

LEGO-Star Wars Limited Edition #7879 Hoth Echo Base Set Review

Whether you're a geek who never grew up or just a regular Joe looking to purchase the [Lego Star Wars Hoth Echo Base](#) for a loved one, this limited edition set makes a splendid gift for both grown-ups and children alike.

Although there are two different versions of the Echo Base available at two different price points, I'd recommend the limited edition #7879 set over its #7749 counterpart for a variety of reasons listed below...

Limited Edition (#7879) versus Regular Version (#7749)

Normally, I wouldn't recommend the limited edition set to anyone because you'll just be paying extra for it to say "limited edition" on the box. In this case, you're getting a TON of great extras if you go with the limited edition. The following list is a comparison between the limited and regular versions:

- **773 Pieces** – The [#7879 limited edition set](#) comes with 773 individual pieces to put together and enjoy. When you compare this with only 155 pieces in the regular version, you'll realize how much more you'll be getting for your money with the #7879.
- **9 Playable Characters** – Set #7879 comes with 9 characters to play with (including Tauntaun, which until the Echo Base sets came out, had never been in a Lego set before.) The regular version of this set only has 4 unique characters to play with.
- **Chubaka** – Related to the previous point, the limited edition set comes with Chubaka, whereas the other set does not. He comes with his classic crossbow as well!

- **Realistic Base** – Perhaps the biggest benefit of going with the limited edition is the fact that you're getting a much more realistic version of the Hoth Echo base. With the regular edition, you're only going to put together the anti-infantry laser battery... But with the more complete set, you'll get to create the entire base!

Items Straight from Star Wars

True fans of the classic Star Wars movies will love the attention to detail which clearly went into making the [#7879 limited edition set](#).

As you look through the buildings and characters, you'll instantly remember the scenes from the movie in which the pieces are based on. The folks at Lego went above and beyond to ensure anyone playing with this set will be able to reenact practically every scene that occurred on the iconic ice planet Hoth.

Here are a few of the things you can do with some of the pieces included in this set:

- **Injured Luke Skywalker** – This set comes with Luke Skywalker, but not just the regular Luke. He's the "movie" Luke who was injured in a fight with the Snow Monster and therefore, bears the same scars! You can even place him in the bacta tank where he can recover under the watchful mechanical eye of medical droid 21B – just like in the movies.
- **Tauntaun Stable** – After you've had Han Solo or Luke go out on patrol riding the realistic looking Tauntaun, you can bring it back to the stable so it doesn't run around the base all day. The stable even comes with a realistic locking gate.
- **Rotating Radar Dishes** – These radar dishes look like they came right out of the movie. They will rotate while watching for the impending invasion from the Empire, so make sure to keep them in good working conditions!

- **Falling Icicle Trap** – When it's time to evacuate the base you'll need to watch out for the falling ice trap.

Putting It All Together

Before you can enjoy all the great features mentioned above, you'll have to put this set together. Of course, this is where most of the fun lies and you won't go wrong with detailed instructions that come along with your box set.

Once you've completed assembling the set, you'll have a realistic Echo Base on the planet Hoth to play with and enjoy. The completed base is over 21" wide and 5" tall, making this a very enjoyable set to build and play with. In addition to the base, you'll also have a 5" long speeder bike to cruise around with!

All in all, this is one of the better Lego-Star Wars sets on the market today. Due to the fact that it's a limited edition, I'd hurry to pick it up as soon as possible before it disappears off the market forever. The [LEGO Star Wars Hoth Echo Base](#) is almost out of production so buy it while you still can!