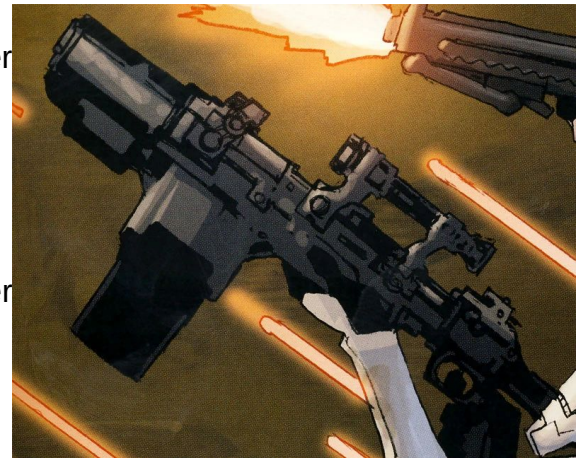
Weapons D6 / Merr-Sonn Munitions, Inc BB-2



Name: Merr-Sonn Munitions, Inc BB-23 Heavy Blaster Cannon
Type: Heavy blaster rifle
Scale: Character
Skill: Blaster: Blaster Rifle
Ammo: 4
Cost: 4,200 credits (available for military use only), (power packs: 25)
Availability: 2, X
Fire Rate: 1
Range: 3-30/75/375
Blast Radius: 0-2/4/6/10
Damage: 6D

Description: The Merr-Sonn BB-23 heavy blaster cannon was an anti-personnel weapon used by heavy weapon specialists in the Sith Lord Darth Krayt's Imperial Army during the Second Imperial Civil War. The BB-23 was of considerable size and could unleash a great deal of damage against enemy infantry, gaining it the nickname "big gun." However, the blaster cannon had to be reloaded after every four shots, requiring the user to carry around a large amount of ammunition. The stormtrooper Jes Gistang of Joker Squad used a BB-23 heavy blaster cannon during the Empire's assault on Borosk, a planet controlled by the rival Empire-in-exile, in 137 ABY. During the second day of fighting, Gistang was killed in an explosion that also incinerated her BB-23.

Description

The BB-23 heavy blaster cannon was an anti-personnel blaster manufactured by Merr-Sonn Munitions, Inc.. The BB-23 was larger than most standard blasters, weighing twenty-two kilograms, and could be braced to provide additional support. It caused a large amount of damage in a single shot, and wreaked havoc on groups of ground infantry that were spaced too close together; for these reasons, the blaster cannon was given the nickname "big gun." It cost 4,200 credits and was available for military use only.

However, the BB-23 heavy blaster cannon's main drawbacks were its size and copious use of ammunition. The user was required to wield the blaster cannon with two hands to support its weight, and, because of the weapon's power, it expended a great deal of energy per shot, requiring a new power pack after every four rounds. Due to this limitation, it was necessary for the user to carry several power packs into battle and to reload the BB-23 constantly, both of which could become a hindrance on the battlefield. The power packs themselves were susceptible to detonation if hit by a laser bolt. The heavy blaster cannon had an optimum firing range of up to 75 meters and a maximum range of 375 meters.

History

The BB-23 heavy blaster cannon was used by heavy weapon specialists in Darth Krayt's Imperial Army during the Second Imperial Civil War. Jes Gistang, a heavy weapon specialist and stormtrooper in Joker Squad—a unit in the 407th Stormtrooper Division serving Krayt's

Empire—utilized a BB-23 during the war. In 137 ABY, Joker Squad and the rest of the 407th were dispatched from their headquarters on the planet Yinchorr to participate in an assault on the planet Borosk, defended by the 908th Stormtrooper Division, which had recently defected to former Galactic Emperor Roan Fel's Empire-in-exile.

On the first day of fighting, Joker Squad was among the first forces that attacked the 908th's headquarters. During the battle, Gistang used her BB-23 to great effect, killing a number of enemy stormtroopers with her powerful blaster cannon. However, she was forced to continually reload her weapon, and, at one point, her squadmate Anson Trask had to shoot a 908th stormtrooper who was targeting Gistang while she tried to put a fresh power pack into her blaster cannon.

During the second phase of the battle, Joker Squad pushed deeper into the 908th's base, eventually reaching a mess hall containing a number of 908th stormtroopers. In the resulting lightfight, a stray blaster bolt hit one of the many power packs that Gistang was carrying on her belt for her BB-23, releasing the energy within. Both she and her weapon were consumed in the resulting explosion.

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