

## MACROSS SERIES GENERAL NOTES

### **About the Title: "The Super Dimension Fortress Macross"**

The series title is a complicated play on words, the result of the project's convoluted pre-production. The original creators at Studio Nue and Artland initially named their project, "Battle City Megaload/Megaroad." The double pun refers to the ship's massive civilian population and long space journey. However, the producer for the sponsor Big West was a Shakespeare fan, and insisted on naming the series and ship "Macbeth" (pronounced "Makubesu" in Japanese). Studio Nue and Artland regrouped and proposed the title "Makurosu," or "Macross" when written in English. Along with its similarity to Macbeth's Japanese pronunciation, the finalized title also retained the connotation of massive size that the first title had.

"The Super Dimension Fortress" prefix ("Choo Jikuu Yoosai") is a wordplay on an intermediary working title, "The Super Dreadnought Fortress Macross" ("Choo Dokyuu Yoosai Makurosu").

### **People:**

Ichijo Hikaru  
Age: 16 years old  
Birthdate: November 4, 1992  
Birthplace: Japan  
Rank: Staff Sergeant  
Blood Type: O  
Height: 175 cm  
Weight: 58 kg  
Foot size: 25 cm  
Occupation: Fighter Pilot  
Debut: Episode 1  
Voice: Hase Arihiro

Ichijo Hikaru is a happy-go-lucky teenage stunt flyer who is drawn into Space War I by his fateful visit to South Ataria Island. His father and his mentor Roy Fokker flew in a stunt pilot team before the United Nations Wars and his father's death in an air tragedy. Although a reluctant enlistee, Hikaru eventually rises to the fore of the conflict as an ace fighter pilot. Note: Of all the main characters, Hikaru's name changed the least during pre-production.

Hayase Misa  
Age: 19 years old  
Birthdate: March 3, 1990  
Birthplace: Japan  
Rank: First Lieutenant  
Blood Type: AB  
Height: 168 cm  
Weight: 45 kg  
Measurements (cm): 83-57-86  
Occupation: Macross bridge operator  
Debut: Episode 1  
Pre-production name: Hayase Aki  
Character voice: Doi Mika

Misa is a by-the-book officer who graduated first in her military academy class before receiving her plum assignment aboard the Macross. She was born into a family of career military officers, and her friends often joke that she values duty over romance. However, a chance encounter with a young civilian pilot will change her life as well as the course of Space War I.

Note: Misa is actually misspelled in Japanese in the ending credits.

Linn Minmei (Lynn Minmay)  
Age: 15 years old  
Birthdate: October 10, 1993  
Birthplace: Yokohama, Japan  
Blood Type: O  
Height: 158 cm  
Weight: 47 kg  
Measurements (cm): 80-58-87  
Occupation: Idol singer  
Debut: Episode 1  
Pre-production name: Sai Minmei  
Voice: Iijima Mari

As the series begins, Minmei is simply a Chinese restaurant waitress in high school with dreams of being a singer. In fact, she had moved to her uncle and aunt's restaurant in South Ataria Island, site of the fallen Macross, because her aunt was more receptive to those dreams than her parents. She thought her hopes were dashed when she, Hikaru, and the entire island was unceremoniously deposited in deep space, but her surprise win in the Miss Macross Contest revives them.

Note: The creator partially based Minmay's character role on the World War II song "Lili Marlene." This song transcended cultural boundaries and battlefronts to gain popularity among both American and German soldiers. (The song was a German poem set to music and later sung in English by German-born Marlene Dietrich.)

Maximilian Jenius  
Age: 16 years old  
Birthplace: Europe  
Rank: Sergeant  
Blood Type: AB  
Height: 181 cm  
Weight: 61 kg  
Occupation: Fighter Pilot  
Debut: Episode 8  
Voice: Hayami Show

Maximilian is simply without equal in the Battroid cockpit. Even without the guidance of a mentor (as Hikaru had in Roy Fokker), he rapidly rises in the ranks and eventually leads his own squadron. His unusually deep voice is a great asset in his second-favorite occupation, picking up women, although he meets his match in the form of a Zentraedi ace pilot. The marriage of Max and Milia help bring the Zentraedi to the Space War I truce table and also beget seven daughters.

Max's family name is based on the English word "genius" ("tensai" in Japanese).

Milia Fallyna Jenius  
Age: 15 years old

Birthplace: Zentradi Clone Synthesis System  
Rank: Second Lieutenant (UN Spacy)  
Blood Type: BZ  
Height: 855 cm / 71 cm (Miclone)  
Weight: 6250 kg / 50 kg (Miclone)  
Measurements (cm): 415-290-420 / 83-58-84 (Miclone)  
Occupation: Pilot  
Debut: Episode 12  
Voice: Takeda Eri

Milia is renowned as the "Zentradi ace Milia" even among her male counterparts, and respected for her prowess in her powered suit. Kamjin's boasting and her own desire for challenge goad her into seeking out an enemy ace pilot who may be her equal. This search gradually becomes such an obsession that she requests to be inserted in the Macross as a spy, with the ulterior motive of confronting Max Jenius. After an unusual courtship, the two marry and have seven daughters.

Roy Fokker  
Age: 29 years old  
Birthplace: North America  
Rank: Major  
Blood Type: B  
Height: 216 cm  
Weight: 118 kg  
Occupation: Fighter Pilot  
Debut: Episode 1  
Voice: Kamiya Akira

Roy first flew as a stunt pilot in the air circus lead by Hikaru Ichijo's father, and later joined the United Nations Forces as a fighter pilot. Despite his long absence during the United Nations Wars and the death of Hikaru's father, Hikaru still remained close to Roy and considered him his sempai. After the end of that war, he involved himself in the VF-X development project (the predecessor to the VF-1 Valkyrie), and his experience earned him the command of the VF-1 Skull Squadron aboard the CVS-101 Prometheus.

Note: The creators based Roy's family name on the famous European airplane manufacturer.

Bruno J. Gloval  
Age: 46 years old  
Birthplace: Eastern Europe  
Rank: Brigadier General  
Blood Type: O  
Height: 194 cm  
Weight: 85 kg  
Occupation: Ship Captain  
Debut: Episode 1  
Pre-production name: Nagumo Kousuke  
Voice: Hazama Michio

Bruno J. Gloval rose through the ranks of the United Nations Forces thanks to his exploits during the United Nations Wars. He helmed ships ranging from a naval submarine and space destroyer to the flagship of the infant Spacy: the Macross fortress.

Kamjin Kravashera

Age: 23 years old  
Birthplace: Zentradi Clone Synthesis System  
Blood Type: BZ  
Height: 1185cm  
Occupation: Armored division commander  
Debut: Episode 7  
Voice: Meguro Yuuichi

Officially, Kamjin is the commander of the 7th Aerial Armored Division of the Gorg Main Fleet's 109th Branch Fleet. However, he is more infamous among the Zentraedi ranks for his impatient trigger finger and lack of concern for the lives of his own troops. This has earned Kamjin the nickname the "Ally-Killer." He himself prefers to be called "Boss" by his subordinates, regardless of their positions.

Britai Kridanik  
Age: 34 years old  
Birthplace: Zentradi Clone Synthesis System  
Height: 1354 cm  
Weight: 16750 kg  
Occupation: Fleet commander  
Debut: Episode 1  
Voice: Kanie Eiji

Britai Kridanik was fulfilling his mission of searching for Supervision Army survivors when he encountered the Macross and the Humans who rebuilt it on 1999 February 7. In the resulting Space War I, he pursued the Macross relentlessly, even as his orders changed with every new revelation concerning the Humans. His defection from the Zentraedi Bodolzaa Fleet and peace treaty with Earth's United Nations helped the allied forces win the war in the battle of February 11th, 2010. In the aftermath of Space War I, he helped capture a Zentraedi factory satellite for the new United Nations in October 2011.

The Lolicon Three:

If you combine the first names of the three Zentradi spies in Japanese, you get "Warerarorikonda" -- which means "We're pedophiles."

## **Macross Mecha**

Stonewell Bellcom VF-1 Valkyrie  
Height: 12.68 m (Battroid mode)  
Length: 14.23 m (Fighter mode)  
Mass: 18.5 t  
Crew: 1-2  
Engine: FF-2001 thermonuclear turbine  
Main weaponry: GU-11 gunpod, RÖV-20 Vulcan laser, various missiles  
Pre-production name: Breast Fighter

The VF-1 is Earth's first mass-produced variable system designed for both air and ground combat. Its revolutionary transformation converts the vehicle between the humanoid Battroid mode and the aerial Fighter mode, although a third intermediary GERWALK mode was discovered during flight tests.

The four main variants are A, D, J, and S. The VF-1A is the standard version, whereas the VF-1D is the two-seater version. The VF-1J is mainly assigned to team leaders, whereas the VF-1S is mainly assigned to squadron commanders.

Note: The pre-production name "Breast Fighter" referred (tongue-in-cheek) to the location of the fighter hangers when the mothership was in humanoid mode. Kawamori Shoji named his Valkyrie after the North American XB-70 Valkyrie experimental bomber.

#### SDF-1 Macross

Length: 1210 m

Operational mass: 18,000,000 t

Main machinery: Overtechnology Macross heat pile system cluster, Overtechnology Macross gravity control system, Overtechnology Macross fold system cluster (lost during maiden voyage)

Main thruster: Overtechnology Macross nozzle cluster

Vertical thruster: Overtechnology main nozzle cluster

Vernier thruster: Overtechnology vernier thrusters

Complement: 20000; 58000 civilians (reduced to 56000 and then 40000 by attrition)

Cannons: Main: Overtechnology Macross bow-firing super-dimension-energy cannon with beam polarizing converging system. Auxillary: 8 Overtechnology guided converging beam cannon system, 4 high speed 178-cm-diameter electro magnetic rail cannons.

Missiles: Main: large automatic anti-ship missile launchers. Auxillary: various missile emplacements.

Variable Vehicles: 212 VF-1 Valkyrie (2009 February 7, 120 VF-1A, 12 VF-1D, 50 VF-1J, 30 VF-S). 300+ VF-1 Super Valkyrie (2010 February 11).

Destroids: 587 Destroids initially stationed on docked SLV-111 Daedalus, including 2 HWR-00-Mk. II Monster, 85 MBR-07-Mk. II Spartan, and approximately 500 MBR-04 (reduced to 440 subsequently). A third HWR-00-Mk. II Monster, 40 ADR-04-Mk. X Defender, over 20 MBR-04-Mk. X Phalanx built in onboard factory.

Pre-production name: Megaroad

After a mysterious alien spaceship crashlanded on Earth in 1999, a worldwide consortium of researchers began to study and reverse-engineer it. The effort led to the ten-year reconstruction of the ship into the flagship of the new United Nations Spacy. The new super dimension fortress (or super dreadnought fortress) was christened Macross and launched in 2009 -- just in time for the Zentradi alien assault.

#### Viggers/Chrauler MBR-04-Mk IV Destroid Tomahawk

Length: (overall) 5.1 m

Width: (overall) 7.9 m

Height: (overall) 12.7 m (to head unit) 11.27 m

Fully-equipped mass: 31.3 t

Crew: 1

Main engine: Kranss-Maffai MT808 thermonuclear reaction furnace developing 2800 bhp.

Auxillary generator: GE EM9G fuel generator rated at 450 kW

Armament: (main) 2 x Mauler PBG-11 liquid-cooled electrically-charged particle beam gun (anti-personnel) 2 x Ramington M-89 12.7 mm air-cooled MG (sub) 2 x Astra TZ-III gun cluster (1 x laser gun, 1 x 25 mm MG, 1 x 180 mm grenade launcher, 1 x flamethrower) (rocket) 2 x 12-rocket Bifors close-in self-guided rocket launcher, 1 x Erlikon 6-missile anti-aircraft self-guided missile option pack.

This main battle robot model is the first combat-ready Destroid and perhaps the most well known as well. Although it's mainly designed for heavy artillery, it can hold its own in closer

engagements. It served its most prominent role as the frontline of the Daedalus Attack for the Macross.

Viggers/Chrauler ADR-04-Mk X Destroid Defender

Length: (overall) 4.3 m

Width: (overall) 8.6 m

Height: (Ground to antenna) 10.73 m (Ground with antenna) 11.27 m

Fully-equipped mass: 27.1 t

Crew: 1

Main engine: Kranss-Maffai MT828 thermonuclear reaction furnace developing 2800 shp.

Auxillary generator: GE EM10T fuel generator rated at 510 kW

Armament: (main) 2 x Erlikon 78 mm liquid-cooled high-speed automatic cannon Type 966 PFG

Contraves set (commonly known as Contraves II)

Viggers and Chrauler developed this model variant to answer the need for anti-aircraft interception. Its rapid-fire guns are so deafening that soldiers have nicknamed it "the eardrum buster."

Centinental/Kransmann MBR-07-Mk II Destroid Spartan

Length: (overall) 6.1 m

Width: (overall) 8.3 m

Height: (Ground to shoulder) 11.31 m

Fully-equipped mass: 29.4 t

Crew: 1

Engine: Gigenheimer Roy 2004 thermonuclear reaction furnace developing 3200 shp

Armament: (main) 2 x Bifors 12-rocket close-in self-guided rocket launcher. (gun) 1 x Astra TZ-IV gun cluster (1 x laser gun, 1 x 32 mm MG, 1 x 180 mm grenade launcher, 1 x 12.7 mm MG, 1 x flamethrower) (anti-aircraft) 2 x Mauler RQV-10 anti-aircraft laser gun. (grappling) 2 x Norman Banks CH2-TYPED claw hand.

Although this main battle robot model does not have the sheer numbers and firepower of the competing MBR-04 series, it earns its keep with its speed and maneuverability. It only has one engine, but attains its remarkable agility due to the engine's relatively high output.

Esbeliben Regult

Height (overall): 15.12 m

Light missile carrier version:

Height overall: 18.67 m

Width overall: 9.86 m

Length overall: 8.2 m

Heavy missile carrier version:

Height overall: 19.12 m

Width overall: 8 m

Length overall: 8.3 m

Tactical scout version:

Height overall: 18.20 m

Width overall: 12.6 m

Length overall: 7.6 m

Total mass: 37 t, 39.6 t (Light missile carrier), 41 t (Heavy missile carrier), 39.8 t kg (Tactical scout)

Crew: 1

Engine: 1.3 GGV class Esbeliben thermonuclear reaction furnace. Numerous vernier thrusters.

Main weaponry: Two medium-bore electron beam guns and two small-bore anti-personnel cannons mounted forward on main fuselage. Two small-bore laser anti-aircraft guns (standard version), twenty-four light close-combat self-guided missiles (light missile carrier), or four heavy close-combat multi-warhead guided missiles (heavy missile carrier) mounted on dorsal fuselage. Tactical scout version has no armament.

This light, super-low-cost walking one-man tactical pod forms the backbone of the Zentradi forces. It may be considered cannon fodder, but the versatility of the basic design is evident in the many variants that exist.

Roiquonmi Glaug

Height overall: 16.55 m

Fully-equipped mass: 41.2 t

Crew: 1

Engine: 3.9 GGV class Roiquonmi thermonuclear reaction furnace. Numerous vernier thrusters. Option of large atmospheric combat booster for atmospheric entry, long-range atmospheric flight, and atmospheric combat (Glaug thus equipped is designated Power Up Glaug).

Main weaponry: Two large-bore impact cannons, two small-bore impact cannons, one long-range electron beam cannon, two small-bore laser anti-personnel cannon, six close-combat seeking missiles.

This one-man tactical pod garners more respect than its Regult sibling, mostly because of higher survivability and firepower. Few operational units exist since the producing factory was damaged in a Supervision Army attack 280,000 cycles ago.

LVT Avenger II

Shipborne attack craft.

Length: 18.3 m

Main weaponry: two anti-air missiles, eight five-bomb racks

This is the main attack craft of the United Nations during the United Nations Wars. Its crew sits in two side-by-side seats.

Debut: Episode 1 (sole appearance)

## **Keywords**

The Protoculture was the first sentient race to evolve in this universe, about one million years ago. It created the giant Zentraedi to wage proxy warfare on behalf of its Stellar Republic. Unfortunately, schisms within the Stellar Republic later erupted into full-blown civil war. The subsequent fall of the Republic came about when two armies reduced it to ashes -- the Zentraedi and the Supervision Armies. Note: The term Protoculture first came up during the pre-production story development when the creators researched cultural studies.

Zentraedi are giant warriors created by the Protoculture to fight its battles. The typical Zentraedi warrior is five times the height of a Human, but is only as smart as the typical Human primary schoolchild. The total number of Zentraedi today is unknown, but it is estimated that there are one to two thousand main fleets, each of which is led by a mothership of the same class as Bodolzaa's. Note: Zentraedi has been spelled several different ways, including Zentradi (first Macross and Macross 7 notes), Zjentohlauedy (later merchandise for first Macross and then the Do You Remember Love? movie), Zentraedi (Tatsunoko script translations for overseas markets), and Zentrady (Nichimo's language stamp kit).

The Supervision Army has been the Zentraedi Army's mortal foe for the past 500,000 years. The two factions were created during the dissolution of the Protoculture's Stellar Republic. The origin of the Supervision Army is tied to mysterious entities known as the Protodevilins. Humans will learn more about the Protodevilins several decades after Space War I.

Reaction theory forms the foundation for all the advanced power systems and weaponry on both sides of Space War I. Humans uncovered the reaction process while dissecting the ship later named Macross. The intentionally vague "reaction" concept was used as an euphemism to avoid mentioning the words "nuclear" onscreen. According to Kawamori Shoji, the use of nuclear weaponry by the "good guys" was considered taboo by Japanese television stations.

South Ataria Island is the fictional island where the Macross crashlanded. It is located at the "southermost tip of the Ogasawara Islands." In real life, the southern tip of those islands is Minami Ioo Jima, otherwise known as South Iwo-jima. Though the island is a good several hundred kilometers from the center of Tokyo, it's considered part of the city and under the Tokyo government's jurisdiction.

GERWALK stands for "Ground Effective Reinforcement of Winged Armament by Locomotive Knee-joint," which is "Engrish" for the reconfiguration of a fighter aircraft into a surface effect vehicle by means of variable knee-joints. This intermediary mode was discovered by accident during the test flights of the original VF-1 Valkyrie.

The Anti-United Nations Military Organization was the most prominent faction during the United Nations Wars. It was responsible for hijacking a space destroyer and wiping out the crew of Mars Base Salla.

The Battroid is the humanoid mode of variable vehicles, primarily developed to combat giants. The term was coined from the combination of "battle" and "android."

Overtechnology is the generic term for technology developed from research on the fallen spaceship. It is often abbreviated as OT or OTM (Overtechnology of Macross).

OTEC is the corporation assigned to develop Overtechnology from the fallen spaceship. It's notable accomplishment is the Earth-made reaction power system.

Destroid is the common term for walking weapons developed primarily for ground warfare using Macross Overtechnology. The term was coined from the combination of "destroy" and "android." The first Destroids were the non-transformable, but transformable ones were developed later.