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Star Fleet Marines is the ground combat game of the *Star Fleet Universe*. It has been designed to be as simple as possible, both to give the players a break from the detail of *Star Fleet Battles* and to allow them to play out the ground combat elements of either *Star Fleet Battles* or *Federation Commander* during a scenario of either of the other games.

DESIGNER'S NOTES

This product was born at a staff meeting on 2 March 2021. Stephen V. Cole noted that due to a flurry of questions from one enthusiastic player (Tim Tow) he had produced a two-page update for *Star Fleet Marines* which was to be included in the March 10th newsletter *Hailing Frequencies*.

Then somebody asked if we had ever uploaded either of the two *Star Fleet Marines* modules (*Assault* and *Last Stand*) to the PDF stores. Jean Beddow (who runs the stores) said we had not, prompting everyone to agree we should do so. Jean, however, said that because of the unique situation (the two rulebooks are identical rules with different scenarios) we should just do a single combined product including the rules, both sets of scenarios, the rules update, and the index which Stephen V. Cole had created. (Later, someone remembered that we might as well include the *Star Fleet Marines* material from *Captain's Log*.) Stephen V. Cole suggested that he might write up one of the proposed rules for the future third module but Steven P. Petrick thought it would be a bad idea to publish a rule that had not been tested or studied. It was finally decided to include a few notes about what might be in a third module. There was a brief discussion of the three "counter" packs that had been released as PDFs but it was felt inappropriate to include them here as they were entire products in their own right.

ABOUT THE MAP AND COUNTERS

There isn't a map in the *Battle Manual* and there are no counters. This is just a rulebook, not a module.

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COMPONENTS LIST

STAR FLEET MARINES: BATTLE MANUAL consists entirely of this one rulebook.

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