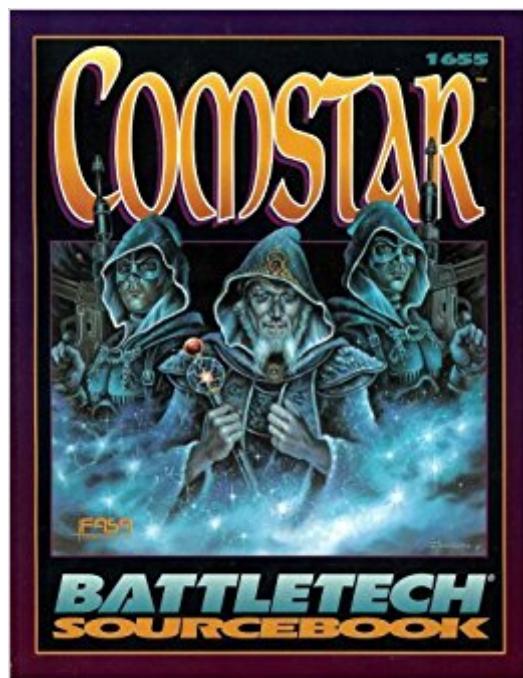


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# Comstar (Battletech Sourcebook, 1655)



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The ComStar field manual is a useful roleplaying resource, with the unit histories similar to those found in all of the field manuals. I find that it is somewhat less useful than the others, if only because it tries to do too much. The book wastes space explaining 4 different organizational systems (Com Star, Star League, Rasalhague, and Clan). The other manuals had more focus, whereas this appears to be an attempt to throw in every remaining non-great house faction. Can't really blame FASA for that though, as Rasalhague and the SLDF had to get something, and surely don't deserve their own manuals (yet).. overall a solid product, and worth getting eventually, although I recommend picking

up some of the others first if you dont really need the ComStar info for a campaign.

This is a great source book for anyone interested in the psedo-religious cult like entity known as Comstar in the Battletech game. The source book gives the entire history of the corporation from its beginnings with Jerome Blake , all the way up to the arrival of the Clans and the splintering of Comstar into the Word of Blake faction. The book contains rich flavor text, beautifully drawn and painted pictures of comstar outfits and 3 new { in 3055 } mechs. I would definitely recommend this source book for anyone interested in using Comstar's influence in their BattleTech or Mechwarrior campaigns.

What can I say? Comstar is the black sheep of the galactic family, shrouded in mystery. This source book shed some light on their history and built a sturdy framwork from which many a story and adventure can be based. The information is solid but not overpowering, it allows for the gamemasters to play around with their own universes. This book also supports the snippets of stories that long-time gamers like myself have heard of the actions of Com-star. On top of all the nitty-gritty game details, it is a wonderfully written book with captivating stories.

Fasa has vastly improved they way they write RPG/tabletop reference material. In years past, reading a unit sourcebook (i.e. Jade Falcon source book) was alot like reading a scrap book combined with a unit roster from the civil war. But their new works, the Field Manuals, really does a excellent job fleshing out units, their history and their culture, Providing a solid base for game masters to build awesome plots on. I recommend this book to ALL Battletech players and fans.

A good source book for discovering the who, and more importantly, the why of these quasi-religious technocrats, called Comstar. Often portrayed by author Stackpole as "evil," we see that Comstar is much like the great Houses of the Inner Sphere, with a political agenda for unifying the galaxy on its own. Great stuff on the Word of Blake faction too.

This field manual on Comstar is better than the older one that I do not have and I can not find. If you want to have an idea on what Comstar is doing, then, this is the field manual to have. It does try to do too much but it is very clear on what is about. Comstar is now part of the starleague.

It should be noted that (FASA code 1655) is the Classic Battletech Comstar SOURCEBOOK

(Detailing Comstar's history) not the later Comstar FIELD MANUAL (Which deals with Comstar/WoB's Military organisation. Hope that clears any confusion.

I've purchased all of the Feild Manual series so far in print and find the Comstar one to be a excellent addition. It offers insites into the individual units that make up Comstar, Word of Blake, etc. Though I would have liked to see more unit history and the re-formation of Clan Nova Cat.

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