

= BuzzSaw ( roller coaster ) =

BuzzSaw is a Maurer Söhne SkyLoop roller coaster located within the Town of Gold Rush section of the Dreamworld amusement park on the Gold Coast of Australia . The ride began operation on 17 September 2011 as part of Dreamworld 's 30th birthday celebrations .

BuzzSaw is one of Dreamworld 's " Big 9 " thrill rides and has a track length of 150 metres ( 490 ft ) . The steel ride consists of a single train which holds 12 riders and lasts approximately 50 seconds . BuzzSaw features the tallest inversion in the Southern Hemisphere and is currently the second @-@ highest inversion of its type in the world .

The ride is themed around a series of unexplainable occurrences in the Town of Gold Rush which date back to the late 1800s . The setting is based on encounters with the ghost of one Jack Darke , who was killed by a buzz saw at a sawmill built after the gold rush ended .

= = History = =

In December 2009 , a Gold Coast Bulletin report detailed a variety of new attractions for the region 's theme parks and stated that Dreamworld was in negotiations with a manufacturer to add to its " Big 6 " thrill rides . In February 2011 , Dreamworld 's operator , Ardent Leisure , announced the addition of two new rides in 2011 as part of Dreamworld 's 30th Birthday . In April 2011 , it was announced that in addition to a family thrill ride ( Shockwave which opened in June 2011 ) , another major ride would be opened in time for the September school holidays . The name " BuzzSaw " was confirmed two months later by the park 's outgoing CEO , Noel Dempsey , who also confirmed plans to team up with DreamWorks Animation . Vertical construction for BuzzSaw started around the same time .

On 20 July 2011 , Dreamworld officially announced the addition of BuzzSaw to the Dreamworld park to the public . Testing for the ride began in early September 2011 , and BuzzSaw opened officially to the public on 17 September 2011 .

= = = Marketing = = =

Marketing for BuzzSaw began on 6 July 2011 when Dreamworld released a television commercial promoting their plans to open a " new bone @-@ chilling thrill ride " by September of that year . At this stage , the name BuzzSaw had not been officially announced . A second television marketing campaign was released for BuzzSaw on 8 September 2011 , just before its official opening on 17 September 2011 . The commercial stated " this September fear will reach new heights " . Banners around Dreamworld advertise BuzzSaw as a " ripper of a ride " .

= = Characteristics = =

BuzzSaw is one of Dreamworld 's " Big 8 Thrill Rides " alongside The Claw , Cyclone , The Giant Drop , Mick Doohan 's Motocoaster , Pandamonium , Tower of Terror II and Wipeout . It boasts the tallest inversion in the Southern Hemisphere at 46 @. @ 2 metres ( 152 ft ) above the ground . This also ranks it tied as the third @-@ highest inversion worldwide . BuzzSaw 's steel roller coaster track is 150 metres ( 490 ft ) in length .

The ride consists of a single Maurer Söhne X @-@ Car train which holds 12 riders . The train features two cars , each of which seats riders in three rows of two . Riders are seated in the open carriage and are restrained by a lap bar .

= = Experience = =

= = = Backstory = = =

BuzzSaw is themed around a series of unexplainable occurrences in the Town of Gold Rush which date back to the late 1800s . In 1876 , the Town of Gold Rush was formed . It was a prosperous town during the great gold rush . Eleven years later , in 1887 , the town 's Gold supply was completely gone . The town then established a sawmill and turned their focus to timber . On a clear moon @-@ lit night , a sawmill worker named Jack Darke was killed by the buzz saw after he had a scuffle with some other workers who were attempting to set the building on fire . The circumstances leading up to his death were covered up by the town with the legend stating that Jack tried to burn down the sawmill and slipped into the path of the buzz saw . The sawmill has remained closed since with many people claiming encounters with the ghost of Jack on nights similar to that of his death .

= = = Entrance and station = = =

The entrance to BuzzSaw is located in the Town of Gold Rush where the Helicopter Joy Flights used to operate , opposite the former entrance of the Eureka Mountain Mine Ride . The station is themed to the abandoned sawmill in the town of Gold Rush and tells the story of Jack Darke . Within the building , guests are directed through a series of queue switchbacks and pathways . Several television screens are embedded in the walls and show burning timber . Parts of the theming are caged off with crime scene signs . Throughout the queue , guests are able to hear the sound of buzzsaws as well as several warnings to not go any further and to escape while they can . Large circular saws ( a.k.a. buzzsaws ) are located on the side and roof of the building .

= = = Ride = = =

BuzzSaw is a steel , Maurer Söhne SkyLoop XT 150 roller coaster . As part of Maurer Söhne 's X @-@ Coaster range of roller coasters , the SkyLoop begins with a vertical chain lift hill to a height of 46 @. @ 2 metres ( 152 ft ) . At the top of this lift hill , the car is pulled slowly back over on itself before it is released into a full heartline roll and a drop down a steep hill back towards the station . The train then oscillates between the two hills before it is caught by the chain hill and slowly lowered back down into the station . A single ride on BuzzSaw is completed in approximately 50 seconds .

= = Reception = =

The reception of BuzzSaw has been generally positive . Melinda Siegmeier of the Gold Coast Bulletin stated " the scream machine is certainly a fitting way to describe Dreamworld 's newest thrill ride the BuzzSaw " . Siegmeier also commented on the vertical lift hill : " by this stage I was certainly wishing I was back on the ground " . Ardent Leisure , the owners of Dreamworld , have claimed the launch of the ride to be a success . In the first year of operation , over 435 @, @ 000 people rode the attraction . However , in the worldwide Best Roller Coaster Poll in 2012 , BuzzSaw ( along with other identical SkyLoop rides ) ranked 221 out of 365 .