

Dark Angels Transfers and Honours

DECAL REFERENCE

Formation, honours and personal heraldry

Use transfers to identify formation, role, rank, honours or campaign service.

Establish which job a symbol is doing before assigning it to a model. A decorative variant can add individuality without creating a new army-wide rank.

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Read a transfer sheet by purpose

Chapter and wing badges: choose Dark Angels, Deathwing or Ravenwing for the model's formation. Sizes accommodate infantry and vehicles; alternate outlines and embellishments do not come with a

complete published rank key.

Role badges and numbers: identify the squad's battlefield role and number. Apply the [armour-specific placement guide](#), including the [Deathwing shoulder reversal](#).

Swords: red swords appear on Lieutenants and in older veteran examples. Sword colour or point direction alone cannot settle the wearer's rank.

Keys, chains, script and small shields: personal heraldry with no complete published key for ranks or degrees of initiation.

PLACEMENT CONFLICT · RESOLVED BY ARMOUR TYPE

These are the useful distinctions in [Ely's transfer-sheet survey](#). His non-Terminator Crux placement conflicts with his shoulder guide; the [Deathwing page](#) follows the armour-specific explanation. His preferences for ornate or gold badges are options, not mandatory officer colours.

Honours have meanings beyond rank

Imperial Laurel

SUPPORTED MEANING

Exceptional valour contributing to victory; associated with proven standard bearers.

Marksman's Honour

SUPPORTED MEANING

Distinguished shooting skill, often represented by a bolt-shell talisman.

Iron Halo

SUPPORTED MEANING

Honour and, as physical wargear, a protective device; chapter practices differ. A halo-like decal does not itself prove a particular force-field rule.

Crux Terminatus

SUPPORTED MEANING

Terminator Honours, with armour-specific display conventions; experienced company veterans do not all display the Crux.

Relic-origin stories and heraldic meanings can differ between chapters. The same motif may be an honour, sculpted equipment or decoration in different contexts.

Campaign badges and vehicles

A [campaign badge](#) identifies forces serving together, rather than their permanent company or rank. It may later survive as an earned honour. Sources vary on leg placement: Ely describes the right greave, while Lexicanum's older Codex-derived summary describes the left. Neither makes the other position universally wrong; choose and record a consistent army practice.

Vehicle surfaces allow chapter or wing badges, company devices, vehicle identification and campaign marks. Ely offers a common layout, but does not establish a universal compulsory tank-number position. A transport's owning company, passengers and game keywords can identify different affiliations.

OUR ARMY SCHEME · SERGEANT RANK CUE

In this army, a **red skull on a sergeant's tilt shield** is the rank marker. Skull decals elsewhere can have other meanings. The shield backgrounds are shown on [our army scheme page](#).

The [Intercessor recipe](#) covers transfer preparation, application, sealing and the final finish.

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