Weapons D6 / Baktoid Armor Workshop Elec



Name: Baktoid Armor Workshop Electrostaff
Scale: Character
Skill: Melee Combat: Electrostaff
Cost: 3,000 credits
Availability: 2, X
Difficulty: Moderate
Damage: Str+1D (physical)/5D (energy)

Game Notes: Electrostaffs incorporate Phrik alloy, making them lightsaber resistant.

Description: The electrostaff was an electronic melee weapon constructed of lightsaber-resistant phrik alloy equipped with electromagnetic pulse-generating tips. The electrostaff was the primary weapon of General Grievous's and Count Dooku's bodyguards and the Imperial riot troopers as well as Imperial heavy troopers of the Galactic Empire.

Though some staffs could penetrate and neutralize ray shields, most were simply used as blunt-force melee weapons. They were designed to be longer than most lightsaber blades, enabling the user to fight Jedi while remaining out of the Jedi's range.

As with force pikes, the emitters on the ends had different power settings, going from a stunning jolt to a deadly charge. Thus the electrostaff could be used to only incapacitate an opponent instead of killing them outright. The electrostaff could be used as a torture device. While deadly weapons, the electrostaff, even when on the highest power setting, would still have to touch a victim for longer than a few seconds, or hit in the chest, throat or head, to do any real damage, as shown when Jedi Master Shaak Ti was able to take four hits on her arms and shoulders and, despite being in very obvious pain, she was able to continue fighting against the large hoard of Magnaguards she was fighting, eventually being able to utilize the weapon against them.

The Separatist forces used electrostaff-wielding droids, known as IG-100 MagnaGuards, to guard General Grievous and Count Dooku during the Clone Wars, as well as to assist them against Jedi and abduct Supreme Chancellor Palpatine in 19 BBY. The electrostaffs used by these MagnaGuards were manufactured by Baktoid Armor Workshop. They were lined with focusing rods along the shaft that fed into a power cell and electromagnetic field generator that energized a power cycling coil. This is what produced the purple or yellow sparks and beams that were visible at the ends of their electrostaffs. Not all of the electrostaffs produced by Baktoid Armor Workshop were constructed of phrik due to the cost of the alloy.

Around 1 and 2 BBY, riot troopers and heavy troopers of the Empire were known to use these staffs. They were able to resist lightsabers using Cortosis, as shown when they engaged Starkiller, Darth Vader's apprentice, as well as his clone. They were encountered by them on several planets, including Kamino, Felucia, Kashyyyk, and Cato Neimoidia, though failed to stop the apprentice and

later his clone from reaching his objectives.

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