

*Strohl HW-13 "Smarticle" Cannon (Bear Peters & Bryan Bullock)*

Reload: 1-3                      Grips: 2                      Cost: S17                      Military

Ammo & Damage: Particle 4d6+2

Qualities and Notes: +1 to Attack, Autocorrecting; Self-supplying Ammunition; Sniper.

The Smarticle cannon--"smart particle," marketing was very pleased with that one-- is the answer to an age-old non-problem: how can you combine a heavy weapon that puts out a lot of firepower with a precision, long range rifle?

The full answer is a rotary barrel system that spins to pour out particle beams without overheating any individual firing assembly, and a holographic HUD that provides guidance about where to aim. When in sniper mode, only the upper barrel fires, slowing down the rate of output considerably, but allowing far more precise, long-distance aim. During this, the HUD alters to allow for magnification through a fore-mounted camera.

Mind you, this comes at a (very high) price, which leads to another question: do you want a really big gun that holds a lot of bullets, or do you want, say, 34 Gladius-class fighter craft?