

# FIGHTER

## TECH KNIGHT

A Tech Knight believes that it is neither brains nor brawn that determine the best fighter, but the combination thereof.

Why limit yourself to what nature has provided you when you can supplement your combat superiority in unique and inventive ways that give you the edge? You build and innovate on the cutting edge... and use that edge to hew through your foes. There are few things more dangerous than weaponized creativity in the hands of someone that knows how to use it.

A Tech Knight could be called an inventor that opened the door of innovation, found the deadliest thing they could invent, and closed it once more, but that wouldn't be accurate. They innovate continuously, improving their art, just with a highly specialized focus.

Some perhaps adventure and fight to test their weapons, others perhaps turned to innovation to overcome some obstacle or seek to change the world, and others still care little for the science and engineering of the weapon, and merely cobbled together something to annihilate their foes.

### BRUTAL INVENTION

When you choose this archetype at 3rd level, you build a devastating new weapon to help you dominate the battlefield in a unique way. You can build one weapon.

Select one weapon from the below list:

Weapon	Damage	Properties
Chainblade	2d4 slashing	Versatile (3d4), Special
Ramming Gauntlet	1d8 bludgeoning	Light, Special
Repeating Hand Crossbow	1d6 piercing	Ammunition (30/120), Light, Special
Ricocheting Weapon	1d8 bludgeoning	Finesse, Thrown (30/90), Special
Transforming Weapon	Varies	Varies, Special

You gain proficiency with the selected weapon. Only you have proficiency with this weapon. If your weapon is lost or destroyed, you can remake it over the course of 4 hours spending 25 gp of materials.

#### VARIANT WEAPON TYPES

If a Tech Knight wants to change the damage type of a weapon to another, this is generally balanced. For example, Ramming Gauntlets that are Bladed Gloves that deal slashing damage, or a Ricocheting Weapon that does slashing damage.

The damage type of weapons in the games are not a primary factor in balance.



#### SPECIAL PROPERTIES

**Chainblade.** When you roll damage dice for this weapon, you can reroll as many damage dice as you would like once per attack, but you must use the new roll for any dice rolled this way. After hitting an attack with this weapon as part of the Attack action, if you have additional attacks you can make as part of the action, you can forgo them to deal an extra 4d4 slashing damage per attack forgone.

**Ramming Gauntlet.** When you make an attack roll, you can choose to forgo adding your proficiency bonus to the attack roll. If the attack hits, you can add double your proficiency bonus to the damage roll.

**Repeating Hand Crossbow.** This weapon doesn't require a free hand to load, as it has a built-in loader. Once per turn, if you make an attack with this weapon as part of the Attack action, if you do not have disadvantage on that attack, you can give yourself disadvantage to make a single additional weapon attack with this weapon as a bonus action (also with disadvantage).

**Ricocheting Weapon.** When this weapon is thrown you can target two creatures within 10 feet of each other, using the same attack roll and damage roll for both targets; the damage dealt is halved for targets hit after the first. This weapon returns to your hand after you make an attack with it using the Thrown property. When you create this weapon, you can choose for it to deal slashing damage instead of bludgeoning damage.

**Transforming Weapon.** When you gain this weapon, select 3 simple or martial weapons. This weapon can transform between any of those weapons as a bonus action. When you convert the weapon, it becomes overcharged with power, and the next time you roll damage with it before the end of your turn you deal an extra 1d4 lightning damage.

## REV UP

When hit an attack with your Brutal Invention, you can overcharge with an effect based on your Brutal Invention selection, granting it an additional benefit:

- **Reckless Power (Chainblade):** The weapon's damage dice become d6's for that attack (including the special property if activated).
- **Excessive Force (Ramming Gauntlet):** The target is knocked 10 feet backwards.
- **Full Auto (Repeating Hand Crossbow):** You immediately make a single additional attack as part of the same action, making the attack with disadvantage; this disadvantage can't be canceled out.
- **Hypervelocity (Ricocheting Weapon):** The weapon can target creatures within 20 feet of each other, and it can bounce to an additional target.
- **Overcharge (Transforming Weapon):** You deal an extra 2d4 lightning damage.

You can use this ability a number of times equal to your Intelligence modifier (minimum 1), regaining all uses on a short or long rest.

## WEAPON IMPROVEMENT

Additionally at 3rd level, over the course of a long rest, you can destroy a +1/+2/+3 magic weapon to transfer its bonus to attack and damage rolls to your Brutal Invention weapon. At the GM's discretion, other properties can be transferred (it is recommended that most cannot, but a final decision is up to the GM).

### CHANGING YOUR INVENTION

If a player wishes to change their Brutal Invention, it takes 1 full day of down time, working for at least 8 hours. You can change any option that requires a selection in this manner.

## TINKER'S PROFICIENCY

Additionally at 3rd level, you gain proficiency with tinker's tools. If you already have proficiency in tinker's tools, you can select another type of artisan's tools to gain proficiency in.

## CONTINGENT OPTIONS

At 7th level, you extend your innovation of the art of war to give yourself a unique advantage from your gear. For any option that has a spell save DC, your save is 8 + your Intelligence modifier + your proficiency bonus. Select one of the following options:

- **Charged Armor.** As a bonus action, you can juice your armor with power with the effect of the *lightning charged*<sup>K</sup> spell.
- **Rocket Boots.** As a bonus action you can activate these to give yourself a jumping distance equal to your walking speed until the end of the turn. You take no fall damage

from this movement, but creatures of your choice within 5 feet of where you land take 2d4 fire damage. Alternatively, you can use this to cast *feather fall* targeting only yourself.

- **Shifting Belt.** You can use this to cast *enlarge/reduce* without expending a spell slot.
- **Flame Thrower.** As an action or in place of one attack as part of the Attack action, you can use this to cast *burning hands* as a 2nd-level spell without expending a spell slot.
- **Force Shield.** You can deploy a temporary force field, with the effect of casting *shield*.
- **Thunder Grenade.** As an action or in place of one attack as part of the Attack action, you can use this to cast *shatter* without expending a spell slot.

You can use the selected item once, after which you must finish a short or long rest before you can use it again.

## CHAINS OF WAR

Starting at 10th level, you can select one of the following, or one additional selection from Brutal Invention or Contingent Options.

- **Returning Chain.** When you throw your Brutal Invention weapon at a target within 30 feet of you, you can return the weapon to your hand. If the weapon doesn't have the thrown property, it gains the Thrown (10/30 property).
- **Grappling Hook.** As an action, or in place of an attack as part of the Attack action, you may target a surface, object or creature within 20 feet. If the target is Small or smaller, you can make a Strength (Athletics) grappling check to pull it to you and grapple it. Alternatively, if the target is Medium or larger, you can choose to be pulled to it, however, this doesn't grapple it. Opportunity attacks provoked by this movement are made with disadvantage.

## REACTIVE ARMOR

Starting 15th level, you can tune your armor during a long rest to grant specialized defense. At the end of a long rest, select one damage type and gain resistance to that damage type until the end of your next long rest.

## ARMS RACE

Starting at 18th level, you can select two additional options from any of Brutal Invention, Contingent Options, and Chains of War (two options total, selected from any of those features).

## TECH KNIGHT QUIRKS

The following are some optional quirks for a player of the Tech Knight. You can optionally roll or select a quirk that suits your character.

d6	Quirk
1	You devote time each day to improving your weapons.
2	You think any problem can be solved with sufficient firepower.
3	You have disdain for simple weapons.
4	You daydream about explosions.
5	You revel in new chances to test your destructive wares.
6	You offer to show everyone the features of each new invention with great joy.