

Galaxy Trucker: Easy-To-Forget Rules

Cards:

- Before each round, create 4 piles of cards (3 that can be checked a 1 that cannot)
 - Round 1: 2 level I cards
 - Round 2: 2 level II cards + 1 level I card
 - Round 3: 2 level III cards + 1 level II card + 1 level I card
- Once you've **built at least 1 piece**, you may **check the 3 piles** one at a time

Timer:

- The official tabletop rules are needlessly complex (page 11-12)
- Digital rules and house rules:
 - The **first person** to finish building simply **flips over the timer once**
 - Everyone else has **90 seconds** to finish
 - When the sand reaches the **cone** of the timer, there are **30 seconds** left

Building:

- You may only use **one hand**
- **To flip** a new piece, you must **bring it toward you** first (hovered over your ship)
- Once you **touch a new piece**, your previously piece placement **can't be undone**
- New pieces must be placed **orthogonal to existing pieces**
- You can **set max 2 components aside** at a time
 - If left unused, they become "lost" components (negative points)
- If you **break a rule** while building, don't fix it until the end of the building phase
 - Then you must remove components until your ship conforms to the rules
 - This results in "lost" components (negative points)
 - You get to **keep** your numbered flight board **positioning tile**
- If your ship is **discovered to be illegally built** during flight, perform the steps described above but also **lose 1 credit**

Cannons & Engines:

- **Cannons can point down/left/right** and contribute 1/2 point of strength
- Cannons cannot have another piece directly in front of them
 - But if there are **other pieces in front of them at least 1 square away**, **the cannon placement is still valid** and can be used as normal
- Engines must point down
- Engines cannot have another piece directly behind them
 - But if there are **other pieces behind them at least 1 square away**, **the engine placement is still valid** and can be used as normal

Aliens:

- The **pilot (starting/central) cabin** always houses **2 regular crew, never aliens**
- Aliens may be placed on cabins with an adjacent, matching life support system
 - Aliens aren't placed on the purple/brown life support systems themselves
 - If a life support system is **lost during flight**, you also lose the alien
- Each player can only have 1 alien of each type in their ship
 - **Purple** gives you **+2 cannon** strength, if you have at least 1 actual cannon
 - **Brown** gives you **+2 engine** strength, if you have at least 1 actual engine

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Turn Order:

- The leading player on the flight board always takes their actions first
- When adjusting flight days after landing on planets, the trailing player goes first
- When evaluating which player has the **fewest of something**, ties are broken by the leading player (i.e. the leader suffers the penalty)

Meteors:

- Large meteors can be shot at, and every **sideways cannon** defends its own row and **each adjacent row**
 - **Large meteors don't come from below**, so downward-pointing cannons will not be of use (except for adding 0.5 strength to the total)
- **Small meteors cannot be shot at** and so if they come at your exposed parts from the side, your adjacent sideways cannons will not protect you

Enemies:

- If you **exceed** enemy cannon value you beat them; other players won't face them
 - You can take the **reward** and **lose some flight days**, or choose to do neither (but the enemy is still defeated and won't face the other players)
- If you **match** their cannon value, they pass you by and face the next player
- If you cannot match or beat their cannon value, you suffer the penalty
 - If **multiple players are shot at** by enemies, the **same rolled dice apply** to each and every player

Goods:

- **Any colour of good** can go in the special **red cargo holds**
 - **Red goods must** go in the special red cargo holds
 - You can always **rearrange** goods when you obtain new ones
- When you lose goods, **lose the most valuable ones first**
 - **If you run out** of goods to lose, **lose batteries** instead
 - If you're out of goods and batteries, you are **unaffected**

Giving Up:

- You must "give up" if you
 - Lose all your **human** crew (finish the current card first)
 - When forced to lose crew, you choose any aliens/humans you wish
 - Encounter "**Open Space**" but have **no engines** (even with a brown alien)
 - Are **lapped on the flight board**
 - Decide to for whatever reason
- Giving up entails:
 - Removing your marker from the flight board
 - Sitting out the rest of the round (cards don't affect you)
 - **Forfeiting** both end-of-flight **bonuses**
 - Receiving only **half of the total value of goods sales** (rounded up)
 - Losing points (per usual) for lost components
- If you are the **last player standing**, ignore Combat Zone and Sabotage cards (as these penalize the player with fewest of something)