

spelled different, read on) was originally designed by Yamatetsu's Naval Technologies division as a support vehicle for their amphibious operations. After the first dozen floated off the line, their production facility was sabotaged, and design specifications were lost. A month later, Ares introduced the Vodyanoy, which quickly became a worldwide hit. I'm sure something came down from up the well to square these two, but Evo never put together another production plant. The Vodyanoy features some serious armor protection that hammers its maneuverability, but it usually doesn't have to avoid much.

VODYANOY (GROUNDRAFT)										
HANDL	SPEED	ACCEL	BODY	ARM	PILOT	SENS	SEATS	AVAIL	COST	
3/3	4	3	16	16	1	2	3(10)	12F	84,000¥	
<b>Standard Equipment</b>		Amenities (Squatter), Hovercraft (built), Weapon Mount (external, turret, manual)								

## CORPSEC/ POLICE/MILITARY

Ares, via their Dodge brand, and Saeder-Krupp via BMW are moving into a security vehicle war that is likely to reshape the industry. Ares is hedging their efforts with extra support from Ares Arms and an instant list of buyers in their security divisions, but even Lone Star is on the fence for which to start ordering from since S-K has Onotari tweaking weapon designs to fit better in their models. Both megacorporations are selling every model in their new lines all over the world, including the backyard of their primary competitors.

Someone is going to ask or make a point of mentioning it, so I'll do it here first. There is at least some collusion going on between the megacorps because no, they don't have design overlaps to create competition. Dodge doesn't have a high-speed pursuit model, and BMW doesn't have a command center rig and so on and so forth. Other megacorporations with interests in keeping these two from taking over the entire market are going to be all over stealing their designs or finding and exploiting any weaknesses they can.

- Megacorporations are scary. Megacorporations cooperating on a level like this are absolutely terrifying.
- Balladeer
- They do things like this all the time. We just live in the shadows and experience far more of the backstabbing and corporate espionage.
- Glitch
- At least it's just two of them, and the rest are still going after them. The day to fear is when they come together and separate the world markets like a giant pie, with each getting their share to exploit.
- Plan 9

- Their nature is to always be looking enviously at everyone else's pie.
- Aufheben

## BMW BLITZKRIEG

This German legend in the making is a combat bike on steroids. Loosely based on the venerable Blitzen, the Blitzkrieg is all anger and edges with weapon systems designed in, instead of being added on. Both the front and rear have space built right in for specific arms. The front offers an Onotari Arms minigun to shred anything in its path, while the rear mounts an Onotari Arms assault rifle to push back any unwanted advances. The advertising crossover for Onotari Arms and BMW has been quite fruitful. The absolute top reason to choose the Blitzkrieg over any other bike on the market is the pullover canopy. The canopy is really a pullover carapace designed to allow the rider to lie down, or "get small" as riders say, and the canopy can extend over them, protecting them from most small arms. Operating this way requires AR access but also allows for full VR control with an onboard gyro stabilization system compensating for the unconscious form of the rider, who is safely tucked into the carapace. Even without the carapace, Blitzkrieg riders are more protected than average riders with the bike's leg, arm, and torso rails, which help to ward off stray bullets. Even though its adverts describe the Blitzkrieg as being based on the Blitzen, a rather round bike, the Blitzkrieg is all hard angles and sharp edges to match the latest BMW design trend.

- This thing is hell on wheels. That front minigun can lay out a stream of lead that will cut a car in half. The rear gun isn't as potent, but it doesn't have to be, especially when it carries the X Factor IV complete with "underbarrel" grenade launcher. Two weapons on one mount, thanks to the efficiency of German engineering.
- Red Anya
- Get in front, it cuts you in half. Come from behind, and it blows you to pieces. Best approach from the sides. Oh wait, Wilma didn't mention the additional mounts available that ride like saddlebags and provide lateral firepower.
- Kane
- Those side mounts aren't standard for the combat biker model—they're secondary-market items offered by Onotari for the security market. They usually offer them with an Onotari SMG, but I've seen models with shotguns, grenade launchers, and even lasers.
- Sticks
- Don't forget the rockets!
- Slamm-0!





BMW BLITZKRIEG

- I've never seen one with rockets. I'm not convinced the footage flying around the Matrix isn't doctored, and I only speak on bikes I have physically seen in action.
- Sticks

BLITZKRIEG (GROUND CRAFT)									
HANDL	SPEED	ACCEL	BODY	ARM	PILOT	SENS	SEATS	AVAIL	COST
4/3	4	2	10	8	3	4	2	14R	46,000¥
<b>Standard Equipment</b>		Two heavy weapon mounts (external, fixed, remote; weapons not included with the vehicle)							

## DODGE CHARGER

With the multi-market popularity of the Knight-Ares Charger when it was introduced back in the early '70s, it was a no-brainer to use the popular moniker for the "redesigned" model. Truth is, this Charger probably has only two shared components, the Stallion and Ram logos. The Charger EV is the base design and is intended as an escort vehicle, while the base Charger is being marketed as a patrol car. This is one of those rare cases where they designed a vehicle for more arms and armor and then trimmed back. I'd expect some of the patrol cars to be stripped down and end up on the

civilian market in a few years after they've got some mileage on them. There might even be a civilian model by then if they redesign the interior for less cannons and more comfort, but what's the fun in that? As an escort they chose the four-door sedan style but tried to keep some sleek two-door looks. The Dodge tear drop, the signature shape of their new line, comes from the front of the hood and over the top, giving the Charger a heavy-looking front end for more intimidation, while the rear window comes to a sharp point for some slick style. Don't forget that this car was designed to be badass, not just pretty, and that rear point folds open to give the "tail-gunner" (as the buyers are calling that seat) a great view of (and shot at) anything creeping up from the rear. The EV is armed with a pair of front-firing mounts on opposing sides of the hood and the same in the rear, though most of the time these mounts are retracted and kept hidden until they're needed.

- These things are great working in tandem, front and rear. No matter which way you come from, they can open fire on you, and when you swerve to avoid, you drive right into a stream of bullets from the other car.
- Sticks







DODGE CHARGER

- There's rumors of an Ares backdoor on the Matrix. I'm not convinced it's real, but we'd be the people to hunt it down if it was out there.
- /dev/grrl
- Might be my natural disposition, but I figure Ares would just blast the drek out of any Chargers used against them in order to get parts and replacement sales.
- Bull
- Funny you mention that. A rookie I know got a call for a job that involved taking out some escorts on a transport. Just take out the escorts. He figured it was a message being sent or just one part of a bigger play. His Johnson even supplied him with some serious ordnance. The escorts were Chargers and the arms were Ares. Nothing more than a conspiracy theory, but something to be on the lookout for.
- Stone

**CHARGER (GROUNDRAFT)**

HANDL	SPEED	ACCEL	BODY	ARM	PILOT	SENS	SEATS	AVAIL	COST
4/3	5	2	12	12	4	4	5	16R	65,000¥

**Standard Equipment**

Two standard weapon mounts (external, fixed, remote) front; two standard weapon mounts (External, fixed, remote) rear

**BMW I8 INTERCEPTOR**

Security and police firms rarely engage in high-speed pursuits. Once they have a few of these in their arsenal, they're going to have a hard time resisting, and with a much higher success rate. The initial specs on this put it right up there with the latest hypercars, but minus any of the comfort and luxury you might have expected in a BMW. The inside is more like a racecar than a luxury car, and though it's sized like a mid-size, it only seats two; driver and gunner, both usually strapped in and operating completely in VR. The driver handles making this mean machine dance while rocketing after a perp using the i8's SOTA rigger interface, while the gunner controls all of the vehicle's onboard offensive and defensive systems from an almost game-like

