling while you ride.
- Dr. Spin
The Rapier no longer holds the speed titles on the track or the street, as the Mirage has dominated those scenes for nearly a decade. The old bike still has its fans, though. The internal combustion engine is optimized for long-duration, high-speed operation and is able to maintain maximum output for prolonged periods of time. The decreased fuel consumption has also made it a favorite of those riders who require distance between stops rather than pure speed. Yamaha ceased production in 2068, but recent trade blogs indicate Yamaha might be bringing the old girl back after a complete facelift.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Improved Economy, Obsolescent

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**Yamaha Rapier (Racing Bike)**

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- The Yamaha’s suspension is better suited to the road than the racetrack. The original market segment was people who wanted the feel of a racer but needed to be able to keep it on the road. Unfortunately, in the end performance is the top concern to that type of purchaser, so when the Rapier could be outrun, it dropped from favor.
- Mr. Bonds

- The Rapier was the bike to have for a while, then the Aurora came out and the Rapier dropped from SOTA. It’s still a bike you can kick the drek out of without it keeling over.
- Bull

- It’s only good if you want to be retro. The Mirage is all that and more.
- Kat o’ Nine Tales

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**Repairs for Older Vehicles**

Repairing older vehicles can be more difficult due to the lack of replacement parts. At the gamemaster’s discretion, spare parts for Obsolete vehicles can cost between two and five percent of the vehicle’s base cost per point of damage.
The Phaeton was the top-of-the-line limousine from the last decade. It featured a number of advanced features when introduced, and it stayed on the leading edge until the line ended with the ‘69 model. The electronics, while still more fully featured that today’s models, lacks the processing power and bandwidth modern users have become accustomed to. The expense of updating to current standards was the reason cited for the line’s closure.

The Phaeton is still desired by numerous users as the frame, body panels, and APPS are rated as being superior to its primary competitor, the Nightsky. The limo’s engine and suspension is capable of maintaining a higher speed and better handling as well. Unfortunately economics managed to destroy the superior product.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Armor (Concealed), Life Support (Level 1), Obsolescent, Personal Armor 3, Pimped Ride (Level 1), Satellite Communications

They are a sweet ride. Too bad you need to run translation program on the system for it to interface with a current commlink’s music application.

Clockwork

Mitsubishi ran an effective marketing campaign to get rid of the competition for the high-net-worth purchaser. Selling and customizing the units at cost to rental companies also helped push the Phaeton to the junkyard. Interestingly, Mitsubishi has not greatly increased the price on the Nightsky to exploit their monopoly.

Dr. Spin

Rolls Royce still has the machine tools set aside for the Phaeton, and there are rumors the royal family won’t purchase anything else. So there is a market for custom manufacture—not that anyone here could afford it.

Plan 9

There are rumors a different manufacturer might be getting into the limo market in an attempt to steal some market share from the Nightsky. Any chance RR is trying to revive the Phaeton?

Mr. Bonds

Find your own stock tip.

Snopes
The Bison was Ford’s predecessor to today’s Buffalo. The Bison was intended for recreational use, but a large number currently serve as permanent housing for the less fortunate. This RV has become the transport for a number of wageslave families who travel from city to city in the UCAS Midwest, migrating from independent employer to employer, trying to stay a step above becoming homeless and joining the SINless.

The Bison offers a number of amenities, including expansive cargo space and cross-country travel ability. The balloon tires are capable of withstanding small punctures, and they helped make the model popular in the NAN during the early 2050s. The vehicle is also capable of traversing great distances without refueling, making its intended destination, the wilderness, both reachable and practical.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Additional Fuel Tank, Amenities (Middle), Improved Economy, Obsolete, Off-road Suspension, Off-road Tires

The common nature of the Bison helps it slip things past law enforcement, particularly with its popularity with the barely legitimate crowd. Most of the time the only things they find when searching Bisons are vomit stains and mold, so they’re not too anxious to keep searching them.

Traveler Jones

The later ones are also easy to find parts for as the Buffalo is really just an upgraded and expanded version of the Bison. You can even find a lot of parts that were manufactured the old-fashioned way before nano-forging became common.

Rigger X

I remember my parents’ big retirement plan was to buy one of these and travel the country. Too bad it didn’t work out for them.

Kay St. Irregular

The custom tires are really expensive to replace if you want factory originals. The plant was sold to Horizon a few months back and they haven’t been supporting the supply line. There are knock-offs available, though.

Turbo Bunny

Just try buying enough fuel to fill the 250-liter tank. It breaks the bank every time.

2XL
The Prairie Cat represents what has been called “the most luxurious way to see the countryside ever devised” by MotorTravel blog. Even if you don’t go that far, it’s clear the Prairie Cat is a step above the more common Ford offerings. The living accommodations are beyond the reach of most wagedslaves while maintaining a level of connectivity rarely available on a civilian mobile platform.

Rolls Royce didn’t skimp on the drive train either. The engine has reportedly run on half its cylinders when an unwise owner failed to follow the maintenance schedule. The off-road suspension has been reinforced to reduce the jostling anyone inside feels and the tires are optimized for cross-country performance. The vehicle is also capable of crossing small bodies of water although it drastically effects fuel consumption.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Amenities (High), Satellite Communications, Off-road Suspension, Off-road Tires, Amphibious Operation (level 1), Personal Armor 2, Pimped Ride (Level 1)

- This has better amenities than my apartment. The bed even has a better-quality mattress. People are supposed to “rough it” in one of these?
- Riser
- Those who are used to luxury consider owning a Rolls Royce as much a status symbol more than a practical purchase. The bed is especially comfortable; you can barely feel the vehicle moving.
- Fianchetto
- Why do you knowing that not surprise me?
- /dev/grl

**ROLLS ROYCE PRAIRIE CAT (RV)**

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Chenowth has been involved in producing lightweight military and civilian vehicles for nearly a century. Special Forces operators across the globe have demanded effective, air-transportable vehicles since their inception; Chenowth has been a regular provider.

Originally derived from civilian dune buggies, the LSV line has followed its own development path. The systems are largely designed to be modular, with even the engine strapped in so it has the ability to be quickly changed in the field, if required. The universal weapon mounts allow a small team to carry more firepower than they normally would and employ it effectively against any target.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** 2 Additional Modification Slots, Off-road Suspension, Off-road Tires, Weapon Mount (external, flexible, manual), Weapon Mount, (external, turret, manual)

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**Lockheed-Chenowth LSV (ATV)**

- **HANDL:** +0
- **ACCEL:** 15/30
- **SPD:** 90
- **PILOT:** 1
- **BODY:** 8
- **ARM:** 0
- **SENS:** 1
- **AVAIL:** 4
- **COST:** 8,500¥

- A lot of fun to tear up some innocent terrain with, but not something I want to fight out of. I understand why some units use them, but I prefer a little more armor between me and someone shooting at me.
- Hard Exit
- The UCAS Special Forces teams keep a number of these in their public inventory. Strangely, they do not appear to be heavily modified. I wonder what the ones they actually use look like.
- Slamm-O!
- You can count on them having a satellite comm units for starters. You can't call in air support without some type of secure method to guide them in.
- Picador
- Those links aren’t as secure as some of you think they are.
- Orbital DK
The Americar was once the best selling sedan in North America. There are still thousands on the road, even though the Comet has been heavily marketed to replace it. There is enough demand for replacement parts, and Ford has maintained a line producing them non-stop even after the model was officially retired.

The vehicle has few outstanding features compared to modern equivalents. The navigation system is substandard, requiring an additional module to become Grid Guide™ compliant. The interior barely passes most established ergonomic standards, with safety equipment being barely better.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Obsolete

FORD AMERICAR (SEDAN)

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- I think someone is tired of repairing these, as she fails to mention any of the good points. You know there are reasons Ford has had to keep that line going, right?
- Clockwork
- Possibly to maintain a high enough level of profitability to ensure its independence from the Big Ten? The Americar was Ford’s moneymaker for over twenty years, and that spare parts line covers nearly the entire executive suites’ bonus packages every year.
- Mr. Bonds
- Look into the latest issue of Gears and Things. It looks as if Ford is going to bring it back for the 2076 model year. They couldn’t keep the old gal down.
- Beaker
- There is a benefit to the Americar when you are working a covert op. They are so common, you can sit in plain sight and not leave much of an impression.
- DangerSensei
The Elite is a luxury vehicle that has managed to age well. The car’s lines are still considered classic on several Matrix blogs, while its interior is almost up to current standards. The integrated electronics package is capable of handling most current generation software upgrades, and its user interface is still intuitive to most users.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Obsolescent, Personal Armor 2, Pimped Ride (Level 1)

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- Turbo must like somebody who drives one. She failed to mention the cost of spare parts is higher than a junkie on novacoke. They have to be imported from Japan, as Toyota never established a production line in North America.
- Clockwork
- The luxury car market continues to shrink since the last recession. It appears those who have the money to spend on things this expensive have already been made brand-loyal by their employers, and few independents can really afford to spend so much on transportation.
- Dr. Spin
- Something to keep in mind with the Elite is there is a little pocket just behind the front bumper. It’s really easy to slip a long-range tracker in there, and it’ll barely get wet.
- Sticks
One of Gaz’s most prolific sellers, the Nomad was replaced by the P-179 five years ago. It offers better cross-country performance than its successor but suffers from low fuel economy. The vehicle also looks its age, with flat sides and unstreamlined features. The bed is constructed of steel alloy and is susceptible to rust if the original seal is damaged or punctured.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Obsolescent, Off-road Suspension, Reduced Economy, Winch

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**GAZ-WILLIES NOMAD (PICKUP TRUCK)**

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- It’s not a bad little truck, and it’s still common around Spokane with the agricorp workers. The mechanics there also fix the beds pretty cheap; all it takes is a little work and some spray sealant.
- Traveler Jones
- I just like the fact Seattle still has some in their motor pool. While I doubt using a properly painted one will make a ruse foolproof, it helps making sure the props are authentic-looking to most people.
- Riser

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**MODIFYING OBSOLETE VEHICLES**

It is possible, with enough effort and nuyen, to retrofit an old vehicle to meet modern standards. This brings with it the benefits of modern GridGuide and the ability of modern commlinks to interface without the use of a translation program. It is also expensive—as a guide to gamemasters, a base price for such a retrofit should be at minimum 25 percent of the vehicle’s base price. This removes the “Obsolete” trait.

Also, modifying an authentic antique with a standard modification (p. 126, Arsenal) requires additional parts and expertise to accomplish. The benefit is the plans are more widely known, even if the parts listed in them are no longer available. A Matrix search for plans (p. 128, Arsenal) has a threshold one lower than normal, as some of the plans have been public knowledge for at least a decade. The trouble is that most upgrades cost ten percent more than the cost listed in Arsenal, as parts must be sourced from harder-to-locate vendors or manufactured from scratch; in these instances, the threshold for the Modification Test is 2 higher than normal.
The model Land Rover has been milking for nearly 25 years. The 2046 is a favorite of collectors and those who can't afford the 2068 or the 2073. The 2046 has far less frills than the current model, but is far easier to repair and maintain. The model is still common in Africa and the Middle East, with local manufacturers producing spare parts and upgrade kits for those owners who desire them.

The model's suspension is optimized for cross-country operation, with a towing package as standard equipment. The dual rear axle improves traction in difficult terrain, a feature later models have dispensed with. The electronics are substandard, but reasonable to upgrade, allowing the user to keep the SUV street legal in most jurisdictions.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Obsolete, Off-road Suspension

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**LAND ROVER MODEL 2046 (SUV)**

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- A popular choice for light units in the bush. The ease of maintenance is critical when your nearest resupply point is a couple hundred klicks to the rear.
- Picador
- There's a refit outfit near Kuwait City that has a series of weapon mounts designed for most Land Rovers, including a couple law enforcement is unlikely to find. The drop-down LMG is great for getting through roadside checkpoints.
- Clockwork
- I would suggest caution in using that workshop, Clockwork. The primary owners are members of the Mudaween, and they aren't known for their love of metas.
- Goat Foot
- For less, shall we say, loud uses, the Land Rovers are popular in most of Europe's Alpine region. The Czech border patrols still uses this model, as they've been unable to secure funding for something newer.
- Fianchetto
- Europe, hell. Most of the Ute drive stuff at least this old. They never seem to have enough money to get anything nicer.
- Turbo Bunny
The Brumley was originally imported from Australia until Nissan started a production line in Memphis. The vehicle’s small size appealed to a market segment that desired the ability to occasionally off-road for recreation, or just off load the kids at the latest after school activity. The North American production line closed ten years ago, making this relatively rare on that continent. The Australian production line is still open, as the vehicle is considered reliable enough for an excursion into the Outback.

The vehicle is a little smaller than typical AWD vehicles, partially explaining its popularity with those who like driving in wooded areas. The lack of a local spare parts manufacturer is largely what ended the vehicle’s usage in the northern hemisphere. Local shops can occasionally get refurbished parts from specialty suppliers; otherwise shipping time and rates from Australia must be considered when repairing this vehicle.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Obsolete, Off-road Suspension

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- These are a pain to work on. If you need to have a shop fix something, add about fifty percent to the labor cost. Apparently they weren’t made with mechanics in mind.
- Clockwork
- The spare parts issue isn’t that big of a deal, depending on what you are trying to fix. Nano-forgé patterns are on the Matrix and can be downloaded for a low fee (or you can have your hacker friend get around that fee for you, if you’re so inclined). The only issue is wiping all the tags out of the finished product. Easy if it’s a muffler pipe, not so easy if it is the electronic throttle control.
- Beaker
- There’s a security company on Oahu that provides guided tours and uses these as their primary vehicle. The armor is carefully concealed and the drivers top-notch, but be careful if you try an extraction on one of their charges. They have punitive clauses in their contract that means you’re not safe anywhere on the island chain, and maybe beyond.
- Mihoshi Oni
The answer for every middle-aged wageslave’s midlife crisis, the 3220 has enough zip for the driver to feel like they are finally embracing their rebel side while still slow enough that their insurance rates don’t get prohibitive. It also helps soothe the aged ego with an expensive maintenance schedule, just like the big boys. The car is fast for its weight class but handling suffers at high speed, ensuring anyone who regularly takes this car to the edge of its performance envelope is skilled enough for something better.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Obsolescent, Racing Tires, Reduced Economy

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**HONDA-GM 3220 (SPORTS CAR)**

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- They’re actually a lot of fun to drive, and from what I’ve heard the body work isn’t too expensive. I guess that’s important to the kids and parents when they wreck Daddy’s ride.
- Riser
- Meh, the turbocharger option makes them okay, but I prefer something flashier when I want to make an entrance. Usually a Banshee makes the right impression, and that sumbitch is a lot faster.
- Kane
- They used to be popular with corp youth until the Shin-Hyung started making the rounds. GM stopped their production line four years ago, while the Asian line continued for a while longer.
- Dr. Spin
The Dynamit is the real deal when it comes to sports cars. The engine features a turbocharger as stock equipment and is still one of the strongest racing engines produced today. The vehicle features a number of crash restraints and impact proof panels to ensure driver safety while the pilot program provides guidance to avoid the impact in the first place. The integrated sensors were developed from old flight avionics to give the driver the sensation of flying low rather than just driving.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Obsolescent, Turbocharger

### SAAB DYNAMIT 778 TI (SPORTS CAR)

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- Turbo fails to mention the interface is three generations out of date and the compatibility with modern wireless protocols is less than a kiddilink. The only decent part of the suite is the optional satellite uplink. Unfortunately only one in four ever had that feature.
- Clockwork
- They’re much more popular in Europe that they are in North America. Saab still enters derivatives into the Production Sports Circuit, allowing them to sell a limited number every year from the old production tools.
- Fianchetto
- You have no idea how hard the Japanese manufacturers are trying to put these cars out of circulation. They are offering extensive buyback programs throughout the Empire. The units they buy are then promptly recycled.
- Baka Dabora
The Tsarina features a unique look, with the driver sitting behind and slightly above the passenger in front, similar to the arrangement in old attack helicopters. The vehicle’s unique profile is easily recognizable as the shape allows for greater storage space than most other vehicles in its class. The Tsarina is still manufactured at a plant near Moscow, but worldwide distribution ceased five years ago.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Obsolescent

**LEYLAND-ZIL TSARINA (SUBCOMPACT)**

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- You’d be surprised on what can fit in the cargo space. I know competitors that have managed to slip cases of valuables past checkpoints underneath the suitcases. It’s low tech, but nobody expects a smuggler to use a car like this for anything.
- Am-Mut
- The seating arrangement is a little uncomfortable for anyone of a larger size; I’d hate to have to fit a troll in one. The top closes in on you like a fighter jet or something and it doesn’t have nearly that level of performance.
- Riser
- I like it. It might not be as practical as some other layouts, but it feels natural to me. It also helps there is only one passenger to complain about my driving.
- Orbital DK
The Runabout appears to be a sporty little vehicle that should tear up the streets with little difficulty. Unfortunately appearances are deceiving. The Runabout is a decent transport for its driver and one passenger, at most. The only cargo space is under the seats, limiting what can be stowed. The top is removable, accentuating the sporty look and allowing a larger person to fit.

The Runabout’s navigation computer was designed for Autonav, but with the success of Grid Guide as a navigation aide, the original application is rarely activated. The battery system is limited but the use of Gridlink allows the owner to traverse suitable areas without worry.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Gridlink, Obsolescent, Reduced Economy

### MITSUBISHI RUNABOUT (SUBCOMPACT)

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- This is another squeeze-mobile. They definitely never intended an ork or a troll to buy one, which is strange considering most of them can barely afford anything better.
- Riser
- There has been effort on the part of the Japanacorps to keep the undesirable metahuman species in less-favorable economic situations. This includes offering less-than-desirable private transportation options, leaving them on public transportation where monitoring is easier.
- Plan 9
- You know a thread has devolved if Plan 9 is making sense.
- Snopes
- Mitsubishi only sells these in Cape Town now. The one production line churns out a few hundred to supply the locals at about the same rate they recycle them. Apparently the road network in the Bowl is fully wired, and the Runabout is small enough that the corp brats aren’t tempted to take them too far into the satellite towns.
- Clockwork
An expression of minimalistic car design, the Elektro takes it to extremes unseen in its competition. The low-slung styling is intended to draw in young purchasers before a growing family becomes a concern. The canopy slides forward, allowing the user easily reach the storage space underneath the seat before entering or after exiting the vehicle. The car’s controls resemble an aircraft’s with a stick and pedals rather than the traditional steering wheel.

When the Elektro was introduced, it saw considerable success along the eastern seaboard where the Gridlink system is largely contiguous. It never gained much popularity amongst the NAN citizenry as the battery lacks the range to go considerable distances. Volkswagen ceased production after experiments proved installing full wireless connectivity would be cost prohibitive.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Gridlink, Obsolete, Reduced Economy

- The firewall on this thing’s central processor is a joke. You can almost get through it using a kiddilink and email. Driving one of these is asking to get into trouble.
- Glitch
- The three-wheel design isn’t the most stable chassis ever conceived, but if you need a cheap ride to get you across a city or to a minor meet, it’ll do the job. I just wouldn’t want to be seen driving one.
- Rigger X
- Surprisingly the cab almost looks big enough for an ork to drive without too much difficulty. I wouldn’t want to see a troll trying to get into one, but at least it’s slightly meta friendly, even if it was by accident.
- Riser
- I wouldn’t want to see the puny battery explode due to strain on the engine while the troll was sitting on it. Then again I might—it could be a bit of a comedy skit.
- Kane
The Trailblazer was built as an effort to spur sales though maintaining reliability at a reasonable cost. While successful for a number of years, the Trailblazer has largely been replaced by Zugmaschines and comparable designs. The ability of corporations to link several of the more powerful tractors together as a virtual convoy has largely replaced the need for individual operation of the vehicles.

The Trailblazer features a dual-bunk arrangement directly behind the driver, allowing teams to minimize stops and provide a certain level of companionship while on the road. While the amenities are not the most comfortable, some independents still run these machines nearly year-round in an attempt to scrape out a legitimate living.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Obsolete, Amenities (Low)

**CONESTOGA TRAILBLAZER (TRACTOR TRAILER)**

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- Most of the ones still on the road have been modified with a rigger cocoon replacing one of the bunks. Unfortunately wireless capability wasn’t a standard capability when the conversions happened.
- Clockwork
- They are a little noisy for my tastes, but they can get a load from point A to point B and are just common enough to slide by most law enforcement.
- Traveler Jones
- A bunch of these have been shipped to Kenya lately, but I didn’t think their road network would support them. I guess I’ll have to dig deeper.
- Snopes
The 4201 is a family of related trucks intended to fulfill a number of roles with cargo, tanker, and passenger bus modules available to purchasers. GMC produced twenty-three million units before production ceased; licensed production added another forty million to the total. The massive number of vehicles produced has ensured that several of these are still on the road today, although the number is rapidly dwindling as they no longer pass many local registration standards.

Std. Upgrades/Accessories: Obsolete

GMC 4201 SERIES (LARGE TRANSPORT)

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- The biggest reason the fleet is being recycled is new temporary emissions standards. UCAS put them in place a couple years ago, and they are due to go away after 2075.
- Clockwork
- You still find a lot of them near Redding, primarily working as agricultural haulers. The locals keep them running with welding torches and scrap metal.
- Traveler Jones
- Even though it’s a forty-plus-year-old design, it still meets the needs of short-haul truckers around Cairo. There is a local plant producing engine parts.
- Am-Mut
The Mobmaster is basically a light armored personnel carrier that was marketed to law-enforcement and security agencies. While Ares still lists it in the Security Catalog, only one known order has been completed in the past six years—that order was five vehicles for UCAS’ FBI. The vehicle has a number of parts in common with the other Master series vehicles, allowing operators to source a number of their parts through third parties.

The Mobmaster has a number of features to support its squad when deployed. The mini-turret covers the area in front of the vehicle while the fixed mount is capable of carrying a number of different options, although the normal choice is some type of smoke discharger. The vehicle also has weapon ports for the squad to use while still aboard.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Amenities (Squatter), Ammo Bin, 8 x Firing Ports, Life Support (Level 1), Weapon Mount (external, flexible, remote), Weapon Mount (external, fixed, remote)

- The Mobmaster has largely been relegated to the motor pool after the incidents around Halley’s comet. The vision of jack-booted thugs pouring out of them to quell some of the riots left a marketing image Ares has yet to beat.
- Dr. Spin
- Lone Star still favors them, thanks to their ability to hold either a full ten-man squad or a fire team and a technical support team, the Mobmaster allows for rapid deployment of assets without using full milspec gear.
- Sunshine
- The armor plating is the same thickness as the Citymaster, but the lack of gel shock pads between the inner layers has reduced its ballistic protection by roughly ten percent.
- Beaker
- I find the firing ports to be overhyped; most organizations don’t spend enough time training their operators to effectively use the feature. It takes time, ammo, and fuel—all things which most national militaries are trying to save.
- Black Mamba
This is the heavyweight of Doc Wagon’s options. The modified van carries two complete Valkyrie modules to make sure Platinum contracts are fulfilled to the letter. The van has been modified to provide increased electricity to power the extensive medical facilities inside, reducing fuel economy. This model is still used by Doc Wagon, but they have begun researching the possibility of replacing these with a lighter vehicle.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Life Support (Level 2), Reduced Economy, Run Flat Tires, 2 Valkyrie Modules, Weapon Mount (external, turret, remote)

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**DOC WAGON CITYMASTER (AMBULANCE)**

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- This is something I work hard to avoid, both as a patient and as someone kicking the drek out of one of their clients. The CRT has no sense of humor when it comes to picking up their clients.
- Riser
- Personally, I have always seen their arrival as a failure on my part. Either the failure to protect my client, or the failure to control a situation before such levels of violence became the only way to resolve it.
- Mihoshi Oni
- Funny, I see them as a business opportunity; body parts already tagged and bagged for transport to a buyer. And if you’re quick about it, Doc Wagon fronts the gas bill.
- Kane
- Working with the body snatchers again? Kane, is there anything you won’t do for nuyen?
- Netcat
- You have to ask?
- Kane
This van has been used for nearly twenty five years without major updates, leaving the body style archaic and sales floundering. Leyland has announced the lines closure with the current model year. The van was once popular with both commercial and private purchasers due to its reliability and easy maintenance. However, the capabilities of the vehicle have diminished versus its competition and its minimal integration with the wireless Matrix reduces its desirability with an increasingly integrated workforce.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Obsolete

### Leyland-Rover Transport (Passenger Van)

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- It’s about as boring as it gets, but there is enough room to build a thin false bottom for the entire vehicle to slip things past law enforcement and still make a decent profit.
- Am-Mut
- There’re a couple members of the Ancients who do a monthly run from Portland using that trick. I’ve heard the run is made for better quality chips to peddle to the desperate in Puyallup.
- Turbo Bunny
- Actually, they do three runs a month. The first two are to studios in Redmond. The independents need some way to get their stuff into circulation as Knight Errant has cracked down on their Matrix distribution.
- Snopes
- I find it a good way to slip past Knight Errant. Who stops an ork driving an old, beat up van? It fits the stereotype so well even the cops expect it. They’ll never know how much ammo fits in the back.
- Riser
The Eurovan was one of a series of modular vehicles that attempted to cross the Atlantic in the forties with some success. The van was produced in New Jersey for about five years before production stopped as the North American market was fairly saturated with two other European offerings and Ares was unleashing the Hermes on the commercial market. The Eurovan developed a reputation as being underpowered for its intended market, with the camper version being particularly maligned.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Amenities (Low), Obsolescent

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- It is a pretty good van for what it was intended to do. Apparently American drivers expected acceleration and good performance across more profiles than the designers originally intended.
- Clockwork
- I found the camper version useful under certain circumstances. First, it doesn't look like a camper. Second, when you are performing surveillance on a target, being able to catch some convenient winks is invaluable.
- Sticks
- The biggest problem at this point is tag-free spare parts. Renault is only building them with nano-forges anymore.
- Turbo Bunny
- I know of some other good uses for the back of this van.
- Kat o’ Nine Tales
The Three was the most popular member of this extended vehicle family that still endures—Volkswagen has announced the Supercombi VII will be released in 2074, and they are now accepting pre-orders. The Three will thus become even more obsolete, but it still is usable. It has a large engine bay and a semi-modular rear bay that requires a shop to change if desired, and a replacement is available. The streamlined styling is a bit dated but easy to repair if damaged.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Obsolescent

**I've found the engine bay is a good place to hide small valuables when trying to slip chips past border security. A little work and it looks like you attempted to upgrade the central processor to match modern standards.**

**Am-Mut**

**There are a number of these still in operation around Boston. One of the major delivery companies replaced their local fleet with these, and after they transitioned to a newer option, the older models were sold on the local used market.**

**Traveler Jones**

**The CAS Army bought a few dozen of these from a recycler a couple of years back. They are using them as targets at Fort Benning.**

**Hard Exit**

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FastJack wanted me to present a rounded image of vehicles on the road and not concentrate entirely on North America, so I lifted some descriptions from a ShadowSEA poster named Pegasus. I’ve double-checked it and it largely seems legit, but if you get to France and the prices are wrong, it’s on you.

- I believe the term is *caveat emptor*.
- Man-of-Many-Names
The Trollhammer is the latest bike offered through BMW and is targeted to larger metahumans. The advertising campaign is one of its largest strengths along with its classic styling. The bike is one of the heaviest on the market, which also means only the strongest can realistically expect to drive it.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Metahuman Adaptation

**BMW TROLLHAMMER (CHOPPER)**

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*Modification for troll-sized drivers costs an additional 250¥.

- They have gained a lot of popularity with younger, larger members of the Vory in France. They are almost emulating the classic North American thugs in appearance and style. I’m sure the gendarmes will deal with them; they are too obvious to ignore.
- Fianchetto

- They’re big, loud, and comfortable to drive. Too bad I’ll never own one. They’re also conspicuous and draw lots of attention from law enforcement when you drive by.
- Riser

- While legal to import, BMW hasn’t announced any plans to add these to its UCAS product line. I guess they’re working on a new ad campaign to launch them formally.
  - Dr. Spin

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**CUSTOM BIKE SHIPMENT SEIZED**

Boston, UCAS—Customs authorities have seized a shipment of BMW motorcycles after they failed to pass a routine inspection. The shipping container has been moved to an undisclosed location until the matter can be resolved. The cargo was intended for Evo’s Natick facility and had been traveling through normal shipping channels.

According to unnamed sources, the muffler systems of the bikes were filled with novacoke. State and Federal authorities have expressed concern about the possibility of a member of an extraterritorial corporation supplying the region’s expanding drug addict problem.

- Apparently there were six Trollhammers in the container hiding almost twenty-five kilos of drugs between them. The shipper didn’t even double-seal the bags. Somebody’s going to be in trouble.
  - Sunshine
The latest exhibition in European luxury vehicles, the President encourages those who own one to feel like they are above the masses. While not produced on North America, NeoNET has imported several into Atlanta for their executive protection details, spurring further imports for those who desire them. The engine has a turbocharger installed for those times a fast get away is required as well as enhanced theft protection when the vehicle needs to be remain in place.

The interior of the President is impressive with the amount of luxuries present, but Eurocar offers an even more luxurious model for those who spend enough time in their vehicle for it to matter, or for those who just want to look even wealthier.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories**: Amenities (High), Armor (Concealed), Life Support (Level 1), Personal Armor, Termination System, Turbocharger

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**EUROCAR PRESIDENT**

- The new kid on the block for those who find the Nightsky to be too passé. I like the turbocharger though. It’s never a bad thing to be able to get out of trouble fast.
- Bull

- I found the termination system to be a liability. While in theory it lets someone stop the vehicle if a hostile extraction is attempted against the asset, a good hacker can manage to turn the system against the protection team.
- Mihoshi Oni

- I had a chance to ride in one near Charleston. The leather seats have warmers, not that we need them down there.
- Kat o’ Nine Tales

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**EUROCAR PRESIDENT (LIMOUSINE)**

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*For an additional 12,500¥, the Amenities can be improved to Luxury level.
The Lingus has been produced by Volkswagen for the European market for nearly four years. The vehicle’s success has been based on its integration into the wireless world. Volkswagen uses data collected through the Lingus’ status software to refine improvements for later models.

Volkswagen has started a limited sales campaign in North America in an attempt to see if the vehicles would be viable to an American audience. The vehicle’s intended market, mainly wageslaves, tends to be more brand-loyal in the New World, making the likelihood of cross mega-corporation sales success low.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Passenger Protection (Rtg. 2)

### VOLKSWAGEN LINGUS (STATION WAGON)

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- Reliable, dependable, integrated, and boring. I prefer a vehicle with a little more horsepower for those times you need to get away. Plus, what good is a vehicle that sends its location to a database every three minutes?
- DangerSensei
- If I was looking for a family car, this might be the one. Have you seen the optional baby-seat protection system? It even includes a fragmentation inhibitor if you get into an accident.
- Netcat
- It’s a cheap ballistic nylon cover. You could probably do better with whatever armor castoffs your razorboy has.
- Kane
A frequent sight on the roads leading into and out of Europort, the Scania is intended to carry shipping containers to their final destination. The freight bed is capable of carrying a number of different load types, but these often require additional attachments. The truck is designed for either rigger or manual operation, with the remote option preferred for longer routes. The back of the cab is arranged as living quarters for those occasions where a driver is required to stay with the truck for a longer period of time.

**Std. Upgrades/Accessories:** Amenities (Middle), Rigger Adaptation

### SCANIA VM 42 (HEAVY TRANSPORT)

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- If you have a good enough hacker to get you across the borders or fake an EEC pass, this is the best way to get across Europe. They’re common enough to be ignored by everyone, especially the ones who are supposed to be looking at them.
  - Traveler Jones

- They are pretty common. I’ve used the shipping container trick a couple of times for larger shipments.
  - Red Anya

- Supporters of the Free Poland movement turned one of these into an impressive truck bomb last week. The explosion managed to flatten a Russian-owned industrial building. Nobody made it out.
  - Aufheben