

## Calculation of Serku's Albedo.

The formula for calculating this is in Book 6 Scout page 47.

Geographic feature	% Surface	Albedo	(% Surface $\times$ Albedo)	Calculated Albedo
Cloud	7.20	$\approx 0.5$	0.1	} 0.234
Ice	7.10	0.55	0.055	
Land	25.0	$\approx 0.15$	0.075	
Water	22.0	0.02	0.004	

Albedo was eventually fudged as 0.2 (Earth's is slightly higher)

$$\begin{aligned}T_a &= 345.6 + (288 \times G) - (288 \times A) \\ &= 345.6 + (288 \times 0.1) - (288 \times 0.2) \\ &= 316.8 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}T &= (T_a \times L^{1/4}) / D^{1/2} \\ &= (316.8 \times (0.89)^{1/4}) / 1^{1/2} \\ &= 296.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{K} = 18.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}\end{aligned}$$

This formula is used because the one given in book 6 Scouts is wrong.

Albedo can be fudged downward from calculated value of 0.234 to 0.2 by reducing reflectivity clouds (Book 6 can be as low as 40%). The  $\text{CO}_2$  content of the atmosphere may also be elevated slightly (increasing greenhouse effect) to give the same result.

## Calculation of Serkura's Temperature

Serkura's star is magnitude G3V

Bolometric magnitude for G3V = 4.57 and G5V = 5.20

(Book 6 - Scouts)

Extrapolated for G3V stars = 4.948

By the same process, stellar luminosity = 0.89,

Effective stellar temperature = 5700 °C

Stellar radius = 0.958 } w.r.t. suns

Stellar Mass = 0.98 }

Serkura is size 3 - 4800 km (Mars size)

Has a standard atmosphere but a planet this size would normally be unable to retain such an atmosphere for an appreciable length of time by natural means. Solution: Make Serkura a dense planet giving it a surface gravity of 0.8 x Earth's (Jump/throw distances x 1.1)

Other physical parameters of Serkura:

Volume = 0.053

Surface area = 0.141 x Earth's

Albedo = 0.234 (calculated below)

20° axial tilt. Average temperature = 18°C (see below)

Standard Atmosphere = +10% greenhouse effect

Cloudiness = 20% of planet covered

Calculation of temperature

$$(1) T_e = 345.6 + (288 \times G) - (288 \times A) \quad (\text{White Dwarf})$$

where

and

$$(2) T = (T_e \times L^{1/4}) / D^{1/2} \quad (\text{White Dwarf})$$

where T = Global temperature

$T_e$  = Temperature of planet if 1 AU from a stellar luminosity 1 star

L = Stellar luminosity

D = Distance from star in AU

G = Greenhouse effect

A = Albedo

i.e. First we calculate temperature of a planet if it was in Earth's orbit, then take into account the star and position