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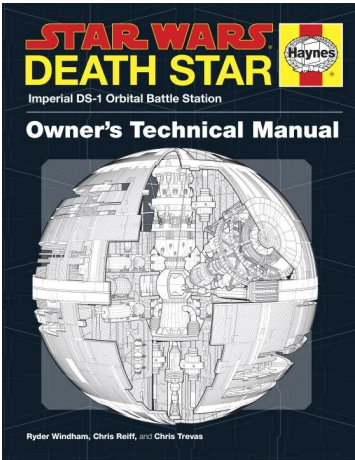
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Death Star Owner's Technical Manual

EDIT

This article is about the **Star Wars Legends** reference book.
You may be looking for the similary named *Death Star Owner's Workshop Manual*,
a non-canon in-universe book.

The ***Death Star Owner's Technical Manual***, also referred as ***Death Star Owner's Workshop Manual*** and ***Imperial Death Star: DS-1 Orbital Battle Station***, is a reference guide from [Del Rey](#) and [Haynes Publishing](#) written by [Ryder Windham](#), and illustrated by [Chris Reiff](#) and [Chris Trevas](#). The guide is a follow-up to the *Millennium Falcon Owner's Workshop Manual*. It was released on [November 5, 2013](#), although pre-release versions of the book were issued to winners of a contest included in *Star Wars Insider* [145](#).



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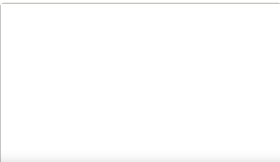
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making it essential reading for all [Star Wars](#) fans.

The *Death Star* is a spherical [space station](#), the size of a small [moon](#), highly armored and armed to destroy anything from enemy [spaceships](#) to whole [planets](#). Using cutaway drawings, exploded diagrams, and photographs, backed by detailed technical specifications and descriptions of the onboard systems, the *Death Star Owner's Workshop Manual* reveals the technology contained within and lays bare the awesome power (and weaknesses) of the [Empire's](#) ultimate weapon.

Back cover summary

Conceived as the [Empire's](#) ultimate weapon, the *Death Star* battle station with equipped with a planet-shattering [superlaser](#). The station is heavily shielded, defended by [TIE starfighters](#) and [laser cannons](#), and invested with firepower greater than half the [Imperial fleet](#). The Empire's diabolical leaders have every reason to believe that their technological terror will induce fear across [the galaxy](#). But the *Death Star* has [one flaw](#).

This Haynes Manual traces the origins of the *Death Star*, from concept to a top-secret project that begins before the foundation of the Empire, which draws design inspiration from the [Trade Federation's spherical warships](#). In this manual, the *Death Star's* onboard systems and controls are explained in detail, and are illustrated with an astonishing range of computer-generated artwork, floor plans, cutaways and exploded diagrams, all newly created by artists [Chris Reiff](#) and [Chris Trevas](#)—the same creative team behind the [Millennium Falcon Owner's Workshop Manual](#). Text is by their Falcon colleague [Ryder Windham](#), author of more than fifty *Star Wars* books.

Covering history, development and prototyping, superstructure, energy and propulsion, weapons and defensive systems, hangar bays, security, service and technical sectors, crew facilities, and with information about the *Death Star II* and its planetary shield generation, this is the most thorough technical guide to the *Death Star* available.

Continuity

- On page 62, the short-term cargo storage and pilot supply cannisters are both listed as number "8" in the docking bay control room features when the latter should be listed as number "9".
- [Vodran](#) is misspelled as "Vordan" on page 101.

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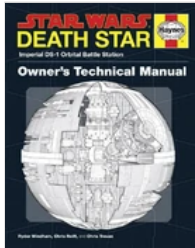
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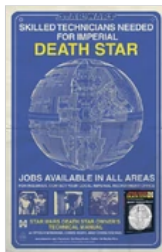
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Front cover diagram



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Sources

- **INSIDER** "Caring for Your Death Star" – *Star Wars Insider* Special Edition 2014

External links

- **a** *Star Wars: Death Star Owner's Technical Manual: Imperial DS-1 Orbital Battle Station* on Amazon.com (backup link)
- **P** *Star Wars: Death Star Owner's Technical Manual: Imperial DS-1 Orbital Battle Station* on Penguin Random House's official website (backup link)
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