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**MANDALORIAN PROTECTORS**



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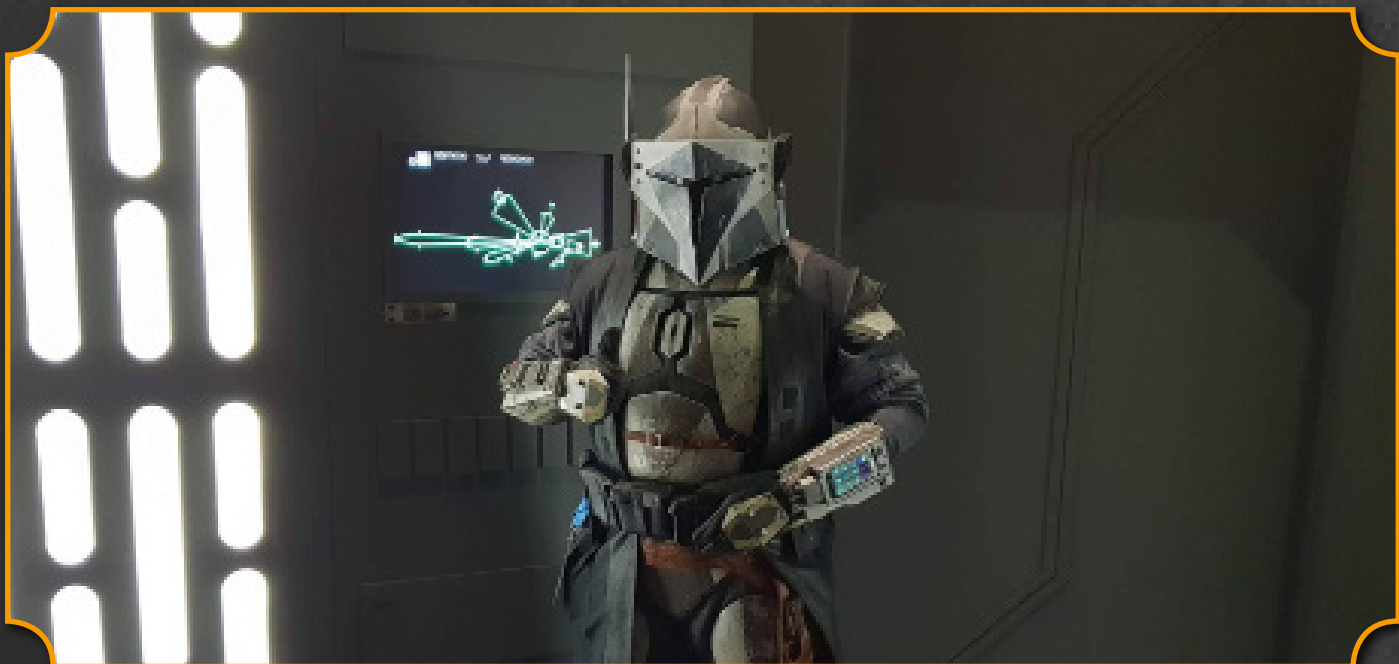
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Greetings Vode,

We're heading into the holidays of 2021, has it already been a year? Time seems to go by faster and faster these days. I wish you all the very best holiday season!

I want to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who made it out to MercsCon2 in October. This was a huge undertaking for MMCC, made more difficult than normal due to the pandemic. I could see members enjoying each other's company, and I wish everyone could have made out. I also want to give a huge THANK YOU to the MercsCon committee members who put the event together and spent so many of their hours making sure the conference went off without any issues. There were lots of pieces moving in the background and the team executed it flawlessly. Lastly, a big THANK YOU to Veshok Clan for being wonderful hosts and making sure everyone got a plate full of BBQ on Thursday evening.

There are so many things coming down the pipe for 2022, from major club-wide changes, watching Boba Fett back on screen, and Celebration Anaheim; we have so much work (and fun) ahead of us and I look forward to seeing all of you getting back out and having fun trooping.

As always MMCC wouldn't exist without you, the members, and your unwavering support.

This is our way,

Tom Hutchens  
Mandalore the Uniter

# TOOLS OF THE TRADE -VISORS

**-ARTICLE BY: ALDWYN KASS**

Perhaps the most recognizable and iconic part of Mandalorian armor is that unmistakable T shaped visor. From the crusaders of the Old Republic, to the much beloved Boba Fett, to Din Djarin in the Post-Imperial era, that impassive and expressionless T-visor has brought a bit of both mystery and menace to the Mandalorians across every era of Mandalorian history and lore for decades.



With the visor being such a recognizable and important piece of any Mandalorian kit, let's take a deep dive this month and learn all about them.

First, let's take a look at the CRL's and get a clear idea of what MMCC App Team is looking for.

Helmet Visor Information:

- If the full length of the vertical part of the visor is not hidden, it must reach the bottom of the helmet. If equipment, such as a breathing apparatus or other items are installed which hide the bottom of the visor, then the visor is not required to reach the bottom of the helmet.

- If a helmet has angled mandibles, such as "The Mandalorian" has, the visor only has to reach the angled part of the mandibles. Angled mandibles should not extend more than  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 6mm past the visor.



- Visor should sit flush on the inside of the helmet. Gaps should be kept to a minimum and should not exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 6mm.

- Custom visor designs are allowed. However, at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the total vertical t-portion must be apparent.

Pretty simple stuff and it actually leaves us with some options when it comes to things like material and color!





First, let's look at what visors are made of.

One of the most common materials for Mandalorian helmet visors when scratch building is polycarbonate, like the kind used in welding face shields. For a long time, the most common visors I saw people using were #5 green tint welding face shields.

They're pretty easy to find, very affordable, easy to work with, and the green is so dark that it appears black. If you can't get a #5 for whatever reason, lighter colored or even clear visors can be tinted darker if need be with the use of window tinting film, or certain kinds of dyes, though the dying process can be rather involved. (YouTube is your friend for tutorials on this process should you decide to go that way.)



If you don't want to make your own visor, there are plenty of vendors listed in the Trading Post section of the MMCC forums, or online from vendors like T-visor.com, who sell thicker visor plastics, which - while a bit harder to install due to their thickness and rigidity - add considerable stability and strength to your helmet by preventing the cheeks from flexing.

Available in the Trading Post, you'll find mirrored visors, a variety of different color options, and even light kits to illuminate your visor like a Republic Commando.

This is generally achieved with a line of small LEDs on an adhesive strip, wired to a battery pack, and mounted between the visor and the helmet. Instructions for installation might vary from style to style, and are usually provided with the product.

Whatever color, shape, and style you decide on, wearing that iconic T makes you part of the family. Wear it well.

Happy crafting!





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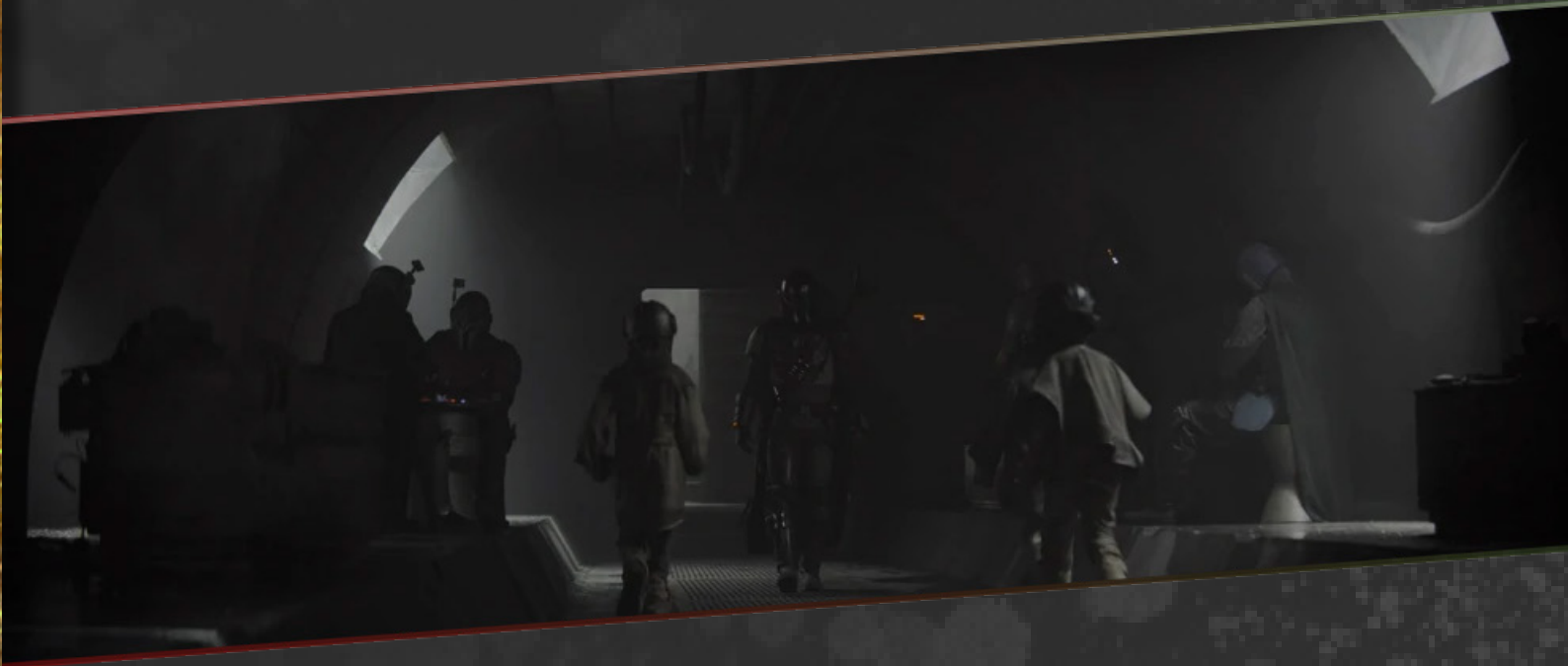


# CHILDREN OF THE WATCH

## -ARTICLE BY: DIZ GE'TAL

After a year of no trooping due to health and safety concerns from the Covid-19 virus I was ecstatic when trooping restrictions were lifted by the MMCC and when our local Convention, FanX, announced that they were, indeed, moving forward with this year's gathering, well, I was almost giddy with excitement to be able to see and troop with my Krayt Clan brothers and sisters.

So there I was at FanX, opening night, kitted up with three others, having a good time catching up with each other and talking about how the Covid weight was making our various flack jackets fit a little snug around the tum and complaining about how our face masks (required by the convention) were making our visors fog up, when I hear a voice to my left.



(Image credit: Lucasfilm Ltd)

“So,” he said, “you’re Mandalorian?”

I turned to face a young man sporting a generic Star Wars t-shirt and a bit of an attitude. I could have been wrong about the attitude since I could barely see his face through the condensation covering the inside of my visor.

“Yes we are.” I said simply, trying to make my, kind of, tenor voice sound as menacing as possible.

“So uh, you can’t take your helmets off then.” It was a challenge, and now I had no doubt about his attitude even though, by this point, the condensation had made me totally blind.

“No, we can take them off.” I said looking at my clan mates for confirmation. I could only

assume that they agreed with me, and by this point, I really did want to take off my bucket and breathe some cool air. “Then do it.” he said, clearly not believing that we would. Gratefully, I reached up, removed my bucket, and took a deep breath of cool, mask filtered air. “Ah ha!” he cried, gleefully, “I knew that you weren’t REAL Mandalorians.” I looked at the others and was pleased to see that all of them had removed their buckets as well and were now mopping the moisture from their faces.

“No,” I said, now able to see our challenger, “We are Mandalorians, we’re just not Children of the Watch.”

Ever since the first episode of The Mandalorian on Disney+, there has been a debate among members of the MMCC about whether or not we can remove our helmets while trooping. The short answer is that we can unless your kit is that of a canon character. Although I do try to keep my bucket on as much as possible while trooping, especially when kids are around. I think that it just adds a bit to the magic that is Star Wars.

Anyone who has watched the animated shows The Clone Wars and Rebels know for a fact that the Mandalorians remove their helmets all the time so what makes Din Jarin and his tribe different?

In Season 2, Chapter 11 of The Mandalorian we learn that Din Jarin belongs to a religion that other Mandalorians refer to as “The Children of the Watch.” An organization so separated from other Mandalorians that even its members, like Din Djarin, know nothing of other Mandalorians and their society.

So, who are the “Children of the Watch?” The episode, or the rest of season 2 for that matter, does not explain who they are, or where they come from.

Bo-Katan explains that the “Children of the Watch are a cult of religious zealots that broke away from Mandalorian society. Their Goal was to reestablish the ancient way.” (The Mandalorian, Season 2, Chapter 11)

Unfortunately, there is very little in the two seasons of The Mandalorian that can expound upon this.

When I went online to research the Children of the Watch, I found an entry on Wookieepedia by Fandom where they state that when The Mandalorian was translated into French, “Children of the Watch” was translated to “Les Héritiers de la Death Watch” or the English equivalent of “The Heirs of the Death Watch.” which could indicate that “The Children of the Watch” are a more extreme splinter group of Death Watch, the group that was fighting against Duchess Satine Kryze and her pacifist ways during the Clone Wars.

After reading this Wookieepedia entry, a small light bulb went off and I had to rewatch Chapter 8 of the Mandalorian where we see the young Din Djarin being rescued from a separatist attack by members of Death Watch, perhaps even members of the children of the Watch splinter group.

With luck, later seasons of The Mandalorian, will expand on Din Djarin’s childhood with the Children of the Watch, and in doing so, we will gain more information on the beliefs and culture surrounding The Watch.



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# BRIGADES DEEP DIVE

## MANDALORIAN PROTECTORS

**-ARTICLE BY: BRYN CIN'PRUDII & RU'STOR RAWR**

Deep in the depths of the Canon/Legends division of the MMCC Brigades exists a unique subset of Legends characters known as the Mandalorian Protectors.

These characters originally appeared in the Marvel comic book series "Star Wars" issue number 68. Each character bears a strong resemblance to our one and only Boba Fett; varying layers of green paint, modern styled plates, and an ever present mysterious cool factor. Beloved Mandalorian authors, Abel G Peña and Karen Traviss, further developed the stories and mythology of the Mandalorian Protectors - building what became some of the founding cultural touchstones of Mando culture and the heart of the MMCC.

The original Mandalorian Protectors were made up of only a small handful of named characters. Spar - a former ARC trooper clone was the original founder of the Protectors and even became known as Mandalore the Resurrector. Fenn Shysa - joined Spar as one of the early Mandalorian Protectors and is one of three Protectors to survive the Clone Wars battle at Norval II. Tobbi Dala - a childhood friend of Fenn Shysa, early member of the Protectors, and another survivor of Norval II. The last Protector from this era is the one and only Boba Fett. Fett only encountered the Mandalorian Protectors following the Clone Wars where Fenn Shysa ended up saving Fett by sacrificing his own.

In practical terms, the Mandalorian Protectors Brigade must match the aesthetics of the OT Boba Fett. Medium Green primary color, Secondary yellow/orange/red, and tertiary of white/light blue/purple/grey. Additionally, all armor must be Fett style from the plates to the gauntlets and knees. From a soft parts perspective, double sleeve flight suits, capped shoulder vests, padded patch gloves, basic girth belt, chelsea boots, and fett style ammo pouches are all required. As one could also expect, Jetpacks are required (disallowing anything newer than the OT packs, so no rebels packs).

If this piques your interest, please check out the [Mandalorian Protectors sub-forum here](#)



# MERCSCON 2 RECAP

-ARTICLE BY: KAL REVIK



MercsCon is, unfortunately, over in a flash it seems. But the memories and fun that we had is still in our bucket's memory banks! If not, well, we can always recap it here for those who had missed the weekend. The committee and Council got to the Holiday Inn Superdome a couple days early to set up and put up the finishing touches. Thursday was the day we set up the event officially; the attendees who arrived early were treated to a BBQ hosted by Aa'ray Beast of Veshok Clan.

As we shifted to Friday morning, the event staff took time to start the MercsCon event by passing out the MercsCon badges to all who were attending the event. But the badges weren't the only things getting handed out, swag bags filled with all of the amazing MercsCon exclusive merch created by the club's amazing Art Team were handed out. We then opened the MercsCon weekend with our opening ceremony where Council welcomed everyone to the event.

They made a few announcements and shifted into important announcements for the club after a short break. You can find the opening ceremony and the Council Meeting panel on the club's Facebook page. But what better way to start the weekend off with an engagement?! The live stream and all those attending were surprised with an engagement between Adenn Cabur (Kruser) and Kad'la Krast (Shortcut) from Gurreck Clan!

We did change some panels and activities around during the weekend. Along with our opening ceremony and Council meeting panel, it was decided to have the Social





Media Team panel as well. This was done to give everyone a chance to watch the panels and join the Tandy Leather activity or just enjoy the rest of their Friday. These changes were made throughout the weekend to accommodate the changes that occurred on the hotel's side. Our amazing MercsCon staff worked tirelessly all weekend to



ensure updates were announced and that the event would go off without a hitch. But with that, our night ended with an amazing Banquet Hall event to either get to know each other or meet each other again after a long period of absence.

Day 2, Saturday, went very well after a hearty breakfast! We started the day off with quite a few panels for other areas of the club. The MMCC Builders Group and the Education Team had their panels first. Following behind those panels were the Alor'ad/RC meet up and the Clan/Club Finances panel. All of these panels had some really great knowledge to provide and answered some great questions. But it wasn't all business this day; there was a very nice lunch provided for the attendees in the middle of the day. After lunch we followed up with some equally amazing panels. First ones up were the Ladies Costuming panel and right up after that was Dominic Pace's panel. These two panels went great and you can even see Dominic Pace's panel on the MMCC Facebook page.



We would love to thank Dominic for coming out to our event and enjoying a relaxing weekend with the MMCC! After talking with Dominic Pace, we held the Ruus'alor/App Team panel, Ver'alor Fundraising panel, MMCC Merch Evolution panel, and the 3D Printing panel to end our panels for the day. Each one of these had some great questions from the attendees and we all learned some great material. To end the



Saturday festivities, the MMCC opened the store and conducted a Swag Swap event for all who brought merch to trade. To top the night off even more, a good chunk of our members enjoyed the New Orleans festivities at the Halloween parade!







After a wonderful night on the town, the attendees were treated to a great breakfast on Sunday morning. Once the breakfast was over, we held our last panels for the attendees who wanted more. We held some great panels about building in the areas of soft parts on armor kits to prop weapons and kit bashing. Two

panels that provided some learning opportunities about these parts of building a kit. Not only did we host these panels for those interested but we had an Ask-Me-Anything panel with Mandalore himself! Who doesn't want a chance to ask him anything? He certainly had some great knowledge and stories to share with us!



To end our time at MercsCon we sadly had to say our farewells at the closing ceremony. The weekend filled with fun and camaraderie had come to an end. But it certainly went out with a bang; like most Mando mercs prefer. We received the announcement about the next MercsCon! We learned it was set for the April year of 2023 in lovely Puerto Rico.

The committee has a lot of work to do with the local clan planned out before that time. But MercsCon was created for the members, by the members of the MMCC, where we can be ourselves out of armor enjoying the company of one another. It couldn't have been done without you all and we thank you for making it such a memorable time. We truly hope those of you who attended, had a great time among family. To those who missed the event, we missed you dearly and hope to see you at the next one or at the next events.

For any comments, questions, or concerns please head to the MercsCon thread on the forums. We also will have an exit survey about MercsCon 2 coming out soon to all attendees. Please stay tuned for that and other information regarding MercsCon 3. We hope to see as many as can there on the luscious beaches of the Caribbean!

