

# Tools and Equipment

## Environmental Protection

Settlements invest heavily in infrastructure designed to manage environmental hazards: reinforced storm shelters built deep underground, thermal insulation systems that protect against extreme temperatures, wind-resistant structures that channel rather than resist the constant gales. Portable protective gear—thermal suits, wind shields, impact-resistant clothing—helps individuals operate safely in harsh conditions.

Caravan equipment includes reinforced transport sleds designed to withstand wind and debris, insulated sleeping capsules for traveling through extreme temperature zones, and emergency beacon systems that use wind-powered signaling to communicate distress.

## Fauna Management Tools

Fauna specialists carry tools appropriate to their work. Restraint cables and reinforced nets allow capture or redirection of dangerous animals. Thermal lances—long poles with heat-conductive tips—serve dual purposes: they deter some predators and allow precise thermal targeting for environmental work. Whistle systems use specific frequencies to communicate with bonded creatures or signal other fauna handlers.

Caravan escorts carry pressure bows—crossbows powered by compressed air, reliable even in auroral-disrupted zones where electrical systems fail—and wind-weighted projectiles designed to account for planetary wind when fired. These weapons are used exclusively for fauna management and are maintained and trained with obsessive care.

## Psychic Containment Infrastructure

Settlements maintain specialized grounding chambers—underground, geothermal-warmed, acoustically treated spaces—where psychic practitioners can work safely and recover from intensive efforts. These chambers are also used for training and for the meditation necessary to develop psychic control.

Dampening field protocols require multiple trained practitioners coordinating to create overlapping psychic barriers that contain destabilized energy. The equipment for these operations is minimal—the power comes from human psychic ability—but participants must have clear communication systems, and the psychological support infrastructure is substantial.