

= Dominator (roller coaster) =

Dominator is a steel floorless roller coaster built by Bolliger & Mabillard at Kings Dominion in Doswell , Virginia . It originally opened at Six Flags Ohio on May 5 , 2000 under the name Batman : Knight Flight . Cedar Fair Entertainment Company purchased the park in 2004 and renamed it Dominator . In 2007 , the park closed and Dominator was relocated to Kings Dominion where it opened on May 24 , 2008 in the International Street section of the park .

Dominator is notable for having the 4th @-@ tallest vertical loop in the world at 135 ft (41 m) . Only three are larger : Superman : Krypton Coaster at Six Flags Fiesta Texas has a 145 ft (44 m) loop , Viper at Six Flags Magic Mountain has a 144 ft (44 m) loop and Full Throttle , also at Magic Mountain , has a 160 ft (49 m) loop . It is also the world 's longest floorless coaster at 4 @,@ 210 feet (1 @,@ 280 m) .

= = History = =

= = = Geauga Lake era (2000 ? 2007) = = =

= = = = Six Flags era (2000 ? 2003) = = = =

Dominator , then known as Batman : Knight Flight , was announced at an event on December 9 , 1999 as the only floorless roller coaster in the Midwest . It opened on May 5 , 2000 at what was then known as Six Flags Ohio . The ride was a part of the conversion and major expansion that occurred between the 1999 and 2000 season , transforming the park from Geauga Lake to Six Flags Ohio . Dominator was built in the Gotham City section of the park , a common themed area in many Six Flags parks .

= = = = Cedar Fair era (2004 ? 2007) = = = =

In March 2004 , Six Flags sold Geauga Lake (then known as Six Flags Worlds of Adventure) to Cedar Fair for \$ 145 million . All references to Looney Tunes and DC Comics characters had to be removed prior to opening day the same year , since Cedar Fair did not have licensing rights . As a result , Cedar Fair renamed Batman : Knight Flight to Dominator . The process included the melting of the Batman symbol off every seat , the removal of the Bruce Wayne Foundation text on the station , and the renaming of the Gotham City section to " Power City . "

In August 2007 , rumors of Dominator being relocated to Kings Dominion surfaced . On September 21 , 2007 , Cedar Fair announced that Geauga Lake would no longer operate as a traditional amusement park , and instead become solely a waterpark , Wildwater Kingdom . As a result , September 16 , 2007 was the last day the ride would operate at Geauga Lake . With that announcement , the rides from the amusement park side began to be relocated to other Cedar Fair properties . The new location of Dominator , however , was not released .

= = = Kings Dominion era (2008 ? present) = = =

On October 23 , 2007 , it was announced that the Dominator would be moved to Kings Dominion in Doswell , Virginia . Dominator sits on the former site of the bus parking lot , behind Berserker , an Intamin Looping Starship . When it was relocated to Kings Dominion , it received a new paint job . The supports remained dark blue , but the track was painted orange instead of yellow . The record @-@ breaking loop , however , is still painted yellow . It opened to the public on May 24 , 2008 .

= = Experience = =

While at Geauga Lake , the ride was notable for interacting with the lake numerous times throughout the course . When it was relocated to Kings Dominion , it was built behind the Berserker flat ride , in the International Street section of the park .

=== Layout ===

After leaving the station , the train makes a small dip before making a 180 degree right turn to climb the 161 @-@ foot (49 m) lift hill . Once the train apexes the top of the lift , riders drop 148 feet (45 m) to the right at a 57 degree angle , reaching a top speed of 67 miles per hour (108 km / h) . The train then enters the record breaking , 135 @-@ foot (41 m) tall vertical loop . Following the loop , riders go past the queue and rise up into a turnaround around the ride 's station . After the turn , riders enter a cobra roll , which contains two of the ride 's five inversions . Riders then pass by the station again and enter the mid @-@ course brake run . After the brakes , there is a small drop followed by the interlocking corkscrews , the last two inversions of the ride . Following the corkscrews , the train completes a 135 @-@ degree curve to the left that dives into a 270 @-@ degree curve along the ground , entering the final brake run . One cycle of the ride lasts about 2 minutes and 6 seconds .

=== Trains ===

Dominator operates with three open @-@ air steel and fiberglass trains . Each train has eight cars that have four seats in a single row for a total of 32 riders per train . Riders are secured by an over the shoulder restraint with a lap belt .

=== Track ===

The steel track is approximately 4 @, @ 210 feet (1 @, @ 280 m) in length , making it the longest Floorless Coaster in the world . The height of the lift is approximately 161 feet (49 m) . Dominator features the fourth @-@ tallest vertical loop at 135 feet (41 m) . When the coaster first opened at Geauga Lake , it was painted with blue supports , yellow track and unpainted rails . When Dominator was relocated to Kings Dominion , the supports remained blue and the rails remained unpainted . The track was painted orange but the loop remained yellow .

=== Theme ===

During Six Flags ' ownership , Dominator was the star attraction of the Gotham City themed area and featured various Batman theming . The seats of the ride 's trains had the Batman symbol engraved into the headrests and the station originally had text reading , " Bruce Wayne Foundation . " When Cedar Fair bought the park in 2004 , they did not own the rights to DC Comics characters . All Batman theming had to be removed before opening day , which included melting the Batman symbol off every seat , removing the Bruce Wayne Foundation text on the station , and renaming the Gotham City section into " Power City . " There has been no theme for the ride while it has been owned by Cedar Fair .

=== Incidents ===

On July 20 , 2012 , a 48 @-@ year @-@ old woman from Pitt County , North Carolina , was found unresponsive on Dominator after its train returned to the ride 's unloading station . An incident report described that she had a " seizure @-@ like episode " after riding the roller coaster . The woman was taken to a hospital , where she died . Autopsy results revealed that she had a brain aneurysm . A Hanover County , Virginia , inspector found no operational problems with Dominator . The ride reopened on July 23 , 2012 , after it passed two safety inspections .