

### A History of JediTempleArchives.com by Peter Hauerstein and Chuck Paskovics

JediTempleArchives.com is a Web site dedicated to creating high-resolution visual guides for the most commonly collected Star Wars merchandise in the universe. Although it was founded in early 2004, the history of the Visual Guides reaches back to the days when Paplatine seemed just your typical senator in the Republic. Chuck Paskovics had his own personal Web site and wanted to create a format for himself to document his passion for Star Wars: his vintage collection.

Chuck developed the current Visual Guide format in 2000 not only as a means of documenting his own collection, but also in a way that could be used as a wallpaper on his computer that would show off each figure, vehicle, beast, and playset in its full glory, all in one view. And so was born the very first Visual Guides.

It was not long before a popular fan site took notice of those ultra-cool guides, and Chuck signed on to offer his Visual Guides as one of the main features of the site. The whole collecting community was then able use them as a tool to aide them in their own collecting ventures.



Right before the release of Attack of the Clones, a massive push formed to expand the Visual Guides from just the vintage line into the modern line. They were expanded to cover the immense amount of 3¾" product released for the movie, as well as items such as the brand new Unleashed, Playskool, 12" figures, and all the 3¾" product released since the mid-nineties.

After that initial push, the guides expanded even further to cover other fantastic lines that knocked collector's socks off from companies such as Gentle Giant and Master Replicas, along with old time favorites like Hallmark and their fantastic holiday ornaments.

Peter Hauerstein quickly signed on to help build the Visual Guide library shortly after the release of Attack of the Clones. He had been so impressed with the Visual Guides that he wanted to work on them himself to give back to the archive of images which helped him so much with his collection.

The site hosting the guides eventually closed its virtual doors, but Chuck, Peter, and another heavy contributor, Mike Kelly, decided it was time to create a Web site dedicated to the massive guide library. They were extremely proud of the work that they had done and they simply had fun doing it so they wanted them

to live on. That desire, coupled with a barrage of e-mails from fans all over the world led to the creation of the Jedi Temple Archives. They wanted to provide a place where collectors from around the world could get visual information about Star Wars collectibles, so they decided to dedicate their Web site to providing just that: Visual Guides.



The Star Wars Visual Guides now cover a vast array of the most favorite collectibles from nearly every U.S.-released 3¾" scale figure, vehicle, beast, playset and accessory set made since 1978, to the most sought after high-end items from Sideshow Collectibles, Gentle Giant, and Master Replicas. The guides are a reflection of not only the coolest Star Wars collectibles out there, but also Chuck and Pete's collection rooms. They also cover the fun items made just for kids (but loved by adults), such as the Galactic Heroes, Jedi Force, M&Ms, Star Wars Transformers, Titanium, Star Wars Miniatures, and more! Other Visual Guide sections from Medicom, Code 3, and documentation of the entire Kenner/Hasbro 12" line are all in the works as well.

Chuck and Pete remain in full force updating the site with new guides every single day! Just why do they create so many high resolution guide images every single day of the year? That is a simple answer: They enjoy making them and it is their special connection to a lifetime a love for the Star Wars Saga. That so many people from all over the world enjoy them too just adds to the fun collecting Star Wars gives to both of them.

As Star Wars collectibles evolve, so have the photography and Visual Guide creation techniques of Jedi Temple Archives. The Visual Guides are constantly evolving as new collectibles are created to make sure that the item fans want to see is fully described in as few views as possible. Their big project for the near future will to upgrade all the older guides using the new techniques that have been developed. With over 3,500 guides currently online (and growing daily), this makes the Jedi Temple Archives the ultimate high resolution resource archive in the Star Wars galaxy.