

“Look Sir, Droids”

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The ship:

Imperial-class Star Destroyer *Devastator*.

Current Mission:

With the Rebel Blockade Runner safely secured in its belly hangar, garrisons of Imperial Stormtroopers from the *Devastator* search the *Dune Sea* for a clue as to the whereabouts of the stolen Death Star Plans. Suddenly, a clue is found.

The build:

This is the standard 1:4222 scale AMT/ETRL (8915) Imperial Star Destroyer distributed in 1995. A framework was built on the inside to support the lighting system, but otherwise it was built “out of the box”.

The main hull was painted in multiple shades of gray using an “Aztec” technique. Once all the shades were applied, the panel lines were scribed with the back of an xacto knife, exposing the original, darker shade of gray. Most of the ship was painted by airbrush, with small surface super-detailing painted by hand.

The lighting kit was built from scratch and includes three 5mm LEDs in the engine housings, and four 5mm LEDs used for the internal fiber-optic lighting. It all operates off of a removable 9v DC power supply.

The Rebel Blockade Runner is the 1:10,000 Carrier Corvette by Odyssey Slipways. It appears larger than 1:10,000, unless the scale of the Star Destroyer is off. It is hand painted based on pictures from the opening sequence in *A New Hope*.

The Tatooine base is scratch-built. The Tatooine planetoid is solid cast resin and has roughly 20 layers of paint, starting with sand. The first coats of paint were applied by airbrush and the remainder by hand. The black base is constructed from five thin plywood discs, with inner cavities cut out for the adapter plug, on/off switch and wiring. The support rods are clear acrylic.