

# The Alchemical Machines - blitz

## Setting up the Battlefield

- 1) This scenario is intended to be played on a 24"x24" table. Players split the table into 4 quarters. Players then place 4 alchemical machines (diameter 1 inch - size 1) on each median line, 8 inches away from the centre (see diagram). Players randomly determine to which element each machine is bound: one to water, one to earth, one to air and one to fire.
- 2) Diagonally opposite quarters, are assigned to each player. Players then mark four deployment areas, one at each corner of the table. Each area is exactly 7.5 inches away from the closest machines.
- 3) The players must then place 6 scenery elements (recommendation about the size of a playing card) according to the following rules:
  - Scenery elements cannot be placed less than 3 inches from any table edge, objective or other scenery element.
  - The players alternate placing the scenery elements. Randomly determine which player places the first scenery element.
- 4) The players then place 3 Alchemical Component markers with the following constraints:
  - The markers must be placed on a scenery element, at least 4 inches away from any other marker.
  - The players place 1 of their markers in their quarter, and 1 in their opponent's quarter. The players place the Alchemical Component markers alternately, one at a time, starting with the player who not place in first scenery element. The remaining marker can be placed in other quarter.
  - All components MUST be placed on the table.

## Deployment

Both players deploy their miniatures in their respective deployment areas.

The players alternate deploying all the miniatures from one card at a time.

The player with the most cards starts. If both players have the same number of cards, the loser of an opposed Mind roll deploys first. Each player must deploy, as much as possible, the same number of miniatures in each of his areas at the end of deployment.

## Victory Conditions

1) The first player who scores 16 victory points win. If at any time, both players manage to get 16 or more victory points in the same round or one player has no living miniatures, the result is a draw.

2) Maximum number of VP to win: 31

3) During the End Phase of each round, players determine which one of them controls each machine.

Victory Points are accumulated as follows:

1 VP for each Controlled machine.

2 VP for each Activated machine.

4 VP for each Awakened machine.

## Special Rules

**Fields of Alchemical Stones:**

Once per round during its activation, any miniature may spend 1 AP in order to pick up an alchemical stone of a randomly determined element. An Alchemist miniature picks up as many stones as its concentration level plus one. For example, an Alchemist with concentration level 2 picks up 3 stones by spending only 1 AP.

When a miniature picks up alchemical stones, roll a white dice in order to determine the type of each collected stone:

1-4: element of its affinity

5-6: player's choice

A miniature that has spent 1 AP to pick up stones and do not "5-6" to pick up the stone of choice, can spend a second IMMEDIATELY AP to exchange only ONE of these stones against ONE single stone of the element of his choice.

A non-alchemist miniature can carry only one stone collected in this manner. If the miniature is removed from play, the stone is removed along with it. A miniature may choose to drop one alchemical stone for free at the beginning of its activation.

Alchemists may carry as many alchemical stones as they wish.

Alchemical stones collected by alchemists may only be used for their formulas if they belong to their affinity. Collected stones which do not belong to their affinity may not be used for their formulas (whether for enhancements or substituting components).

**The Alchemical Machines:**

The machines are considered to be neutral at the beginning of the game. They are Size 1.

**Controlling a machine**

During a turn, a miniature 1 inch or less from a neutral machine may spend 1 Action Point to take control of it.

**Activating a machine**

A neutral machine (or one previously controlled by a friendly miniature) may be activated by a miniature 1 inch or less from it by spending 1 AP and using one alchemical stone - the stone is destroyed in the

process.

#### Awakening a machine

A neutral machine (or previously controlled or activated by a friendly miniature) may be awakened only by an Alchemist miniature within 1 inch or less by spending 1 AP and using one alchemical stone of the same element as the machine (it may be a collected stone or one from their own stores) - the stone is destroyed in the process.

#### Neutralising a machine

A miniature within 1 inch or less may neutralise a machine which is Controlled by the opponent by spending 1 AP and an alchemical stone of the element associated with the machine.

A machine loses its ?activated? or ?awakened? status as soon as it becomes neutral again.

