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Pokémon Zapdos Fossil 30 Trading Card: Official Product Guide

Brand: Pokémon

Introduction

This document provides detailed information regarding the Pokémon Zapdos Fossil 30 trading card. This card is part of the Fossil expansion set and features the legendary Electric-type Pokémon, Zapdos. It is intended for collectors and players of the Pokémon Trading Card Game.

Card Specifications



Image Description: A full view of the Pokémon Zapdos Fossil 30 trading card. The card features an illustration of Zapdos, an Electric-type Pokémon, with its name, HP, attack details, weakness, resistance, and retreat cost clearly visible. The card's yellow border and text elements are also prominent.

Card Name: Zapdos

Card Number: 30/62

Card Type: Basic Pokémon, Electric Type

Hit Points (HP): 80

Pokémon Length: 5' 3"

Pokémon Weight: 116 lbs.

Level: LV.40

National Pokédex Number: #145

Illustrator: Mitsuhiro Arita

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Year of Release: 1999

Item Weight: 0.96 ounces

Package Dimensions: 4 x 2.8 x 0.1 inches

Manufacturer: Nintendo

Recommended Age: 7 years and up

Gameplay Mechanics

The Zapdos Fossil 30 card features the following attack:

- **Thunderstorm** (Requires 4 Electric Energy): For each of your opponent's Benched Pokémon, flip a coin. If heads, this attack does 20 damage to that Pokémon. (Do not apply Weakness and Resistance for Benched Pokémon.) Then, Zapdos does 10 damage times the number of tails to itself.

Weakness: Fighting (-30 damage from Fighting-type attacks)
Resistance: None
Retreat Cost: 2 Colorless Energy
Understanding these mechanics is crucial for strategic play within the Pokémon Trading Card Game.

Care and Preservation

To maintain the condition and value of your Pokémon Zapdos Fossil 30 trading card, follow these guidelines:

- **Protective Sleeves:** Always store the card in a soft sleeve, then place it into a top-loader or a binder with acid-free pages.
- **Environmental Control:** Avoid exposure to direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity, which can cause fading, warping, or moisture damage.
- **Handling:** Handle the card by its edges to prevent fingerprints, creases, or surface scratches.
- **Storage:** Store cards in a cool, dry, and dark place, such as a dedicated card storage box or display case.

Authenticity and Collectibility

The Pokémon Zapdos Fossil 30 card is a collectible item from the 1999 Fossil expansion. Key indicators for authenticity and identification include:

- **Card Number:** Verify the card number 30/62, located at the bottom right corner.
- **Copyright Information:** Check for the copyright text: "©1995, 96, 98 Nintendo, Creatures, GAMEFREAK ©1999 Wizards" at the bottom of the card.
- **Illustrator Credit:** The illustrator's name, Mitsuhiro Arita, is printed on the card.
- **Card Quality:** Genuine cards have specific print quality, card stock, and holographic patterns (if applicable) that can be distinguished from counterfeit versions.

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