

Industrial Automaton R8 Series Astromech Droid

**Classification:** small second-degree astromech droid

**Cost:** 10,000

**Availability:** Prevalent

**Era:** *Future of the Galaxy* era only



Though Industrial Automaton's initial release of the high-specialized R7 droid was a moderate success, thanks to continuous attacks from the Imperial Remnant, and later the war with the Yuuzhan Vong, that line of droids eventually and inevitably became obsolete when the New Republic's use of the E-Wing fell out of practice in favor of newer models. As a result, the company decided to market the incredibly versatile and powerful processing power designed for the R7 series and "return to their roots", as was the company's slogan for the new droid. The R8 series was born.

The R8 was designed to have the piloting power of the R7's without focusing on just the antiquated E-wing, as well as the usefulness, versatility, and most of all, customizability of the previous R-series droids. The R8 is better at repair, navigation, and piloting than any other R-series droid, but still provides far-superior software customizability. Additionally, in times of emergency, the R8 is actually capable of piloting small craft (and mid-sized craft if so programmed) with great deal of skill directly from its astromech socket or while

connected to a computer terminal, though dynamic piloting and intuitive thinking is still a stretch. Similarly, to interest smugglers, pirates, and others who require such a need, an R8 is capable of manning the weaponry of smaller ships, potentially just as capably as any crew member.

Externally, the R8 resembles any R-series droid. However, in keeping with the "return to their roots" slogan, the R8 head is once again dome shaped, like that of the R2 droids. Instead of the normal metal casing, on the other hand, the head and body feature a frosted plasteel casing, with "gel" style plasteel coloring for aesthetic purposes. This provides a +2 bonus to saves against rust in addition to the +2 bonus provided by the complimentary rust inhibitors that come with the droid. Thus far, much like its R6 predecessor, the R8 has sold incredibly well. However, before Industrial Automaton announced the new model, it ventured a major risk in over-producing the required parts for the R8. The gamble has paid off in spades.

**R8 Series:** Tracked astromech droid, Tech Specialist 9; Init +3 (Dex); Defense 19 (+1 size, +5 class, +3 Dex); Spd 10 m; VP/WP 34/14; Atk +8/+3 melee (1d4+2, claw) or +8/+3 melee (1d2+2, saw) or +8/+3 melee (2d6, arc welder) or +9/+4 ranged; SQ skill emphasis (computer use, repair), research, tech specialty (computers, mechanic), expert (knowledge [engineering], knowledge [astronomy]); SV Fort +5, Ref +7, Will +8, SZ S; Face/Reach 2 m by 2 m/2 m; Rep +2; Str 14, Dex 16, Con 14, Int 20, Wis 14, Cha 10; Challenge Code D.

**Equipment:** Comlink, diagnostics package, environmental compensator (vacuum), fire extinguisher, heuristic processor, internal storage (2 kg), locked access, magnetic feet, recording unit (holo), rust inhibitor, sensors (improved sensor package, infrared vision, low-light vision, 360-degree vision), tool mount x4, tool kit, welding laser/cutting torch

**Skills:** Astrogate +19 (12 ranks), Computer Use +24 (12 ranks), Knowledge (Astronomy) +19 (12 ranks), Knowledge (Engineering) +19 (12 ranks), Pilot +17 (12 ranks), Repair +24 (12 ranks), Speak Language (Binary), Understand Language (Basic)

**Unspent Skill Points:** 24 (4 unused languages)

**Feats:** Ambidexterity, Gearhead, Spacer, Starship Operation (starfighter), Weapon Group Proficiency (simple weapons, blaster pistols)

**Unspent Feats:** 1