

HELLDRAKE

Few creatures in the Nine Hell inspire as much dread and fear as the horrendous beasts known as helldrakes. Used in the infernal armies as shock troopers, these vicious wyvern-like monsters throw themselves into combat armed with equal parts ferocity and cruelty.

Outside of The Blood War, helldrakes are used as guardians and hellish negotiators. Like their fellow devils, they enjoy the soul-trade. Helldrakes find a great deal of enjoyment in the corruption of mortals.

On the Prime Material plane, helldrakes can be found in e service of evil mages and tyrants. Interestingly, this service is rarely involuntarily, as helldrakes often leap at an opportunity to cause further destruction and pain.

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Huge fiend, lawful evil

Armor Class 20 (natural armor) Hit Points 299 (26d12 + 130) Speed 40 ft., fly 80 ft.

STR DEX CON INT WIS CHA 25 (+7) 12 (+1) 21 (+5) 14 (+2) 16 (+3) 20 (+5)

Saving Throws Dex +7, Con +11, Wis +9
Skills Deception +11, Intimidation +11
Damage Resistances cold; bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing from nonmagical attacks not made with silvered weapons

Damage Immunities fire, poison Condition Immunities poisoned Senses truesight 120 ft., passive Perception 13 Languages Draconic, Infernal, telepathy 120 ft. Challenge 20 (25,000 XP)

Magic Resistance. The helldrake has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects.

Magic Weapons. The helldrake's weapon attacks are magical.

Actions

Multiattack. The helldrake can use its Frightful Presence. It then makes two attacks: one with bite and one with its stinger. While flying, it can use its claws in place of one other attack.

Bite. Melee Weapon Attack: +13 to hit, reach 10ft., one target. Hit 14 (2d6 + 7) plus 7 (2d6) fire damage.

Claws. Melee Weapon Attack: +13 to hit, reach 5ft., one target. *Hit* 21 (4d6 + 7) slashing damage.

Stinger. Melee Weapon Attack: +13 to hit, reach 10ft., one target. Hit 13 (1d12 + 7) piercing damage. The target must make a DC 19 Constitution saving throw, taking 35 (10d6) poison damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

Frightful Presence. Each creature of the helldrake's choice that is within 120 feet of the helldrake and aware of it must succeed on a DC 19 Wisdom saving throw or become frightened for 1 minute. A creature can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of its turns, ending the effect on itself on a success. If a creature's asaving throw is successful or the effect ends for it, the creature is immune to the helldrake's Frightful Presence for the next 24 hours.

Fire Breath (Recharge 5-6). The helldrake exhales fire in a 60-foot line that is 10-feet wide. Each creature in that area must make a DC 19 Dexterity saving throw, taking 70 (20d6) fire damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.