# PLANET UNKNOWN

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# COMPONENTS

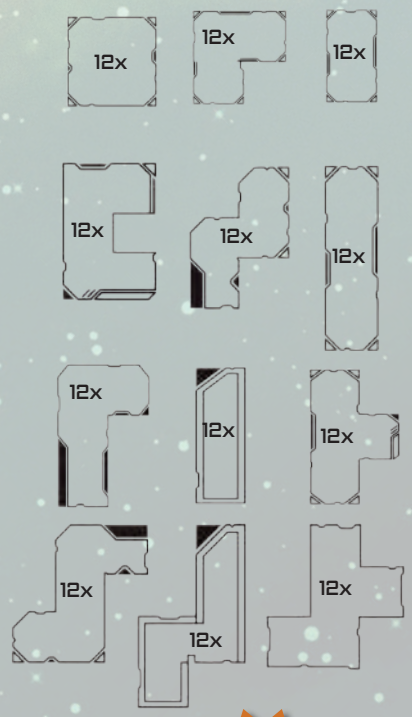
1 x Space Station
(S.U.S.A.N.)



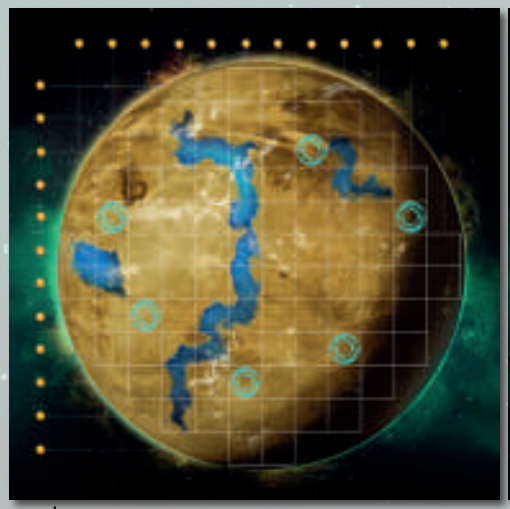
1 x Commander Token



144 x Polyomino Tiles




6 x Planet Boards



6 x Corporation Boards

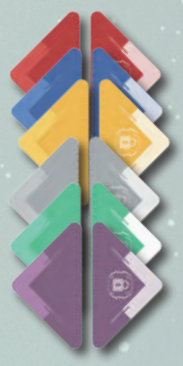


Symmetric front-side
Asymmetric back-side



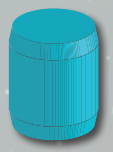
30 x Resource Trackers

12 x Depot Indicators





14 x Rovers



36+ Lifepods



60+ Meteorites



60+ Biomass Patches

28 x Objectives

28 x Private



28 x Neighbor




36 x Civ Cards

9 x Rank 1



9 x Rank 2



9 x Rank 3



9 x Rank 4



## Component Upgrades * Expandable Content**

*Components Upgraded in Limited Deluxe edition.
**Expandable Content included in all Kickstarter editions.



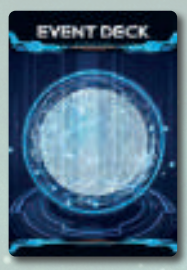




2 x Corporation Boards (Page 13)**
6 x Planet Boards (Page 15)**
1 x Flux token**



60 x Event Deck cards




Event Module

20 x Green Alerts



20 x Orange Alerts



20 x Red Alerts



1 x Scorepad



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## Getting Started

For the best player experience, we recommend your first game uses only the symmetric Planet and Corporation boards (KSB-4156 and Universal Coalition).

Once you understand the symmetric game, the asymmetric planets and corporations will be easier to learn and play.

# OVERVIEW

***Earth has run out of resources.***
***One to six planeteers have been selected to develop an unknown planet to preserve the future of humanity.***

# OBJECTIVE

Win the game by scoring the most victory points via efficient planet development, resource track advancement, collecting lifepods, removing meteorites, and besting your neighboring planets.

# GAME SETUP

1.) Place the *Space Station* in the center of the table. Load the ***POLYOMINO TILES*** based on the space station setup instructions.

2.) Give each player one ***PLANET BOARD,*** one ***CORPORATION BOARD***, two matching ***DEPOT INDICATORS***, and five ***RESOURCE TRACKERS*** (one of each black, blue, green, red, and white). Set up each corporation board, resource trackers, rovers, and lifepods as pictured to the right.

3.) Each player should individually choose to play with the symmetric side or asymmetric side of their corporation and planet board. The symmetric side has a complexity rating of one. The asymmetric side has a complexity rating that may be higher than one.



Ex: Complexity 3

4.) Each player should take and position the number of ***LIFEPODS*** and ***ROVERS*** as designated by their planet and corporation boards respectively. Each player should position their depot indicator around the space station separated equally and directly in front of a depot.



Ex: 2 x Rovers

5.) Randomly select ***CIV CARDS*** equal to number of players plus one for each civ card rank 1, 2, 3, 4. For example, in a 4-player game, there should be 5 cards of each rank. Cards should be organized into stacks separated by rank and placed on the table face down. All other civ cards should be returned to the box.

6.) ***METEORITES*** and ***BIOMASS PATCHES*** should be set aside and within easy reach of all players.

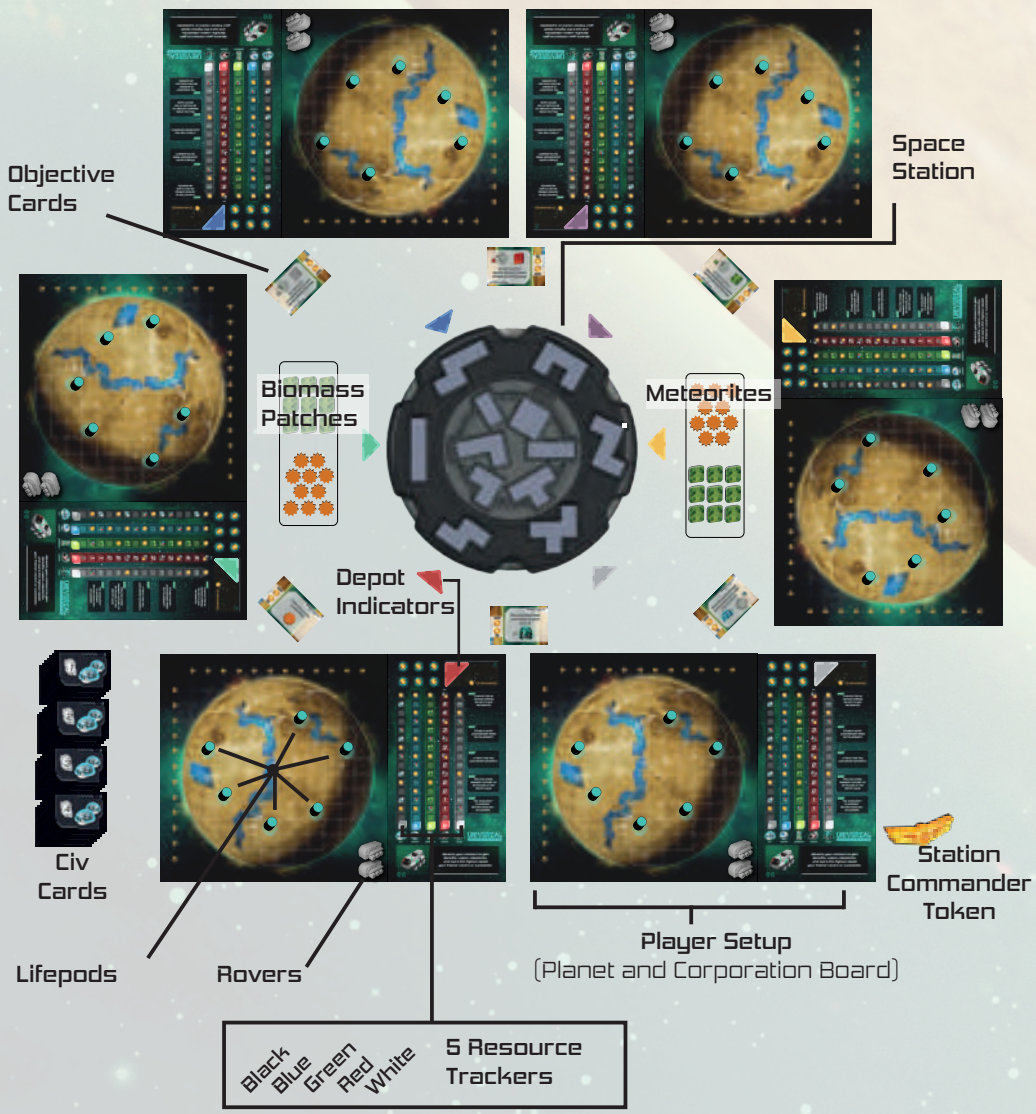
7.) Shuffle and deal ***OBJECTIVE CARDS***. The objective cards have two sides to them. Use the card side as designated by the grid below.

| | Card Side | Objective Setup |
|---|---|---|
| 3-6 players | Neighbor | One card positioned between each player |
| 2 players | Neighbor | Three cards positioned between both players |
| Solo Game | Private | Four cards, choose three to play with |

8.) Choose a player to be station commander and give them the ***STATION COMMANDER TOKEN***.



# GAME SETUP DIAGRAM




# SPACE STATION SETUP

Load the ***SPACE STATION*** with ***POLYOMINO TILES*** before starting the game. Each section of the space station, called a ***DEPOT***, should be loaded with two stacks of twelve tiles each. All tiles within a stack should be the same shape and have the same orientation.

Tiles should be organized into an interior ring (small tiles) and exterior ring (large tiles). Position the interior ring before you start play to create a variable setup for the entire game.




See the diagram above for a recommended setup or choose your own setup. Each depot always has a large and small tile stack.

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# HOW TO PLAY

Each round, the station commander may rotate the space station as much or as little as they like until any one ***DEPOT*** is directly in front of themself or their depot indicator. Conversely, the station commander may choose to not rotate the space station leaving it exactly as it is.

Once the station commander is done rotating the station, all players must draft one of the two tiles from the depot corresponding to their depot indicator. Tile drafting is simultaneous for all players.




All players place their drafted tile on their planet's grid according to the ***Tile Placement Rules***.

Each tile is divided into two sections. Each section contains one ***Resource*** and is covered with ***Terrain*** that corresponds to that resource.




After the tile has been placed, advance the resource trackers on your corporation board once for each resource on the tile, no matter the tile's size.



Note: There is no energy resource track or tracker on your corporation board as it functions differently than Civ, Water, Biomass, Rover, and Tech.

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Anytime a tile with a meteor symbol is placed on your planet, ***immediately*** place a ***METEORITE*** on top of the meteor symbol. Squares with a meteorite prevent planet scoring for the row and column where the meteorite exists.




After all players have drafted a tile and are done advancing their resource trackers, pass the station commander token to the next player clockwise and begin a new round.

# GAME END

The game ends when a player cannot legally place any tile from their depot (A), or when one depot is completely emptied (B) from the space station.

A. When a player cannot legally place any of the two tiles from their depot, all players finish the round as normal and then the game is over. Any player who cannot legally place a tile still chooses one tile and advances their tracks for BOTH resources on the tile but does not place it on their planet. See scoring section to calculate final victory points.

B. If both stacks of tiles of a depot are completely emptied, the game ends at the end of the round the depot was emptied.

***Important:*** A player who can play one of the two tiles in front of them must play that tile, and the game continues.

# TILE PLACEMENT RULES

***PERIMETER FIRST:*** The first tile to be placed on a player's planet must be touching the perimeter of the planet grid.

***TILE ADJACENCY:*** Subsequent tiles to be placed must be adjacent to another tile (orthogonally adjacent to at least one other tile already placed either horizontally or vertically but not diagonally).

***SINGLE LAYER:*** Tiles cannot be placed on top of each other.

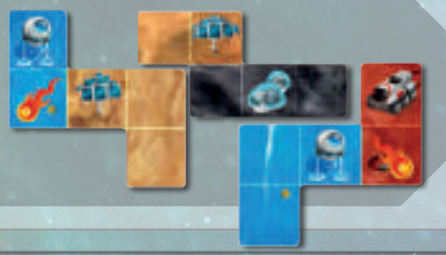
***NO OVERLAP:*** Tiles may not be placed overlapping or outside the grid on the planet.

***GRID ALIGNMENT:*** Tiles must be placed aligned with the grid squares on the planet.

***DESTROY:*** If a tile is placed onto a lifepod or rover, the lifepod or rover is destroyed and removed from the game permanently.




Note: Specific placement rules exist for both Water and Energy tile types. See Water Resource and Energy Resource sections below.






# RESOURCE TRACKS

Each resource track has a corresponding translucent ***RESOURCE TRACKER*** that starts at 0 and advances (moves one position upward) throughout the game. Whenever a resource tracker advances, the player claims the benefit underneath the tracker if possible.

Medals (Victory Points) are claimed at the end of the game based on the position of the resource tracker. Score the highest value medal that each tracker has surpassed or currently covers on the track it occupies.

Synergy boosts are claimed immediately. When claiming a synergy boost, the player must advance any single tracker **once** (obeying resource track rules and claiming the benefit underneath the tracker).

If a resource tracker advances to the top of a track, the player claims the maximum medals of the track at game end, but does not benefit from additional tile placements of this resource.
***The rover resource is the exception to this rule.***




In addition to medals and synergy boosts, each resource track may have a unique milestone benefit associated with it.



# CIV RESOURCE TRACK

"The race to innovate and discover requires people."



*Civ Milestone*

When a player advances their tracker onto a civ milestone, they take all remaining civ cards of the corresponding rank from the center of the table and must select one to keep. Return any remaining civ cards face down to the center of the table.

Once a card is chosen, claim any benefits from the chosen card immediately only if it is labeled ***Immediate***.

If a card is labeled ***End Game***, keep it next to your corporation board as secret information to be revealed at the end of the game.

If two or more players reach the same ranking civ milestone during a round, they should select their cards in clockwise order starting with the station commander.

It is possible that a rank of civ cards may have zero cards remaining if playing with modules or asymmetric corporations. In this case, the player reaching the milestone is not able to claim a civ card.

# WATER RESOURCE TRACK

"Water is not a milestone, rather it is essential to life itself."

A tile with a water resource obeys normal tile placement rules, but has an additional placement rule required to advance the water tracker. Any one square of water terrain on the tile must be placed directly onto planetary ice in order to advance the water tracker as a result of the tile's water resource. If the water terrain of the tile is not placed over planetary ice, it may still be placed legally, but the water tracker does not advance.

Example: Legal placement that advances the water tracker.



Example 2: Legal placement that does not advance the water tracker.

The water track does not have a unique milestone, but it is dense with medals.

# ROVER RESOURCE TRACK

"The meteorite cleanup crew is always ready for duty."

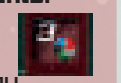
When a player advances their tracker onto a rover milestone, they immediately place a ***Rover*** from their corporation board onto any grid square of the last tile they placed. If the last tile they placed contains a meteorite, they may place their rover onto the meteorite, collecting it immediately.



*Rover Milestone*

***Rover Movement:*** When a player advances their rover tracker onto a number, they move their rover(s) a combined total squares equal to this number.

**Multiple Benefits:** Gain 3 rover movement and a synergy boost.



- Rover movement is orthogonal adjacent and must follow the planet grid, where one movement is one square on the planet grid.
- Rover movement may be split between multiple rovers.
- Rovers may move both on tiles and on the planet grid.
- Rovers may backtrack.
- If the rover tracker reaches the top of the track, you still gain movement every time you place a subsequent rover tile. (***X∞***)




**Example:** Four rover movement is split between two rovers (1-3) and (4) collecting a lifepod (2) in the process.

***Collect Meteorite/Lifepod:*** Move your rover onto or through a meteorite/lifepod to collect it and place the collected component onto your player board.

A component (tile, biomass patch, meteorite from event card) that is placed onto a rover destroys the rover.

It is possible for a player to destroy all of their rovers. It is possible that a rover is not available on the corporation board when claiming a rover milestone.

# TECH RESOURCE TRACK

"Technology is that which separates us from our environment."




*Tech Milestone*

When a player advances their tech track onto a tech milestone, they unlock powerful technology that may be used every round for the remainder of the game (unless otherwise stated).

***Example Tech Levels: Universal Coalition***

Lvl 1: Tile adjacency placement restrictions may be ignored.
Lvl 2: You may store biomass patches to be placed at the end of the game.
Lvl 3: +1 each time you gain Rover movement.
Lvl 4: Double water advancement from tile placement.
Lvl 5: Unaffected by meteor strikes. Do not place meteorites.

**Clarifications:**
Lvl 4: Advance your water tracker twice instead of once when advancement occurs due to tile placement. Claim benefits as normal from each advancement. Do not advance your water tracker twice as a result of synergy boosts, event cards, or tiles you do not place.

# ENERGY RESOURCE

"When harnessed, energy will transform deficiency into efficiency."

There is no energy resource track represented on the corporation board. When a tile containing an energy resource is placed, the energy resource advances another resource of your choice limited to the following options.

1.) The non-energy resource on the tile you placed.

2.) The resource of any one terrain that is orthogonally adjacent to the energy terrain area established from your tile placement.

**Example 1:**
A tile containing an energy resource is placed and is not adjacent to any other tile. By default, the energy resource would then advance the civ tracker. The tile's civ resource would advance the civ tracker as well per normal rules.



**Example 2:**
A tile containing an energy resource is placed and is adjacent to other tiles. Choose to advance a resource based on the terrains orthogonally adjacent to the energy terrain area established from your placement.
(Civ, Tech, Water)

The rover resource in "Example 2" may not be advanced because it does not connect with the energy terrain area.



**Clarifications:**
The water terrain does not need to be on top of planetary ice to be chosen for advancement from an energy resource.

# BIOMASS RESOURCE TRACK

"Biomass is the organic matter of fact that nothing is wasted."



*Biomass Milestone*

When a player advances their tracker onto a biomass milestone, they gain a ***Biomass Patch*** and immediately place it on their planet following normal placement rules.

Biomass patches contain biomass terrain, but they do not contain a biomass resource and do not advance the biomass tracker. Biomass patches help you complete rows and columns on your planet.

# END OF GAME SCORING

Prior to scoring, make sure all players have placed any biomass patches they have, executed any end game corporation technologies, and advanced any trackers due to end game civ cards.

***Total Medals = Final Score***

A.) Score medals for EVERY COMPLETE ROW AND COLUMN of your planet as long as it does not have a meteorite or empty grid square. Each row and column scores 1VP, 2VP, or 3VP based on the medal to the side or above it, respectively.

B.) Score the highest value medal that each tracker has surpassed or currently covers on the track it occupies.

C.) Score medals for the lifepods and meteorites collected in your scoring area. One medal per lifepod by default. One medal per three meteorites, rounding down, by default.
(It may be possible to improve these ratios via civ cards etc.)

D.) Score medals for your civ cards labeled ***End Game***.

E.) Score medals based on the private objective card for any of your **complete private objectives** (only if playing with the Private Objective Module or playing solo mode).

F.) Finally, score medals based on the neighbor objective cards if your planet is the winner when comparing your planet with your adjacent neighbor's planet (skip this step if playing the solo game).

In the case of a tie, the player with the fewest number of uncovered grid squares wins. If there is still a tie, the player with the fewest meteorites remaining on their planet wins.

## FAQ

Am I allowed to pick up a tile to see if it fits on my planet? Yes. However picking up a tile allows players to see the tile below it. If it becomes a concern, the table should create a house rule for future games.

Am I allowed to flip the tile over to place it? Yes. There is identical artwork on both sides, so flipping a tile is part of your choices.

Can I choose which tracker to advance first? Yes. It may be beneficial during certain situations to advance one tracker prior to the other.

# SCORING EXAMPLE

The end of the game was triggered due to the player not being able to legally place either tile from their depot. The player chose the tile pictured and advanced their water tracker twice based on the resources of their chosen tile. Since the tile was not placed, they did not take advantage of unlocked Tech Lvl 4 when advancing their water tracker. Additionally, the meteorite symbol was ignored because the tile was not placed on their planet.



All players have confirmed that they are done advancing their resource trackers and have placed any stored biomass patches. It is helpful at this point to remove rovers and uncollected lifepods from the planet to ensure that the planet is scored properly.




**F(1). Neighbor Objective**
21 squares of rover terrain is greater than neighbor to left.
*5 medals*

**F(2). Neighbor Objective**
3 x biomass resources at edge ties neighbor to right.
*2 medals*




**A. Planet**
*15 medals*

**C(1). Lifepods**
*4 medals*

**C(2). Meteorites**
*1 medal*

**B. Resource Tracks**

Civ tracker
*1 medal*

Water tracker
*7 medals*

Biomass tracker
*1 medal*

Rover tracker
*5 medals*

Tech tracker
*1 medal*

**Total** = *15 medals*










**D. Civ cards**
*1 medal*

| | |
|---|---|
| Planet | 15 |
| Resource Tracks | 15 |
| Lifepods | 4 |
| Meteorites | 1 |
| CIV cards | 1 |
| Objectives | 7 |
| * Rate may be improved with civ cards | |
| **TOTAL** | 43 |

# OPTIONAL MODULES

## TWO PLAYER VARIANT

To maximize strategy and planning specifically in a two-player game, the space station should be rotated by one depot clockwise each round instead of the station commander choosing its orientation. Each subsequent round, the station should be rotated one depot. All other rules are the same.






## PRIVATE OBJECTIVE MODULE

Objective cards have two sides to them. The neighbor objective side is always used with a multiplayer game. The private objective side is always used with the solo game.

In a multiplayer game, you may optionally use private objectives in addition to neighbor objectives. Each player should choose one of the two private objective cards dealt to them and return the other card to the box.

Once all players have chosen one private objective, then neighbor objectives can be dealt. Private objectives may be kept face down until the end of the game. Private objective cards are scored if complete at the end of the game.





## EVENT DECK MODULE

The ***EVENT DECK*** consists of 20 event cards. One card is revealed and executed each round to simulate the hardships that might be faced while developing a planet.

The event deck may be added to the multiplayer game and should always be used during the solo game.

***Important:*** All event cards must be executed by all players if possible, but should be ignored if the event card is solely responsible for triggering the end of the game.

## EVENT DECK SETUP

1.) Separate the event deck into three piles of cards separated by **event type** (green, orange, red alert).

2.) If more than one player is playing, remove any "Solo Mode Only" event cards.



3.) Create an event deck of 20 cards to be used during the game by randomly selecting cards from the three event types. The event deck may be customized by selecting more of the punishing red alerts, or the less punishing green and orange alerts.



***X Green***
***Y Orange***
***+ Z Red***

***20 cards***

20 total cards




## EVENT DECK GAME-PLAY

1. Each round, once the space station has stopped all rotation, immediately draw the next event card and execute the action of the card. All actions must be executed if possible for all events and all players.

2. Play the rest of the round per the normal Planet Unknown rules.

***Additional Game End Condition:*** The last card of an event deck triggers the last round of the game as an additional game end condition.

# SOLO MODE SETUP

1.) Set up the planet, corporation board, civ cards, biomass patches, meteorites, and lifepods following the setup for a multiplayer game. Rotate the space station so there is a random Depot facing you.

2.) Shuffle and draw 4 objective cards. Looking at the Private Objective side of the card, choose 3 of the 4 cards to keep to establish the objectives for this game.

3.) Set up the event deck based on the challenge level you choose to accept (See Event Deck Setup and Event Deck Game-play).



# SOLO MODE GAME-PLAY

Solo play follows all the same rules as a multiplayer game. However, instead of choosing which depot to draft tiles from each round, rotate the space station clockwise by one depot.

1. Rotate the space station clockwise by one depot.
2. Draw and execute a new event if possible.
3. Finish the rest of the round per normal Planet Unknown rules.

# SOLO MODE TARGET SCORE

The preliminary target score for the solo game is 60 medals, and your final target score is adjusted based on the composition of the event deck.

| | Preliminary Target Score | 60 Medals | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Red Alerts | Orange Alerts | Green Alerts |
| 0-2 | Zero | Zero | Zero |
| 3-6 | -5 | -1 | +3 |
| 7-10 | -7 | -2 | +6 |
| 11-14 | -9 | -3 | +9 |
| 15+ | -11 | -4 | +12 |

| Example Event Deck | 8 Red Alerts (-7 medals) | 3 Orange Alerts (-1 medals) | 9 Green Alerts (+6 medals) |
|---|---|---|---|

| Preliminary Target Score | 60 Medals |
|---|---|
| Example Event Deck Adjustments | -7 - 1 +6 = -2 Medals |
| Example Final Target Score | 58 Medals |

When the game is complete, compare your final score to the final target score. Find your outcome below.

| | |
|---|---|
| -15 medals | Critical Fail. We're going to need another Planet. |
| -10 medals | Any sign of other survivors? |
| -5 medals | Low capacity, but at least we survive. |
| Target Score | Mission Complete and job well done. |
| +5 medals | Excellent work, you've earned a promotion. |
| +10 medals | This might be the best planet we've seen yet. |
| +15 medals | All stars have aligned because of you, Planeteer. |

# Asymmetric Corporations

Corporation boards each have a symmetric side and an asymmetric side. The symmetric side allows all players to play the same game with the same rules. The asymmetric side allows each player to control a unique corporation with a unique set of rules. Each unique corporation is explained below. Players can play with either symmetric or asymmetric or a combination of both.

## Republic

| | |
|---|---|
| Tech Lvl 5 | Look at all remaining civ cards and keep two. End of game. |
| Tech Lvl 4 | Gain a synergy boost when you claim a civ milestone. |
| Tech Lvl 3 | Teleport your rover between any two civ resources. One movement cost. |
| Tech Lvl 2 | Add a card from the next rank to your choices when you claim a civ milestone. |
| Tech Lvl 1 | Gain movement based on your rover tracker when you draft a civ tile. |




**Republic:** You must regress another tracker each time you claim a milestone from the civ track. Do not claim benefits when you regress.

*Advantage: 7 x Civ milestones*
*Weakness: 1 x Rover, Regression*

## Wormhole Corp.

| | |
|---|---|
| Tech Lvl 5 | Biomass patches may be placed to destroy meteorites. |
| Tech Lvl 4 | Biomass patches may be stored and placed at the end of the game. |
| Tech Lvl 3 | Gain two biomass patches instead of one. Once per round. |
| Tech Lvl 2 | Biomass patches may be placed on top of a tile. |
| Tech Lvl 1 | Biomass tracker may be reset to zero if at maximum. |




**Wormhole:** Advance your biomass tracker from tile placement only when you expand a biomass terrain area. Choose only one benefit each time you advance the biomass tracker.

*Advantage: Surplus biomass patches*
*Weakness: Tile placement restrictions*



**Clarifications:**

"We invested in top talent to win the race for discovery and innovation."

Tech Lvl 1 is an immediate gain of movement even before you place your tile. If your rover tracker is not at a position with rover movement, then do not gain any movement.

Tech Lvl 2 Example:
With Tech Lvl 2 unlocked, the player claims a rank three civ milestone. The player picks up all cards from rank three plus one card at random from rank four and chooses one to keep. All cards are then returned to their respective rank piles.

Regress another tracker ( ) - Move any non-civ resource tracker one position downward on the resource track. Do not claim benefits.

**Clarifications:**



Tech Lvl 2 may be used to achieve biomass terrain connections, but you cannot place a biomass patch onto a meteorite.

Tech Lvl 5 allows you to place a biomass patch onto a meteorite at game end, thus destroying the meteorite.

"We found a way to accelerate the accumulation of biomass on the planet."

Example:
Player advances tracker and chooses to gain a biomass patch instead of a free advancement of their civ tracker.

There are always two choices when advancing. Medals are not included in choices but scored at game end per normal resource tracker scoring rules.



# Asymmetric Corporations

## Cosmos Inc.

| | |
|---|---|
| Tech Lvl 5 | Reposition one collected lifepod. Once per round. |
| Tech Lvl 4 | Rovers moving onto energy terrain do not spend movement. |
| Tech Lvl 3 | Reposition a collected lifepod when you place an energy tile. |
| Tech Lvl 2 | Reposition three collected lifepods immediately. Once per game. |
| Tech Lvl 1 | Your rover may move diagonally. |




**Cosmos:** Choose to position a collected lifepod onto a resource track or your scoring area. Your trackers skip over lifepods when advancing. Benefits and medals covered by lifepods are ignored.

*Advantage: Advancement engine*
*Weakness: Lifepod scoring, 1 x Rover, Lifepods cover benefits*

"We plan to build momentum using everything at our disposal. The lifepod design is especially intriguing."

**Clarifications:**

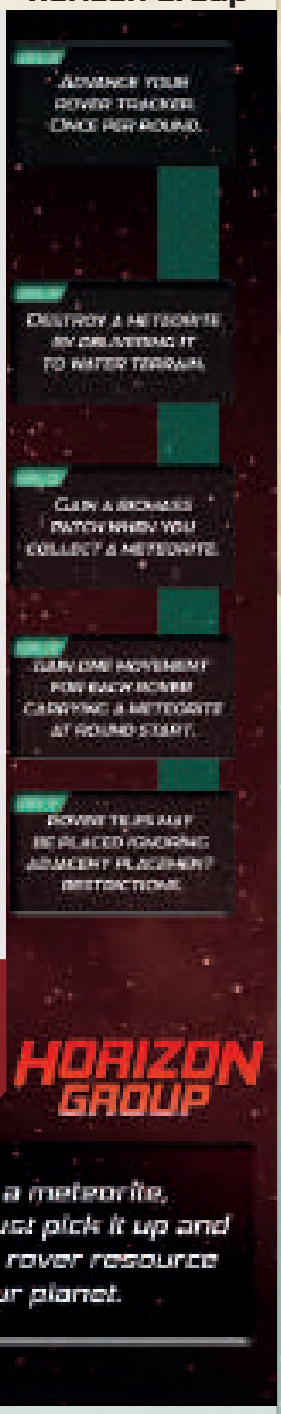
1.) You may position lifepods such that a tracker skips over more than one lifepod at a time.
2.) Lifepods only score medals if they are on your scoring area at game end. You may use your tech to reposition them onto the scoring area later in the game.

Example:
You advance the biomass tracker once and skip over the lifepod because the lifepod occupies the next position in the track. Do not gain the synergy boost underneath the lifepod, but do claim the biomass milestone.



## Horizon Group

| | |
|---|---|
| Tech Lvl 5 | Advance your rover tracker. Once per round. |
| Tech Lvl 4 | Destroy a meteorite by delivering it to water terrain. |
| Tech Lvl 3 | Gain a biomass patch when you collect a meteorite. |
| Tech Lvl 2 | Gain one movement for each rover carrying a meteorite at round start. |
| Tech Lvl 1 | Rover tiles may be placed ignoring adjacency placement restrictions. |




**Horizon Group:** To collect a meteorite, your rover must pick it up and deliver it to a rover resource on your planet.

*Advantage: 4 x Rovers*
*Weakness: Pick-up and deliver requirements*

"We're ready to move out with a double fleet of Rovers at your command."

**Clarifications:**

Each rover may hold one meteorite on top of it. A rover picks up a meteorite when it is placed onto, moves onto, or moves through the meteorite [A]. A rover delivers a meteorite it carries when it moves onto or through a rover resource [B]. A rover destroys a meteorite it carries when it moves onto water terrain [C].



# Asymmetric Corporations

## Jump Drive

Tech F — Draw 3 objectives and choose one that all players compete for. Once per game.

Tech E — Choose a tracker and claim all benefits in its row. Once per game.

Tech D — You may treat a tech resource as energy during tile placement.

Tech C — Advance the tracker twice when using a synergy boost. Once per round.

Tech B — Teleport a rover to a tile of the same terrain. One movement cost. Once per round.

Tech A — Gain a synergy boost instead of a biomass patch. Once per round.




**Jump Drive:** Choose to place a collected lifepod onto your tech or your scoring area. A lifepod placed onto tech unlocks your tech in any order.

*Advantage: Flexibility, 6 x Techs*
*Weakness: Lifepod scoring, 1 x Rover*

"We established a connection with another galactic civilization. They're ready to equip us with powerful technology at the expense of our lifepods."

**Clarifications:**
A tech may be used immediately when it is unlocked.

Be aware that Jump Drive has little incentive to advance their tech resource tracker, as they score fewer medals the further they advance tech.

Tech D: Treating tech resource as an energy resource during tile placement only applies to tile placement and not end of game resources.

Tech E: A row consists of five resource track positions that span across all resource tracks of the corporation board as designated by the current tracker position.

## Oasis Ltd.

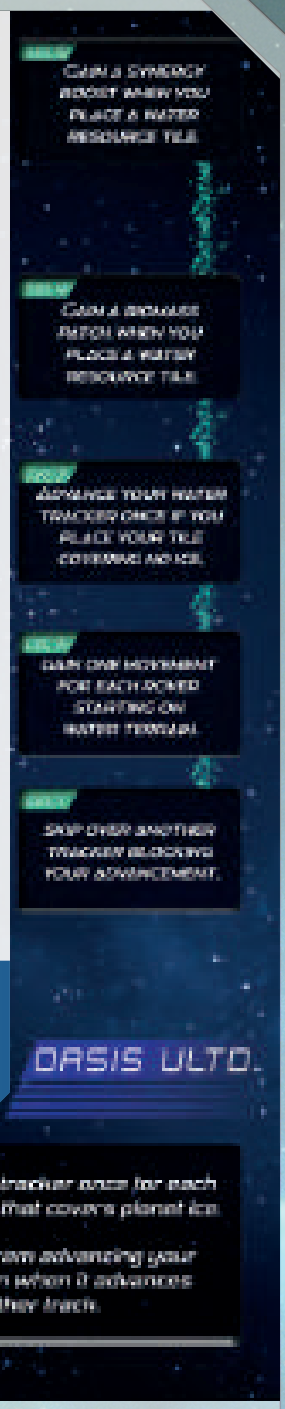
Tech Lvl 5 — Gain a synergy boost when you place a water resource tile.

Tech Lvl 4 — Gain a biomass patch when you place a water resource tile.

Tech Lvl 3 — Advance your water tracker once if you place your tile covering no ice.

Tech Lvl 2 — Gain one movement for each rover starting the round on water terrain.

Tech Lvl 1 — Skip over another tracker blocking your advancement.




**Oasis Ltd.:** Advance your water tracker once for each water terrain square that covers planet ice. Gain the benefits from advancing your water tracker even when it advances onto another track.

*Advantage: Tracker manipulation, Medals on water track*
*Weakness: Long winding water track*

"We have the potential to harness electrolysis and supplement other core functions of the planet, but the path ahead is not yet fully clear."

**Clarifications:**
Instead of simply advancing upward, your water tracker advances toward the end of the resource track, always following the irregular path.






Each resource tracker only scores medals once based on its corresponding resource track.

Tech Lvl 1: A tracker must stay on its corresponding track.

Example:
The tile is placed such that the water terrain covers two squares of planetary ice. Note that the biomass tracker blocks the water tracker preventing the water tracker from advancing twice.

However, if Tech Lvl 1 is unlocked, advance the water tracker twice on the water track. Specifically, skip over the biomass tracker onto the water/rover intersection and then advance again onto the water/tech intersection and claim the rover movement benefit.

# Asymmetric Corporations

## Makeshift

| | |
|---|---|
| Tech Lvl 5 | Score each tracker as the highest scoring tracker on the track it occupies. |
| Tech Lvl 4 | Regress any one tracker. Once per round. |
| Tech Lvl 3 | Shift a tracker laterally to an adjacent track instead of advancing. |
| Tech Lvl 2 | +1 to rover movement if more than one tracker occupy the rover track. |
| Tech Lvl 1 | Treat CIV and TECH tracks as adjacent. |




**Makeshift:** You may advance any tracker diagonally onto another adjacent track. Any tracker may claim any benefit. Tech Lvls becomes locked if no tracker occupies the Tech track.

*Advantage: Flexibility, Tracker manipulation*
*Weakness: Resource dependency*

"We don't mind being late to the party, and plan to catch-up by with our scrappy approach."



**Clarifications:**
A resource tracker may block another resource tracker from advancing.

Resource trackers score medals based on the track they occupy when the game ends.

Tech Lvl 1: Trackers may advance diagonally from CIV to Tech and vice versa.

Tech Lvl 3: A lateral shift is when a player moves a tracker horizontally to an adjacent resource track and claims the benefit.

Tech Lvl 4: Regress ( ) - Move a resource tracker one position downward on the resource track. Do not claim benefits.

## Flux Industries

| | |
|---|---|
| Tech Lvl 5 | Advance the flux track. Once per round. |
| Tech Lvl 4 | Collect a meteorite when you place a resource tile matching the flux track. |
| Tech Lvl 3 | Improve the flux Track.<br>• + 1 to Civ card rank when you reach a milestone.<br>• Double synergy boosts on the water track.<br>• Take two biomass patches instead of one.<br>• +1 when you gain rover movement. |
| Tech Lvl 2 | Advance one tracker to the next milestone of the flux track. Once per game. |
| Tech Lvl 1 | Gain two movement for each rover starting on terrain of the flux track. |




**Flux Industries:** Your flux token designates one of your tracks as the flux track. Whenever you unlock a Tech level, you may reposition your flux token. Only your most recently unlocked tech is available.

*Advantage: Power level, Versatility*
*Weakness: One tech available at a time*

"We have unrivaled tech but have yet to figure out how to use it all at once."

**Clarifications:**
Tech Lvl 2: When you unlock Tech Lvl 2, choose the flux track as normal. You may advance your tracker to the next milestone on the flux track any time before you unlock Tech Lvl 3.

Tech Lvl 3: Only the benefits of the flux track are improved. Disregard all other improvements that do not correspond to the flux track.

Tech Lvl4: Collect a meteorite from your planet if possible.

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Planet boards each have a symmetric side and an asymmetric side. The symmetric side allows all players to play the same game with the same rules. The asymmetric side allows each player to develop a unique planet, sometimes containing unique grid or unique tile placement restrictions. Each planet is explained below.

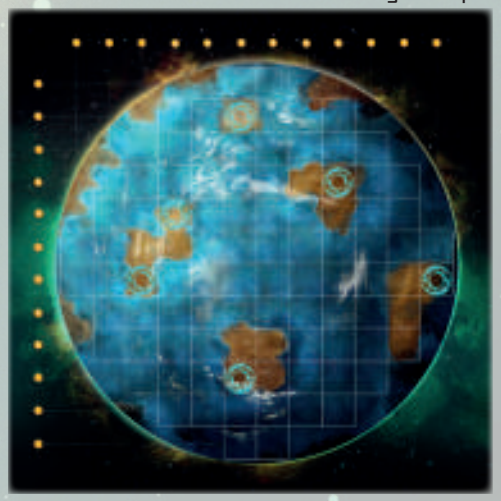
***Important:*** Asymmetric planet tile placement rules must be followed if possible, but should be ignored if they become solely responsible for triggering the end of the game.

# Asymmetric Planets

273 is the freezing point of water in Kelvin.




"The unique challenge of K-273 is the ice. It's unstable and seems to shift. You better avoid any overlap."

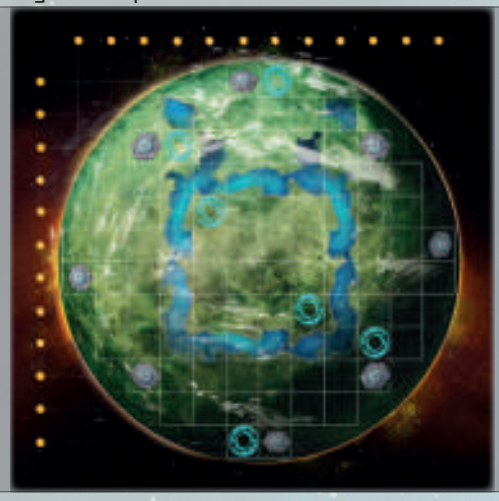


Personification of Earth in Greek Mythology.




It is legal to cover a city with your tile placement, but it will impact your score.

"This civilization is peaceful for now, but maybe not if you're tempted or forced to eliminate their cities."

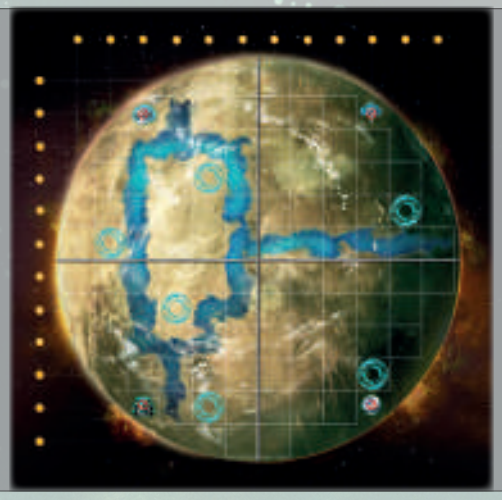


Greek Goddess whose travels are the reason for the 4 seasons.




It is legal to play a tile that crosses quadrants, provided it obeys restrictions.

"Separated into quadrants by harsh climates, the elements are only with us when they are not against us."

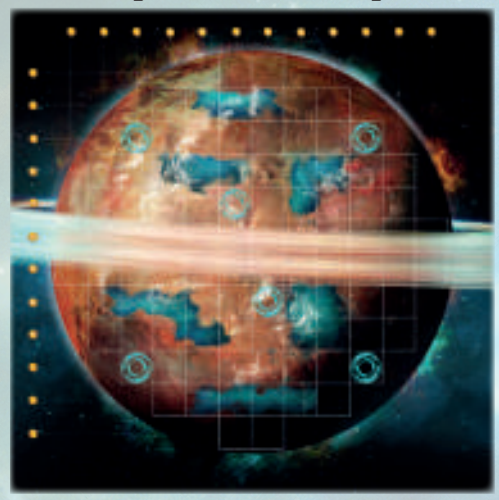


The Japanese word for Storm.




The planet's ring occupies the two largest horizontal rows.
Biomass patches may not be placed covering the ring.

"The wind underneath the ring is relentless. Make sure you are anchored before you test it."



The Greek word for Stone or Rock.




Electrical currents count as energy terrain if uncovered at end of game.

"Barren of ice, but radiating with a grid of energy. Utilize this energy to your advantage."

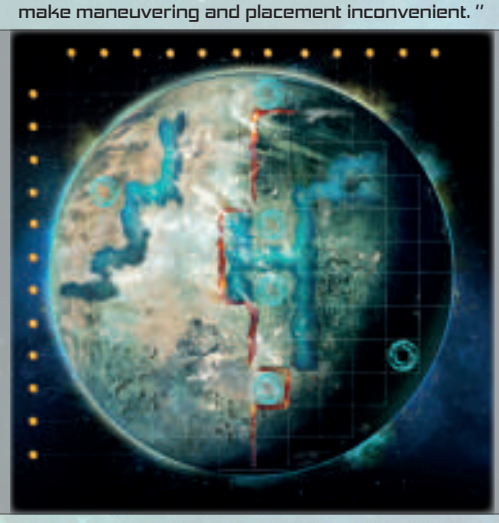


The deep abyss in Greek Mythology.




There are two points of the chasm that may be crossed if your rovers have diagonal movement tech.

"There is a giant chasm down the center that will make maneuvering and placement inconvenient. "



# Asymmetric Planets

Whirlpool monster from Homer's Odyssey.




**Obey tile placement rules as normal after your first tile placement.**

"A giant pit has created an unusual gravitational field causing you to build from the inside outward."



The Mayan word for Jungle.




"The clouds with the unidentified substance are corrosive to the rover fleet. Please steer clear."



The creator of Tetris (1984).




**The tile must be able to "slide" into place from any direction. Biomass patches may be placed even if they cannot slide into place.**

"Order is better than chaos. Care must be taken not to disturb the order or risk finding chaos."

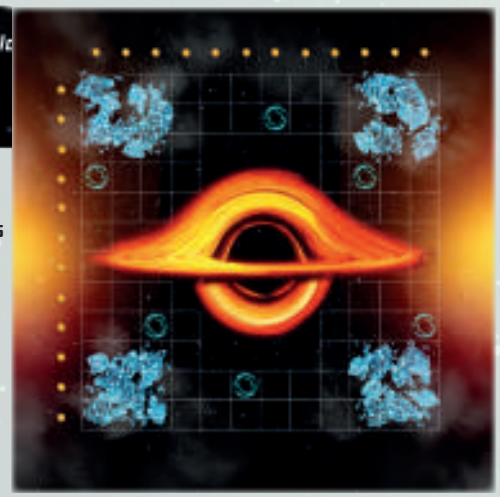


Extinction or nothingness.




**Score each row and column only once as normal. Treat areas without grid squares as if they did not exist when determining if a row or column is complete.**

"The absence of all color."

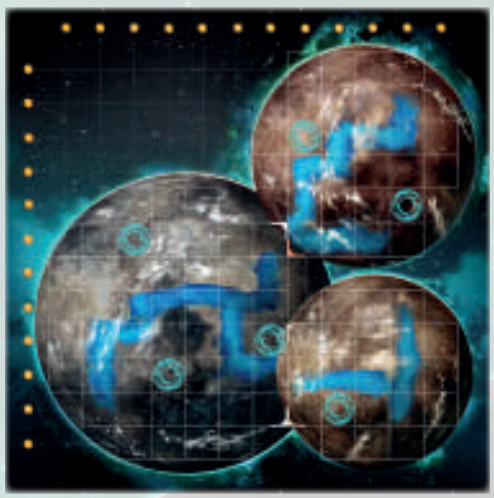





3-headed hound from Greek Mythology.

**Indicator brackets determine the grid area of each planet. Treat areas without grid squares as if they did not exist when determining if a row or column is complete. Maximum possible score is 45 medals.**

"Three planets are better than one planet, and a complete planet is better than an incomplete planet."



An unfilled space or gap.




**Treat holes as if they did not exist when determining if a row or column is complete.**

"It looks as though this planet has been through a galactic war or maybe two. Luckily, there are still plenty of resources."



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# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

***Benefit*** - Any non-medal icon on your resource track.

***Medal*** - The number on the medal contributes to your end game scoring.

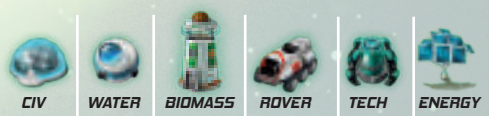
***Synergy Boost*** - Advance any resource track once.

***Advance*** - Move a resource tracker one position upward on the resource track. Claim the benefit underneath the tracker if possible.

***Regress*** - Move a resource tracker one position downward on the resource track. DO NOT claim any benefits.




***Tile*** - Cardboard polyomino composed of two resources and two corresponding terrains.




***Resource*** - One of two icons on a tile.



***Terrain*** - Six types of terrain, one corresponding to each resource.

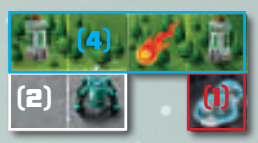



***Milestone*** - Benefit on a resource track that triggers a specific mechanic to that track.

***Square*** - 1x1 area corresponding to the planet grid, a 1x1 section of a tile, or the size of a biomass patch.



***Biomass Patch*** - 1x1 square token that contains biomass terrain but no biomass resource. Place biomass patches immediately unless you have a tech that allows you to store them until game end. A biomass patch is a square but not a tile.




***Terrain Area*** - A contiguous group of terrain consisting of one or more tiles of the same resource type touching orthogonally (not diagonally). Area size is defined by total like terrain squares in the group.

***Rover Movement*** - Rover movement may be split between multiple rovers. Rovers may move both on tiles and on the planet grid. Rovers may backtrack.

***Collect*** - Take a component from your planet and place it onto your corporation board.



***Destroy*** - Remove a destroyed component from the game.



***Do Not, May not, or Cannot*** - This symbol describes additional game-play restrictions. The additional restrictions must be followed if possible, but should be ignored if they become solely responsible for triggering the end of the game.

## Common Tech and Corporation phrases:

***At round start (Flux, Oasis, Horizon):*** Immediately execute this at the start of the each round if the conditional requirement of the tech is true.

***Carrying (Horizon):*** A rover that physically has a meteorite on top of the rover in the process of meteorite delivery or destruction.

***Deliver / delivering (Horizon):*** A rover carrying a meteorite reaches its destination and the player moves the meteorite from the rover to the corporation board.

***Gain a biomass patch (Oasis, Horizon, Wormhole):*** Take a biomass patch from the supply and place it immediately (or store it if you have unlocked this technology).

***Gain movement (Flux, Republic, Oasis, Horizon):*** Add movement to your total rover movement this round.

***Ignore tile adjacency placement restrictions (Universal Coalition, Horizon):*** Remove the restriction for orthogonally adjacent tile placement. Rules for placement on the planet grid squares and inside planet perimeter must still be followed. Any other placement restrictions put in place by asymmetric planets, corporations, or event cards must be followed.

***Position lifepod (Cosmos, Jump Drive):*** Place a lifepod that was gained or collected into either the scoring area or another designated area of your corporation board.

***Store biomass patch (Universal Coalition, Wormhole)***: Keep the biomass patch by your corporation board until a future point as noted by the corporation.

***Teleport a rover (Jump Drive, Republic):*** Pick up a rover from one square and place it down onto another square. The rover does not move on the planet between the starting and ending square.

***+X rover movement (Universal Coalition, Makeshift):***
Add X to the number underneath the rover tracker each time you gain rover movement.



***Complexity*** - A higher complexity is given for asymmetric planets and player boards that create more rule restrictions or advanced planning.




***Solo Mode Only*** - A component that should only be used during solo mode.



***Immediate*** - Execute any effects right away.



***End of Game*** - Execute any effects at the end of the game. Include medals in your scoring if you met all necessary conditions.



***Example of Multiple Benefits*** - Gain 3 rover movement and a synergy boost.



***Lifepod on your Planet***

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