



ENGINEERING

A Guide to Fixing Things



So you want to be an Engineer...

It doesn't matter if you went to school for mechanics or it just comes naturally to you, there was some serious training that went into making ships keep running. Engineers are needed for a wide variety of things. Only an Engineer can repair a ship, fix a sabotaged mine head, help repair the massive generators that keep the town powered, or hook up a stun wire fence to keep the Reavers out.

Ship Maintenance

Ships break, it's part of why we need Engineers on a crew. Parts are going to wear out and over time need to be replaced. Constant flying and long trips will cause them to break down sooner. Ship battles can be devastating on your necessary parts.

When you land on Ataraxia, head to the Salvage Yard to do the Engineering test in order to successfully perform your ship maintenance. The difficulty will be easy, giving you a longer time to complete the test.

Repairing Equipment

Only an Engineer may repair equipment. Things like automatic mine equipment to the giant power generators outside of town will break down or be sabotaged. Depending on what has broken and how critical it is, will dictate the difficulty of the test.

Stun Wire and Other Defencive Objects

Stun wire, force fields, and weapons nets are difficult to place and hook to the local power grid. Only an Engineer may do this. Like everything else, this will require an Engineering test. Any idiot can break stuff, but it takes a pro to put things up correctly.

The Engineering Test

The Engineering test is a skill test that will require the steady hands and problem solving that you would be required to have as an Engineer.

Depending on the difficulty of your challenge, you may have to use a smaller head for the test or have a shorter time limit.

Your objective is to move the wand down the wire without touching the wand head to the wire. If the wand head and the wire touch, an alarm will sound. There are five different color sections that will dictate the completion of your project.

The Salvage Yard has the only Engineering Test Device. They will let you know the difficulty level of your challenge and will be the definitive judge of how complete your project became with your work.

Engineering Test Color Results

- **Red** - You broke it worse, go and get double parts to try and fix it again.
 - **Orange** - It's still broken, but it could be worse.
 - **Yellow** - You fixed it... Kinda...
 - **Green** - You definitely fixed it.
 - **Blue** - You are a miracle worker. That should hold for a year with no problem!
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