# **Starfield**

This component handles the rendering of an billboard starfield.

#### Color

This allows you to set the final color tint.

# **Brightness**

This allows you to set the final color brightness. This is useful in combination with HDR.

# **Render Queue**

This allows you to set which render queue group the starfield will be placed in. By default this is set to Transparent, but you can also use Background if you want the starfield to render before other transparent objects.

## **Render Queue Offset**

This allows you to tweak the render queue position. For example, the Transparent render queue is 3000, so an offset of 5 will set the render queue to 3005.

#### **Main Tex**

This allows you to set the texture applied to all stars in the starfield. This can be a texture of a single star, or multiple stars.

### Layout

This allows you to set the type of layout you want to use for the Main Tex.

#### Grid

This layout means each star in the Main Tex is laid out in a grid. For example, if you have 256x256 texture with a grid of 2x2 stars, each one is 128x128 pixels.

## **Layout Columns**

The amount of star columns in the Main Tex.

# **Layout Rows**

The amount of star rows in the Main Tex.

## Custom

This allows you to manually set the rectangles defining the stars within your Main Tex.

#### Rects

Each rect defines one star variant.

## **Softness**

This setting allows you to make the stars have soft edges when intersecting solid geometry. This is useful if you are creating dust clouds that need to intersect solid geometry (e.g. asteroids).

NOTE: To make particles intersect solid geometry you must first change the Render Queue of your starifled to Transparent, or similar.

NOTE: Cameras don't render depth textures by default, so this setting will not work correctly. To make them render depth textures, add the SgtDepthTextureMode component to your Camera(s), and set the DepthMode to either Depth, or DepthNormals.

# Age

This allows you to set the current time of the star pulsing.

#### Time Scale

This allows you to set how fast all the stars pulse.

## **Fade Near**

This setting causes stars to fade out if they get too close to the camera.

#### **Fade Near Radius**

This allows you to set the camera distance at which particles will become invisible.

#### **Fade Near Thickness**

This allows you to set the thickness of the fading region.

#### Fade Far

This setting causes stars to fade out if they get too far from the camera. This setting is mainly used with the wrapped starfields, to hide the wrapping effect.

#### **Fade Far Radius**

This allows you to set the camera distance at which particles will become invisible.

#### Fade Far Thickness

This allows you to set the thickness of the fading region.

## **Follow Cameras**

This allows you to force the starfield to follow all cameras in the scene (e.g. the main camera). This is useful for placing stars in the background.

# **Stretch To Observers**

This allows you to force the stars to stretch in accordance to the velocity of all observers in the scene (e.g. the main camera). This is useful for creating a warp drive effect.

#### Stretch Scale

This allows you to set how much an observer's velocity will change the stretching of each star.

#### Stretch Override

This allows you override the velocity vector sent to the starfield shader.

## Stretch Vector

This allows you to set the new velocity vector.

#### **Allow Pulse**

Pulsing causes the sizes of stars to increase and decrease over time.

# [CONTEXT] Update Material

This option will force the starfield material and its settings to be updated.

NOTE: This should automatically get called when modifying values in the inspector.

## [CONTEXT] Update Meshes and Models

This option will force the starfield meshes and models to be updated.

NOTE: This should automatically get called when modifying values in the inspector.

# [CONTEXT] Make Editable Copy

This option will create a new a new belt using the **Custom Belt** component, and fill it with all the asteroids generated in this component, but in a manually editable format.