



FIELD MANUAL: IRON GRENADIER



INTRODUCTION



**WE MOLD YOU LIKE AN IRON BAND,
WE MAKE YOU DO WHAT WE DEMAND...
WE ARE THE IRON GRENADIER COMMAND!**

Welcome to Laird Destro's private army, the IRON GRENADIERS!

You have been handpicked to serve as the spearhead of Laird Destro's incursions into new territory. As an Iron Grenadier, you will combine your combat training with your marketing and sales experience to establish new strongholds and impel unsuspecting countries towards chaos and turmoil! Before our D.E.M.O.N. tanks and beneath our Anti-Gravity Pods, you will charge into battle like iron fists, you will vanquish our enemies from the battlefield, and you will let nothing stop you from carrying out the orders of our Laird!

Through your efforts, we will develop new markets for Destro's armaments and equipment sales where none existed. You and your fellow Grenadiers will be rewarded handsomely, with a percentage of your squadron's gross sales. Prove your worth and you may be chosen for officer training, or selection to special units, such as the elite "Castle Guard"!

This Field Manual is intended to help new recruits assemble an Iron Grenadier uniform as accurately and as economically as possible. The recommendations in this manual are intended to provide a uniform standard to ensure that all new Iron Grenadiers entering the ranks of the Finest are visually identical. Where possible, special attention has been made to recommend uniform components that are commonly available and easily attainable via online sellers.

Now, armed with this Field Manual, don your black and gold uniform and take your place among the elite ranks of the Iron Grenadiers!

HAIL LAIRD DESTRO!



REFERENCE INFORMATION

Although there have been several variations of the Iron Grenadier uniform since its debut in 1988, the primary reference for this manual is the Version 6 (v6¹) action figure from 2008 (re-released in 2016). Please note that two variants of the Iron Grenadier uniform (v1 and v7) are addressed in Appendix A of this manual.

Despite certain variations, the updated interpretation of the Iron Grenadier (v6) referenced in this manual is loosely based upon the original design of the v1 Iron Grenadier, and therefore certain elements of the v1 uniform are considered acceptable substitutions (details are noted throughout).



Action figure photo by www.yojoe.com

¹ For the purposes of a common reference system, the version numbers referred to in this manual use the structure provided by www.yojoe.com.



A squad of Iron Grenadiers (v6) from the 1st Castle Guard Battalion ("Destro's Anvil).



RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

The following supplies and materials are recommended for construction of the Iron Grenadier (v6) uniform.

Paint

With uniformity in mind, the recommended paint colors for V6 Iron Grenadier uniform components are:

- Dupli-Color Perfect Match “Universal Black” (helmet)
- Dupli-Color Perfect Match “Bright Red” (helmet faceplate and pistol)
- Rust-Oleum “Gold Rush Metallic” (7270830) (baldric, bracers, and belt buckle)



Fabric

Red fabric is required for multiple components of the Iron Grenadier (v6) uniform. Costumers are recommended to use a textured and durable canvas or pique fabric that matches the recommended red paint (Dupli-Color Perfect Match “Bright Red”) as closely as possible.

Commissions

The Iron Grenadier (v6) uniform requires a significant amount of custom sewing and fabrication. Finest members are available to commission uniform components as needed, and may be contacted via the Forums at www.TheFinestCC.com or via our social media.



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SECTION 1: HEADGEAR

HELMET

For Finest approval, the helmet must be visually identical to Iron Grenadier helmets currently in service within the Finest ranks. As of the revision date of this Field Manual, approved Iron Grenadier helmets are produced by multiple vendors, including Pit Viper Studios (v1-inspired) and Cremeans Creations (v6-inspired). Either style is approved for wear.



Recommended paint colors are:

- Dupli-Color Perfect Match “Universal Black”(helmet)
- Dupli-Color Perfect Match “Bright Red” (face-piece)
- *(Note: the purple face-piece on the helmet above represents Iron Grenadier v7, addressed in Appendix A of this Field Manual)*

A lacquer/clear-coat may be applied for protection. Foam padding may be glued inside the helmet to provide a custom fit.

OPTIONAL HEADGEAR

When not wearing the Iron Grenadier helmet, a black, Scottish-style Glengarry hat is authorized, available at www.amazon.com or other retailers.



A Destro pin may be worn centered on hat. For information on acquiring the Destro pin, please ask a Garrison Commander or the Command Staff for vendors and availability.

BALACLAVA

The balaclava must be black and long enough to completely cover the front, side, and back of the neck. The balaclava should be tucked into the shirt collar so that no skin is exposed. Open or closed-faced balaclavas are acceptable as long as the neck and chin are covered. Using an open-faced balaclava will help prevent the helmet visor from fogging.

The ideal balaclava should be thin, lightweight, and designed to wick away sweat from beneath the helmet. Black balaclavas are widely available from a variety of online vendors.





SECTION 2: UPPER BODY

COMBAT SHIRT

The recommended shirt is the Condor Combat Shirt (black), which is commonly available from various online retailers including www.Amazon.com.



Red Elbow Panels

The elbow pads of the combat shirt should be carefully removed and replaced with a stitched red fabric panel of the same shape and size.

“Castle Guard” Unit Patch

Approved Finest members may wear the Finest “1st Castle Guard” patch and rockers on the upper right sleeve. If you choose this option, the velcro panel on the right sleeve must first be removed and the patches should be sewn directly to the shirt.



For information on acquiring the Finest unit patch and rockers, please ask a Garrison Commander or the Command Staff for vendors and availability.





TACTICAL VEST

The recommended vest is the Xelement CF244 Tri-Flex Fabric and Mesh Vest, available from various online retailers including www.amazon.com. All yellow piping and details should be colored black with a fabric marker or acrylic paint.

Shoulder Extensions

Shoulder extensions should be added to the vest and may be made from foam or fabric stabilizer, covered with black “carbon fiber” material to match the vest and reference in shape and style (see photos).

Left Rib Panel

In homage to the original Iron Grenadier (V1) card artwork from 1988, an optional red fabric panel may be sewn onto the left rib section of the tactical vest. Please use the same red fabric as used on other components of the uniform.

If you wish to add the left rib panel, the size of the panel should be approximately 8” high by 10” wide, comprised of four 2” tall sections.

Destro Faction Patch

You may choose to wear the gold Destro faction patch on the right chest of the tactical vest (sewn centered on chest armor).





BALDRIC

The curved baldric is worn across the left shoulder and must be custom made via 3D printing or from a suitable material such as EVA foam or thermoplastic. The dimensions for the baldric are 20” long by 5” wide (the length may be adjusted to accommodate different body types, however the width should remain 5”). Baldrics and other custom-made portions of the Iron Grenadier uniform are currently available for commission from Finest members and vendors (ask a Garrison Commander or the Command Staff member for availability).

The inner cavities of the baldric are lined with the same red fabric as is used on other portions of the uniform. Seams should be sewn across the red fabric at 1” intervals in a diagonal pattern as shown in the reference photos.

The baldric is painted Rust-Oleum “Gold Rush Metallic” (7270830).

BALDRIC STRAP

The strap of the baldric is made from black leather (real or synthetic) and is 3” wide. Gold hardware should be used on the baldric strap, including a gold “santa” buckle available at www.ebay.com or other retailers.

Starting at the center of the strap, approximately 16 5/8” decorative nails should be placed at 2” intervals along the leather strap (see reference placement). The correct nails (Dritz brand) are available at JoAnn Fabric (SKU 072879443158).





BELT

The belt is custom-made using the same red fabric used in the inner cavities of the baldric. The belt may be sewn to the bottom of the tactical vest for proper placement.

The belt should be 3” wide with 5/16” piping on top and bottom.

The correct belt buckle is offered by several vendors (ask a Garrison Commander or the Command Staff for vendors and availability). The belt buckle is painted Rust-Oleum “Gold Rush Metallic” (7270830).

BRACERS

Bracers may be 3D printed or created from a suitable material such as EVA foam or thermoplastic. The approximate size of the bracers are 6.5” long with a 1” overlay at the wrist and a 0.5” overlay at the forearm. Each bracer is scored 1/8” deep every 1”.

Bracers are offered by several vendors (ask a Garrison Commander or the Command Staff for vendors and availability). The bracers are painted Rust-Oleum “Gold Rush Metallic” (7270830).



GLOVES

The recommended gloves are “Luxury Men’s Touchscreen Italian Nappa Leather Gloves (black)”, which are commonly available from various online retailers including www.amazon.com. These gloves are touchscreen-compatible.





SECTION 3: LOWER BODY

TROUSERS

The recommended trousers are TACVASEN Tactical Ripstop Combat Trousers Airsoft Pants with Knee Pads (black). These trousers include kneepads, and are commonly available from various online retailers including www.amazon.com.

BDU TROUSER BELT

The recommended trouser belt is any black “BDU belt” offered by Condor, Blackhawk, and a variety of other manufacturers. Please note that this belt is fed through the belt loops of the BDU trousers and will be completely concealed by the tactical vest. Your pistol holster will be suspended from this belt.



HALF CHAPS

The Iron Grenadier lower legs feature several red details which may be sewn onto half-chaps. The correct half-chaps are TuffRider Grippy Grain Half Chaps (black) commonly available from various online retailers including www.amazon.com. Individuals with calves larger than 15” may need to explore a custom option.

BOOTS

As they will be covered by the half chaps, any generic style black combat boot may be worn with the Iron Grenadier uniform (avoid boots with olive drab webbing, work boots, etc.).





SECTION 4: WEAPONS

SABER

The recommended saber is the inexpensive 30" US cavalry saber, commonly available via online sites such as www.ebay.com. Members are reminded to confirm and always comply with specific weapons policies of conventions and events and be advised that this saber may not be appropriate for all events.

You may wish to zip-tie the saber to the scabbard, or drill through the saber scabbard and blade and place a brass carriage bolt to render the weapon inoperable and "con-safe."

The saber is worn on the Grenadier's right waist.



Saber Chain

The saber is suspended from a 1" black strap beneath the tactical vest and across the Grenadier's left shoulder. The scabbard is secured to the belt by means of a decorative gold chain, similar in style to the picture at right.





SUBMACHINE GUN

The primary weapon for the Iron Grenadier is the Well Electric D91 Uzi, commonly available at www.amazon.com and other retailers. As local laws permit, Finest members are permitted to carry an Airsoft Uzi (unloaded at all times) with the Iron Grenadier uniform.² For greater accuracy, you may choose to modify the barrel to more closely represent the reference.



If an uzi strap is used, the strap should be black leather with gold buckles and hardware to complement the other costume elements.

PISTOL

The M.A.R.S. XP-88 Mk.2 Laser Pistol is a custom-made item produced by third-party vendors and available on etsy.com. To match the face-piece of the helmet, and the pistols of other Iron Grenadiers in the Finest, the pistol should be painted Dupli-Color Perfect Match “Bright Red.”

The pistol holster must be custom-made from black leather, with straps to be suspended from the BDU trouser belt. Custom-made Iron Grenadier pistol holsters are made from a modified version of McCalls pattern M7176, and are offered by vendors (ask a Garrison Commander or the Command Staff for vendors and availability).



M.A.R.S XP-88 Mk.2 Laser Pistol

² The Finest places the utmost importance upon the safety of our members and the safety of the public while attending public events. Finest members are not required to carry prop weapons. When carrying weapons, members are required to abide by all relevant Federal, State, and local laws pertaining to weapons, as well as the individual rules and policies of specific venues and events. As laws and regulations vary based on location, Finest members are required to be knowledgeable of, and abide by all laws and regulations pertaining to each member's specific location or event. Finest members are expected to conduct a safety check of weapons prior to events to ensure that all weapons are unloaded at all times.

APPENDIX A: VARIANTS

IRON GRENADIER (v1)

The below table is intended for those building a costume based on the original Iron Grenadier (v1) action figure and card artwork released in 1988. The v1 costume uses many of the components listed in this Field Manual, along with several additions and modifications noted below.



Photo by actionforce.dk

COMPONENT	MODIFICATION
HEADGEAR	
Helmet	(no modification)
Optional Headgear	(no modification)
Balaclava	(no modification)
UPPER BODY	
Combat Shirt	Substitute RothCo black combat shirt (no zipper). Red rib panel to match action figure card artwork is optional.
Tactical Vest	None
Baldric	(no modification)
Baldric Strap	(no modification)
Belt	Black 2" web belt with 0.5" red webbing attached to match reference. Affix circular gold device to buckle. Black pouch on left side.
Bracers	Left gold bracer and right black bracer/cuff and arm details to match reference
Gloves	(no modification)
LOWER BODY	
Trousers	(no modification) add 0.5" red webbing on upper legs to match reference
Pouch (left leg)	Drop leg "dump" pouch (coyote brown; painted gold) suspended from belt
BDU Trouser Belt	(no modification)
Half Chaps	(no modification)
Boots	Funtasma Captain Boots (black)
WEAPONS (OPTIONAL)	
Saber	(no modification)
Submachine Gun	(no modification)
Pistol	(no modification)



IRON GRENADIER (v7)

The below table is intended for those building a costume based on the Iron Grenadier (v7) action figure released in 2008.

The v7 costume uses many of the components listed in this Field Manual, along with several additions and modifications noted below.



Photo by Big Boy Collectibles

COMPONENT	MODIFICATION
HEADGEAR	
Helmet	Faceplate is Rust-Oleum Gloss Purple (249097)
Optional Headgear	(no modification)
Balaclava	(no modification)
UPPER BODY	
Combat Shirt	Substitute purple fabric for red fabric parts
Tactical Vest	Substitute purple fabric for red fabric parts
Baldric	Substitute purple fabric for red fabric parts
Baldric Strap	Dyed or painted to match Rust-Oleum Gloss Purple (249097)
Belt	Substitute purple fabric for red fabric parts
Bracers	(no modification)
Gloves	(no modification)
LOWER BODY	
Trousers	(no modification)
BDU Trouser Belt	(no modification)
Half Chaps	Substitute purple fabric for red fabric parts
Boots	(no modification)
WEAPONS (OPTIONAL)	
Saber	(no modification)
Submachine Gun	(no modification)
Pistol	Rust-Oleum Gloss Purple (249097)



APPENDIX B: CHECKLIST

HEADGEAR

- Helmet
- Glengarry Cap (optional)
- Balaclava

UPPER BODY

- Combat Shirt
- Tactical Vest
- Baldric
- Baldric Strap
- Belt
- Bracers
- Gloves (Touchscreen Italian Nappa Leather Gloves [black])

LOWER BODY

- Trousers
- BDU Trouser Belt
- Half chaps
- Boots

WEAPONS

- Saber (with chain)
- Submachine Gun
- Pistol (with holster)

