

DAWN OF TECHNOLOGY

EXPANSION

RULES OF PLAY



CONTRAPTION BOARDS
(1 for each Trick category)



SIGNATURE TRICKS
(1 for each Magician)



SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT CARDS
(1 for each Trick category)



CONTRAPTIONS
(4 for each Trick category)



TRICKERION SHARDS



In Trickerion : The Dawn of Technology, players can use the City of Magoria's latest technological advancements to enhance their Workshop with state-of-the-art machinery, called Contraptions.

Harnessing the power of the Trickerion Shards, these Contraptions provide specific, reusable benefits. They also allow each Magician to develop their very own Signature Trick — a stronger, personalized version of one of the well-known original Tricks.

Empowered by technology, magic and illusion will never be the same!

GAME SETUP

This chapter describes the setup for a core game with the Dark Alley and Dawn of Technology. Dawn of Technology can only be played with the Dark Alley added to the core game. It can also be played with most of the other expansions released for Trickerion — for setup specifics and rule changes for these cases, refer to the Appendix.

- 1 Shuffle each new Special Assignment cards (Downtown, Market Row, Workshop, Theater) into their respective decks before placing them onto the Dark Alley slots.



- 2 Give each player the Contraption Board corresponding to their chosen Favorite Trick category. Place it to the left of their Player Game Boards so that the Contraption slots are aligned with the Shard slots.
- 3 Give each player the 4 Contraptions corresponding to their chosen Favorite Trick category. Set them aside for now.
- 4 Give each player 1 additional starting Trickerion Shard (for a total of 2). Place these Shards on the lowest two slots on their Player Game Board.
- 5 After all players have chosen a Magician, also give them the Signature Trick belonging to that Magician. Set it aside next to their Player Game Board for now.

⌋ IMPORTANT: ⌋

Players who chose **The Mechaniker**, **Lumenia the Radiant**, **the Priestess of Mysticism** or **Professor Bernard** as their starting Magician will receive a Level 1 Signature Trick at this point. These players may choose to **pay 1 Shard** to place their Signature Trick into their Workshop as their starting Trick (instead of a standard Trick) rather than setting it aside. Players may **not** choose their Signature Trick as their bonus starting Trick if they chose the Engineer as their starting Specialist.



CHANGES IN GAMEPLAY

GAINING & SPENDING TRICKERION SHARDS



In this expansion, players' Shards are stored on the Shard symbols next to the Contraption slots, on the left edge of their Player Game Board. The Shards that players gain must be placed on these symbols if possible, filling them from the bottom up. Similarly, Shards are spent from these symbols, from the top down. Excess Shards gained are collected separately and are spent before the ones on the symbols.

These Shard symbols will matter during the 'Reactivate Contraptions' subphase (as explained in the End Turn section).

CONTRAPTIONS & THE BUILD CONTRAPTION ACTION



Active



Inactive

Contraptions are intricate inventions enhancing your Workshop in various ways. They have two states, **Active** and **Inactive**, represented by the two sides of the token (illustrated here).

Contraptions can be built on the four Contraption slots. Each slot has a benefit printed adjacent to it — to gain that benefit, you have to use a Contraption on that slot by flipping it from its Active side to its Inactive one.

Unless specified otherwise, each Contraption can be used once per Turn, **before you place a Character in the 'Place Characters' phase**. The various Contraption benefits are detailed in the Appendix.

The Contraption Boards start empty — Contraptions can be built by taking the new Workshop Action.



BUILD CONTRAPTION (1⚡): Place one of your Contraption tokens on the **bottommost empty slot** on your Contraption Board with its **Active side facing up**.

The following rules apply to the ‘Build Contraption’ Action:

- This Action’s icon is printed separately on all Contraption slots because **it also has a variable Coin cost** depending on the slot. If you cannot pay this cost, you may not build a new Contraption.
- Contraptions can only be built from the bottom up — you may not “skip” empty Contraption slots.



⌋(VERY IMPORTANT:)⌋

If you have enough Coins and Action Points, you may always build a Contraption — **even if you don’t have enough Shards on the symbols adjacent to it**. Newly built Contraptions always start Active, which means you will always be able to use them at least once.

You can read more about how to reactivate Contraptions in the ‘End Turn’ phase section.

SIGNATURE TRICKS

The Dawn of Technology introduces a new set of Tricks, each specific to a certain Magician. These symbolize that your Magician has mastered one of the original Tricks so well that they took it to a whole new level and now bears their own personal mark.

Each Signature Trick has a regular counterpart in the original Trick lineup, but the Signature version usually has better Yields, more Trick Markers or costs fewer Action Points to Prepare.

⌋(IMPORTANT:)⌋

Signature Tricks also have a special ability that standard Tricks don’t — these are detailed in the Appendix.

LEARNING SIGNATURE TRICKS

When you take the ‘Learn Trick’ Action at the Downtown, you may choose to learn **your own Signature Trick** (set aside during setup) instead of a standard Trick. Note that Signature Tricks also have a Fame Threshold — if you don’t have the required amount of Fame, you have to pay Coins equal to the difference between your current Fame and the threshold to learn it.

Once a Signature Trick has been learned, locate its standard counterpart (printed on the back of the card, see example):



- If it is in one of the Dahlgaard’s Residence decks, remove it from the deck and return it to the box.
- If it is in another player’s Workshop, do nothing.
- If it is in your Workshop, replace it with the Signature version, and return the original Trick to the box. Move the Symbol Marker and the Trick Markers (if any) over to the Signature Trick. Note that if the original Trick had Trick Markers in the Theater, those Markers now represent the Signature version.

PREPARING SIGNATURE TRICKS

Signature Tricks are prepared the same way as their standard counterparts (they even have the same Component requirements), with one important exception: to prepare a Level 1/2/3 Signature Trick, you also need to have at least 1, 2 or 3 Contraptions built, respectively.



IMPORTANT:



You don’t need to have Active Contraptions for this purpose, nor do you have to use them when you prepare the Signature Trick. It is enough to simply have the required number of Contraptions built.

END TURN PHASE

Dawn of Technology adds a new subphase to the very end of the ‘End Turn’ phase: **Reactivate Contraptions**. During this phase, all Inactive Contraptions **with a Shard on all Shard symbols** next to their slot are flipped to their Active side.



IMPORTANT:



Some of the higher Contraption slots have a Fame value printed below them. You receive this Fame bonus when that Contraption is flipped to its Active side (and not when it is used). In the unlikely case that the Contraption was already Active at the start of the ‘End Turn’ phase, you do not receive this bonus — only if it is flipped to its Active side.

END OF THE GAME

After the seventh turn, all players’ leftover assets and Level 3 Tricks score bonus Fame as usual, with one exception: instead of scoring 1 Fame per Shard, players score 2 Fame for every 3 Shards they have at the end of the game, rounded up (including those on the Shard symbols).

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APPENDIX

CONTRAPTION EFFECTS



MECHANICAL CONTRAPTION — TESLA COIL



Tesla Coils help power the City of Magoria, granting you extra Coins and Fame in the process.



- **Level 1-2:** Gain 2 Coins.



- **Level 3:** Gain 3 Coins. Gain 1 Fame when this Contraption is reactivated.



- **Level 4:** Gain 1 Fame for every 4 Coins you own when you use this Contraption, up to a maximum of 6 Fame. The Coins are not spent.



OPTICAL CONTRAPTION — SMOKE MACHINE



Smoke Machines conceal your Tricks on stage, making their exact components impossible to tell.

■ **NOTE:** Optical Contraptions can **only be used before taking the 'Prepare Trick' Action.** You may use multiple Contraptions for preparing the same Trick. You may also use the Contraptions if you have enough Components to prepare the Trick without them (to receive the reactivation Fame bonus).



- **Level 1-2:** Use this Contraption to lower the Trick's Component requirement by 1 Basic or Advanced Component of your choice.



- **Level 3:** Use this Contraption to lower the Trick's Component requirement by 1 Basic, Advanced or Superior Component of your choice. Gain 1 Fame when this Contraption is reactivated.



- **Level 4:** Use this Contraption to lower the Trick's Component requirement by up to 2 Basic, Advanced or Superior Components of your choice. Gain 1 Fame when this Contraption is reactivated.



SPIRITUAL CONTRAPTION — HYPNOTIZER



The Hypnotizer allows you to “motivate” the townsfolk of Magoria — and your own team — for various powerful effects.



- **Level 1:** When you place a Character at the Market Row and take a ‘Buy’ Action, you may use this Contraption to reduce the total amount of Coins you spend by 3 (to a minimum of 1).



- **Level 2:** Before you place a Character, you may use this Contraption to switch the placed Assignment cards (Permanent or Special) between two of your Characters or return a placed Assignment card to your hand and replace it with another. You may not change cards below Characters already placed.



- **Level 3:** When you place a Character at the Downtown, before you take an Action, you may use this Contraption to set any of the Downtown dice to a face of your choice. Gain 1 Fame when this Contraption is reactivated.



- **Level 4:** Instead of the ‘Place Characters’ phase, you may only use this Contraption in the ‘Performance’ phase, after your own Performance. Double the Performance card bonus on the card you performed. Gain 2 Fame when this Contraption is reactivated.



ESCAPE CONTRAPTION – TRAINING MACHINE



A well-trained team can put you ahead of the competition by being able to take more Actions.

 **NOTE:** You may only use a maximum of one Escape Contraption per Character placement.



- **Level 1:** Use this Contraption to give your Character 1 additional Action Point at the Market Row or the Workshop.



- **Level 2:** Use this Contraption to give your Character 1 additional Action Point at any Location, except for the Theater.



- **Level 3:** Use this Contraption to give your Character 1 additional Action Point at any Location.



- **Level 4:** Use this Contraption to give your Character 1 additional Action Point at any Location. Gain 2 Fame when this Contraption is reactivated.

DAWN OF TECHNOLOGY WITH OTHER MODULES AND EXPANSIONS*

Dawn of Technology is designed to be playable with most of the expansions released for Trickerion so far, but some combinations work better than others. In some cases, a few rule clarifications are also required.



COMPATIBILITY

DARK ALLEY 	✓
DUEL OF MAGICIANS 	✓
MAGICIAN POWERS 	!
DAHLGAARD'S ACADEMY 	✓
DAHLGAARD'S HEIR SOLO MODE 	✓





DAHLGAARD'S ACADEMY*

Dawn of Technology is fully compatible with the Dahlgaard's Academy expansion, but playing them together is only recommended for players who have played each of them separately at least once. This is the most complex way of playing Trickerion with the longest game time, but for veteran players, it will likely be a very satisfying experience.

If you play these two expansions together, keep the following rules in mind:

- During setup, shuffle the new Academy Special Assignment card provided in this expansion into the Academy Special Assignment deck.
- If you are playing the Quick Start optional rule (detailed in the Dahlgaard's Academy rulebook), each player starts with their first Contraption already built. Also, remember that the Dawn of Technology and the Quick Start ruleset add 1 starting Shard each, which brings the starting Shard count up to 3.



MAGICIAN POWERS*

Since these two expansions have quite similar functions, we strongly recommend not playing them together.



DAHLGAARD'S HEIR SOLO MODE*

The solo mode introduced in the Dahlgaard's Academy expansion is fully playable with the Dawn of Technology.

If you play this way, keep the following rules in mind:

- The Heir does not build Contraptions or acquire Signature Tricks. Therefore, playing the solo mode with Dawn of Technology will make it somewhat easier.
- During setup, the Heir also gains 1 additional Shard.
- During the endgame scoring, you score 2 Fame for every 3 Shards you have as usual, but the Heir scores 1 Fame for each of its Shards.
- Optional rule to increase challenge: At the end of the turn, the Heir gains 1 Fame for each Contraption you did NOT reactivate and 1 Coin for each empty Contraption slot you have. If it got neither, it receives 1 Shard.

*These expansions are sold separately.

SIGNATURE TRICK SPECIAL ABILITIES

On top of their better Yields and overall stats, Signature Tricks also each have a special ability. This ability is the same on all Level 3 Signature Tricks, but varies on Level 1-2 Signature Tricks.



Free Orientation: When you place this Trick's Marker on a Performance card, the corner corresponding to the Trick's category does not have to be in a Link circle. In other words, the Trick Marker can be oriented freely — usually to create a Link that would not be possible otherwise.



Encore: You may have up to two of this Trick's Markers on **one** of the Performance cards.



Resident Trick: If this Trick is part of your own Performance, do not remove it from the Performance card after the 'Performance' phase.

■ **NOTE:** If due to some other effect you have 2 Trick Markers of this Trick in your Performance, you still remove one of the two.



Easy Setup: When you take the 'Set Up Trick' Action in the Theater, for 1 Action Point, you may place up to two of this Trick's Markers on the Performance cards.



Wildcard Bonus (Level 3 only): During the endgame scoring, you may choose and score the scoring condition of any Level 3 Trick in the same category as this Trick, unless the Trick you would choose is also in your Workshop.

