

Eldar Portals to the Webway

Points: See Below.

To the Eldar race, the reclamation of ancient outposts is a matter of survival. Whether they are crone worlds (former homeworlds recently released by the Eye of Terror) or terraformed maiden worlds finally eligible for settlement, they all must be cultivated.

Larger settlements and terraformed maiden worlds will have had large wraithbone portals to the webway constructed for use to quickly transfer workers and equipment between the planet and remote locations such as craftworlds or even other planets. These wraithgates provide significant advantages to the returning Eldar, enabling them to quickly begin settlement of a maiden world, return their abandoned outpost to full working order, or to land troops and vehicles in support of a battle with trespassing lower life forms.

Sometimes the damage that the planet has suffered over the millennia since it was abandoned is actually quite minimal and most of the facilities can be reactivated remotely from orbit. In some instances, though, the wraithgates cannot be reactivated remotely. Therefore, it is often necessary to equip small strike forces with portable webway portals that allow larger contingencies of workers and/or warriors to subsequently access the planet. Different Craftworlds have approached the use of these portable webways in different ways. The most famous of these are the legendary Uthwe Strike Forces utilized by that Craftworld during the Eye of Terror atrocities. Even the Dark Kin of the Eldar have mastered the use of this type of technology, often utilizing it for larger slave raids on unsuspecting populations.

Introduction

Portals to the Webway are purchased like other formations in an Apocalypse game, but with a 0-1 limit. They are treated like equipment, so must be given to any Independent Character, Psyker, or Exarch.

Forces

- 1-2 Large Webway Portal(s) (200 points)
- 0+ Small Webway Portal(s) (75 points each)
- 0-1 Storm Serpent super-heavy grav-tank upgrade (100 points)

Special Rules

Webway Portal: Webway Portals come in three different types—five inch diameter (Large), three inch diameter (Small), and as an upgrade for a single Super-Heavy Grav Tank (Storm Serpent Upgrade). A Webway Portal does not block line of sight, and is considered impassible terrain. Webway Portals must be appropriately modeled and of appropriate size.

The Webway Portal may be voluntarily opened in the shooting phase. The model may not shoot or run in that shooting phase, but other members of the squad may shoot as normal. To open the Webway Portal, simply place an appropriately-modeled marker in base contact with the model carrying it. The marker must be placed in an unoccupied area if possible. If this is not possible, place the marker so that the fewest number of friendly and enemy models are under it and subsequently move these models the shortest distance to be located off the marker maintaining any relations between units (e.g., if locked in combat, they remain locked in combat)—the ripple of the force of opening an inter-dimensional door gently pushes them aside. If the Webway Portal has not been opened, and the model carrying it is killed, it will instantly open as just described. During any subsequent turn, available reserves may enter the table from the portal marker as if it were the player's table edge. Super Heavy vehicles and Flyers may not utilize a Webway Portal. Models must be able to fit "through" the portal to utilize it. For example, an Eldar Grav Tank could fit through a Large Webway Portal as it is less than five inches wide, but it would not fit through a Small Webway Portal (being wider than three inches).

Storm Serpent Upgrade: A single Eldar Super Heavy grav-tank in the player's force may be upgraded with a Storm Serpent Portal for +100 points. The tank has a Webway Portal installed between the engine exhausts on the rear of the grav-tank (and therefore, moves with the tank during the game). The Portal is always open, and only ceases to function when the tank is destroyed. Aside from these differences, this portal acts exactly like a Small Webway Portal described above.