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Pokémon XY30

Official Instruction Manual

Pokémon TCG - Blastoise (XY30) Promo Card

1. Introduction and Overview

This manual provides comprehensive information for the**Blastoise (XY30)** Pokémon-EX card, a special Holo Rare promotional card from the XY Black Star Promos set. As a powerful Water-type Pokémon with 180 HP, Blastoise-EX can be a formidable asset in your Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG) deck. Understanding its abilities and proper care will enhance your gameplay and preserve the card's condition.



Front view of the Blastoise EX (XY30) Holo Promo Pokémon card, showcasing its artwork, HP, type, attacks, weakness, resistance, and retreat cost.

2. Setup and Deck Integration

To utilize Blastoise-EX in your Pokémon TCG battles, follow these general setup guidelines:

- **Deck Building:** Integrate Blastoise-EX into a standard 60-card deck. Consider its Water typing and energy requirements when selecting other Pokémon and Energy cards.
- **Game Start:** At the beginning of a game, shuffle your deck and draw 7 cards. If Blastoise-EX is in your hand, you may choose to make it your Active Pokémon or place it on your Bench.
- **Pokémon-EX Rule:** Remember that when a Pokémon-EX is Knocked Out, your opponent takes 2 Prize cards instead of 1.

3. Operating (Gameplay Mechanics)

Blastoise-EX features two distinct attacks that can influence the flow of battle:

- **Rapid Spin** (Water, Colorless Energy - 30 Damage):
  Switch this Pokémon with 1 of your Benched Pokémon. Then, your opponent switches his or her Active Pokémon with 1 of his or her Benched Pokémon.
  This attack allows for strategic rotation of both your and your opponent's Pokémon, potentially bringing in a more favorable matchup or disrupting their setup.
- **Splash Bomb** (Water, Water, Colorless Energy - 120 Damage):
  Flip a coin. If tails, this Pokémon does 30 damage to itself.
  A powerful attack capable of dealing significant damage, but carries a risk of self-damage if the coin flip is unfavorable.

Card Attributes:

- **Weakness:** Grass (x2) - Takes double damage from Grass-type attacks.
- **Resistance:** None
- **Retreat Cost:** 3 Colorless Energy - Requires 3 Energy cards to retreat Blastoise-EX to the Bench.

4. Maintenance and Care

To preserve the condition and value of your Blastoise-EX card, follow these care instructions:

- **Sleeving:** Always store the card in a protective card sleeve immediately after handling. Double-sleeving (using a perfect fit sleeve inside a standard sleeve) offers maximum protection.
- **Storage:** Keep the card in a binder with acid-free pages or a rigid top-loader. Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and humidity.
- **Handling:** Handle the card by its edges to avoid transferring oils from your skin, which can degrade the card's surface over time. Avoid bending, creasing, or tearing.
- **Cleaning:** Do not attempt to clean the card with liquids or abrasive materials. For dust, a soft, dry microfiber cloth can be used very gently.

5. Troubleshooting

While collectible cards generally do not require troubleshooting in the traditional sense, here are common concerns and advice:

- **Rule Misinterpretation:** If there is confusion regarding the card's effects or interactions with other cards, consult the official Pokémon Trading Card Game rulebook or official online resources. Many online communities and forums also provide clarification.
- **Card Condition Issues:** If the card arrives damaged or its condition deteriorates despite proper care, this may affect its playability in sanctioned tournaments or its collectible value. For issues with a newly received card, refer to the 'Support' section.
- **Counterfeit Concerns:** Always purchase from reputable sellers. If you suspect a card is counterfeit, compare it to known authentic versions and consult official Pokémon TCG resources for verification methods.

6. Specifications

Attribute	Detail
Product Name	Pokémon - Blastoise (XY30) - XY Black Star Promos - Holo

Brand	Pokémon
Model Number	XY30
ASIN	B00NT7CT6O
UPC	025706832625
Included Components	Cards
Age Range (Description)	Adult
Color	Black (card border)
Year of Release	2014
Product Dimensions	3.6 x 3 x 0.2 inches
Item Weight	0.16 ounces
Manufacturer	Pokemon USA, Inc.
Is Autographed	No
Authenticity By	Certified Collectibles Group (for grading purposes)

7. Warranty Information

As a collectible trading card, the Blastoise (XY30) Pokémon-EX card typically does not come with a manufacturer's warranty. Its value is primarily based on its condition, rarity, and market demand. Any guarantees regarding authenticity or condition are usually provided by the individual seller at the time of purchase.

8. Support and Contact

For questions regarding official Pokémon Trading Card Game rules, card interactions, or general gameplay inquiries, please refer to the official Pokémon TCG website or consult the latest rulebook. These resources provide the most accurate and up-to-date information.
For specific inquiries related to the condition of the card received, shipping, or order-specific concerns, please contact the seller directly through the platform where the purchase was made. The seller, TCGeneration, has indicated they are available for questions or concerns.
Official Pokémon TCG Website: https://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-tcg/

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