

# Sterilizers



## Automated Combine Defensive Turret

The Sterilizer is the Combine's answer to unattended resistance strongpoints, perimeter breaches, and unpredictable civilian gatherings. Deployed across relocation zones, sector checkpoints, and strategic chokepoints, it exists to enforce compliance without the constant presence of human enforcers. Unblinking, unfeeling, and relentless, the Sterilizer represents a cold logic: any entity classified as "threat" must be neutralized.

Unlike its airborne counterparts, the Sterilizer does not seek. It **guards**. It does not patrol. It **secures**. It stands at thresholds- along alleys, at destroyed transit junctions, outside collapsed industrial complexes- waiting for motion, heat, or unauthorized patterns to cross its sensors.

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## Design and Mechanism

The Sterilizer is constructed from a heavy metal chassis mounted on stabilizing legs or a fixed base. Its main armament is a **rapid-fire pulse cannon**, capable of directing sustained energy bursts at hostile targets. Sensors mounted around the unit feed thermal, motion, and biometric

signatures into integrated targeting systems. When an unauthorized life signature or resistance signature is detected, targeting locks, and the Sterilizer discharges with clinical accuracy.

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## Functionality and Deployment

Sterilizers are typically positioned to cover:

- **Perimeter Lines:** Around relocation sectors, fortified Civil Protection posts, and critical infrastructure points.
- **Checkpoints:** At passageways where citizen movement requires monitoring and control.
- **Frontline Buffer Zones:** Near Outlands access routes or pathways prone to insurgent movement.

When a disturbance crosses assigned parameters, the Sterilizer activates instantly. Targeting arrays engage, pulse cannons track, and energy bursts begin. Resistance fighters often learn too late that the Sterilizer does not hesitate, does not falter, and does not recognize pleas or surrender.

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## Psychological Purpose

The presence of a Sterilizer is a message: territory is watched, lines are drawn, and no one is beyond the Combine's reach. For citizens, its mechanical posture reinforces compliance; for insurgents, its firezone culminates fear into action.

*Where Manhacks hunt, Sterilizers **anchor**.*

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