

Weapons Used In Star Wars Series

Star Wars is a comic fictional series directed by George Lucas. The film series was a great success and it was acclaimed by many people. The reason of Star Wars success was that it was a unique idea. The plot of the film series, the characters, the set, the vehicles and the weapons, everything was different from the common idea of filming of a movie. The design and functionality of the weapons were supposed to be unique but George Lucas wanted to give a lived-in look to the weaponry so the weapons were designed by modifying the design of real world weapons. Let talk about some of the famous methods that were used in the Star Wars film series.

1. **BlasTech T-21 (Lewis Gun)**

This gun carried by the Sandtrooper Officer in the Star Wars film, *A New Hope*, is a British Lewis light machine gun. It is a light repeating blaster with its drum magazine removed and minute cosmetic alterations.



2. BlasTech DL-44 (Mauser C96)



The gun is a heavy blaster pistol which was mostly by Han Solo and Rebel Alliance. The gun was also also used by Luke Skywalker in the film, *The Empire Strikes Back*. The design of the gun was copied from the real life gun, Mauser C96. A sniper rifle scope was added on the front with some minor changes in the magazine and body.

3. Ion Blaster

The design of the Ion Blaster is based on the real life gun, British Lee Enfield No. 1 MKIII, and it was used by the Jawas in the film, *A New Hope*. The design of the gun is almost similar to the real life gun except a grenade launcher barrel is added on the shortened barrel.



Jawa blaster, ANH version

4. BlasTech DH-17 (Blaster Pistol)

Another pistol used by the Rebels in the Star Wars films is BlasTech DH-17 Blaster Pistol. The Rebels used this weapon against the Stormtroopers at the blockade runner. The gun was later seen in the hands

of the officers and guards on the Death Star. For the film, *The Empire Strike Back*, the gun was made from the real Sterlings. In the post-production, the muzzles were added.



5. E-33 Carbine Rifle (Webley & Scott Flare Gun)

E-33 Carbine Rifle is the modified version of Webley & Scott No.1 Mark 1 Flare Gun. The gun was used by Boba Fett in the films, *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi*. The barrel was kind of simple in *The Empire Strikes Back* but the design of the barrel was changed in *Return of the Jedi* to a more distinctive design and the sniper scope was moved backwards.



Best Movie Characters of All Time

We all love movies. Sometimes, a movie is so great that we watch it again and again. Characters are the soul of the movie. Their performances make a movie special. Sometimes, a character is so special and is performed so greatly that it becomes unforgettable.

1. Darth Vader, Star Wars

Darth Vader is a fictional character in the ever famous Star Wars film series. It was a pivotal villain role which appeared in all six films of the series. The character was created by George Lucas



and portrayed by numerous actors. Actually, one of the Jedi (main protagonists) in the Star Wars tried to bring balance to "The Force" when he falls to the dark side of the Force and then serves his evil Sith master, Darth Sidious. Darth Vader is known as one of the greatest villains of all time and the American film institute named him as third greatest villain of cinema history.

2. The Joker, The Dark Knight



The Joker, archenemy of the superhero, Batman is also one of the favorite characters in cinema history. The credit of creation of character is somewhat disputed. Bob Kane and Jerry Robinson claims to

be the characters creator while Bill Finger takes the credit for writing. There is also confusion about the origin of Joker. The most common story is of him falling into a tank of chemical waste, probably bleach, which turns his skin color to white, his lips to red, and his hair color to green and this disfigurement drives him insane. Another story is that he was not treated very well in his childhood by his father who also put a smiling face on him by cutting his lips. Due to this behavior, he lost faith in humanity and thought that he is a freak in other people eyes. He just puts makeup to hide his identity and to consider himself different from other people. The character was played by various people. Cesar Romero appeared in 1960's Batman series, Jack Nicholson in 1989's Batman, Heath Ledger in 2008's The Dark Knight for which he got a posthumous Oscar award and by Jared Leto in upcoming Suicide Squad.

3. Tyler Durden, Fight Club

Tyler Durden is the character of a novel, *Fight Club* written by Chuck Palahniuk in 1996 which was later adapted as a movie by director David Fincher in 1999. The narrator, who remained unnamed throughout the novel, meets a strange person named Tyler Durden. They together create *Fight Club* by which later in the story, Tyler Durden tries to change the social structure through violent means. The narrator till the end didn't know that Tyler was not more than his alter ego. He was his real personality and the person he perceives as "himself" depicts the personality the rules of society has programmed in his head. Tyler Durden was the person that the narrator wanted to be. The character was played by Brad Pitt while Edward Norton played the narrator.



4. Dr. Hannibal Lector, The Silence of the Lambs



Hannibal the Cannibal or Dr. Hannibal Lector is character of *Red Dragon*, novel written by Thomas Harris. The character was played by Sir Antony Hopkins in the movie, *The Silence of the Lambs*, a sequel of *Red Dragon* and the character appeared as a primary antagonist in the

first two movies. Later, Hannibal becomes a protagonist. Hannibal was portrayed as a antihero in the fourth movie, *Hannibal Rising*. Dr. Hannibal Lector is a former surgeon and psychiatrist. It was shown in *Hannibal Rising* that Hannibal

was traumatized in his childhood as he saw the murder and cannibalism of his beloved sister, Mischa Lector by Lithuanian Hilfswillige (Nazis volunteers) during World War-II. The novel writer, Thomas Harris told that Dr. Alfredo Ballí Treviño was the real life inspiration for Hannibal Lector. Hannibal Lector is listed as #1 villain by American film institute in 100 Years..100 Heroes..100 Villains.

5. Captain Jack Sparrow, Pirates of the Caribbean

Our beloved, Captain Jack Sparrow portrayed by the one and only Johnny Depp appeared in all of the Pirates of the Caribbean films. Captain Sparrow is one of the nine lords of the Brethren Court, the assembly of the pirate lords of the seven seas. He is the former captain of The Black Pearl which was taken by Hector Barbosa. Captain Sparrow is known for his treacherous escapes from the most dangerous events without using any force and only fights when necessary. The character was created by screenwriters, Terry Rosio and Ted Elliott.



6. Indiana Jones, Raiders of the Lost Ark



Indiana Jones, also known by his nick name "Indy", is a fictional character created by George Lucas and Stephen Spielberg and was portrayed by various actors with Harrison Ford being the

most famous. The character is inspired by Allan Quatermain of King Solomon's Mine who Lucas and Spielberg enjoyed in their childhood. Another inspiration of Indy is James Bond as Spielberg told Lucas about the next project to be fun like Bond. Indy was a life scout in his childhood as shown in The Last Crusade and then later on, becomes an archeologist. American Film Institute has listed Indiana Jones as the greatest hero of all time.

7. Vito Corleone, The Godfather

Vito Andolini Corleone, is a fictional character of the novel, "The Godfather", written by Mario Puzo. Vito Corleone is a head of the most power mafia of New York City, Corleone crime family. Vito migrated from Sicily to America in his childhood and then builds a mafia empire in



his adulthood which deals mainly in gambling and union corruption. But he is shown as a man of strict moral code to his friends and especially to his family. He is a very traditional man and even his close friends call him Godfather or Don Corleone rather than Vito. The character was played by none other than the great Marlon Brando for which he also won an Oscar award.

8. Tony Montana, Scarface



Tony Montana, a character from the movie Scarface, was created by Oliver Stone and portrayed by the glamorous Al-Pacino. Tony Montana is a drug lord who was a Cuban immigrant during 1980 and didn't get a green card although he claimed his father to be American. He then with his

friend Manny were contacted by the head of Miami drug cartel, Frank Lopez, who gives them a task to murder someone and then he will get them green cards. After that, he was given the task to smuggle cocaine for \$5000 and through this, he enters the world of crime. Tony Montana is one of the most favorite characters of all time and is listed as 27th greatest movie characters by Empire magazine.



9. John McClane, Die Hard

John McClane is the character of the Die Hard film series. McClane is the main character and has appeared in all of the films and played by the famous and one and only Bruce Willis. McClane is an American police detective and more often also works as a vigilante which many times also put his carrier to

danger and affected his marital life. McClane doesn't care about his life and is shown taking himself to any extent for the success of mission rarely taking other's help and putting anyone's life to danger alongside him.

10. Verbal Kint, The Usual Suspects



Verbal Kint or Keyser Soze is a fictional character of movie, The Usual Suspects. Soze is a drug lord and con artist whom the police is after for the case of burning a freight ship and burning everyone in it. Knowing that Kint was also with the criminal gang which was murdered during the incident, they arrest and investigate not knowing that Kint was the actual Keyser Soze. They investigate Kint and he successfully ditch them through his

physical appearance and stupid acting. Soze was ruthless crime who acquired a legendary mythical influence over the police officials. He also murdered his own family after knowing that his rivals tried to take his drug empire on the lives of his family. The character was played by Kevin Spacey and is listed as the best villain by numerous magazines.