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Awaken Realms AWAISSCORE

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Explore Space in a Cooperative Sci-Fi Strategy Game

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

ISS Vanguard is a 1 to 4 player co-operative Board Game that can be played as a long campaign or in one-off missions. It brings players into an epic Sci-Fi adventure as they helm the first ship able to traverse deep space. Controlling four sections of the ISS Vanguard: security, recon, science, and engineering, players will develop new technologies, recruit crew members, and launch landing parties on multiple unique planets. As they do, their adventure will change to reflect their choices and they unravel the mystery at the center of their explorations. ISS Vanguard's campaign features a unique story written by Krzysztof Piskorski (Tainted Grail) and is full of hard choices, twists, and branching storylines.



Front view of the ISS Vanguard Board Game box, showcasing the game's title and sci-fi artwork.

COMPONENTS

The ISS Vanguard game includes a comprehensive set of components designed for immersive gameplay:

- 4 Crew boards
- 9 High quality models
- 75 Plastic dice
- 20 Planet boards
- 28 Standees
- 36 Custom crewmember sleeves
- 119 Tokens and Markers
- 16-page Operations book
- 24-page System maps book
- 40-page Ship book
- 48-page Rulebook
- 112-page Logbook
- 1 Introduction comic
- 1 Cloth lead bag

- 1 Hardcover ship binder
- 1170+ Cards
- Additional components



A wide array of game components, including various books, cards, dice, and player boards.



Detailed miniatures representing various characters and units within the game.



Examples of character and situation cards used during gameplay, showing artwork and text.

SETUP

Setting up ISS Vanguard involves several steps to prepare for your mission. Refer to the 48-page Rulebook for detailed instructions and diagrams.

1. **Prepare the Ship Book:** Place the Hardcover ship binder and 40-page Ship book in the designated play area.
2. **Assemble Player Areas:** Each player selects a Crew board and corresponding custom crewmember sleeves.
3. **Organize Components:** Sort all tokens, markers, and cards into their respective storage solutions.
4. **Initial Mission Briefing:** Read the Introduction comic and the first sections of the 112-page Logbook to begin the campaign.
5. **Planet Board Placement:** Depending on the mission, select and place the appropriate Planet boards.
6. **Miniature and Standee Setup:** Place miniatures and standees as indicated by the mission scenario.

Note: The initial setup for a campaign game will be more extensive than for a single "Operation" mission. Always consult the Rulebook and Logbook for specific mission setup details.

OPERATING THE GAME (GAMEPLAY)

ISS Vanguard gameplay is divided into two primary phases: Ship Management and Planetary Exploration. The game is designed for 1 to 4 players, with an average playtime of 90 to 120 minutes per session.

Ship Management Phase

During this phase, players manage the ISS Vanguard ship from the Ship Book. This involves:

- **Upgrading the Ship:** Utilize resources to improve ship systems and capabilities.
- **Recruiting Crewmembers:** Add new personnel to your team, each with unique skills.
- **Conducting Research:** Develop new technologies and unlock advancements.
- **Producing Equipment:** Craft essential gear for your landing parties.
- **Launching Landers:** Prepare and deploy landers for planetary missions.

Planetary Exploration Phase

This phase involves landing on alien worlds represented by Planet boards. Players will:

- **Explore Unique Planets:** Navigate diverse environments and uncover secrets.
- **Encounter Events:** Face unexpected challenges and opportunities.
- **Make Choices:** Your decisions will influence the branching storylines and overall campaign.
- **Utilize Section Skills:** Leverage the abilities of Security, Recon, Science, and Engineering sections to overcome obstacles.

Detailed rules for each phase, including dice rolls, card interactions, and mission objectives, are provided in the Rulebook and Logbook.

MAINTENANCE

Proper care and storage will ensure the longevity of your ISS Vanguard game components:

- **Component Storage:** Store all cards, tokens, and miniatures in their original trays or suitable organizers to prevent damage and loss.
- **Card Care:** For extended card life, consider sleeving frequently handled cards. Avoid bending or creasing cards.
- **Miniature Handling:** Handle miniatures carefully to prevent breakage. If a miniature breaks, use a plastic-compatible adhesive for repair.
- **Board Care:** Keep game boards flat and away from moisture or extreme temperatures to prevent warping.
- **Cleaning:** Dust components gently with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or liquids.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Should you encounter any issues during gameplay, consider the following common solutions:

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
Unclear Rule Interpretation	Ambiguity in rulebook text or specific card interaction.	Consult the 48-page Rulebook and 112-page Logbook. Many specific scenarios are covered. Online forums or official FAQs may also provide clarification.
Missing Components	Components may have been overlooked during unboxing or misplaced.	Carefully check all packaging and storage trays. Refer to the "Components" list in this manual or the Rulebook. Contact Awaken Realms customer support if components are genuinely missing.

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
Difficulty Progressing Campaign	Strategic challenges or misinterpretation of mission objectives.	Review the 112-page Logbook for mission objectives and narrative clues. Re-evaluate your team's composition and strategy. Consider adjusting difficulty if available.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Product Dimensions:** 6.3 x 12.99 x 14.96 inches
- **Item Weight:** 14.72 pounds
- **Model Number:** AWAISSCORE
- **Manufacturer Recommended Age:** 14 years and up
- **Players:** 1-4 players
- **Average Playtime:** 90-120 minutes
- **Release Date:** January 27, 2023
- **Manufacturer:** Awaken Realms

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding product warranty, replacement parts, or technical support, please visit the official Awaken Realms website or contact their customer service department directly. Details can typically be found on the manufacturer's packaging or their official online presence.

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Details

Model number, symptoms, what you tried, or the section of the manual you are using.

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