

Warhammer 40,000 – Imperium, Issue 2, £5.99

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And so to the second part of the new Games Workshop Warhammer 40K partwork, published and distributed by Hachette. As you'll doubtless recall, this new partwork focuses on Space Marines and one of their many enemies (when you have this many enemies you have to ask yourself if you're doing something wrong) the dread robotic Necrons. In Issue 2, there are rules for the use of Necron Warriors (the basic troops of the Necron army) and some background reading on the Necrons and their civilisation. The magazine also has a sprue of three Necron Warriors, a pot of paint from the Games Workshop paint system (Base Paint - Runelord Brass) and a fairly basic nylon paint brush. It's all attached to a large piece of cardboard which makes it stand out in the shop and also has inspiring pictures on the back as well as information on upcoming future issues.



The heart of the package is, of course, the Necron figures. These are human sized robots that have a bit of a Terminator look to them, albeit Terminators who have an obsession with all things Egyptian (not so obvious on these troopers but the officers and other special troops have a touch of the Pharaohs about them). All three troopers are equipped with enormous rifle-like weapons that are almost as big as themselves, which are called Gauss Flayers and

look like something out of Flash Gordon. They are multipart models requiring assembly, and they look pretty good!



A final question, one that hits sooner or later with all partwork offerings -- is this good value? Well, the paint is listed as being £3.70, and the starter brush would be maybe £1 which means the Necrons are £0.77 each. Pretty good value -- although in the complicated world of Games Workshop shopping it should be noted that the three Necrons can also be bought with a starter set of 6 paints and a brush for £22.50. Which means that in that package they are free with the paints. Or alternatively the Necron warriors can be bought separately in a pack of 10 Necron warriors and three bases of sort of robotic spidery things for £29, making each Necron about £2.25. So, it's a bit hard to say but 3 figures and a paint and an ok-ish brush for £6 is, if not the bargain of the century then at least good value. Now, in the trail of future issues in the magazine there is what appears to be a real bargain with Issue 4 -- a set of Skorpekh Destroyers (sort of tripod Necrons with enormous double-handed axes). And a paint. This will be the standard magazine full price of £8.99, but bought from GW direct these would retail at £34.50 plus £3.70 for the paint. Expect that issue to sell out on the day of publication, and Ebay to suddenly be full of Skorpekh Destroyers for about £25! So, anyone with a slight interest in GW games would do well to keep an eye out for this and future issues.