Anomaly Classification System (ACS) Guide

What is ACS?

ACS is a new classification system that adds further depth to the already existing Object Class system. **It is not intended to replace the current Object Class system. It is only meant to enhance it.**

The classifications that ACS uses are as follows:

Clearance Level	This is an adaptation of the already existing Clearance Levels. A number of modifications that will be described below. **Clearance Levels refers to the level of an employee that is given permission to read the information contained within the document.**
Containment Class	This is the same as the classic "Object Class." **It is renamed in order to more clearly convey what the classification refers to: Containment.** This is the "Contain" part of "Secure, Contain, Protect."
Disruption Class	This is one of the new classes invented for this Classification System. **Disruption Class refers to an anomaly's ability to disturb the status quo and/or break the veil.** This is the "Secure" part of "Secure, Contain, Protect." When considering the Disruption Class of an object, ask yourself these questions: 1. How swiftly will the influence of the anomaly spread? 2. How far will it spread if left unchecked? 3. How easily can The Foundation neutralize its effects?
Risk Class	This is one of the new classes invented for this Classification System. **Risk Class refers to the severity of an anomaly's effects on an individual person and how easily one can recover from it.** This is the "Protect" part of "Secure, Contain, Protect." When considering the Risk Class of an object, ask yourself these questions: 1. How easily can individuals recover, if at all? 2. How severe are the effects? 3. At what proximity do these effects start being noticed?
Secondary Class	This is an **optional** new class used, but not invented, for this classification system. The Secondary Class can also be known as the "Esoteric Class." It uses the already known Esoteric Classes, which you can find a list of here. It is standard for the Containment Class to be set to "Esoteric" when utilizing a Secondary Class, but this is not required.

Detailed Descriptions

Clearance Level

Clearance Levels are the primary section of this Classification System that depends largely on the headcanon of the author and the reader. The descriptions below refer to a specific way that The Foundation is run and that may not be inline with your view of The Foundation, and that's okay! Just use these as a general guideline and adapt as you see fit.

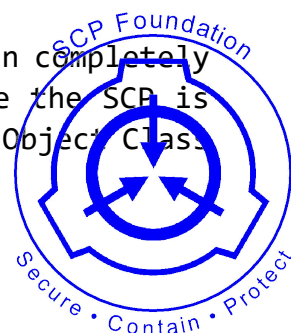|	
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Containment Class

NOTE: Under ACS, Thaumiel is considered a **secondary class** not a Containment Class.

Safe

Safe-class SCPs are anomalies that are easily and safely contained. This is often due to the fact that the Foundation has researched the SCP well enough that containment does not require significant resources or that the anomalies require a specific and conscious activation or trigger. Classifying an SCP as Safe, however, does not mean that handling or activating it does not pose a threat.

Euclid

Euclid-class SCPs are anomalies that require more resources to contain completely or where containment isn't always reliable. Usually this is because the SCP is insufficiently understood or inherently unpredictable. Euclid is the Object Class.

with the greatest scope, and it's usually a safe bet that an SCP will be this class if it doesn't easily fall into any of the other standard Object Classes.

As a note, any SCP that's autonomous, sentient and/or sapient is generally classified as Euclid, due to the inherent unpredictability of an object that can act or think on its own.

Keter
Keter-class SCPs are anomalies that are exceedingly difficult to contain consistently or reliably, with containment procedures often being extensive and complex. The Foundation often can't contain these SCPs well due to not having a solid understanding of the anomaly, or lacking the technology to properly contain or counter it. A Keter SCP does not mean the SCP is dangerous, just that it is simply very difficult or costly to contain.

Neutralized
Neutralized SCPs are anomalies that are no longer anomalous, either through having been intentionally or accidentally destroyed, or disabled.

Pending
SCP articles that have not yet been assigned an object class may be labelled as Pending. This is used to indicate that the Foundation is actively researching the anomaly, but doesn't have enough information yet to give it an object class.
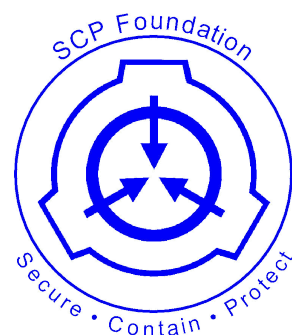
Explained
Explained SCPs are commonly articles about anomalies that are completely and fully understood to the point where their effects are now explainable by mainstream science or phenomena that have been debunked or falsely mistaken as an anomaly.
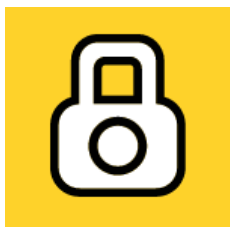
Esoteric
The Foundation's primary directive is to order the anomalous by designating instances with four-digit numbers and methods of containment. One of the tools used to accomplish this is the Object Class, a process of parsing anomalies into groups based on the difficulty of containment. Full dossiers are available for readers wishing to familiarize themselves.

Despite this, some anomalies warrant entirely new object classes beyond the standard Safe, Euclid, and Keter, and sometimes even beyond Thaumiel, Neutralized, and Explained. These Esoteric Classes are exceedingly rare, and many are not viable for standard documentation due to their specialized natures.
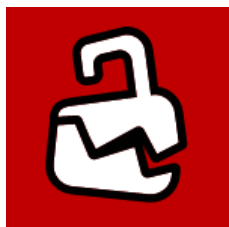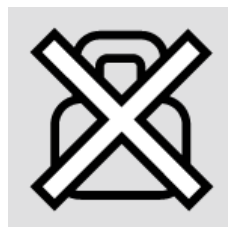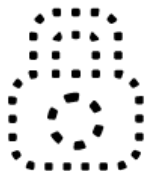
SAFE — **EUCLID** — **KETER** — **NEUTRALIZED** — **PENDING**

EXPLAINED — **ESOTERIC**

Secondary Class

Not all Secondary Class options are listed here, these are only the options of which Icons have been created. Please refer to the Esoteric Class document to see all Secondary Class options.

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APOLLYON — **ARCHON** — **CERNUNNOS** — **DECOMMISSIONED** — **HIEMAL**
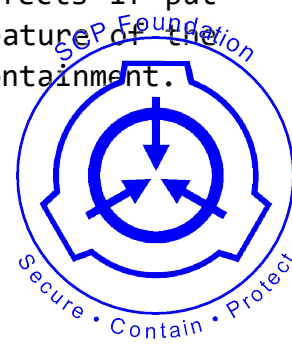
TIAMAT — **TICONDEROGA** — **THAUMIEL** — **UNCONTAINED**

Apollyon

Apollyon-class SCPs are anomalies that cannot be contained, are expected to breach containment imminently, or some other similar scenario. Such anomalies are usually associated with world-ending threats or a K-Class Scenario of some kind and require a massive effort from the Foundation to deal with.

Archon

Archon-class SCPs are anomalies that could theoretically be contained but are best left uncontained for some reason. Archon SCPs may be a part of consensus reality that is difficult to fully contain or may have adverse effects if put into containment. These SCPs are not uncontainable—the defining feature of the class is that the Foundation chooses to not put the anomaly into containment.

Cernunnos
Item can be functionally contained, but the Foundation cannot achieve this for logistical and/or ethical reasons.

Decommissioned
Item has been intentionally destroyed or deanomalized by the Foundation.

Hiemal
Item is a system of two or more distinct but related anomalies that keep each other under control.

Tiamat
Item poses an immediate threat to humanity, but can be "contained" via open warfare or other Veil-breaking operations.

Ticonderoga
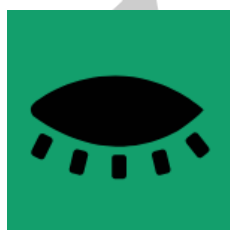Item cannot be contained but does not need to be contained.

Thaumiel
Thaumiel-class SCPs are anomalies that the Foundation specifically uses to contain other SCPs. Even the mere existence of Thaumiel-class objects is classified at the highest levels of the Foundation and their locations, functions, and current status are known to few Foundation personnel outside of the O5 Council.
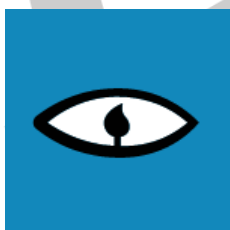
Uncontained
Item is not contained for unspecified reasons.

Disruption Class Options[2]

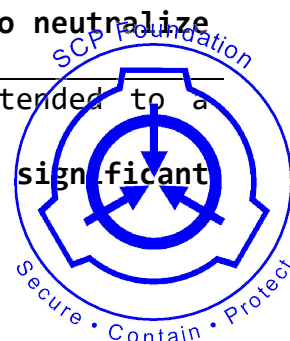

| DARK | VLAM | KENEQ | EKHI | AMIDA |

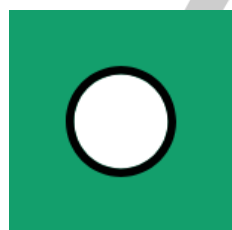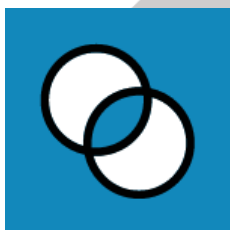|	
Dark[3]	The known or potential disruption is **so low as to not be a concern**. The object is essentially inert when not interacted with and may **potentially only affect a single individual**. The Foundation would find it **trivial to clean up after it**.
Vlam[4]	The known or potential disruption would be **localized to a small handful of people**. The anomalous effects certainly do **affect multiple people, but it would not extend very far**. The Foundation would find it **relatively simple to neutralize its effects**.
Keneq[5]	The known or potential disruption would be extended to a number of people **roughly defined as a city**. The anomalous effects could spread with **fairly significant speed, fast enough as to cause concern**.

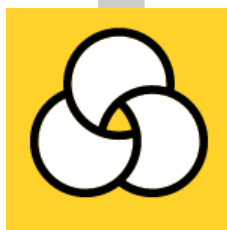|	
	The Foundation would find it **moderately difficult to neutralize its effects**.
Ekhi[6]	The **known disruption** would extend to **roughly the size of a large metropolitan area to an entire country**. The **potential disruption** could extend to **the entire known world**. The spread would be **swift and difficult to manage**. The Foundation would find it **quite difficult to neutralize its effects**.
Amida[7]	**This Disruption Class should be reserved for special circumstances when The Foundation is essentially "declaring war" on an anomaly.** When an anomaly poses such a dire threat to the status quo and The Foundation's veil that there is no other option than to use all possible options in order to Neutralize it. **The effects of an Amida anomaly would extend to the entire known world and possibly the entire universe.**

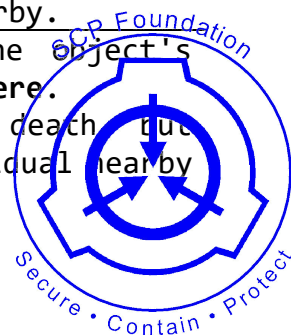## Risk Class Options

| NOTICE | CAUTION | WARNING | DANGER | CRITICAL |

Notice	The anomalous effects of the object are **nearly non-existent to mild**. An individual within close proximity of the object would **not feel anything** as a result of the object. It poses **no danger** to any individual nearby.
Caution	The anomalous effects of the object are **mild to moderate**. An individual within close proximity of the object **may feel mild effects** from the anomalous object. It poses **mild danger** to any individual nearby.
Warning	The anomalous effect of the object are **moderate to significant**. An individual within close proximity of the object **will feel mild effects** or **may feel major effects** from the anomalous object. It poses **moderate danger** to any individual nearby.
Danger	The anomalous effect of the object are **significant to extreme**. An individual within close proximity of the object **will feel major effects** or **may feel extreme effects** from the anomalous object. It poses **significant danger** to any individual nearby.
Critical	This Risk Class should only be chosen when the object's effects **will be near instant and/or extremely severe**. It does not, necessarily, need to cause actual death but death is incredibly likely and expected. Any individual nearby

████████████ will **feel the effects near instantly and the possibility of recovery is impossible.**

Footnotes

1. Ridiculous name? Yes, maybe. However, it is the name of the highest Clearance Level used for NATO as well.
2. Disruption Class names are all based on degrees of light or illumination. The higher the disruption class, the farther the light spreads from the source.
3. Chosen as an easily understood baseline in the same vein as "Safe."
4. Dutch for Flame, generally a candle flame.
5. Pacific Gulf Yupik for Fire, generally a camp fire, though it can be a bit larger.
6. Basque for Sun.
7. Has a plethora of meanings but, in this case, it is referring to the Buddha of Eternal Light.