

Saxony ^{HRE}

Invasion Value: 3

Tactical Aggression: 2

Regions:

	Basic	#	Compulsory	Additional features
Saxony or Central Poland	Opn	2-7	Vil	BrG, Flds, Hls, RvR, Str, Wds
East Poland/Lithuania	Opn	8-12	Str, Swp, Wds	BrG, RvR, Vil, Wds
Northern Poland	Opn	3-6	Vil	BrG, Cst, Flds, Hls, RvR, Str, Wds
Polish-Austrian Border Area	Opn	6-10	BrG, Hls	RvR, Str, Vil, Wds

Generals

Army Commander

Name	Ld	In	Pts	Name	Ld	In	Pts
Flemming ¹⁻²⁰	2	3	23	Steinau ⁴¹⁻⁶⁰	4	2	26
Schulenburg ²¹⁻⁴⁰	3	2	23	Generic ⁶¹⁻⁰⁰	3	2	23

Wing Commanders

Name	Ld	In	Pts	Name	Ld	In	Pts
Droste ¹⁻¹⁰	3	2	18	Wenediger ⁴¹⁻⁵⁰	2	2	15
Dünewald ¹¹⁻²⁰	2	1	13	Zeidler ⁵¹⁻⁶⁰	2	2	15
Schulenburg ²¹⁻³⁰	3	2	18	Generic ⁶¹⁻⁰⁰	2	1	13
Trampe ³¹⁻⁴⁰	4	3	23				

Special Commanders

Name	Ld	In	Pts
August ^{★ 1-25}	3	2	23

Infantry (20%+) ¹⁻⁴⁰

Unit		Max #	Type	TQ	Stp	Size	FP		CC		Pts
							Line	Col.	Line	Col.	
Saxon Guards ¹⁻¹⁰	a	2	LI ^G	Veteran	2	150p ¹²	6 / 4	1 / 1	6 / 4	1 / 1	19
Polish Guards ¹¹⁻²⁰	b	2	LI ^G	Veteran	2	150p ¹²	6 / 4	1 / 1	6 / 4	1 / 1	19
Line Infantry ²¹⁻³⁰	c		LI	Trained	2	150p ¹²	6 / 4	1 / 1	6 / 4	1 / 1	15
Under-strength Battalions ³¹⁻⁴⁰	d	1/3c	LI	Green	2	100p ⁸	4 / 3	1 / 1	4 / 3	1 / 1	10

Only 1703-1706

French Grenadiers ⁹⁶⁻⁰⁰	e	1	AI	Trained	2	150p ¹²	6 / 4	1 / 1	6 / 4	1 / 1	16
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Infantry Options

Downgrade Line to newly recruited ^{1-25/60} (Roll for each)		Any c*	LI	Green	2	150p ¹²	6 / 4	1 / 1	6 / 4	1 / 1	12
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Cavalry (10-40%) ⁴¹⁻⁸⁰

Unit		Max #	Type	TQ	Stp	Squadrons	FP		CC		Pts
							Line	Col.	Line	Col.	
Garde du Corps ¹⁻⁵	f	1	MCG	Veteran	2	4 ¹²	3 / 2	1 / 1	10 / 7	6 / 4	24
Leibregiment Cuirassiers ⁶⁻¹⁵	g	2	MCG	Veteran	2	3 ⁹	2 / 1	1 / 1	8 / 5	5 / 3	23
Cuirassiers ¹⁶⁻⁵⁵	h	2/1j	MC	Trained	2	3 ⁹	2 / 1	1 / 1	8 / 5	5 / 3	17
Leibregiment Dragoons ⁵⁶⁻⁶⁵	i	2	MCG ^D	Veteran	2	3 ⁹	3 / 2	1 / 1	6 / 4	4 / 3	23
<i>Dismounted</i>		---	LI	Veteran	2	100p ⁸	4 / 3	1 / 1	4 / 3	1 / 1	---
Dragoons ⁶⁶⁻⁹⁵	j		MCD	Green	2	3 ⁹	3 / 2	1 / 1	6 / 4	4 / 3	13
<i>Dismounted</i>		---	LI	Green	2	100p ⁸	4 / 3	1 / 1	4 / 3	1 / 1	---

Only From 1703

Chevaliergarde ⁹⁶⁻⁰⁰	k	1	MCG	Veteran	1	1 ³	1	1	3	3	18
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Cavalry Options

Regrade Cuirassiers as 2-squadron units <small>choice</small>		Any h	MC	Trained	1	2 ⁶	1	1	5	4	13
Regrade Dragoons as 2-squadron units <small>choice</small>		Any j	MCD	Green	1	2 ⁶	2	1	4	3	9
<i>Dismounted</i>		---	LI	Green	1	50p ⁴	2	1	2	1	---
Regrade Leib-Cuirassiers as 2-squadron units <small>choice</small>		Any g	MCG	Veteran	1	2 ⁶	1	1	5	4	19
Regrade Leib-Dragoons as 2-squadron units <small>choice</small>		Any i	MCG ^D	Veteran	1	2 ⁶	2	1	4	3	20
<i>Dismounted</i>		---	LI	Veteran	1	50p ⁴	2	1	2	1	---

Artillery (0-25%) 81-95

Unit		Max #	Type	TQ	Stp	FP	CC	Pts
3 lb. Battery 1-40	l	1/2a-d	VLA	Green	1	5 / 1	1	9
6 lb. Battery 41-50	m	1/4l	LA	Green	1	6 / 2	1	10
12 lb. Battery 51-90	n	1/1l	MA	Green	1	6 / 3	1	12
16 lb. Battery 91-95	o	1/4n	HA	Green	1	6 / 4	1	13
Mortars and Howitzers 96-00	p	1/4n	HAM	Green	1	- / 4	1	10

Subsidiary Infantry (0-15%) 96-00

Only 1713-17

Ansbach-Bayreuth (List: German Minor States [AB], page 27).

Allies (0-30%)

Polish or Lithuanian (List: Poland/Lithuania, page 51).

Only before 1707

Russian (List: Russia - Main Armies, page 58).

Only 1715-20

Brandenburg/Prussian (List: Brandenburg, page 16).

May Combine With

None.

Notes

August, Elector of Saxony and King of Poland, wished to strengthen his position in Poland. He hoped to accomplish this by winning territory for Poland from Sweden. Thus he was the central part of the anti-Swedish coalition. To complicate things a bit he only declared war on Sweden as Elector of Saxony, not wishing to alienate too many Polish and Lithuanian nobles. Thus Sweden found itself attacked from Polish territory but not at war with Poland itself. The Poles however soon found themselves engaged in a savage war against the Swedish army.

After the Russian catastrophe at Narva, Charles turned his attention to Poland. A long bitter campaign followed and the Saxon army suffered severe setbacks (read disasters) in battle after battle.

The main problem however for the Swedes was to get the Poles to elect a new king and then be able to invade Saxony proper to end the war. This last was not as easy as it may seem, since Saxony was part of the Holy Roman Empire and the Swedish army would have to cross non-Saxon Imperial territory to get there. This meant that the Emperor had to be occupied elsewhere for the operation to take place, or the situation could go completely out of hand. In 1706 after the battle of Fraustadt, with the Saxon army shattered the Swedes took their chances. With Swedish forces on Saxon soil, August had no alternative but to accept the Swedish demands.

August re-conquered Poland after Poltava but still failed to accomplish his initial goals. It could be argued that Peter the Great won the Great Northern War by fighting to the last Saxon.

*= **From 1706** at least half the Line Battalions should be downgraded to Newly Recruited (if using the random system change the downgrade roll to 1-60 instead of 1-25).

Battles & Campaigns

The Saxon army fought several battles during the Great Northern War and parts of it also took part in several battles of the War of the Spanish Succession on the allied side. Some of the battles fought (and lost) by the Saxon army were:

The Düna 1701, Kliszow 1702, Pultusk 1703, Fraustadt 1706, Gadebusch 1712 and Stresow 1713.

Uniforms

The Saxon infantry was dressed in red with different facing/cuff colour distinguishing the different regiments. Dragoons should be dressed similarly and Cuirassiers after 1707 also have red coats, but with cuirass under the coat. Before 1707 the Cuirassiers wore a buff leather coat with a blackened cuirass on top. Gunners wore grey coats with red socks. All units used tricorns, except for grenadiers who used a tall mitre cap. The Garde du Corps should have two squadrons with cuirass under coat, one with dragoons and one with mounted grenadiers.

Representation

Use standard basing for Saxon army. Grenadiers, when present, should be placed on the right of the battalion.

Suggested Further Reading

Great Northern War 1700 - 1721 II, by Lars-Eric Höglund and Åke Sallnäs.

A lot of useful information on the Saxon army can be found on Dan Schorr's web-site at:
<http://www.megalink.net/~dschorr/index.html>