

INFERNAL ENGINE

Some warlocks make pacts with terrifying demons, or with fearsome lords of the Hells. But within the depths of those brutal planes, stranger beings can be found - war machines dating to the early days of an eternal conflict, great engines imbued with fiendish intelligence and a malevolent hunger. Long-forgotten though these hellish constructs might be, they may still find value in granting power to misguided mortals.

Infernal Engine warlocks may be any alignment, which may surprise some. But Infernal Engines tend to be such alien beings, their motivations may be fully inscrutable. Followers of an Infernal Engine are nearly always seekers of forbidden or lost knowledge, though whether they draw on a noble's resources or a pauper's desperation can vary.

INFERNAL ENGINE FEATURES

Warlock Level Feature

1st	Expanded Spell List, Hellforged Steel
6th	Blood and Fire
10th	Siege Warlock
14th	Hellfire Machine

1st	burning hands, devil's dagger*
3rd	heat metal, infernal shackles ^K
5th	fire cyclone ^K , summon fell machine ^S
7th	fire shield, wall of fire
9th	alter metal ^s , incinerate ^{SDS}

Spells marked with an ^S are new, spells marked with a ^{SDS} are from Spells That Don't Suck, and spells marked with a ^K are by Kibbles Tasty. All are included at the end of this document.

HELLFORGED STEEL

At 1st level, as a bonus action you can transform any armor you touch into a suit of infernal mail. This smoldering armor functions as medium armor with which you are automatically proficient. At 1st level, it grants an AC of 13 + the wearer's Dexterity modifier (max 2). At 6th level, this improves by 1 to AC 14. At 10th level, it improves again to AC 15. It retains any magic bonuses it had, adding it to those AC formulas.

The first time a creature hits the armor's wearer with a melee attack, they take 1d6 fire and 1d6 piercing damage. The armor regains this capability at the start of the wearer's next turn. You can remove the infernal enchantment on the armor as a bonus action. Only one suit of armor can be affected by this ability at a time.

BLOOD AND FIRE

At 6th level, you gain a special understanding of your patron's many brutal methods. When you deal fire damage on your turn, if the next instance of damage you deal is piercing, you may add your proficiency bonus to the result. When you deal piercing damage on your turn, if the next instance of damage you deal is fire, you may add your Charisma modifier to the result.

You may only deal bonus damage in this way once per turn.

SIEGE WARLOCK

At 10th level, all your spells and any creatures you summon deal double damage to objects.

Additionally, you gain resistance to fire damage and immunity to fire damage from your own spells.

HELLFIRE MACHINE

At 14th level, your patron is able to grant you a fragment of its power on command. As an action, you can conjure a mighty siege engine, which crushes your foes' spirits and bodies. The siege engine appears in a space you can see within 30 feet, as if it were a Large creature. It is invulnerable to damage and immune to all conditions, and has a walking speed of 20 feet. You must concentrate to maintain the engine, as if you were concentrating on a spell.

At the start of each of your turns, you can command the engine to move in a direction of your choice. Any creature it moves through must make a Dexterity saving throw, suffering 2d12 piercing and 1d6 fire damage on a failure or half as much on a success. Any object it collides with takes twice as much damage.

Creatures of your choice within 10 feet of the engine gain resistance to fire damage, and as long as they have one free hand, can grab onto the engine during their turn to move with it when it moves.

Your Hellfire Machine disappears after 10 minutes. You can summon the engine once, regaining the ability after a long rest.

INFERNAL ENGINE QUIRKS

The following are some optional quirks for a player of this subclass to choose from.

d6 Quirk

- You have pieces of black iron permanently grafted into your skin.
- 2 Any metal you touch starts to glow a dull, angry red.
- 3 When you cast spells, a distant sound of clanging metal and human screams can be heard.
- Sometimes you accidentally refer to your companions as fleshlings, meatbags, or weak-insects-to-be-crushed.
- 5 Floating cinders are visible inside your eyes.
- 6 You feel a deep satisfaction when you encounter ruined cities or destroyed buildings.

APPENDIX: SPELLS

ALTER METAL

5th-level transmutation (ferromancy)

Classes: Wizard

Casting Time: 1 minute

Range: 30 feet Components: V, S Duration: Instantaneous

You point at a nonmagical metal object within range and dramatically change its properties. The object must be Huge or smaller, and can't be worn or carried. You can manipulate it in any number of the following ways:

- You can stretch or compact it. You can halve its size, double its size, or anything in between. Its weight does not change, nor does the actual quantity of metal.
- You turn it into another metal of similar value.
- You can reshape it into another object of similar size.
- You can alter its strength, reducing its hit points to onequarter or increasing them to four times the original.

DEVIL'S DAGGER

1st-level conjuration (ferromancy)

Classes: Sorcerer, Wizard
Casting Time: 1 action
Range: 30 feet

Components: V, S

Duration: Concentration, up to 1 minute

You conjure a cursed dagger of smoldering iron and hurl it at a creature within range. Make a ranged spell attack roll. On a hit, the target takes 2d4 fire and 1d4 piercing damage, and the dagger embeds itself in their flesh. While the dagger is embedded, the first time on each of its turns the target makes an attack roll, they must roll 1d4. They subtract the result from the attack roll and suffer that much fire damage. A creature within 5 feet of the target can remove the dagger as an action.

At Higher Levels. When you cast this spell using a spell slot of 2nd level or higher, the initial fire damage dealt increases by 2d4 for each slot level above 1st.

FIRE CYCLONE

3rd-level conjuration

Classes: Druid, Sorcerer, Wizard

Casting Time: 1 action

Range: 90 feet

Components: V, S, M (a pinch of ashes from a forest fire)

Duration: Concentration, up to 1 minute

Targeting a point on the ground you can see, you cause a cyclone made of whipping flames to fill a 10-foot-radius, 30-foot-high cylinder.

Creatures that are inside the spell when you cast it or enter it for the first time on a turn must make a Strength saving throw. On a failed saving throw, it takes 3d6 fire damage and is flung 15 feet upwards and lands 15 feet in a randomly determined horizontal direction. On a successful save, the creature takes half as much damage and is not flung.

When a creature is not entirely inside the cyclone's radius but within 30 feet of its center at the start of its turn, it still feels the intense draw of the raging cyclone, and must spend 2 feet (or 3 feet if it is flying) of movement for every 1 foot it moves away from the cyclone.

For the duration of the spell, you can spend an action to move the cyclone up to 30 feet in any direction along the ground.

At Higher Levels. When you cast this spell using a spell slot of 4th level or higher, the damage increases by 1d6 and the height of the cyclone as well as the distance a creature is thrown upward increases by 5 feet for each level above 3rd.

INCINERATE

5th-level evocation

Classes: Sorcerer, Wizard Casting Time: 1 action

Range: 90 feet Components: V, S

Duration: Concentration, up to 1 minute

Replaces: Immolation

You channel agonizing flames, wreathing a creature you can see within range. At the start of each of its turns, the target must make a Dexterity saving throw, suffering 10d6 fire damage on a failure. On a success, it takes half as much damage and the spell ends for that creature. While a target is on fire, it casts bright light for 30 feet and dim light for an additional 30 feet.

As a bonus action, you can spread the flames from any targeted creature to another within 10 feet of it, making that creature an additional target. If damage from this spell reduces a target to 0 hit points, the target is turned to ash.

INFERNAL SHACKLES

2nd-level conjuration

Classes: Wizard
Casting Time: 1 action

Range: 60 feet

Components: V, S, M (a link from a chain burned in a fire

that killed at least one creature) **Duration:** Concentration, up to 1 minute

Chains of burning black iron spring from the ground and attempt to bind a creature you can see within range. The target creature must make a Strength saving throw. On failure, it takes 3d6 fire damage and its movement speed is reduced to zero for the duration of the spell. On success, they take half as much damage and are not bound.

At the end of each of their turns, the target repeats its saving throw. On a success, the chains broken and the spell ends for that target. On a failure, it remains bound and takes an additional 2d6 fire damage as it is seared by the chains.

At Higher Levels. When you cast this spell with a 3rd level spell slot or higher, you can target an additional creature for each spell slot level above 2nd.

SUMMON FELL MACHINE

3rd-level conjuration

Classes: Wizard

Casting Time: 1 action

Range: 60 feet

Components: V, S, M (a statuette made of hellforged steel,

worth at least 300gp)

Duration: Concentration, up to 1 hour

You conjure fiendish energy and cursed materials from the hells and sculpt it into a loathsome construct, appearing in an unoccupied space you can see within range. It uses the Fell Machine Spirit stat block, and you select either the Flesh, Iron, or Adamantine option when you cast the spell. The creature disappears when it drops to 0 hit points or when the spell ends.

The creature is an ally to you and your companions. In combat, it shares your initiative count, and takes its turn immediately after yours. It obeys your verbal commands. If you don't issue any command, it takes the Dodge action and moves only to avoid hazards.

At Higher Levels. When you cast this spell using a spell slot of 4th level or higher, certain values increase in its stat block.

FELL MACHINE SPIRIT

Medium Construct

Armor Class 11 + the level of the spell (natural armor, Flesh) or 13 + the level of the spell (natural armor, Iron & Adamantine)

Hit Points 35 + 15 for each spell level above 3rd (Flesh) or 25 + 10 for each spell level above 3rd (Iron & Adamantine)

Speed 30 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
18 (+4)	10 (0)	16 (+3)	6 (-2)	10 (0)	10 (0)

Condition Immunities charmed, frightened Senses passive Perception 10 Languages understands the languages you speak Proficiency equals your bonus

Dissolving Rage (Flesh Only). When the fell machine starts its turn below half its maximum hit points, it goes berserk. It gains advantage on all its attacks, but loses 5 hit points at the end of its turn if it does not attack anything.

Cursed Adamantine (Adamantine Only). Any critical hits against the fell machine become normal hits, and any creature it hits is cursed until the start of the fell machine's next turn, taking 7 (2d6) additional damage from any critical hits.

Actions

Multiattack. The fell machine makes a number of attacks equal to half this spell's level (rounded down).

Slam. Melee Weapon Attack: your spell attack modifier to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 1d8 + 4 + the spell's level bludgeoning damage.

Infernal Drill (Iron Only). Melee Weapon Attack: your spell attack modifier to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 1d4 + 4 + the spell's level piercing damage, and the target is grappled (escape DC 10 + the spell's level). The fell machine can't use its Infernal Drill against another target while it has one grappled. The Infernal Drill deals 2d4 additional fire damage against targets grappled with it.

CHANGELOG

VO.4

A couple bitty little fixes to Hellforged Steel

VO.3

Added duration to Hellfire Machine (bugfix, not balanace change)

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- Clarification & rename to Hellgolem Spirit
- Rephrased Fire and Blood to achieve actual intent
- Swapped Iron Garden for Fire Shield

V0.1

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