

Star Army Communicator, Type 42

The Star Army Communicator Type 42 (commonly referred to as the “crystal”) is an advanced communication device designed for the soldiers of the [Star Army of Yamatai](#). With its sleek, glowing teal triangular design, the Type 42 Communicator is an essential piece of equipment that ensures seamless communication and information exchange between troops, even in the most challenging conditions.



Price: 500 KS.

History

[Kessaku Systems](#) began development of the Star Army Communicator Type 42 in [YE 40](#) as a response to the need for more advanced and versatile communication tools for the rapidly evolving Star Army of Yamatai. Building upon the success of previous models, the Type 42 was designed to provide soldiers with a compact, reliable, and feature-rich communication device. After extensive testing and refinement, the Type 42 Communicator was officially adopted by the Star Army in [YE 42](#) as part of the [Star Army Duty Uniform, Type 42](#) and has since become an integral part of their standard issue equipment.

Previous models of communicators included the [Star Army Communicator, Type 29](#) and [Star Army Communicator, Type 36](#).

Description

The Type 42 Communicator is a small, glowing teal triangular device, designed to be worn on [Star Army uniforms](#). It is constructed from lightweight and durable materials that can withstand the rigors of combat and harsh environments. The device is compact, measuring approximately 4 cm (1.6 inches) on each side, and is equipped with a simple yet secure attachment mechanism.

One of the most notable features of the Type 42 Communicator is its ability to project 3D holograms (volumetric projections). This advanced technology enables soldiers to view detailed maps, receive real-time tactical updates, and communicate with their comrades or command through lifelike holographic interfaces.

Features

The Star Army Communicator Type 42 is designed to be intuitive and user-friendly, with easy access to its wide array of features:

- Secure voice, text, and data communication with fellow soldiers and command
- Volumetric projections for 3D holograms, maps, and visual aids
- Real-time translation for multi-species communication
- Access to the Star Army information network, including mission data and tactical updates
- Integrated GPS and tracking functions for navigation and coordination
- Emergency beacon and locator for search and rescue operations
- [Encryption](#) and security measures to protect sensitive information and prevent unauthorized access

Anti-Tampering Systems

The communicator “phones home” to the Star Army on a regular basis and can be used as a tracking device. In the event it is tampered with, it will wipe the contents of its data storage, and overheat, melting the interior and causing it to build up pressure until it pops in a small explosion of glasslike shards.

Usage

To activate the Type 42 Communicator, simply tap the device's surface, and a holographic interface will appear, allowing the user to access its functions through voice commands or manual touch controls. To use most features of the communicator or to telepathically connect to it, a [SACN Access Nodule](#) is

required.

Low-Visibility Mode

The Type 42 Communicator can be placed in “Low Visibility Mode” which causes the communicator to stop glowing. While deactivated it resembles a black solar panel. During low visibility mode any projected UI elements are projected in a dim red color instead of the standard teal. To activate low visibility mode, telepathically or vocally ask it to enable low-visibility mode, or cover the communicator with your finger for more than 6 seconds.

Uniforms Using

The Type 42 communicator is currently used on:

- [Star Army Duty Uniform, Type 35](#) (since YE 45)
- [Star Army Duty Uniform, Type 42](#)
- [Star Army Explorer Uniform](#)

OOC Notes

The Star Army Communicator Type 42 is a fictional device created for the Star Army Roleplaying setting on the StarArmy.com wiki. It is designed to enhance storytelling and immersion by providing characters with a versatile and advanced communication tool that reflects the high-tech nature of the Star Army universe.

As a player, feel free to incorporate the Type 42 Communicator into your character's interactions and missions, using its features to enrich your roleplaying experience. However, always remember to respect the established rules and guidelines of the Star Army Roleplaying community when utilizing the device in your narratives.

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