SKILL RATINGS TABLE

No Rating — Unaware

A complete absence of knowledge or practice. Generally, this degree of ignorance can only be achieved with the Incompetent negative quality (p. 82). A character rated "unaware" in a skill may not default for that skill.

Athletics Example: Couch potato.
Firearms Example: Never seen a gun before.
Technical Example: Shapeshifter, Luddite, or someone born before the Computer Age.
Social Example: Hermit.
Vehicle Example: Has never seen a car before.
Knowledge Skill Example (Academic): Mentally damaged in some manner.
Knowledge Skill Example (Street): Lives alone in a cave.

Rating 0 — Untrained

The general baseline of knowledge shared by society. This is not incompetence, it is the standard level of untrained knowledge held by any Joe Average.

Athletics Example: Has played catch with friends in the backyard.
Firearms Example: Point the barrel, pull the trigger.
Technical Example: Can send an email, browse a Matrix site, or store data on a commlink.
Social Example: The typical man on the street.
Vehicle Example: Basic operator's license. Can get from here to there, but can't handle driving in adverse conditions.
Knowledge Skill Example (Academic): High school student. Screamsheet-level of knowledge.
Knowledge Skill Example (Street): Never visited Seattle before, but can find it on a map.

Rating 1 — Beginner

Has done this a few times. Can handle some easy tasks, some of the time.

Athletics Example: Little League/Pop Warner skill.
Firearms Example: Shot some tin cans with a BB gun a few times.
Technical Example: Hobbyist.
Social Example: Telemarketer.
Vehicle Example: Weekend off-roader. Seasoned driver with low insurance premiums.
Knowledge Skill Example (Academic): High school graduate.
Knowledge Skill Example (Street): Visited Seattle on a few trips.

Rating 2 — Novice

Has solid grasp of the fundamentals, but shaky on more complex yet still routine procedures.

Athletics Example: High school athlete.
Firearms Example: Trainee in police academy or military boot camp.
Technical Example: Trade apprentice, or college work-internship.
Social Example: First-line supervisor, door-to-door salesman.
Vehicle Example: Air Force Academy cadet, go-gang initiate.
Knowledge Skill Example (Academic): First year college or university student
Knowledge Skill Example (Street): Moved to Seattle one or two years ago.

Rating 3 — Professional

Competent at general skilled tasks. "Average" skill level for starting characters and NPCs.

Athletics Example: College athlete (NCAA Division III)
Firearms Example: Regular beat cop or military grunt.
Technical Example: Trade journeyman, or entry-level professional straight out of college.
Social Example: Professional sales representative, social dilettante, face, Mr. Johnson.
Vehicle Example: Commercial driver: truck driver, taxi cabbie, airline pilot. Ordinary go-ganger.
Knowledge Skill Example (Academic): Associate's degree (2 year college degree)
Knowledge Skill Example (Street): Lived in Seattle for five or more years.