

# Warhammer 40,000 – Imperium, Issue 1 £2.99

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Well, this one came with no fanfare at all – checking in my local newsagent to see if there was a new issue of the *Warhammer Age of Sigmar* partwork, I was somewhat surprised to see instead a Warhammer 40K partwork! Now, there had been one of these prior to the Age of Sigmar magazines, and at first I thought they'd just found a dusty old copy at the back of the stockroom. But – no! This is a brand new partwork for 40K concentrating on Space Marines and Necrons (an alien race clearly inspired by the Terminator films and for which, curiously, GW don't ever seem to have been sued over for copyright infringement).



The first issue, which is at the typically good introduction price of £2.99 (Issue 2 will be £5.99 and later issues will be £8.99) is the usual generous start. Alongside a basic rulebook, some pages of “background fluff,” a huge poster, six dice, a cardboard “battle map” and a transparent flat plastic flexible ruler there are two sprues of figures. These are multi-part kits for a Spacemarine Primaris Lieutenant and a Necron Royal Warden (a sort of junior officer). These would seem to be worth around £20 if bought direct from Games Workshop, so there’s going to be a lot of these on Ebay soon! So – good value, but I can’t help wondering if a small squad of Necron troopers and “ordinary” Space Marines mightn’t have been more attractive. Issue 2 will supply the Necrons (and a paint!), and the Space Marines follow on with Issue 3, also with a paint – Ultramarine Blue, what a surprise.



The poster is perfect for a bedroom wall...if one has a very understanding Significant Other, but otherwise it is probably more interesting for the reverse side.



Which reveals what 80 or so issues of the magazine will allow one to accrue over the period of a couple of years. It's a lot.





Of course, some future issues will be better value than others – previous Games Workshop partworks have included the occasional figure which if bought separately might be as much as £25, so they can be a good way to get those figures one just baulks at the price of. And then there'll be issues that just have a paint or two. Back Issues can be bought direct from the publisher Hachette's website – but wouldn't you know it, the best value ones do tend to sell out quickly.