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TIE Pilot: Reserve Pilot

Model **TI 8020** , Photo by **Paul Hoeffer**

Description: TIE Pilot: Reserve Pilot
Prefix: TI
Detachment: Jolly Roger Squadron
Context: Star Wars Episode VI, Expanded Universe

Many of the characters appearing on the Death Star bridge went nameless in the films. The Expanded Universe often fills these gaps, including the story of the off duty TIE pilot. The Decipher card series and Star Wars Character Encyclopedia name several of these crew members as TIE pilots, providing both back story and visual reference for them.

The 501st approval requirements are listed in black. For Legion approval, only these requirements must be met.

While the Jolly Roger Squadron does not have any detachment specific costume certification programs, some parts of the costume below may be shared with other detachments that do. Features listed in blue or **red** are not required for 501st approval, but are noted here for those interested in these additional details.

This Visual Guide has been reviewed by the detachment staff and the LMO team and is certified for use as a minimum approval guideline for GMLs. GMLs are free to approve this costume type.

- Any uncertainties or questionable aspects of the submitted costume should be brought to the appropriate DL/GML peer review section of the legion forum.

Required Costume Components

The following costume components are present and appear as described below.

Imperial Hat, black
For 501st approval:

- Fabric is a medium weight suiting material matching the pants and tunic if applicable.
    - ♦ Gabardine style weave is most accurate.
- Base of the hat is conical, with a crown about 4" (101.6 mm) tall.
- Front and rear "flaps" overlap on the sides and are about 4" (101.6 mm) high.
- Front bill extends 3" down, decorated with 6 or 7 concentric stitches.
- Imperial Code Disk is positioned in the center of the front vertical flap.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Code Disk has a notch detail on the outermost disk.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Code disk exactly matches screen-used prop.

Black Imperial Flight Suit
For 501st approval:

- One piece black coverall/jumpsuit/flight suit with a front invisible zipper.
- Approximately 1.5" (38.1mm) tall mandarin collar with a chevron shaped, left-over-right velcro closure.
- A silver or white Imperial Cog emblem, on a black background, is present on both shoulders.

- ♦ The cog is 3" or 3.5" in diameter, and 1" from the shoulder seam.
- On the left forearm there is a compad pocket, approximately 5" (127mm) wide by 5.75" (146.05mm) tall, with no flap and a 2.25" (57.15mm) window in it.
  - ♦ Size might vary to match specific compad.
- On the left bicep, about 2"(50.8mm) below the cog emblem, there is a code cylinder pocket with no flap, and vertical stitching dividing it into pen sleeves.
- The bottom front corner of the pocket is cut off at a bevel on the side pointing in view direction, with the broader upside forming the border of the pen sleeves.
- The right sleeve has a cargo pocket, about 6" (152mm) wide and 5.75" (146mm) on the bicep, and approximately 2"(50.8mm) below the cog emblem.
  - ♦ The pocket has a 2"(50.8mm) flap.
- (2) large chest pockets and (2) large front pockets below the belt, without any zipper or flaps.
- (2) leg pockets with flaps, similar in proportion as the right arm sleeve pocket.
  - ♦ Size may differ - (Usually the width of the front pockets equals the width of the leg pockets).
- There are no rank bars of any kind on the uniform.
- There are no leg pockets below the knees.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Imperial patches on the shoulders are printed vinyl rather than embroidered.
- The suit has a pointed collar in the back.

Imperial Communications Pad
For 501st approval:

- Rectangular communications pad, with buttons and detailing as shown, on a grey or silver background.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Compad is not electronically lit.

Black Gauntlet Gloves
For 501st approval:

- Black, leather or leather-like, enclosed fingered, non-textured, fitted gauntlet style.
- No buckles, straps, or decorative stitching.
- Three straight lines, on the back of the hand (that match some references), are optional.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Gloves are made of leather.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Gauntlets slightly flair-out, upward from the wrist to the mid-forearm.

Belt
For 501st approval:

- The belt is constructed from a non-textured leather or a leather-like material.
- Approximately 2" (50.8 mm) in width, up to 3" (76.2 mm) is acceptable.
- There are no loops on the belt.
- A single large snap or rivet is visible approximately 1" (25.4 mm) from the buckle.
    - ♦ The belt may be worn with the snap to the right or left of the wearer.
- The buckle is constructed from a horizontally brushed metal, or metal looking material.
- The buckle size is approximately 2 5/8" (66.7 mm) high and 4 1/8" (104.5 mm) wide with 0.5" (12.7 mm) radius rounded corners.
- Buckle is adorned with an Imperial Code Disk at the center.
- ♦ Please refer to the Imperial Buckle reference page for information on accurate and inaccurate style buckles.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Belt is made of leather.
- Snap is worn to the left of the wearer.
- Buckle has a slight horizontal curve.

Black Boots
For 501st approval:

- Calf high black leather or leather like material.
- Free of laces, decorative stitching, buckles on the instep or any other embellishments.
- Boots may have a single adjustment strap at the top outside of the boot, with the buckle no wider than 1".
    - ♦ This need not be functional.
- Zippers on the inside of the boot are acceptable, so long as they are concealed.
    - ♦ If the zipper is not covered by vinyl/leather, it is painted black.
- German "jack boot" style boots are most canon.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Boots are made of leather.

For level three certification (if applicable):

- Boots are German jack boots (or ?Knobelbechers?) or an authentic replication thereof.
- Boots have the top adjustment strap.

Optional Accessories

Items below are optional costume accessories. These items are not required for approval, but if present appear as described below.

DL-44 Blaster Pistol
For 501st approval:

Manufactured by BlasTech Industries, the DL-44 Blaster has the ability to charge a heavier blast, nearly twice as powerful as similar pistols. Because the sidearm is highly modifiable and is one of the few blasters shown to have the ability to penetrate imperial armor, the Empire has placed heavy restrictions on this model and in many cases ownership is outlawed outside of imperial forces.

- Scratch built or high-end prop replica.

DH-17 Blaster
For 501st approval:

Manufactured by BlasTech Industries, the DH-17 is a standard-issue Imperial sidearm for shipboard combat. The energy and power of the weapon are tuned to penetrate necessary targets, yet it will not puncture a starship's hull.

- Scratch built or high-end prop replica.

E-11 Blaster
For 501st approval:

Manufactured by BlasTech Industries, the E-11 is standard-issue for many Imperial troops. Light, compact yet powerful, the E-11 blaster is always in high demand throughout the galaxy.

- Based on a real or replica Sterling sub-machine gun, scratch-built, or

a modified commercial toy Stormtrooper blaster.

For level two certification (if applicable):

- Folding stock.
  - Stock does not need to function.
- A real or replica ammo counter - based off of a Hengstler counter - should be present.
- D-ring mounted on the rear.
- Correct style scope.
- Two power cylinders on the magazine.
- Scratch-built, resin cast, Hyperfirm rubber cast blasters should have a total of 6 t-racks on blaster (leaving the lowest row on the Hengstler side un-covered).
- If using the Hasbro E11 toy blaster, it is modified to have the correct number of T-tracks (6 total), with a lower row of open vent holes on the magazine housing side.
  - This is accomplished by covering the pre-existing rows of holes with T-tracks, then grinding off the lower integrated T-track on the magazine housing side, and drilling a new row of holes in its place.

Holster
For 501st approval:

- Holster is the appropriate color and style for the specific blaster.
  - Holster is not present if no blaster is carried.

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