

Star Wars

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Snowtroopers.ca (Tom): THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! for the 'Build-A-Droid' figures. I LOVE THEM ALL! Will we see this continue into next year and maybe the year after? Will Hasbro ever consider releasing a pack of just re-used, re-painted droid parts so fans can make up their own droids? Yes, I LOVE my DROIDS! And how about a re-painted R4-G9 with clean R2-D2 colours and a silver (not chrome) dome? THANKS AGAIN!

Hasbro: We're glad you love them. We certainly do too. There is still a ton of droid excitement in front of us, both in the mainline and upcoming exclusives (assuming that the Wal-Mart Droid Factory assortment is successful this year, we would like to see a similar set again for 2010). While it will likely not go on forever in the mainline basic figure SKU, it's very likely that we'll continue to use the library of droids parts in exclusives, and in ways like you suggest where we either use the parts as basic for new figures or even in multi-part sets. As for R2 using the R4 body, we have that version coming this Fall. Stay tuned!

SWCollector.com (Dan): It was announced since Toy Fair that Shaak Ti and the other "The Force Unleashed" wave 2 figures would be released as retailer exclusives. What are the other figures, and which retailer will they be available through? Any images yet?

Hasbro: Actually, Shaak Ti is in the wave prior (the EU wave, recently shown at Toy Fair). The other figures, which were a new wave, were pulled from mainline and adjusted for the exclusive packs. The packs will now be five-packs, and will be either all new sculpts, or all new deco when we have used a previously existing sculpt. Included will be several trooper variants, including a jump trooper with newly added jump pack. Across the two packs, there will be two versions of Galen Marek, Proxy, and a twist in Juno. More information will be available as we get close to launch later this Fall.

CollectionStation.com (Steve): C-3PO needs new figures from across the saga, it's sad but true. The original Ep I Threepio figure was quite good, but he needs knee and ankle joints, perhaps the ability to hold the Anakin Skywalker podracing flag, and a little more accurate deco with yellow eyes and slightly toned-down wires. Episode II Threepio's removable parts gimmick hampered this figure's design, and since then we've gotten the fantastically-sculpted U-3PO Build-a-Droid figure, so that mold could sport the Ep 2 Threepio deco. And then there's the OT Threepio, which you've recently said is hampered with vac-metal bodies because LFL is stuck on the concept over a painted look. However, your team has produced some great-looking shiny silver protocol droids lately without vac-metallizing, and Hasbro's Marvel Universe team has been able to produce 2 different tones of shiny, metallic-looking gold colors on a few Iron Man figures, which are still super-articulated. Is something of those qualities still not to Lucasfilm's approval, or might we finally be seeing a truly super-articulated Threepio soon?

Hasbro: Well, we got our wires crossed. Obviously, based on what was shown at Comic-Con, there is no pack with an EpII Arena-version C-3PO in it. We can confirm that we have developed one for a sequel to the Geonosis packs for 2010, assuming success with the first version this Fall. So...to see this version of C-3PO (and many more characters) please make sure that you pick up the Geonosis packs this Fall. Thanks!

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Galactichunter.com (Adam): With seated Leia ready, we know that she needs something to sit on, so when (WHEN!!!) will we see a Jabba w/ Dais? After seeing that awesome Dewback, we know it can happen! Please give a desperate guy an ounce of hope. [Rancor trap opens!]

Hasbro: There is hope, Adam, there is hope - lots of it. It's not in the bag, though, and here's where you can help. We've previously hinted that due to the size and format, such a beast would most likely be an exclusive. We have taken some big, meaty swings at our exclusives for this fall - the AT-ST, Dewback, Octuptarra Droid, newly-designed TIE and others show that we can redefine and create great new vehicles and creatures as exclusives. What we'd like to do with Jabba would be no less ambitious. However, continuation of programs like this, and future success in exclusives, depends on collectors supporting the initiatives in front of us. If we succeed, it opens the door for more opportunities like these and taking chances on some great concepts like a Jabba. So, while we can offer a big sunny ray of hope, we don't want to officially make any announcements until we know we're totally locked in. This means making sure we have a great story to tell when we talk to our retailer partners. So fans, applying Jabba's own strong-arm tactics, if you want to see him, make sure you pounce and pounce hard *this* fall!

Sandtroopers.com (theJawa): In the last Q&A, you said that if the sales on the CW Y-Wing were good this might open up things for a new line of "midsize" vehicles. Would that then include a new OT-era Y-Wing by any chance? I've never bought a Y-Wing previously because there were just too many small dislikes about the old mold (too small, the pilot cannot sit without leaning back in his seat, R2 unit cannot be removed, landing gear seemed too weak, wing plastic was too bendy, etc). After the spectacular job that was done on the BMF and AT-TE, I'd snap up an OT-Y-Wing in a heartbeat done with the same care and quality! How about it?

Hasbro: We would not do a whole new Y-Wing in this format, but we do intend to deliver a significant update to the current tool next year that will address many, if not all of your issues (and at a lower price point than the Deluxe format, similar to last year's Y-Wing). Stay tuned!

Snowtroopers.ca (Tom): With the recent announcement that hasbrotoyshop.com is now shipping to Canada, we would like to know specifically why there is an additional \$20 fee being tacked on to the normal shipping fees, plus the cost of the figure. If this is the case, it would not be worth buying the figure from hasbrotoyshop.com as it would come to nearly \$50 for a \$15 3.75" exclusive figure from hasbrotoyshop.com. If, you waited long enough it would be on ebay for less than half the price including shipping. Many of us would prefer to buy directly from hasbrotoyshop.com, as the chances of getting it near minty would be higher and we also like to get product as soon as it has become available. Please, clarify exactly what this extra \$20 is for?

Hasbro: The extra \$20 covers duty, taxes, and additional costs for us to be able to ship items from the U.S. to Canada.

YodaNews.com (Mark): With the unveiling of Concept Anakin Skywalker (Episode III) and Concept Ki-Adi Mundi, it seems clear that Hasbro plans to expand beyond the McQuarrie designs and delve into a larger arena of concept art-based products. Can we expect this to eventually include vehicles as well similar to what we saw back in the "Power of the Force 2" era?

Hasbro: There are no plans to expand beyond figures right now, simply because the tooling would be too great for a non-core vehicle. The exception would be if a concept vehicle could be done with little change to an existing vehicle, then it might be possible.

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Toymania.com (Bobbi): When you release a new line of Star Wars action figures and come up with a new design for the backer cards, do you have to make sure that they will fit into the "Star Wars Official Action Figure Protective Cases" or are you allowed more leeway as far as size or shape?

Hasbro: Up until this year, we have been faithful to the 6"x9" card design and ensured that all figures fit the official protective case. This year, however, Hasbro embarked on a new initiative designed to conform to the standard Wal-Mart planogram peg sizes and reduce, even if it was slight, the amount of packaging required to produce a basic Star Wars figure. As a result, the new card size is smaller (5.5"x8.25"). We did a lot of research with collectors before heading down this route, to make sure that we were not making a mistake. The vast majority of collectors we spoke with thought this was a good idea (or they did not care) and we moved forward with it. Because of this reduced card size, it will no longer fit snugly into the backer-card trap area of the collector cases, and they have not become obsolete for the modern collection. We do not have plans to produce bulk packs of a new official case for the new smaller card size. The one caveat, and it's an important one, will be Vintage. If Vintage does return, it will strictly be in the 6"x9" format and will fit in the current official cases.

Toymania.com (Bobbi): Will any of the build-a-droid figures see re-release?

Hasbro: It's possible that additional figures using the parts could be produced, but the characters themselves in the buildable format are confined to the Legacy/Droid Factory series and none of them will ever be re-released. The possible exception being HK-47, since he was the buildable droid in a very low-production wave. If we do re-release him, we would probably re-release the whole wave of figures he came with in a new package format.

ImperialShipyards.net (Shawn): I realize that the last wave of Mighty Muggs will be exclusive to TRU, but can you let on as to when they should be on shelf and which four will make up the last wave? Also, if they do well at retail will we see any additional waves in 2010?

Hasbro: Actually, there will be no exclusive wave of Mighty Muggs at Toys 'R Us. There was to be another wave (including Ashoka), but they were canceled and they will not ship. Instead, Toys 'R Us is continuing them as an exclusive while we work through the excess stock. Even if they do well there are no more plans for Mighty Muggs.

MOTU

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Pendragonspost.com: Will new adventure of he-man bios/story be incorporated into the main motuc?

Mattel: Yes! We have at least one NA character planned for 2010!

Kastor's Corner: Will the Zoar packed with Teela come with the perch and armor, like the 80's toy?

Mattel: Teela will not, but we do have a long term plan to get the perch and armor out in time!

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AFP: Just thought we'd check again – what was the final outcome on Moss-Man? If there isn't one yet, when will you be deciding?

Mattel: We are going to flock him as much as possible without interrupting the articulation. We are still working on the final details.

POE Ghostal: Does MOTUC Trap-Jaw's robotic arm have a hinge joint at the elbow and a ball joint at the shoulder?

Mattel: Yes. Trap Jaw's robotic arm has the same articulation points as a regular He-Man arm. However, some of the characteristic sculpt details on Trap Jaw's robotic arm limit some of the range of motion on his shoulder. We felt that it was important to keep those details, despite having the effect of limiting the range of motion.

He-Man.org: When the SDCC Exclusives went on sale, there was a single order page featuring collectibles from all of Mattel's toy lines, which made it very convenient for fans of multiple brands to order quickly from one page. On December 15th there will be six different collector-oriented items going up for sale, so will this option be made available again?

Mattel: Yes, we are going to try to do this whenever there are multiple items on sale.

Transformers

July

Preserve: Possibility of a RotF Ravage figure in Legends scale?

Hasbro: Definitely very strong!

TFormers: With the release of 3 of the individually transformable Constructicons and Long Haul coming out next, will we see the remaining Constructicons (e.g., Scrapper, Hightower) released?

Hasbro: Unfortunately, there are no [plans](#) at this time to release any additional Constructicons past those that we have currently announced.

TFWiki: Hasbro copy writer [Forest Lee](#) stated at [BotCon 2009](#) that [The Fallen](#) is a multiversal singularity, meaning that there is only one of him across all Transformers stories, and there are no variant or alternate universe versions of him. How is this reconciled with the version of The Fallen from the live-action film? After all, there are umpteen versions and adaptations of the events of the live-action film, from storybooks to comic books to coloring books, all which are different and conflict in various ways. Does The Fallen experience each of these universes in sequence, reappearing in a new universe every time he is defeated in the previous universe? What about the Decepticon campaign happy endings in the Revenge of the Fallen video games, where The Fallen is victorious? Is there an in-house theory on this, and if there is can we hear about it, or should we just assume it all works out somehow and the details aren't important at the moment?

Hasbro: The complex nature of the multiverse demands much from singular creatures like the Fallen, [Primus](#), [Unicron](#), [the 13](#), etc. These beings are of a fundamentally different nature from regular individuals, who are repeated endlessly throughout the infinite variation of creation. They must be designed or evolved to deal with certain situations that would drive lesser beings mad.

First of all, time flows differently from dimension to dimension. By necessity, this makes it possible for creatures like the Fallen to appear to exist in two places at the same time. Second, whole new universes are spawned every moment by the resolution of quantum uncertainty. Most of these universes are dead ends that exist for only a few seconds or minutes at most, and encompass only a few critical moments. Therefore, at certain critical junctures, the Fallen becomes a quantum event, experiencing two or more possible outcomes at once, until one of those outcomes proves to be a dead end and collapses. The Fallen then reverts back to the "real" universe. Every story has dozens or hundreds of endings we never see. But the Fallen sees them.

One of the side effects of the Fallen's quantum nature is that his appearance changes slightly from dimension to dimension, based on the expectations of others, and the unique history he has (or has not) established in a particular dimension. He is also bound by the "rules" (gravity, magnetism, etc.) of any dimension in which appears – many of which rules he may have actually helped shape when the multiverse was young. So if time flows backwards in a certain dimension, he is bound to live and experience – forgetting as he goes along – everything backwards.

Smart and savvy dimensional travelers spend time in reverse timescale dimensions, slow-time dimensions, or dimensions in which time does not move at all. This ensures that even if they are "killed," they continue to exist. As you can see, the idea of sequential experience as you and I understand it is pretty meaningless to guys like the Fallen. He does experience all these things, but his mind operates on a higher order so all of this stuff totally makes sense to him.

ActionFigs.com: Even though this has been somewhat addressed at your panels at this year's Botcon and Comic-Con, questions about the ROTF Arcee motorcycle trio keep coming up as fans are both stymied and fascinated by the concept and potential behind these 3 characters. Can we get final clarification on a few things, like will this figure definitely be coming out? Can we get a definitive name on the 3rd bike character, is it Moonracer or Flareup or something else? Now that we've seen concept art for that character, the bike mode might pass as a repaint of Arcee but the bot mode absolutely could not, and their colors seem a little too similar, will this 3rd bike be a new sculpt, a retool, or just a repaint? Why haven't there been any images yet of this 3rd character or all 3 motorcycle figures in their combined mode, and might we get photos of that? Have you yet worked out the alternate method by which the combined mode instructions will be revealed since they won't be in the 3rd figure's instructions?

Hasbro: We certainly have full intentions of releasing all three of the motorcycles with the third motorcycle being Elita-1. All three motorcycles will combine together and we plan to release instructions on how to achieve this combination when the time comes.

Cool Toy Review: Any chance of re-releasing the last wave of universe legends figures? I never saw that last wave (Cosmos, Wheelie, etc) anywhere in my area. Maybe all the "Minibots" from those 2 waves could be packaged together as a exclusive of some sort? Maybe even throw in a Bumblebee repaint into Cliffjumper.

Hasbro: As for the last wave of Universe Legends, these were released to [retail](#) in the Spring. While we cannot speak to which specific locations had them, we do know that they were made available for purchase.

GI Joe

?: For those of us on the variant hunt, what is the case ratio of the White Lab Coat Dr. Rex vs. the Black Lab Coat Dr. Rex? Also, just to be clear, going forward the Arctic Storm Shadow WITHOUT the mask will be the standard issue over the masked version?

Hasbro: While we can't speak to the exact case pack ratio, there are definitely more Doctors with the black coat than the white. The Arctic Storm Shadow with the mask is the standard and the one without is the variant.

GIJCC: We're still very anxious to hear about the release date for the Resolute DVD and/or unreleased Resolute figures. Can you provide us with an update?

Hasbro Answers: The Resolute DVD will be released this fall but the precise date is still under discussion. We, like you, would love for all of the Resolute figures to be available in their original form. If a boxed set does materialize, it would most likely be in a similar format to the "Attack on/Defense of Cobra Island" sets that came out this year

JOHio: The new "pursuit of cobra" line appears to resemble an animated style, are these based on a cartoon series for the recently announced hasbro tv deal?

Hasbro: No. An upcoming cartoon on the new network is being discussed and possible styles are being developed, but they are not yet inspiring the toy line.