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▶ //PROJECT
PERSEUS

▶ When considering a contemporary gunship for both the civilian and military sectors, we looked to our past; to the historic RSI Perseus. The following documentation details the model's origins, military engagements, redevelopment, and the process of releasing the ship to the civilian market.



//The Return

In 2946, Admiral Ernst Bishop led UEE Naval forces in Operation Mandrake, successfully routing the Vanduul from the Oberon System and securing a key tactical win for the Empire. Among the many unsung heroes of the operation was the crew of the UEES Achilles, an aging RSI Perseus gunship and relic of a bygone era.

Though it was damaged beyond repair, the Achilles managed to down two Vanduul destroyers. This impressive feat helped turn the battle in favor of the Empire and did not go unnoticed by Admiral Bishop, who personally lobbied RSI to start producing the Perseus model again for use against the Vanduul.

Now, RSI is proud to present the civilian-model Perseus gunship. Capable of successfully engaging a broad spectrum of ship classes, the mere presence of a Perseus is enough to make your most aggressive enemies think twice before engaging... just like its vintage namesake.

//Model of Intimidation

The original Perseus gunships were built to intimidate. First constructed in the late 2520s, these colossal predators stalked the Perry Line, making them a regular fixture in Humanity's era of tension with the Xi'an. Their ominous presence kept those looking to stir-up trouble on their best behavior, while their massive cannons obliterated those that didn't heed the warning. Everything about the Perseus' physical form was designed to inspire awe and dread. This was infamously evidenced by the "incident at Red Ridge," when a violent local insurrection on Cestulus was quelled without a shot fired thanks to the arrival of UPES Bunjil, one of the original UPEN Perseus gunships.

When bringing back the Perseus and tuning it for the civilian market, retaining the shark-like silhouette, iconic angles, and hard-edge was of paramount importance, so improvements were sought under the hood.



The Perseus' menacing profile is practically unchanged thanks to the timeless quality of RSI design, and the civilian model is virtually identical to the military-spec version.



//Firepower

RSI shuttered its shrinking Perseus program in the 2860s due to lapsed naval interest. But thanks to the UEES Achilles' daring performance in Oberon, the Perseus' full potential as a tactical gunship has been rediscovered in the modern-day.

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Manual Turrets

During early tours of duty, the Perseus' primary role was a combat deterrent. The crew of the UPES Arash, known colloquially as the Soothsayers, wore badges famously emblazoned with a hooded, faceless wraith clutching a crystal ball. The ominous slogan, "Never a shot fired, never a battle lost" was written below it. While the accuracy of that now-iconic slogan has been challenged by historians, the fact remains that the Perseus gunships patrolling the Perry Line were deployed to minimize active engagement rather than provoke it.





▶ ASSAULT Manual Turrets

While peaceful resolutions are preferable, the Perseus' colossal guns are certainly capable of more than just striking fear into the hearts of would-be interlopers. Once dubbed "sub-cap slayers," the four massive size-7 cannons attached to manually operated turrets spell big trouble for big ships. With fringe expansion and the ongoing Vanduul war resulting in loosened security at high-traffic jump points, there's never been a better time for militias and localized law enforcement to up their firepower. The Perseus does that in spades.



▶ DEFEND //Remote Turrets/ Torpedoes

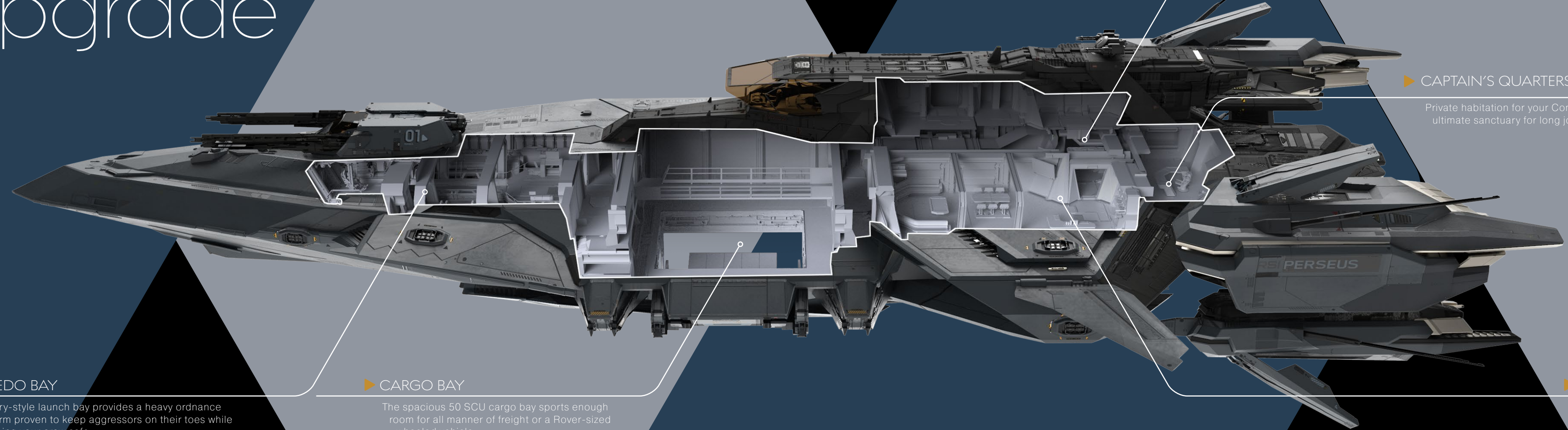
Whether on patrol, anchoring a blockade, or engaging in active assault, the Perseus' historically-inspired onboard defense systems hark back to a time when Human ships couldn't rely on shields to stay in once piece. Twin ballistic Gatling guns can be fully automated or remotely controlled to keep incoming ordnance at bay, while a military-inspired launch bay packs up to 20 size-5 torpedoes to make life hell for swarming fighters or rival gunboats.

//Cargo

The biggest change made in converting the Perseus for civilian use was a complete overhaul of the lower deck to accommodate more varied payloads and even small vehicles. We at RSI know your adventures and operations can take you in unexpected directions and that modern pilots tend to prize versatility and usability above all else. The Perseus' massive cargo bay has you covered, planetside and beyond.



//Internal Upgrade



▶ TORPEDO BAY

A military-style launch bay provides a heavy ordnance platform proven to keep aggressors on their toes while keeping your crew safe.

▶ CARGO BAY

The spacious 50 SCU cargo bay sports enough room for all manner of freight or a Rover-sized wheeled vehicle.

▶ CREW QUARTERS

Comfortable accommodation for up to five Human crewmembers lets you take on long missions without batting an eyelid.

▶ CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS

Private habitation for your Commanding Officer provides the ultimate sanctuary for long journeys on the drift.

▶ MESS HALL

A military-style galley keeps your crew well-nourished and motivated, plus it can act as common space for rest and recreation.

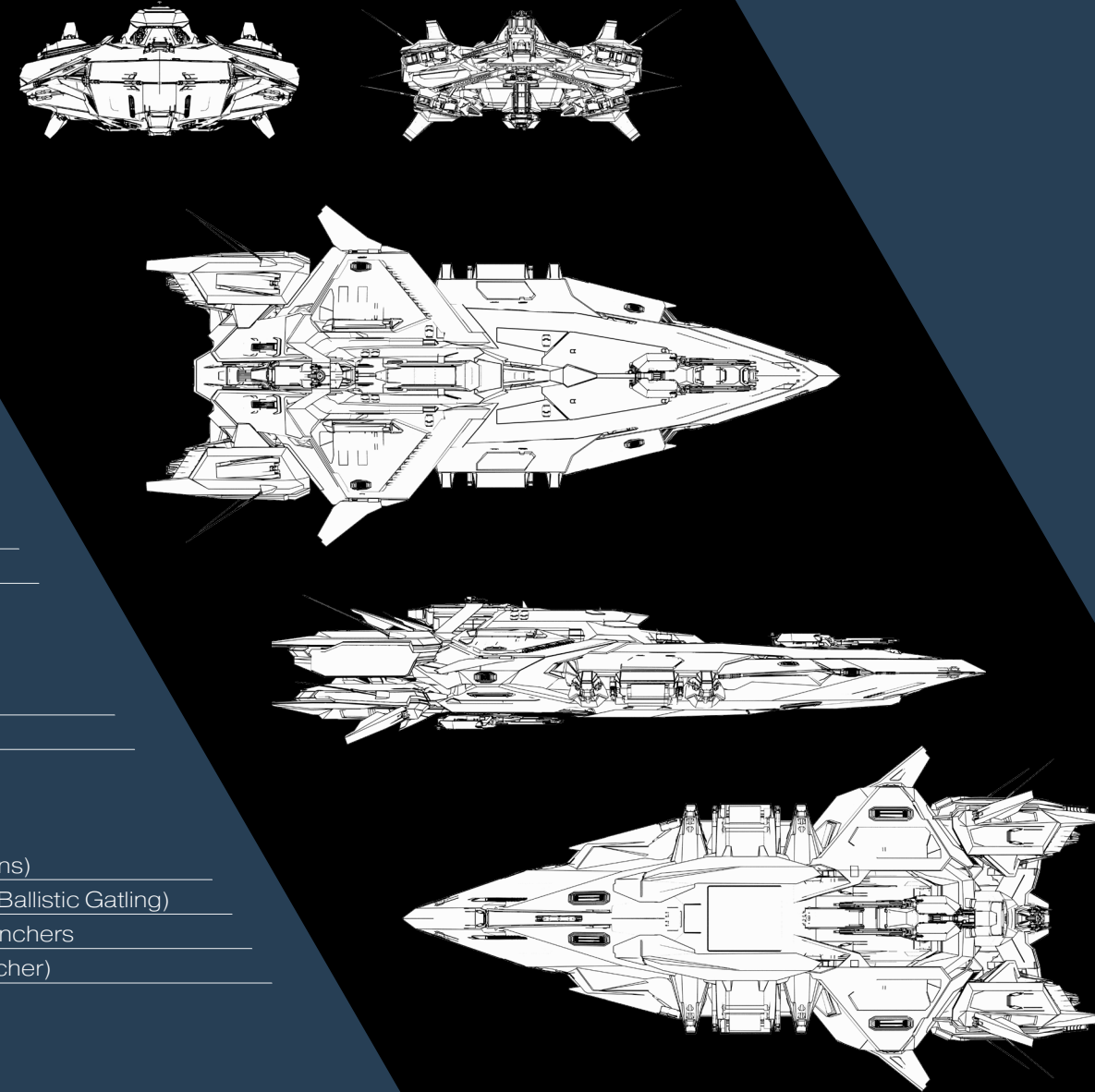
//Specification

LENGTH	100 m
WIDTH	50 m
HEIGHT	21 m
MAX CREW	6
MAX SCM SPEED	92 M/S
CARGO CAPACITY	50 SCU

LIFE SUPPORT	1x Large
SHIELD GENERATOR	2x Large
POWER PLANT	2x Large
JUMP DRIVE	1x Large
QUANTUM DRIVE	1x Large
QUANTUM FUELTANK	1x Large

ENGINES	2x Main, 2x VTOL
THRUSTERS	12x Fixed

TURRETS	2x Manned (Twin S7 Weapons)
	2x Auto/Remote (Twin S3 Ballistic Gatling)
MISSILES	2x S5 Tube Torpedo Launchers
	(10 Torpedos per launcher)



▶ UNDERSIDE VIEW





- ▶ The models featured in this publication are approved for use in the UEE. Some items of equipment are available as extra-cost options only. Specifications accurate at date of publish. For information on standard and optional equipment, please consult your local Dealer. Specifications, features and appearance are subject to revision during development.

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