

# Using Copyrighted Images

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Star Army allows the use of copyrighted images in specific circumstances, which are detailed below.

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You should keep proof of purchase, commissioning, and/or payment available in case Star Army's staff has some question about images you uploaded.

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