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# Harness The Power: DINO-RIDERS!

by Robert Odak

**D**ino-Riders was an extremely popular series from Tyco, although only for a short time. Still, two years is a solid run in the volatile tide of the toy market, and the *Dino-Riders* line had a great concept.

The premise was that humans battled evil Rulon aliens in the Dinosaur Age. Their battle forces were dinosaurs equipped with weapons. The dinosaurs were then converted into living, mobile battle stations.

The figures themselves were tiny and hardly articulated, but the strength of the line was the dinosaurs. Every single one was designed with accuracy, the virtual opposite of Playskool's cartoony *Definitely Dinosaurs* series. The dinosaurs were very well sculpted and painted, and the mechanical ones actually moved via battery power. The Tyrannosaurus is especially beautiful, with its slow, steady walk, opening and closing mouth, and roaring sound. (That might just be the noise the mouth makes as it opens and closes, but it's very convincing.) The line was later expanded to include Ice Age mammals, done with the same marvelous attention to detail. In fact, the dinosaurs were so well-made that they were later repackaged as the *Smithsonian Dinosaur Collection*, and are still available in stores.

Between 1989 and 1990, *Dino-Riders* was also transformed into a television cartoon series, a comic book, and cartoon videos.

## Figures

(The first series and Ice Age figures were packaged two to a card. The later Commando series came with equipment.)

### First Series

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|-----------------------|------|
| 1. Questar and Krulos | 7.00 |
| 2. Proto and Rattler  | 7.00 |
| 3. Mind-Zel and Fire  | 7.00 |
| 4. Orion and Six-Gill | 7.00 |
| 5. Nova and Demon     | 7.00 |



### Tyco's Dino-Riders Brontosaurus

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|---|-------|--|-------|
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| 8. Mercury and Fang                             | 7.00  | 5. Deinonychus w/Antor and Rulon Dinosaur Trap | 20.00 |
| <b>Second Series</b>                            |       |  |       |
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| 2. Mind-Zel and Sludj                           | 10.00 | 7. Monoclonius w/Mako and Rulon Dinosaur Trap  | 20.00 |
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| 7. Neutrino and Poxx                            | 10.00 | 12. Quetzacoatlus w/Youngstar                  | 20.00 |
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| 6. Glyde  | 9.00  | 2. Killer Wart Hog w/figure                    | 12.00 |
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| 1. Tyrannosaurus w/Krulos, Bitor, and Cobrus    | 35.00 | 3. Sabre Tooth Tiger w/Kub                     | 20.00 |
| 2. Brontosaurus w/Ikon, Vekto, Serena, and Ayce | 40.00 | 4. Giant Ground Sloth w/figure                 | 15.00 |
| 3. Triceratops w/Hammerhead                     |       |  |       |