#### EPISODE 445 - NEO AZORIUS VEHICLES PRECON - FULL DECK REVEAL

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\*\*IMPORTANT EDITORS NOTE: During this episode, do not show on screen any cards that are not included in this deck. Even if we mention them, just don't show them. We don't want to give anyone the impression that a card is included in this deck when you buy it, if it's not.\*\*

#### 1) INTRO JOSH & JAKE

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Neon Dynasty is almost here. And it comes with two new Commander precons. Today, we're revealing the Azorius Vehicles "Buckle Up" deck. This deck has 15 new cards to show off and then, of course, we'll also cover everyone's favorite topic which is the reprint value.

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#### 2) MAIN TOPIC: BUCKLE UP - Neon Dynasty Precon Reveal

We'll be doing in depth analysis of these cards in a future budget upgrade guide. This video is to show you what's inside the product. Not necessarily to give our evaluations of the new cards, etc

There are 15 new cards. (Again, nearly to the level of regular Commander product precons which often have 18-20 new cards). There are THREE new legendary creatures (The main commander, secondary commander, and a mono blue legendary).

**NEW LEGENDARIES** (remember: this video is not about analysis/evaluation of the new cards)

#### Kotori, Pilot Prodigy

1WU - 2/4 - Moonfolk Pilot

Vehicles you control have crew 2.

At the beginning of combat on your turn, target artifact creature you control gains lifelink and vigilance until end of turn.

What do we think of Kotori?

#### Shorikai, Genesis Engine

2WU - 8/8 - Vehicle

1, Tap: Draw two cards, then discard a card. Create a 1/1 colorless Pilot creature token with "This creature crews Vehicles as though its power were 2 greater."

Crew 8 (Tap any number of creatures you control with total power 8 or more: This vehicle becomes an artifact creature until end of turn.)

Shorikai, Genesis Engine can be your commander.

\*Important to note, pilots crew for 2 more, so if you can buff the pilot it can crew for more than 3.

What do we think of Shorikai?

## Katsumasa, the Animator

2UU - 3/3 - Moonfolk Artificer

**Flying** 

2U: Until end of turn, target noncreature artifact you control becomes an artifact creature and gains flying. If it's not a vehicle, it has base power and toughness 1/1 until end of turn.

At the beginning of your upkeep, put a +1/+1 counter on each of up to three target noncreature artifacts.

What do we think of Katsumasa?

#### **NEW CARDS:**

## **New Vehicles**

Aerial Surveyor Imposter Mech

## **Artifact Support/Payoff**

**Access Denied** 

Cyberdrive Awakener

**Ironsoul Enforcer** 

Kappa Cannoneer

**Organic Extinction** 

Research Thief

Universal Surveillance

## **MORE BROAD DESIGN:**

Drumbellower Release to Memory Swift Reconfiguration

Vehicle Analysis: Before NEO, there were only 38 commander legal vehicles, of which 34 can be played in an Azorius deck. The main NEO set has another 13 vehicles, of which 12 can be played in an Azorius deck. In total there will be 49 Commander legal vehicles that can be put in this deck

#### COMING UP: REPRINT VALUE BREAKDOWN

## \*\*\*MIDROLL BREAK\*\*\*

**DECK STATS** 

10 Ramp

13 Card Draw

**9 Targeted Removal** 

2 Wipes

**55 Artifacts/Artifact Support** 

18 Vehicles/ Vehicle Support

15 Actual vehicles

**5 Graveyard Recursion** 

**FINANCIAL VALUE** \*Remember: All prices are taken prior to the deck being revealed\*
Remember: This is only the <u>reprint</u> value. This does not take into account the new cards.

Reprint Value for this deck is: \$53.42

Previous commander precon releases provide context for financial value

Commander 2019 - Average Reprint Value \$80

Commander 2020 Ikoria - Average Reprint value \$96

Commander 2021 Strixhaven - Average Reprint Value \$88

Commander 2021 Forgotten Realms - Average Reprint Value \$115

Midnight Hunt Precons - Average Reprint Value \$103

- This deck has the lowest reprint value of any precon EVER.
- Previous worse was Spirit Squadron from VOW at \$56.06 (also Azorius).
  - Had 62 reprints, 15 new cards, 21 basics
- Worst before that was Phantom Premonition from KHM at \$61.35 (also Azorius).
  - Had 67 reprints, 8 new cards, 25 basics

MAJOR REPRINTS: (We can't go over every card. Full deck list is linked in the show notes.)

# Cards \$5 or More = 1

Mirage Mirror	\$6.00
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<sup>\*</sup>For comparison: the Midnight Hunt "Undead Unleashed" precon had 4 cards > \$5\*

Cards \$2 or More = 7 (reminder: this # includes the >\$5 cards)

Sai, Master Thopterist	\$4.50
Fellwar Stone	\$2.80
Generous Gift	\$2.80
Spire of Industry	\$2.67
Smuggler's Copter	\$2.65
Emry, Lurker of the Loch	\$2.60

<sup>\*</sup>For comparison: the Crimson VOW "Vampiric Bloodline" precon had 10 cards > \$2

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DECK CONTENTS: 15 NEW CARDS 51 REPRINTS 30 BASIC LANDS

What do we think overall?

## 3) TO THE LISTENERS:

Are you excited about this deck? What new cards slot in perfectly to your existing commander decks?

## 4) THE END STEP:

Something cool outside the world of Magic.

# 5) CLEAN-UP STEP

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