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Ke-S3-X2900 Escape Pod

Ke-S3-X2900 escape pods are hexagonal in design, with a dome-shaped armored shield on top and engines on the bottom; they contain five seats, one on each wall, with a hatch to the outside on the sixth wall. The hatch is equipped with an air containment force-field. The pods are capable of sustaining life for 120 hours (five days), and over a century of cryogenic stasis if needed. Each pod has a homing device that must be manually activated. The pods will automatically put themselves into a safe descent if there is a habitable planet nearby (rather than burning up in the atmosphere). Unlike earlier escape pods, the Ke-S3-X2900 features a 730c (2 LY per day) drive system that will allow it to travel up to 10 light-years to attempt to reach a habitable world.

History

In YE 31, the Star Army began retrofitting a self-inflating raft system to the escape pods. The updated version, called the Ke-S3-X2900A, keeps the pod upright and floating on the surface in the event of a water landing on an Earth-like planet. In YE 32, toiletry kits were added to the standard inventory for this model of pod.

Usage

The following starships are manufactured with the Ke-S3-X2900 escape pods:

- Super Eikan-class Heavy Cruiser
- Himiko-class Light Escort
- Ikoi-Class Light Starbase
- Kisaki Habitat Module
- Sakura-class Light Gunship
- Sydney-class Infantry Carrier Ship
- Plumeria-class (2D) Medium Gunship
- Rikei-Class Science Vessel
- Takumi-Class Expeditionary Command Cruiser
- Tansaku-class Science Vessel
- Tranquility-class Diplomacy Ship

Inventory

The standard set of supplies included in each Ke-S3-X2900 is:

- 5 Blankets
- 5 Army Multi-Species Environmental Suits
- 5 Flashlights

- 5 Star Army Backpacks
- 5 Star Army Toiletry Kit
- 1 Star Army Type 31C Medical Kit
- 1 Star Army Type 31B Large Size Survival Kit
- 1 Portable Repair Kit
- 75 standard Star Army Field Rations
- 600 liters (150 gallons) of Water in 75 8-liter (2-gallon) jerrycan jugs (2 US gallons = 7.57 liters)
- Plenty of sealable plastic bags for waste storage, along with cleaning wipes

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