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In this issue, we celebrate the 30th anniversary of *Mobile Suit Victory Gundam*, which featured a novel format called the "V-frame" for recreating a small 15-meter class MS in 1/144th scale. We will focus on the development of the MG and RE/100 brands, which are now the two mainstays of the current market.



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Story review of *Mobile Suit Gundam: the Witch from Mercury* Season 1!

The latest Gundam TV series, *Mobile Suit Gundam: the Witch from Mercury*, began airing in October 2022. The story, which started at school, focused on Suletta Mercury, Miorine Rembran, and the goals of others, eventually expanding beyond the school to the entire Benerit Group. Season 2 premiered on April 9th, three months after the traumatic conclusion of Season 1. Let's review Season 1 to better understand what to expect in Season 2.



Episode 1: The Witch and the Bride

Suletta Mercury, a girl from Mercury, enrolls at the Asticassia School of Technology. There, she meets Miorine Rembran, the daughter of Delling Rembran, president of the Benerit Group, the world's largest mobile suit supplier, and chairman of the board of Asticassia School of Technology. Miorine is trying to escape to Earth, as her father has arranged for her to marry the most skilled pilot, entitled "Holder," chosen through campus duels when she turns 17.



My mother taught me, "if you run, you gain one, but if you move forward, you gain two."

Episode 2: Cursed Mobile Suit

Suletta triumphs in her fight with Guel Jeturk, but is arrested on suspicion that the mobile suit Aerial is a Gundam equipped with the forbidden GUND format. The duel is declared null and void, and a hearing is held with representatives of the Shin Sei Development Corporation, which created the Aerial. Miorine, who is facing expulsion from school for her actions, also attends the hearing and confronts her father.



You can make all the rules you want, but you have to follow them too! You are just a hypocritical loser!

Episode 3: Guel's Pride

Suletta is once again engaged in a duel to prevent the disposal of Aerial and the expulsion of herself and Miorine from the school. Guel, on the other hand, cannot afford to lose this battle, but Jeturk's new MS Darilbalde is equipped with an autonomous AI capable of acting on its own, and the front management system is controlled by Guel's father, Vim Jeturk.



This is my fight! It's mine. Only mine!

Episode 4: Unseen Trap

Suletta is unable to participate in field training because she lacks both a mechanic and a spotter. When Nika Nanaura sees her in trouble, she takes her to the Earth House, but she receives no help. Elan Ceres reaches out to Suletta, and Miorine shows up. She volunteers to help, and Suletta is given the opportunity to take the Field Training Retest. However, Suletta's Demi Trainer malfunctions.



You're not caring for anyone's hopes or dreams! Don't you dare interfere!

Episode 5: Reflection in an Icy Eye

The CEOs of Peil Technologies instruct Elan to investigate Suletta to discover the secret of Aerial. Elan invites Suletta to inspect the tactical test area and asks her to allow him to pilot the Aerial alone. However, Elan's mood changes abruptly when he notices the absence of the usual Permet response. Guel arrives on the scene and, seeing Suletta upset, questions Elan.



Elan. What the hell did you say to her?

Episode 6: A Gloomy Song

After defeating Guel, Elan challenges Suletta to a duel for Aerial. The battle takes place in outer frontal space, and his mobile suit is a new model from the Peil Technologies Corporation. To counter this, the Earth House prepares a hastily constructed flight unit. Suletta is surprised by Elan's sudden change of attitude, but with Miorine's encouragement, she expresses her feelings to him.



All this time, I was convinced I was all alone and that I had nothing. But it wasn't true.

Episode 7: Shall We Gundam?

Grassley CEO Sarius Zenelli asks the Peil Corporation for help in determining Deling's hand. Peil has admitted that the Pharact is a Gundam. Suletta is then invited to the Benerit Group Incubation Party. She decides to attend, hoping to meet Elan. However, she is caught on stage by the Peil CEO, who reveals that the Aerial is also a Gundam. Miorine is the one who comes to the rescue.



A new company will be established. It'll be managed and operated following its mission statement of preserving life no matter what! And the name of this company will be GUND-ARM Inc.!

Episode 8: *Their Choice*

Miorine needs to learn more about Gundam in order to decide on the important features of her new company. She and Suletta visit Prospera, but they are still unable to settle the business details. They then visit Belmeria Winston of the Peil Corporation to get more information. Shaddiq Zenelli then volunteers to help Miorine.



Well, I'm not gonna wait for some selfish Spacian bimbo!

Episode 9: *If I Could Take One More Step Toward You*

The addition of an item to the Student Entrepreneurship Regulations forces Miorine and her team to cease operations of Gundam Inc. This was all a ploy by Shaddiq to take over Gundam Inc., but Miorine challenges him to a duel to prevent this. The terms of the duel are a six-person team battle. With the help of Belmeria, they acquire several Zwort units and challenge him to a duel for the company's fate.



'I'll become the holder and protect you myself.' If only I had said those words, maybe things would be different.

Episode 10: *Circling Thoughts*

Suletta spends her hectic but rewarding days tending to Miorine's greenhouse. Meanwhile, Miorine reports to Delling and travels on business. When Miorine returns from her business trip, she informs Suletta that the greenhouse is being outsourced and that Elan is being hired as the new tester. Suletta believes that she is no longer needed.



This greenhouse is off-limits! You have to leave right now! It's my job to take care of things!

Episode 11: *The Witches from Earth*

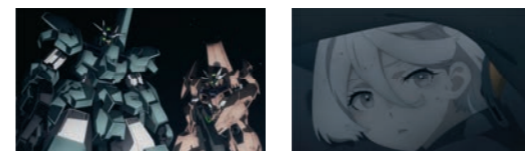
The anti-Spacian organization Dawn of Fold hijacks a transport ship on which Guel, who has escaped from the school and changed his name to Bob, is working. They head for Plant Quetta, a massive development facility of the Benerit Group. Shaddiq, who aims to destroy the Benerit Group, guides them behind the scenes. At the same time, an Earth House delegation is on its way to Plant Quetta to take over the Aerial, which is being renovated. Suletta confides in Prospera about her troubles with Miorine, but Miorine overhears their conversation.



Because of you, I'm strong enough to stay and face things head-on! That's why...stop running from me.

Episode 12: *Keep Marching on Instead of Running Off*

The Dawn of Fold attack separates Suletta and Miorine, and two Gundams surround them outside. Suletta makes her way to Hangar 78, but is almost discovered by the enemy before being saved by Prospera. She is unable to hide her emotions at the sight of human death, but at Prospera's words, she rises to her feet and faces the enemy Gundam with her repaired Aerial.



Didn't your mother ever teach you? You can't behave like that!



CHARACTER & MOBILE SUIT

We'll present characters and mobile suits that arrived after Episode 6 of the first season. The plot centers around the anti-Spacian organization "Dawn of Fold" and the two Gundams they deploy. What role will they play in the plot in the future? We may also see more of the Gundam Aerial in its new form in Season 2.

■ Dawn of Fold



◀ Sophie, the pilot of the Gundam Lfrith Ur, is dispatched by the anti-Spacian organization Dawn of Fold. She acts on instinct and has no qualms about satisfying her desires with violence. She is interested in the Aerial and in Suletta, a "witch" with a different origin from her own.



◀ Norea, the pilot of the Gundam Lfrith Thorn, is dispatched by the anti-Spacian organization Dawn of Fold. She is paired with Sophie, who is in the same situation. Despite her tranquil demeanor, Norea has a strong resentment of Spacians and a pessimistic world view.



◀ The leader of the Dawn of Fold, an anti-Spacian organization active on Earth. He carries out guerilla activities in the name of improving the position of Earth's inhabitants.



◀ A mobile suit team commander from the anti-Spacian organization Dawn of Fold. He is a veteran warrior who is trusted by his forces.

Sophie Pulone (VA: Shiori Izawa)

Norea Du Noc (VA: Aoi Yuuki)

Naji Geor Hija (VA: Tiaten Kusunoki)

Olcott (VA: Satoshi Mikami)

■ Grassley House



◀ A third-year student in the piloting department, who belongs to Grassley House. She is a talented young woman who serves as Shaddiq's right hand, assisting him in his work both in and out of school.

Sabina Fardin
(VA: Masami Seto)



◀ A second-year student in the piloting department, who belongs to Grassley House. Renee is one of the five female students who supports Shaddiq. Though she seems lighthearted, she is a malicious person who behaves differently with boys than with other girls.

Renee Costa
(VA: Sayumi Suzushiro)



◀ A second-year student in the piloting department, who belongs to Grassley House. She is timid and anxious, with little self-confidence, and is good friends with Maisie.

Ireesha Plano
(VA: Ryoko Maekawa)



◀ A second-year student in the piloting department, who belongs to Grassley House. Flashing smiles at everyone around her, she is an overwhelmingly positive thinker.

Maisie May
(VA: Yuka Nukui)



▶ A third-year student in the piloting department, who belongs to Grassley House. She is a mysterious young woman, who quietly acts according to her intuition.

Henao Jazz
(VA: Shion Wakayama)

■ Peil Technologies & Peil House



◀ A technical researcher with Peil Technologies. She was involved in the development of Gundam Pharact. As a survivor of the Vanadis Institute, she was once Prospera's comrade.

Belmeria Winston
(VA: Ayumi Tsunematsu)



◀ One of Elan Ceres's doubles, dispatched to the school by the Peil company. He has an angelic smile.

Elan Ceres (Enhanced Person Number 5) (VA: Natsuki Hanae)

■ Space Assembly League



◀ An agent of the Space Assembly League. She disguises herself as a smuggler for the sake of her intelligence activities, and pays careful attention to the Benerit Group's movements.

Feng Jun
(VA: Akeno Watanabe)



◀ An agent of the Space Assembly League. As Feng's subordinate, he likewise disguises himself as a smuggler. He has superb ability as a helmsman.

Guston Parche
(VA: Junichi Yanagida)

■ Shin Sei Development Corporation

Gundam Aerial Rebuild

Model Number: XVX-016RN
Head Height: 18.2 m
Weight: 53.2 t
Affiliation: Earth House
Pilot: Suletta Mercury

The Aerial has been renovated by the Shin Sei Development Corporation. As well as repairs to the damage it suffered in the duel with Grassley House, it received updates and additions to its external armor and equipment.



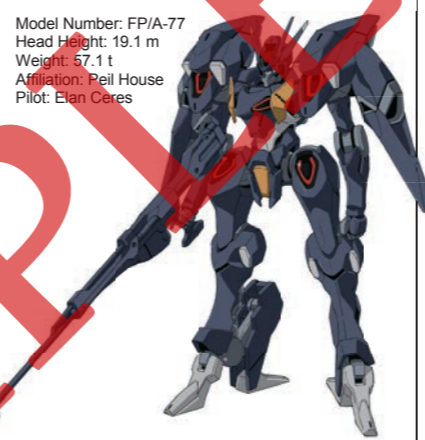
Gundam Aerial (with the Mirasoul Flight Unit)

Model Number: XVX-016
Head Height: 18.2 m Affiliation: Earth House Pilot: Suletta Mercury

■ Peil Technologies

Gundam Pharact

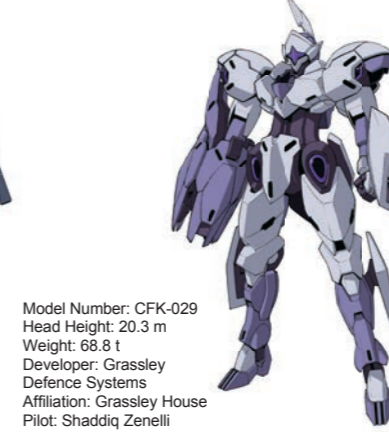
Model Number: FP/A-77
Head Height: 19.1 m
Weight: 57.1 t
Affiliation: Peil House
Pilot: Elan Ceres



A GUND-ARM developed by the Peil company. Thanks to the use of Blast Boosters and the higher-order inertial control provided by the GUND Format, its flight performance is drastically improved.

■ Grassley Defence Systems

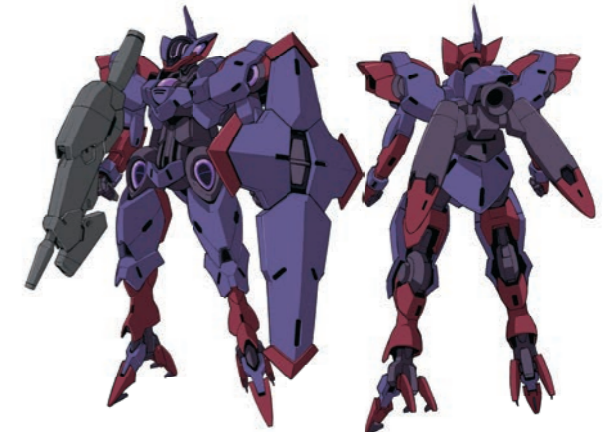
Michaelis



Model Number: CFK-029
Head Height: 20.3 m
Weight: 68.8 t
Developer: Grassley Defence Systems
Affiliation: Grassley House
Pilot: Shaddiq Zenelli

The Grassley company's new model, piloted by Shaddiq and equipped with Antidote. The manipulator of its right arm has been replaced with a tactical combination device known as a beam bracer.

Beguir-Pente



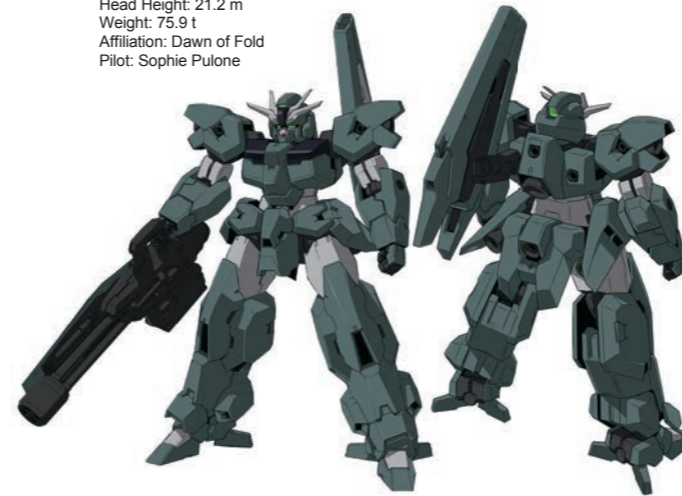
Model Number: CEK-077
Head Height: 18.2 m
Weight: 52.9 t
Affiliation: Grassley House
Pilots: Sabina Fardin and others

The successor to the Beguir-Beu, developed by the Grassley company. Five units are assigned to Sabina and other pilots from Grassley House for the duel with Miorine.

■ Dawn of Fold

Gundam Lfrith Ur

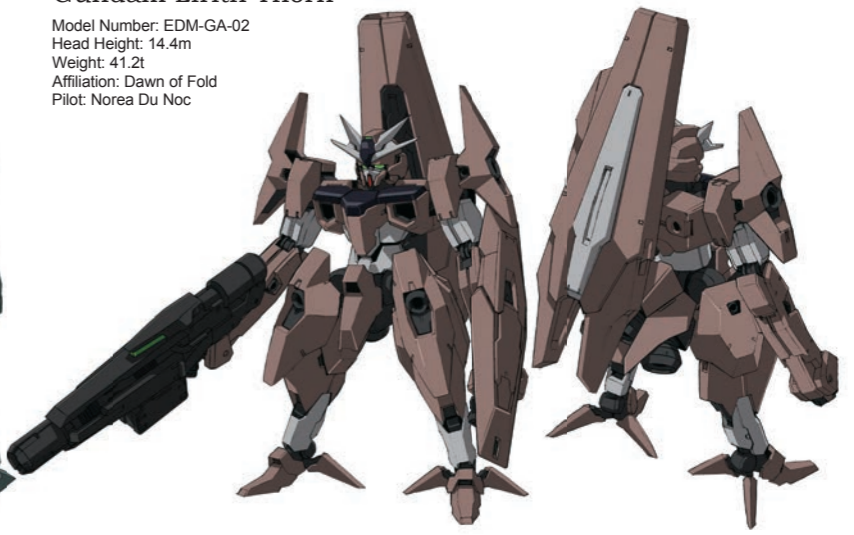
Model Number: EDM-GA-01
Head Height: 21.2 m
Weight: 75.9 t
Affiliation: Dawn of Fold
Pilot: Sophie Pulone



A Gundam-type mobile suit based on the Gundam Lfrith Pre-Production Model, which was developed by the Ochs Earth Corporation before the Vanadis Incident. It has been provided to the Dawn of Fold, an anti-Spacian organization active on Earth.

Gundam Lfrith Thorn

Model Number: EDM-GA-02
Head Height: 14.4m
Weight: 41.2t
Affiliation: Dawn of Fold
Pilot: Norea Du Noc



A Gundam type provided to the Dawn of Fold, an anti-Spacian organization active on Earth. Like its sibling, the Lfrith Ur, it is a drastically updated machine based on the Gundam Lfrith Pre-Production Model.

EVENT REPORT & GUNPLA RELEASE CALENDAR

Mobile Suit Gundam: the Witch from Mercury EXPO
 ● Date: March 10-12 ● Venue: Shibuya Cast (Space/Garden) ● Admission: Free

Report on the "Mobile Suit Gundam: the Witch from Mercury EXPO" event held at Shibuya Cast from March 10th to 12th. Let's examine the results of all Gundam Inc. employees who worked hard under Miorine's supervision to make the event a success. Don't miss out on the Gundam models that will be available from April to June!

■ Garden (outdoor exhibition area)

A 2-meter-high Gundam Aerial Rebuild statue was displayed for the first time in the outdoor area. In addition, a special booth was set up where visitors could view digests of Season 1 duels with dynamic videos of the battles.



Special event drinks!



▲ Drinks named after the characters were sold at the "GUND-ARM Inc. OPEN CAFÉ," including "Miorine's Tomato Soup" and "Guel's Coffee."

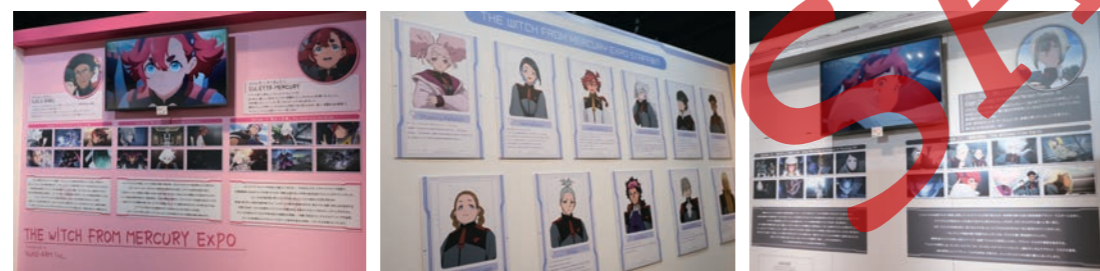
Photo spots recreating the show's atmosphere



▲ Photo spots recreating the scenes from the show, such as "GUND-ARM Inc. PV" and "Guel's Camp."

■ Indoor exhibitions

The indoor exhibit included panels telling the story of Season 1 and an introduction to the staff of "GUND-ARM Inc.". The story and staff introductions included comments from each character.



Powerful dioramas!



◀ Dioramas depicting scenes from the show with Gunpla and the introduction of the story were on display. Visitors were able to see famous scenes from different angles.

The latest items were also on display!

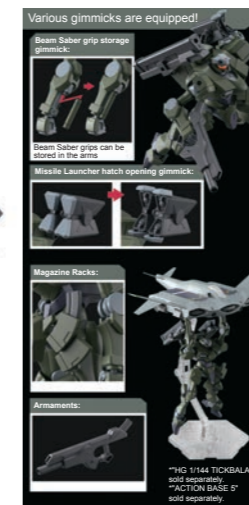


▲▲ The hottest item, "FULL MECHANICS 1/100 Gundam Aerial", and other Gundam models and various goods to be released from April were all on display!

APRIL

HG Zowort Heavy

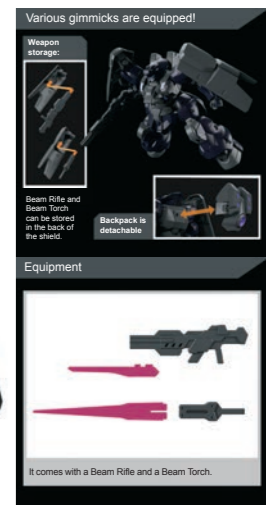
A combat mobile suit made by the Peil company. A heavy armament version can be selected by adding optional equipment such as missile launchers and beam cannons.



HG Zowort Heavy
 ● 1760 yen, on sale now
 ● 1/144, approx. 13 cm

HG Dilanza Sol

A combat mobile suit made by the Jeturk company. HC missile launchers that fire auto-tracking cluster missiles are mounted on its back.



HG Dilanza Sol
 ● 1760 yen, on sale now
 ● 1/144, approx. 13 cm

MAY

HG Heindree Strum

A combat mobile suit made by the Grassley company. It uses an armament configuration focused on medium- and long-range battle.



HG Heindree Strum
 ● 1760 yen, on sale now
 ● 1/144, approx. 13 cm

JUNE

HG Gundvölva

The EDM-GB Gundvölva is a mobile suit-type GUND-BIT. This unmanned machine was controlled by the EDM-GA-01 Gundam Lfrith Ur and EDM-GA-02 Gundam Lfrith Thorn.

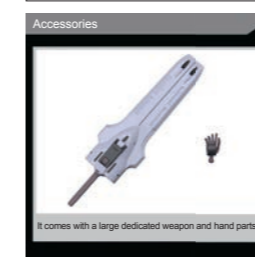


HG Gundvölva
 ● 1540 yen, on sale June
 ● 1/144

HG Gundam Schwarzette

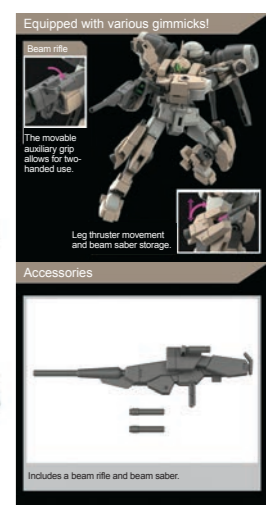
This is a Gundam-type mobile suit that is completely different from anything we've seen before. Its intriguing head shape and large weaponry suggest that it has a variety of hidden functions.

HG Gundam Schwarzette
 ● 2090 yen, on sale June ● 1/144



HG Demi Barding

This is a new type of mobile suit with the name prefix "Demi". It is equipped with a large rifle and a unique backpack with a distinct shape. The leg thrusters rotate and can store the beam saber grip.



HG Demi Barding
 ● 2090 yen, on sale June ● 1/144

Mobile Suit Gundam SEED DESTINY HD Remaster Complete Blu-ray BOX for release July 28, 2023!



Mobile Suit Gundam SEED DESTINY HD Remaster Complete Blu-ray BOX
 ● Manufacturer: Bandai Namco Filmworks ● 44000 yen, to be released on July 28, 2023 ● Approx. 1240 min (main: 1190 min + bonus video: approx. 50 min) ● Linear-PCM



The will to fight can change the future

C.E. 73, which is two years after the Second Battle of Jachin Due, sees the ongoing conflict between Naturals and Coordinators. A new battle commences at Armory One, a facility owned by ZAFT.

In March 2022, the *Mobile Suit Gundam SEED HD Remaster Complete Blu-ray BOX* (Special Limited Edition) was released. Following that, the release of *Mobile Suit Gundam SEED DESTINY HD Remaster Complete Blu-ray BOX* (Special Limited Edition) was announced. This is a four-disc set that contains all episodes and bonuses from the previously released Blu-ray BOX, offered as a complete package. It also includes a luxurious special edition that features a storage box designed by character designer Hisashi Hirai and chief mecha animation director Tomoaki Okada, along with a newly designed cover, also by Hirai.

In addition to the bonuses that are included, such as a new booklet (with 36 planned pages) and an archive booklet (with 204 planned pages), there are also video and audio bonuses.

Included bonuses:

- New booklet (36 pages planned)
- Archive booklet (204 pages planned)
- MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM SEED DESTINY ILLUSTRATION BOOK -100 Memories- (60 pages planned)

Video bonuses:

- ANIME MUSIC CLIP -Director's Concept-
- Non-Credit Video Collection
- Next Episode Previews "New Bonus"

Audio bonuses:

- Newly-recorded audio commentary for the Complete Blu-ray BOX
- Audio Commentary Archive
- Drama CD "OMAKE Quarters" Archive

CHARACTER

The story is mainly told from the perspective of ZAFT. The MS pilots of the newly built battleship Minerva, Shin, Lunamaria, and Rey, as well as one of the protagonists of the previous series, Athrun, join forces to face the new conflict.



Shin Asuka

▲ Coordinator. During the Earth Alliance's invasion of Orb in C.E. 71, he was caught in the conflict and lost his parents and sister before his eyes. After escaping from Orb, he went to the Plants and became an elite pilot (wearing a red uniform) of ZAFT, serving as Durandal's bodyguard at Armory One. He is the official pilot of the newest MS, the "Impulse Gundam".



Lunamaria Hawke

▲ Coordinator. She is a crew member of the new ZAFT warship Minerva and an elite pilot of the Red Zaku Warrior. She is bright and spirited and the only female member of the Minerva MS team.



Rey Za Burrel

▲ A crew member of the Minerva. He is the pilot of the commander unit Blaze Zaku Phantom. He is usually quiet, but cool, intellectual, and highly capable in combat. Details about his birth and other personal information are unknown.



Athrun Zala

▲ After the Second Battle of Jachin Due, he took refuge to Orb and supported Cagalli, who became the representative chief. He accompanied her as her guard during her top-secret meeting with Durandal at Armory One. He uses the alias "Alex Dino" in public. After the Junius Seven tragedy, he returned to ZAFT at the invitation of Chairman Durandal.



Kira Yamato

▲ After the Second Battle of Jachin Due, he took refuge with Reverend Malchio of Orb and lived peaceful days with Lacus and the orphans. After the tragedy of the Junius Seven, he sensed that another battle had begun and realized that his peaceful life was coming to an end.



Lacus Clyne

▲ After the Second Battle of Jachin Due, she left the political stage and lived quietly under the care of Reverend Malchio, taking care of orphans. However, there were people who could not ignore her charismatic presence and attempted to assassinate her.

STORY

C.E. 70... The conflict between ZAFT and the Earth Alliance, which escalates into a full-scale armed conflict due to the tragedy of "Bloody Valentine," is fierce and results in significant casualties. After the Second Battle of Jachin Due, a truce is reached.

However, this truce does not extinguish the fires of conflict between Naturals and Coordinators. In the midst of this war, Shin Asuka is caught up in the Earth Alliance's invasion of Orb and loses his parents and sister before his eyes while fleeing the conflict. Clutching his sister's cell phone, the only memento he has left, he is consumed by grief as a Gundam, the cause of this war, flies overhead. In despair, he leaves Orb and goes to the Plants. And in C.E. 73, he becomes a warrior of ZAFT.



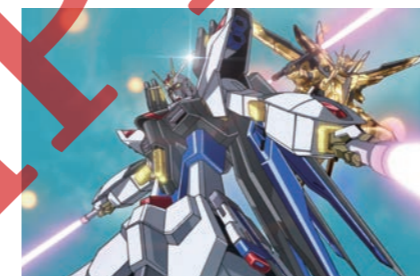
KEY EPISODES



◀ PHASE-21 "Wandering Eyes": The Minerva crew is on vacation. Shin takes a solo bike ride and reflects on what Durandal told him. While walking along the coast, he rescues a girl who fell off a cliff and they bond. However, the girl turns out to be Stella, the pilot of the Gaia Gundam, who holds a deep grudge against the crew for attacking Armory One.



◀ PHASE-34 "Nightmare": Shin is trembling with anger for not being able to protect Stella. In the midst of this, Minerva receives orders to attack the Archangel. While Shin rejoices at the opportunity to finally defeat the Freedom, Athrun is unable to accept the orders. The Freedom and Archangel struggle against ZAFT's siege. Shin fully uses the Impulse's capabilities to corner the Freedom. And finally, a strike of hatred pierces through the Freedom.



◀ PHASE-42 "Freedom and Justice": ZAFT launches a military operation to subdue Orb and capture Djibril, who has been on the run. Kira is absent, and Athrun is still recovering from his injuries. Despite this, Cagalli continues to fight to save her homeland in the Akatsuki, the MS left behind by her late father. However, overwhelmed by the power of Shin's Destiny, Strike Freedom descends from the skies and saves Cagalli from her predicament when his attack is aimed at the Akatsuki's cockpit.



◀ PHASE-50 "The Final Power": In order to stop the "Destiny Plan," Archangel and Eternal engage in their final battle. The Impulse and Minerva stand in the way of Archangel and Athrun as they head toward Requiem. Athrun reluctantly attacks the Impulse, but Shin, who has arrived, becomes enraged and attacks Athrun. Even Lunamaria, who tried to intervene and stop the fight, is attacked by Shin. Athrun's rage explodes, overwhelming the Destiny.

MECHA

In ZAFT, a new Deuterion Beam Energy Transfer System is introduced to replace the nuclear engines that are prohibited by the Junius Treaty. The Second Stage Series mobile suits, equipped with this system, are developed.



ZGMF-X42S Destiny Gundam

◀ The latest MS developed by ZAFT to put an end to the war with the Earth Alliance. It has power capabilities that far surpass even the Second Stage Series, such as the Impulse. Durandal was reportedly involved in its development. The latent power entrusted to Shin as the foundation of the Coordinators' future.



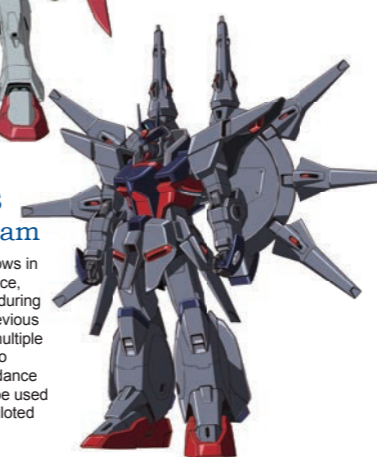
ZGMF-X20A Strike Freedom Gundam

◀ The last resort developed to break through the ongoing chaos between ZAFT and the Earth Alliance. It has combat capabilities several times greater than those of the Freedom, thanks to its newly developed engine and other features. Its distinctive feature is the golden color of its joints. It is piloted by Kira.



ZGMF-X666S Legend Gundam

▶ A mobile suit that follows in the footsteps of Providence, which fought like a fiend during the final stages of the previous war. It is equipped with multiple Dragons that are easy to handle. The wireless guidance of the Dragons cannot be used in the atmosphere. It is piloted by Rey.



ZGMF-X19A Infinite Justice Gundam

▶ A new type of MS developed alongside the Strike Freedom. It features a red color scheme reminiscent of the old Justice. It is equipped with strong armaments all over its body and is capable of unleashing a variety of attacks at both short and long range. Additionally, its back lifter is detachable, contributing to the broadening of tactical options. It is piloted by Athrun.



ZGMF-X56S/α Force Impulse Gundam

▲ The latest MS developed by ZAFT after the Junius Treaty was signed, and the mobile suit piloted by Shin, who avoided having his unit stolen at Armory One. Since the use of nuclear engines was prohibited by the treaty, it uses a new Deuterion Beam Energy Transfer System. This mechanism allows for wireless power supply from a remote location, meaning that as long as the mothership is present, there is (in principle) no power shortage. It also includes a fighter-transformable independent cockpit called the Core Splendor and a weapon-swapping mechanism called the Silhouette System, which allows for instant tactical adaptation to different situations. The Force Impulse is a form of the Impulse equipped with the Force Silhouette. It emphasizes high-mobility combat, and its primary armaments are the blaster rifle and the blaster saber.

SPECIAL
FEATURE

MOBILE SUIT V GUNDAM

30th ANNIVERSARY

Mobile Suit Victory Gundam was the first Gundam TV series to air in the Heisei era, and was set in the U.C. 0150s, which is even earlier than the time period depicted in the 1991 movie *Mobile Suit Gundam F91*. It is the last Gundam series in the Universal Century timeline to be adapted for animation. In this era, the 15-meter class MS that first appeared in the U.C. 0120s in *Gundam F91* have become commonplace, and the Gunpla models have been scaled down by about one size (to 1/100 scale), which is between the 1/144 and 1/100 scale of the 18-meter class MS.

An innovative item introduced to the Gunpla scene was the M G V Gundam Ver. Ka," released in December 2009, which perfectly reproduces the transformation mechanism of the three mecha, which could not be reproduced in 1/100 scale with the technology available at the time of the anime's broadcast, which used only hand parts replacement. The proportions are also in the best form that is not affected by the transformation mechanism. After that, in November 2013, the H G Victory Gundam" was released as part of the A II Gundam Project," and in December 2015, the long-awaited M G V2 Gundam Ver. Ka" was released. The momentum didn't stop there, and in December 2018, the much-anticipated M G V2 Assault-Buster Gundam Ver. Ka" was released, along with the R E/100 Gun-EZ," bringing new possibilities to the development of the 15-meter-class MS Gunpla.

In this special feature, we present various Gundam V-related kits that have been released in recent years, including the M G V2 Assault-Buster Gundam Ver. Ka," which many modelers have loved, along with other items. Each modeler demonstrates their skills and creates wonderful works under specific themes. This year marks the 30th anniversary of *V Gundam*, so why not take this opportunity to revisit the work and look forward to the future development of Gunpla?



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"Master Grade" VICTORY GUNDAM Ver.Ka use
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LM111E02 GUN EZ
modeled by Naoki KIMURA

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LM111E03 GUN BLASTER
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