



The Runic Core of the Aether: A Legendary DnD 5e Homebrew Wondrous Item



Channel the storm and traverse the stars with this legendary cosmic artifact!

The Runic Core of the Aether is a legendary DnD 5e wondrous item attuned by spellcasters. It grants lightning resistance, potent teleportation, and destructive lightning strikes, but carries a risk of planar instability.

□ Item Overview

Behold the **Runic Core of the Aether**, a truly legendary wondrous item that promises to inject raw cosmic power into your D&D 5e campaign! This breathtaking artifact features a shimmering, amber-hued crystal, its facets catching the light and hinting at incredible depth. Encircling its base, crackling golden energies merge with a vibrant blue runic circle, sparking with lightning. This item isn't just a pretty bauble; it's a conduit to the very fabric of existence, designed to make its attuned master a force to be reckoned with.

How to Use It in Play

Attuning to the Runic Core requires a spellcaster, a fitting choice given its immense



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arcane properties. Once attuned, you gain:

- **Aetheric Conduit:** Passive resistance to both lightning and thunder damage, making you tougher against elemental assaults.
- **Cosmic Rift:** For just 1 charge and a bonus action, you can blink up to 60 feet, traversing distances with stellar speed. Perfect for escaping danger or gaining a tactical advantage.
- **Stormcaller:** Expend 2 charges as an action to unleash a devastating 8d6 lightning bolt on an enemy, a true testament to the storm's fury held within.

With its 7 charges refreshing daily, careful resource management will be key to mastering this item. The Runic Core of the Aether offers both defensive capabilities and potent offensive and utility spells, ensuring it will be a prized possession for any adventurer seeking to tap into the boundless power of the planes and command the storm itself. May your journeys be filled with cosmic wonder and thunderous might!

□ Key Facts

- Type: Wondrous Item, Legendary rarity.
- Attunement: Requires attunement by a spellcaster.
- Charges: Has 7 charges, regaining 1d4 + 1 daily at dawn. Risk of shattering if the last charge is expended (roll d20, on a 1, it shatters).
- Passive Effect (Aetheric Conduit): Grants resistance to lightning and thunder damage.
- Cosmic Rift (1 Charge): Teleport yourself and anything you are wearing or carrying up to 60 feet as a bonus action.
- Stormcaller (2 Charges): Unleash an 8d6 lightning damage bolt (DC 16 Dexterity saving throw) within 120 feet as an action.
- Drawback (Planar Instability): 10% chance of mis-teleporting 1d4 x 5 feet in a random direction whenever you teleport by any means.
- Availability: Free VTT / Foundry download included.

□ Item Stats

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Rarity	Legendary



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Attunement	Requires Attunement by a spellcaster
Charges	The Runic Core of the Aether has 7 charges. It regains 1d4 + 1 expended charges daily at dawn. If you expend the last charge, roll a d20. On a 1, the core shatters into inert dust.
Aetheric Conduit (Passive)	While attuned, you gain resistance to lightning and thunder damage.
Cosmic Rift (1 Charge)	As a bonus action, you can expend 1 charge to teleport yourself and anything you are wearing or carrying up to 60 feet to an unoccupied space you can see.
Stormcaller (2 Charges)	As an action, you can expend 2 charges to unleash a bolt of pure lightning. Choose a creature within 120 feet. It must make a DC 16 Dexterity saving throw, taking 8d6 lightning damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

A relic from a bygone era when the veil between planes was thin, this multifaceted crystal pulses with raw elemental and planar energy. Said to be a fragment of a celestial body or an ancient artifact of a primeval storm god, it hums with forgotten runes that channel the very essence of the aether, bridging worlds and wielding tempests.

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□ Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Runic Core of the Aether in DnD 5e?

The Runic Core of the Aether is a legendary homebrew wondrous item for DnD 5e spellcasters. It channels raw elemental and planar energy, granting powerful abilities like teleportation and lightning manipulation, originating from a bygone era when the veil between planes was thin.

What abilities does the Runic Core of the Aether provide?

While attuned, you gain resistance to lightning and thunder damage. It also allows you to expend 1 charge to teleport up to 60 feet as a bonus action (Cosmic Rift) or expend 2 charges to unleash a powerful 8d6 lightning damage bolt with Stormcaller.

Are there any drawbacks to using the Runic Core of the Aether?

Yes, the core carries the Planar Instability drawback. Whenever you teleport using



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any method (not just the core's ability), there's a 10% chance you arrive 1d4 x 5 feet in a random direction from your intended destination.

Where can I get the Runic Core of the Aether for my DnD 5e campaign?

The Runic Core of the Aether is available as a free homebrew download, including files compatible with Virtual Tabletop (VTT) systems like Foundry VTT, allowing you to easily integrate this legendary magic item into your online or in-person game.

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