

NECROVOLT REANIMATOR

The Necrovolt Reanimators are a conclave of deranged scientists who discovered the abyssal Netherstorm, a sentient tempest of howling souls, charged with cracking aether-lightning. Reanimators harness the Netherstorm's boundless energy with their Necrovoltaic Generators, using it to power various nightmarish machineries and undead constructs. Over time fanatical members of the Reanimator Conclave seemingly discerned sentience within their own devices, remnants of the soul-lightning powering them. This ghost in the machine was dubbed the Necrovolt, a being of unliving lightning made manifest.

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NECROVOLT REANIMATOR

Medium humanoid, neutral evil

Armor Class 15

Hit Points 154 (21d8+63)

Speed 30 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
9 (-1)	8 (-1)	16 (+3)	19 (+4)	16 (+3)	17 (+3)

Saving Throws CON +7, Int +8

Damage Resistances Lightning, Thunder

Senses Passive Perception 13

Language Common, Abyssal

Challenge 9

Necrovoltaic Generator. Creatures starting their turn within 15 ft. or moving within 15 ft. of the Necrovolt Reanimator for the first time on their turn must succeed on a DC 16 Constitution saving throw or suffer 9 (2d8) lightning damage. If a creature dies within 15 ft. of the Necrovolt Reanimator, it is reanimated as an Necrovolt Circuitslave at the start of the Reanimator's next turn, sharing its Initative.

Cursed Circuit. At the start of the Reanimator's turn, choose up to three Necrovolt Circuitslaves within 30 ft. of the Reanimator. Electricity surges in a straight line 5 ft. wide between the Reanimator and the Circuitslaves. Each creature in those lines must succeed on a DC 16 Dexterity saving throw, taking 11 (2d10) lightning damage on a failed save or half as much on a successful one.

Lifeleech Protocol (1/Day). When the Reanimator drops to 0 hit points, the Necrovoltaic Generator unleashes a burst of lifeleeching aether-lightning. Each creature in a 10 ft. sphere centered on the Reanimator must succeed on a DC 16 Constitution saving throw or suffer 17 (3d10) lightning damage and be stunned until start of their next turn. The Reanimator regains hit points equal to half the total damage.

Legendary Resistance (1/Day). If the Necrovolt Reanimator fails a saving throw, it can choose to succeed instead.

ACTIONS

Necrovoltaic Grasp. Melee Weapon Attack: +9 to hit, reach 5 ft., one targets. Hit: 11 (3d6) lightning damage and the target must succeed on a DC 16 Constitution saving throw or be paralyzed for 1 minute. It can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of its turns to end the effect. The Reanimator can then immediately roll a d6 in an attempt to either recharge its Necrovoltaic Beam or Voltgheist Barrage.

Necrovoltaic Beam (Recharge 5-6). A concentrated beam of etheric lightning forming a line 60 feet long and 5 feet wide erupts from the Reanimator in a direction of its choice. Each creature in the line must make a DC 16 Dexterity saving throw. A creature takes 36 (8d8) lightning damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

Voltgheist Barrage (Recharge 6). The Reanimator opens a portal to the depths of the Netherstorm, summoning vengeful, volatile Voltgheists. The Reanimator can choose 1d4+1 points within 50 ft. of it. Each creature within 5 feet of these points must make a DC 16 Dexterity saving throw. A creature takes 17 (3d10) lightning damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

BONUS **A**CTIONS

Netherlightning Siphon. A creature of the Reanimator's choice within 30 ft. of it must succeed on DC 16 Dexterity saving throw or take 9 (2d8) lightning damage. The Reanimator gains temporary hit points equal to the damage dealt.

REACTION

Netherstorm Backlash. After hitting the Necrovoltaic Reanimator with a melee attack, the attacking creature must succeed on a DC 16 Constitution saving throw. On a failure, it suffers 11 (2d10) thunder damage and is pushed 20 ft. away from the Reanimator. On a success, it suffers only half damage and is not pushed.

NECROVOLT CIRCUITSLAVES

Circuitslaves are burned-out husks powered by the abyssal energies of the Netherstorm. Through the shapeless Necrovolt, a being of sentient lightning accidentally created and worshipped by the Reanimator Conclaves, they are connected to their masters in a cursed circuit, living lightning coursing continously coursing through them. They eternally hunger for more energy, seeking out living creatures to drain their bodies of it.

NECROVOLT CIRCUITSLAVE

Medium undead, neutral evil

Armor Class 12 Hit Points 20 (3d8 + 9) Speed 30 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
14 (+2)	11 (+0)	16 (+3)	5 (-3)	6 (-2)	4 (-3)

Damage Resistances Necrotic Damage Immunities Poison

Condition Immunities Charmed, Frightened, Exhaustion, Poisoned

Senses Darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 20

Languages Can't speak but understands the language of its master

Challenge 1

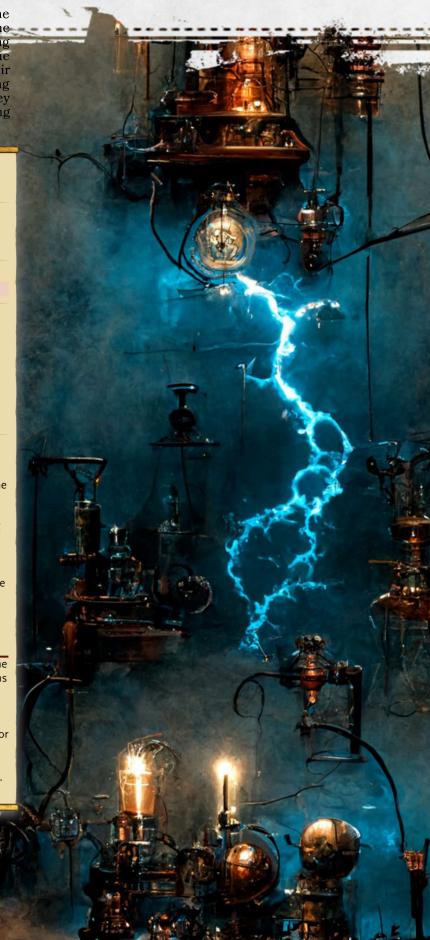
Undead Vigour. If the Circuits lave is reduced to 0 Hit Points, it must make a Constitution saving throw with a DC of 5 + the damage taken, unless the damage is radiant. On a success, the Circuits lave drops to 1 hit point instead.

Necrovoltaic Overcharge. When the Circuitslave takes lightning damage, it gains temporary hit points equal to the damage instead. If it has more than 10 temporary hit points, it is considered overcharged. An overcharged Circuitslave deals 6 (2d4) lightning damage to every creature within 5 ft. of it at the start of its turn and deals an additional 6 (2d4) lightning damage with its **Leech Bio-Energy** attacks.

ACTIONS

Leech Bio-Energy. Melee Weapon Attack: +4 to hit, reach 5ft., one target. *Hit*: 6 (2d4) lightning damage and the Circuitslave gains temporary hit points equal to the damage dealt.

Necrovolatile Burn-Out. Each creature within 10 ft. of the Circuitslave must succeed on a DC 12 Dexterity saving throw or suffer 12 (4d4) lightning damage. If the Circuitslave is overcharged, the Burn-Out deals additional lightning damage equal to the amount of the Circuitslave's temporary hit points. The Circuitslave then takes drops to 0 hit points.



How to run Necrovolt Reanimators & Circuitslaves

1. OFFENSIVELY.

- Even though the Beam and the Barrage can be used from quite a distance, you should absolutely stay within 30 ft. of your opponents to guarantee a Netherlightning Siphon bonus action per turn to get some damage in and bolster your defenses via temporary hit points.
- The Reanimators offense is also its defense. Getting close to it sucks, as you risk 2d8 (Necrovoltaic Generator) + 2d10 (Cursed Curcuit) + 3d6 (Necrovoltaic Grasp) lightning damage each time you get into its face. The first creature getting too close should get absolutely grilled to intimidate the players and make them think twice about getting into its grill again. This is kind of a bluff, because the Reanimator may die to a stiff breeze.
- The aforementioned Necrovoltaic Beam and Voltgheist Barrage are the big hitters, and with a bit of grasping going on (Necrovoltaic Grasp for the additional chance to recharge), especially the Beam can be fired more often than your players might prefer.
- If you support your Reanimator with Circuitslaves
 (which you absolutely should), each of its offensive
 abilities is also a great way to power them up with
 temporary hit points and Overcharge them try to
 line your Circuitslaves up and hit them with a
 Necrovoltaic Beam for a devastating Necrovolative
 Burn-Out, as their explosion deals additional
 damage equal to their temporary hit points.

2. DEFENSIVELY.

- There is not that much to say about its defense. Be sure to obliterate sources of spike damage early and with extreme prejudice and pray that your
 Circuitslaves (other other supporting creatures) can keep the party occupied long enough to get some damage in.
- Lifeleech Protocol is a last hurrah, after which the Reanimator eager to live another day should at least attempt to get away. In the best case, surrounding creatures are stunned for a moment, allowing the Reanimator to hobble away without risking an opportunity attack.

2. GENERAL INFOS.

- Circuitslaves are simple charge them with lightning damage and hurl them at your enemies. They can not be "revived" through Undead Vigour if they use their Necrovolatile Burn-Out action, as they don't take damage they are reduced to 0 hit points outright.
- As always, the CR is only mildly indicative of a creatures' true potential. Supported by a host of Circuitslaves and aided by some lucky/unlucky rolls, an encounter with a Reanimator is able to nuke a party especially the combination of Necrovoltaic Beam, Necrovoltaic Overcharge and Necrovolatile Burn-Out can wreak havoc on a groups defenses, as the Circuitslaves gain temp hit points equal to the lightning damage they receive and dish this damage right back out when exploding. Unlucky (or outmaneuvered) players may eat a Beam first and then get blown up by a Burn-Out.

