# **Factory Control Panel**

<u>Overview</u> Describes the **Factory Control Panel** Window.

<u>Unit Class List</u> Displays the classes of units which can be produced by the Factory unit.

# **Factory Production Controls**

Offers a variety of control over the Factory unit.

### **Factory Control Panel**

The production of the selected Factory unit can be maintained by using this control panel. The name of the Factory unit, the name of the planet on which the Factory is located, and current production is displayed in the top half of the control panel. The middle half of the window is used to present the **Unit Class List** of what can be produced by this Factory unit.

### There is a limit to the number of units which can be supported by the empire.

This limit varies between one-quarter and one-half the total of all resource points on all planets in the empire, depending on the difficulty setting of the crusade. Thus, if the empire owned two planets, with a collective total of 100 resources (regardless of what was available), then the empire could only support approximately 25 to 50 units (ground units, factories and starships combined).

When production has exceeded the empire's ability to support the completion and crewing of a new unit, the Emperor must either **cancel production** at factories until another planet can be colonized (making more personnel and resources available) or **decommission** an existing unit (returning crew for reassignment and resources for reuse).

Decommissioning a unit is controlled from the **Unit Control Panel**.

#### **Unit Class List**

Each class of unit which can be produced by the Factory unit, is displayed in this list. The icon of the class, class name and number of stardates required and the amount of available resources needed on the planet to produce the class is displayed for each class in the list.

The list can be scrolled by using the UP and DOWN arrow buttons, or using the THUMB button and SLIDER bar.

When the production at the selected Factory unit is to be maintained to a class not currently in production, or the current production is to be cancelled, then the Emperor can scroll the items from the list to display the desired class for production.

Production is maintained by **double clicking** the LMB while the mouse pointer is on the class name from the list.

Production can be canceled by selecting the **Cancel Production** item from the list. Another way to cancel production is to use the **CANCEL** button as described in the **Factory Production Control Buttons** section below.

## **Factory Production Control Buttons**

The series of small buttons in the lower right corner of the control panel window, offer several functions:

**CANCEL** production button will cancel the current production for the selected Factory unit.

**HELP** Factory production button displays this information.

**EXIT** Factory production button returns to the previous window without making a change to production.