

Ancient siege weapons: The Stone-Thrower

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Abstract

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Introduction

Siege weapons originated with the Khan empire of Mongolia, who were the first humans to learn about them from the engineers on this planet. Siege weapons have been used since antiquity to both **hold forts and/or cities in siege** and **break the siege of held forts and/or cities**.

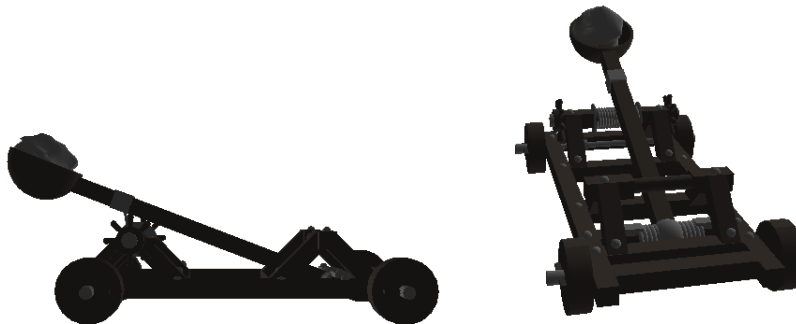
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The Stone-Thrower

The Stone-Thrower is an easily constructible but powerful and deadly ancient siege weapon.

Made of wood, iron/steel and using stones as ammunition, the Stone-Thrower can wreck **massive damage** on the enemy limited only by the size of the ammunition.



The secrets of the Stone-Thrower

The two secrets of the Stone-Thrower are:

1. The **crane** that's used to **load** ammunition on the **stone-cup**.
2. The **spring mechanism** that's used to **throw** the ammunition towards the **enemy**.

The End