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Battletech, 25th Anniversary Introductory Box Set



Customer Reviews

This box set is pretty great; you get a number of useful rulebooks, some good fiction supplements to help you get a feel for the game's universe, some high quality board game style hex maps to play on. The biggest downside is the poor quality of the normal 24 plastic minis. Several mechs are pitted where the plastic didn't form correctly, and some of the multi-part models are missing pieces that should have been glued on (my Awesome is missing an arm. That's not awesome at all). The two "high quality" omni mechs are fine, although one of them came pre-assembled and I'd have preferred to put it together myself. As a fan of battletech who hasn't played the board game since college, I'm happy with my purchase. I just wish the publisher had spent a bit more on QA.

Like most of my purchases from Catalyst, this product was a disappointment. 10 of the 24 plastic miniatures arrived broken. The result of being over-packed in a small plastic bag and tossed carelessly into the box. The 2 "premium-quality" mechs are sturdier and more appropriately packaged, but they overlooked an important detail in the sculpt. The miniatures are mounted facing a hex point on the base instead of a hex edge. Hex edges are used to determine facing and line of sight during play and are extremely important factors. Finally, it's clear the rulebook didn't receive proper editing before publication; typos, unbelievably (I mean that literally) convoluted wording, and confusing structure make for an unpleasant reading experience (typical of other Catalyst rulebooks).

I'm a huge Battletech fan who hadn't played in a few years. So when I saw the 25th anniversary edition, I had to get it. The 24 plastic mechs were not the greatest of quality, but were relatively intact. The maps are awesome! The books, and quick reference cards too! My big disappointment was this... my boxed set did not have the advertised 2 premium mechs. I live overseas, and shipping back is not a desirable option for me, so I guess I'll just suck it up, and not have them. Not really that big of deal for me, as I have a ton of my old metal mechs to use. Other than not having the 2 premium mech miniatures, everything else is just pure win! Battletech, here I come again!

The higher quality miniatures are great, but the rest are cheap little plastic pieces that lean and fall over. It makes you wonder why they didn't just put ALL quality minis in here. Other than that, it's Battletech. Note to manufacturer - those 2 high quality mechs? Make them all like that, and people will pay a bit more for the quality. Please please do this. I didn't even use the cheap ones, I had to go buy metal ones, as the little cheap plastic ones were not worth my time in painting or fixing.

I was shipped the newest Introductory Box Set, not the 25th Anniversary Box Set. The box shipped to me is purchasable, at the time of my purchase and this review, for ~\$20 less than the 25th Anniversary set and comes with a different pair of high quality cast miniatures. I was really excited to get the Summoner and Hellbringer and really liked the art with the 25th Anniversary Box Set. Seller "The BT Group".

Okay so really there isn't anything else I can say besides the fact that I got it when I expected, and everything that came in it was good quality (mechs were kinda cheap but hey it's a starter kit). The map boards are very well made and easy to understand, and the two high quality mechs (Summoner and Hellbringer) are much larger than the others, (about 3 times the size of an Iron-Wind Summoner), and easy to paint. I just use mine as desk decorations at work =). Overall outstanding product for new BT players or someone who wants to get back into it like me.

I must be honest. I was expecting a low quality shabby introduction box. This is quite impressive! The map was not paper, but hard and resilient. The books are colored and of excellent quality. Then we arrive to the miniatures. Included were 26 plastic miniatures, with 2 of them being "model" quality. This intro box will bring much gaming into my home, and I am pleased for it. I am now looking forward to other releases. Do yourself a favor and pick up a box, and get to gaming!

A very fancy incarnation of Battletech complete with 26 mechs. The mechs are plastic and of toy quality starting to border model accuracy. They will require some trimming prior to painting. The other 2 mechs are model accurate miniatures. These included playing pieces, with the heavy duty map sections, enhance a new player's experience. The literature included was also good quality with some excellent graphics and short stories in the Battletech style. Overall very good. If the mechs were a little better quality it would have got a top score.

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