

Ideal army composition for every tech

Mill tech	Combat width	Infantry	Cavalry	Cannons	Total	Comments
0	15	17	4	0	21	For the reasoning behind this, see Zwirbaum's great unit guide.
2	20	22	4	0	26	Or this video by darkfireslide
5	22	24	4	0	28	If you find yourself to be a horde you may want to ignore all this and go full cavalry. I'm not sure if that's better or worse than these compositions.
6	24	26	4	0	30	Also, if you have insane cavalry combat ability (eg. Poland) you can consider adding more cavalry.
9	25	27	4	0	31	If you have any sense of army aesthetics, add one inf to odd numbers for when you split the army up to avoid attrition.
11	27	29	4	0	33	
14	29	31	4	0	35	
16	30	32	4	30	66	Only from this tech onwards will artillery deal more damage than infantry in fire phase. That doesn't mean it's bad to get them earlier, but they spike in efficiency here.
18	32	32	6	32	70	Flanking range increases to 3, making 2 more cavalry useful
20	34	34	6	34	74	
22	36	36	6	36	78	
23	36	34	8	36	78	Flanking range increases to 4, making 2 more cavalry useful
24	38	36	8	38	82	
26	40	38	8	40	86	

Best unit type for every tech and tech group

[According to Zwirbaum](#)

Yellow cells contain notes with nuances [1]

Red cells mean you stick with old units [2]

(Groups are sorted alphabetically after Western)

Western

Tech	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-18	19-22	23-25	26-27	28-29	30-32
Infantry	Latin	Galloglaigh	Condotta	Free Shooter	Maurician	Gustavian [3]	Line	Frederickian [4]	Impulse [5]	Drill Infantry
Tech	0-9	10-13	14-17	18-22	23-25	26-27	28-32			
Cavalry	Chevauchée	Schwarze Reiter	Latin Caracole	Gallop	Latin Hussars [6]	Uhlán	Latin Lancers			
Tech	7-9	10-12	13-15	16-17	18-19	20-21	22-24	25-28	29-32	
Artillery	Large Cast	Culverin	Small Cast	Chambered Demi	Leather	Swivel	Coehorn	Royal	Flying Battery	

African

Tech	0-4	5-11	12-14	15-22	23-25	26-29	30-32			
Infantry	Clubmen	South	Plains	South	Central	East	Westernized East African Infantry			
Tech	0-9	10-13	14-17	18-22	23-25	26-27	28-32			
Cavalry	Abyssinian	Tuareg	Abyssinian	Hussar	Swarm	Dragoon	Cuirassier			
Tech	7-9	10-12	13-15	16-17	18-19	20-21	22-24	25-28	29-32	
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Anatolian

Tech	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-18	19-22	23-25	26-29	30-32		
Infantry	Yaya	Azab	Janissary	Sekban	Janissary	Nizami-Cedid	Carabineer	New Model [7]		
Tech	0-5	6-9	10-17	18-22	23-25	26-27	28-32			
Cavalry	Musellem	Timariot	Spahi	Reformed Spahi	Toprakli	Skirmisher	Lancers [8]			
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Chinese

Tech	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-18	19-25	26-32			
Infantry	Spearman [9]	Offensive	Asian	Banner	Mass	Musketeer	Reformed			
Tech	0-5	6-9	10-13	14-16	17-22	23-27	28-32			
Cavalry	East Asian	Asian Steppe [10]	Reformed	Charge	Banner	Dragoons	Reformed			
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Eastern

Tech	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-18	19-22	23-25	26-29	30-32	
Infantry	Bardiche	Eastern Militia	Pike Infantry	Offensive	Soldaty	Saxon	Petrine	Green Coat	Mass	
Tech	0-5	6-9	10-13	14-21	22-25	26-27	28-32			
Cavalry	Eastern	Stratioti	Eastern Hussar	Cossacks	Hussar	Lancers	Cuirassiers			
Tech	7-9	10-12	13-15	16-17	18-19	20-21	22-24	25-28	29-32	
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Indian

Tech	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-17	18-22	23-25	26-29	30-32		
Infantry	Footsoldier	Arquebussier [11]	Toofangchis	South Indian	Deccani [12]	Telingas	Sepoy	Drill		
Tech	0-5	6-9	10-13	14-16	17-22	23-27	28-32			
Cavalry	Elephant	Cavalry Archers	Mansabdar	Mansabdar [13]	Maratha	Deccani [14]	Sowars			
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Muslim

Tech	0-4	5-8	9-11	12-14	15-22	23-25	26-29	30-32		
Infantry	Footsoldier	Duel	Shamshir	Musketeer	Afsharid	Reformed [15]	Mass	Mass [16]		
Tech	0-5	6-9	10-13	14-17	18-22	23-27	28-32			
Cavalry	Muslim [17]	Shayhanid	Ozlibash	Ozlibash	Charge [18]	Ali Bey [19]	Durrani [20]			
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Native American

Tech	0-4	5-9	10-13	14-18	19-25	26-29	30-32			
Meso Inf	Spearman	Hill	Reformed Hill	Hill Musketeers	Guerilla Warfare	Plains	Central			
Tech	0-4	5-9	10-13	14-18	19-25	26-29	30-32			
North Inf.	Clubmen	Tomahawk	Mountain	Native American	Rifle Scout	Guerillas	Westernized			
Tech	0-4	5-9	10-13	14-18	19-25	26-29	30-32			
South Inf.	Spearman	Slingshots [21]	South	Reformed	Incan Guerilla [22]	W. Incan	R. W. Incan			

Tech 0-32

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Cavalry	Swarm	Each new unit unlocked will be upgrade over previous ones, so always pick new units.													
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[1] Except for the two sells to the right of this one.

[2] Header backgrounds are exempt

[3] Highlander is better at tech 19, Gustavian at 20-22. I put Gustavian here because people may only consider switching when a new unit gets unlocked.

[4] If you may not have enough armies to reinforce all the fronts you're fighting on, pick the more defensive option; Red Coat Inf.

[5] If you may not have enough armies to reinforce all the fronts you're fighting on, pick the more defensive option; Square Inf.

[6] If your puny foes' armies don't fill the combat width, take Armee Blanche Cavalry.

[7] Zwirbaum: If you have much really good generals with a lot of fire pips, +combat ability and discipline, I would probably go for Eastern Carabineer from previous category. If you see you have problem with infantry holding out, and crumbling really fast (retreating) have problems with morale, choose Eastern New Model Infantry.

[8] Zwirbaum: You should see, what are your biggest problems, enemy fire phase is devastating for you? (You have generals with low amount of fire pips) Stick with Eastern Skirmishers. Otherwise go Reformed Lancers, and deliver nice shock damage, and weep over glory of the days past.

[9] Longbow is better at tech 3

[10] If you outnumber your enemies, Samurai cav. are better

[11] Zwirbaum: At tech 5 you could consider staying with Footsoldiers, because fire damage modifier is low at tech 5, and Footsoldiers have better defensive morale, but all in all, Arquebussiers are better

[12] North Indian Musket Inf may be better if you have a lot of morale boosts.

[13] Zwirbaum: If you're flanking enemy, this unit is better over Dai-Phat Cavalry from this tier, due to the better offensive shock value.

[14] Zwirbaum: If your high command is inept at leading your men to fire at broad side of barn (0 fire pips etc.), you can stay with Marathas, to at least mitigate some damage done to your cavalry from enemy fire.

[15] If you have great general with a lot of fire pips, and have good combat ability, advantageous terrain, discipline, pick previous unit (Afsharid)

[16] If you have problem with morale switch to new Muslim Rifle Infantry.

[17] Charge is better at tech 3.

[18] For better flanking. Afsharid if you find yourself suffering too much losses, especially during firing phase.

[19] For better flanking. Dragoons if you find yourself suffering too much losses, especially during firing

phase.

[20] For better flanking. Durrani Swivel, if you find yourself suffering too much loses, especially during firing phase.

[21] Slingshots deal more casualties, while American Forest Warriors deal more morale damage. Depends on situation, morale modifiers, you may consider one of these two

[22] One have one more offensive morale pip, and another one more defensive fire pip. Choose to what you like, and need the most.