I will build a place where I belong

An Artificer Archetype by My Wife is the MC inspired by Unika from the Guilty Gear franchise.

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Homebrew Artificer

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Artificer

At level 3, an Artificer chooses a field of study and technological specialty. The Dynamo Machinist represents the multiform technology of Unika from the Guilty Gear franchise.

Homebrew Material

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Dynamo Machinist

Enshroud Your Weapon in a Machine of Power

A Dynamo Machinist has a natural affinity with lightning, able to empower their weapon using conductive machinery with multiple functions.

Level 3: Dynamo Machinist Spells

When you reach an Artificer level specified in the Dynamo Machinist Spells table, you thereafter always have the listed spells prepared.

Dynamo Machinist Spells

Artificer Level	Spells
3	*Searing Smite, Shield*[1]
5	*Locate Object, Shatter*
9	*Blinding Smite*[1]*, Lightning Bolt*
13	*Death Ward, Staggering Smite*[1]
17	*Planar Binding, Steel Wind Strike*[1]

[1] Wizards of the Coast LLC, Player's Handbook, 2024.

Level 3: Dynamo Assembly

When you finish a Long Rest, you can use your Tinker's Tools to magically affix mechanical augmentations to any Melee weapon within 5 feet of you. If the weapon is a magic weapon that requires Attunement, you can only do so on that weapon if you are attuned to it.

When you do so, you transform the weapon into your Dynamo Assembly. The weapon remains in this form indefinitely, but it reverts to its original form if you transform another weapon using this feature, and it reverts automatically a number of days equal to your Intelligence modifier after you die (minimum of 1 day).

Medium Object. Your Dynamo Assembly is a Medium Object composed of various interlocking machinery that is about 5 feet in length, 3 feet in height, and 1 foot thick, completely encasing the weapon within, with the exception of its exposed handle near its base. It weighs 600 pounds. You determine the appearance of your Dynamo Assembly given those existing attributes, such as a mechanical shaft as its central frame ending in a series of rear-facing pipes around its bottom fixtures.

Dynamo Field. Your Dynamo Assembly weighs 6 pounds for you. In addition, holding your Dynamo Assembly or occupying its space does not count as Difficult Terrain for you. Similarly, holding your Dynamo Assembly does not change your size category.

Spellcasting Focus. You can use your Dynamo Assembly as a Spellcasting Focus for your Artificer spells.

Assembly Modes. Your Dynamo Assembly has two modes: Dynamo Armament and Dynamo Rider. When you create your Dynamo Assembly, you automatically use Dynamo Armament mode.

Dynamo Armament (Assembly Mode). This mode activates your Dynamo Assembly's weapon functionality. It has the following properties:

Weapon Traits. The Dynamo Assembly has the following traits:

Weapon Category: Simple Melee or Ranged
Damage on a Hit: 1d10 Bludgeoning (Melee) or 1d8 Lightning (Ranged), plus the ability modifier used for the attack roll
Properties: Ammunition (Range 60/240; Surge), Two-Handed

Personal Assembly. Whenever you attack with your Dynamo Assembly, you can use your Intelligence modifier for the attack and damage rolls instead of using Strength or Dexterity.

Surge. Whenever you make a ranged attack using your Dynamo Assembly, it magically produces its own ammunition called Surge that vanishes the instant after it hits or misses a target.

Variable Weapon. Whenever you make an attack using your Dynamo Assembly, you can choose whether to make a melee or ranged attack.

Core Armament. If the weapon used to create your Dynamo Assembly has any additional effects or properties, your Dynamo Assembly also gains the same properties.

Dynamo Rider (Assembly Mode). While holding your Dynamo Assembly, you can spend 10 feet of movement to mount it and take a Magic action to switch to this mode. This counts as if controlling a mount.

You can switch back to Dynamo Armament mode when you spend 10 feet of movement to dismount it, and it switches modes automatically if you fall off your Dynamo Assembly against your will or if you make an attack using it. While mounted in this mode, it has the following properties:

Hover. The Dynamo Assembly hovers 3 feet above the ground. It ignores Difficult Terrain, and it can hover above liquid surfaces. It stops hovering when you're no longer riding it.

Speed. The Dynamo Assembly has a Speed of 60 feet.

Passenger Capacity. The Dynamo Assembly can carry you and one other Medium or smaller creature. If you exceed this capacity, the Dynamo Assembly hovers in place and has 0 Speed.

Level 3: Dynamo Generator

You generate electrical energy, represented by Dynamo Charges, of which you have 4. This number increases when you reach higher Artificer levels: at level 5 (6 Dynamo Charges), level 9 (8 Dynamo Charges), level 13 (10 Dynamo Charges), and level 17 (12 Dynamo Charges).

You regain all expended charges when you finish a Long Rest. As a Bonus Action, you can expend a spell slot and regain a number of expended Dynamo Charges equal to twice the spell slot's level.

Your Dynamo Charges are used in the following ways:

Assembly Ride. As a Bonus Action, or immediately after you attack using your Dynamo Assembly, you can expend one Dynamo Charge to mount it and switch to Dynamo Rider mode. When you do so, you don't provoke Opportunity Attacks until the end of the current turn while your Dynamo Assembly is in this mode.

Electric Field. As a Bonus Action, you expend one Dynamo Charge to generate a defensive field. Until the start of your next turn, you have a +1 bonus to AC. You lose this benefit if you let go of your Dynamo Assembly or if you switch to Dynamo Rider mode. This AC bonus increases when you reach higher Artificer levels: at level 9 (+2) and at level 15 (+3).

Expose Armature. When you take the Attack action while holding your Dynamo Assembly, you can expend one Dynamo Charge to expose its core. When you do so, you deal an additional 1d6 Lightning damage until the start of your next turn whenever you deal damage using your Dynamo Assembly. This ends early if you receive the Incapacitated condition, switch to Dynamo Rider mode, or let go of your Dynamo Assembly. This bonus Lightning damage increases when you reach higher Artificer levels: at level 9 (2d6) and level 15 (3d6).

Level 5: Extra Attack

You can attack twice instead of once whenever you take the Attack action on your turn.

Level 9: Depleted Dynamo

Each time you expend a Dynamo Charge, you gain one Depleted Dynamo, which can be used in various ways. You can hold a number of Depleted Dynamo equal to your maximum number of Dynamo Charges. All remaining Depleted Dynamo vanish when you finish a Long Rest.

Lingering Surge. Whenever you have at least one Depleted Dynamo, your Dynamo Assembly ignores Resistance to Lightning damage.

Sustained Beam. When you take the Attack action while holding your Dynamo Assembly, you can expend one Depleted Dynamo and replace one of your attacks with a sustained beam in a 60-foot-long, 5-foot-wide Line from your Dynamo Assembly. Each creature in the Line must make a Dexterity saving throw against your spell save DC, taking 2d10 Lightning damage on a failed save, or half as much on a successful one.

Release Armament. As a Bonus Action, you can expend a Depleted Dynamo to magically release the augmentations of your Dynamo Assembly into a pocket dimension and wield the weapon within. While holding the weapon, it becomes a Release Armament for you.

The weapon remains in this state until the end of your next turn. During this time, your Dynamo Assembly disappears, and you can't use any of its properties or Dynamo Generator abilities.

Whenever Release Armament is at the end of its duration, you can expend one Depleted Dynamo (no action required) to extend it to the end of your next succeeding turn. It ends early if you receive the Incapacitated condition or if you willingly end it during your turn (no action required). When Release Armament ends, the weapon becomes your Dynamo Assembly again.

Your Release Armament grants the following benefits:

Familiar Armament. You have proficiency with the Release Armament. In addition, whenever you attack with the Release Armament, you can use your Intelligence modifier for the attack and damage rolls.

Crackling Edge. Your Release Armament ignores Resistance to Lightning damage. In addition, your attacks using the Release Armament deal an additional 1d6 Lightning damage.

Lightning Alacrity. You gain a Fly Speed equal to your Speed. In addition, you can take a Bonus Action to take the Dash action or make one weapon attack using the Release Armament immediately after you take the Attack action.

Level 15: Dynamo Amplification

You can combine the energy of a Dynamo Charge and a Depleted Dynamo to enhance the effects of your Dynamo Assembly. You can do so in the following ways:

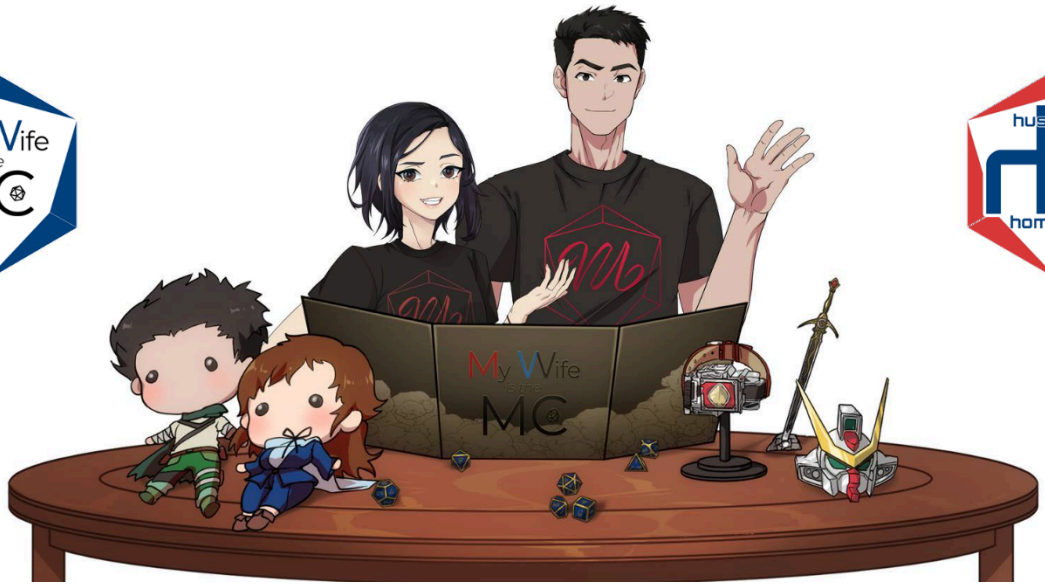
Amplified Assembly Ride. When you use Assembly Ride and expend one Depleted Dynamo as part of the same Bonus Action, you can also take the Dash action.

Amplified Electric Field. When you use Electric Field and expend one Depleted Dynamo as part of the same Bonus Action, you deal 1d10 Lightning damage whenever a creature within 5 feet of you deals damage to you for the duration of Electric Field.

Amplified Expose Armature. When you deal the additional Lightning damage granted by Expose Armature, you can expend one Depleted Dynamo. When you do so, you forego rolling the Lightning damage and instead take the maximum value from the dice.

Amplified Sustained Beam. When you use Sustained Beam, you can expend one Dynamo Charge to increase the area to a 100-foot-long, 10-foot-wide Line. In addition, its damage increases to 2d12 Lightning damage.

Amplified Release Armament. When you use Release Armament, you can expend one Dynamo Charge to empower this state. For the duration of Release Armament, the additional damage of Crackling Edge increases to 1d8, and the Fly Speed granted by Lightning Alacrity increases by 10 feet.



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