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[Template:Infobox Transformers character](/wiki/Template:Infobox_Transformers_character) **Megatron** is a character from the [*Transformers*](/wiki/Transformers) franchise, created by [Hasbro](/wiki/Hasbro) in 1984, based on a toy design by [Takara](/wiki/Takara). The original Megatron was the [Decepticon](/wiki/Decepticon) Leader, which could transform into three different types of guns; a [Walther P38](/wiki/Walther_P38) [handgun](/wiki/Handgun), a [particle beam cannon](/wiki/Particle_beam_cannon), and a [telescopic](/wiki/Telescope) [laser cannon](/wiki/Laser_cannon).[[1]](#cite_note-1) He is a sentient robotic lifeform from the planet [Cybertron](/wiki/Cybertron) and the leader of the villainous Decepticons as well as the archenemy of the [Autobot](/wiki/Autobot) leader [Optimus Prime](/wiki/Optimus_Prime).[[2]](#cite_note-2) Megatron is usually depicted as having risen up from the lowly worker to become a champion in [gladiatorial combat](/wiki/Gladiatorial_combat).[[1]](#cite_note-1) As a gladiator, he took the legendary name "[Megatronus](/wiki/Fallen_(Transformers))" as his own and would similarly inspire a later [villainous character](/wiki/Megatron#Beast_Era). He called for an end to his planet Cybertron's corrupted governing body and told the downtrodden that freedom of self-determination was the right of all sentient beings, becoming a mentor to the young Optimus Prime. Prime would later use his teachings against him when he became corrupt. He has the ability to transform between his robot shape and various weapons or vehicles, but these "alternate-modes", his origins and even personality, can vary depending on which "universe" he's seen in. This origin is considered the most consistent between the various incarnations. Further differences are listed in the respective sections below.

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## Thirteen Original Primes[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]

[Template:Main](/wiki/Template:Main) The original **Megatronus**, better known as the **Fallen**, was one of the original Thirteen Primes created by [Primus](/wiki/Primus_(Transformers)). Megatronus betrayed his creator by siding with Primus' dark twin, the malevolent planet-eater [Unicron](/wiki/Unicron). In the final battle between Primus and Unicron, Megatronus fell victim to the same fate as his master, sucked through a black hole into another dimension. However, while Unicron emerged in another universe, the Fallen was not so fortunate, finding himself trapped in the "underspace" between dimensions. Another being addressed simply as Megatron is an [apocalyptic figure](/wiki/Antichrist) said to bring about death and destruction through alteration of the time stream. Possible interpretations in the book of him are "[Alpha and Omega](/wiki/Alpha_and_Omega)" and "The Great [Dragon](/wiki/Dragon)".

The Fallen made his first appearance in the second volume of [*Transformers: The War Within*](/wiki/Transformers:_The_War_Within). The character appears as the main antagonist in the second live action film, [*Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*](/wiki/Transformers:_Revenge_of_the_Fallen), the 2009 sequel to the 2007 [*Transformers*](/wiki/Transformers_(film)) movie, voiced by [Tony Todd](/wiki/Tony_Todd).[[3]](#cite_note-3) Director [Michael Bay](/wiki/Michael_Bay) described him as "apocalyptic".[[4]](#cite_note-4) He has the ability to teleport and generate a shockwave upon reappearance. He wields a spear as his weapon and has the ability of telekinesis. Megatronus is also mentioned as one of Thirteen in [*Transformers: Exodus*](/wiki/Transformers:_Exodus) and later appeared as the main antagonist in the first season finale of [*Transformers: Robots in Disguise*](/wiki/Transformers:_Robots_in_Disguise_(2015_TV_series)), voiced by [Gil Gerard](/wiki/Gil_Gerard).

Megatronus's history would be retconned in [*Transformers: The Covenant of Primus*](/wiki/Transformers:_The_Covenant_of_Primus), which depicts him in a more tragic light and omits his involvement with Unicron. Megatronus was one of the original thirteen Primes. Megatronus commissioned Solus Prime to create the [Requiem Blaster](/wiki/Requiem_Blaster). It's revealed that Megatronus and Solus Prime were in love, but that Megatronus was prone to bursts of temper and aggression due to his pride and secret shame at being a necessary counter-force to balance out light and darkness within the Thirteen. Following the War of the Primes, he exiled himself from Cybertron after unintentionally murdering Solus Prime.

## Generation 1[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

Megatron is the founder of the [Decepticon](/wiki/Decepticon) uprising and their most feared leader. [Bob Budiansky](/wiki/Bob_Budiansky), the writer for the Marvel Comics series, stated that originally Hasbro took issue with the name, saying it sounded too frightening. Budiansky responded that as the lead villain, that was the point. Hasbro later agreed with his reasoning, and approved the name "Megatron".[[5]](#cite_note-5) The name itself probably comes from the [Greek](/wiki/Greek_language) word **megas** (meaning *great*, *grand*), although in one of his interviews Budiansky claimed that it is in fact a portmanteau of *electronic* and *megaton* (megaton is a scientific term describing an explosive force equal to that of one million tons of TNT).[[6]](#cite_note-6)[[7]](#cite_note-7) Megatron is able to transform into a [Walther P38](/wiki/Walther_P38), delivering more focused energy blasts than he could in his robotic form. He can adjust his size and mass as he transforms, to comfortably allow another Transformer or even a human being to wield him. His robot form has an arm-mounted [fusion](/wiki/Nuclear_fusion) cannon. He can retract and replace his right hand with an energy [flail](/wiki/Flail_(weapon)). He can fire electrical blasts from his hands, laser blasts from his eyes, and can reprogram computers with a port in his head.

Megatron is a Decepticon, one of the lineal descendants of the military hardware robots created by the [Quintessons](/wiki/Quintesson) on their factory world of [Cybertron](/wiki/Cybertron). Following a war between the Decepticons and the other robot race, the [Autobots](/wiki/Autobot), the Decepticons were defeated by the Autobots' invention of transformation, which allowed them the advantage of [stealth](/wiki/Stealth_technology). The Autobot victory in the war began the Golden Age of Cybertron, but a viper lurked within this paradise, as the Decepticons too eventually developed transformation, leading to the creation of Megatron. Gathering a small number of troops together, Megatron made a small strike on an outer city, killing the current Autobot leader. However, this event was not made public knowledge, and young robots like the naive [Orion Pax](/wiki/Orion_Pax) still looked up to Megatron and his followers because of their new robot-mode flight powers. Pax soon learned the error of his ways when Megatron duped him into allowing him access to [energon](/wiki/Energon) warehouses, and Megatron fatally injured him in a scuffle. However, the ancient Autobot, [Alpha Trion](/wiki/Alpha_Trion), reconstructed Pax into a battle hardy configuration — now, he was [Optimus Prime](/wiki/Optimus_Prime), leader of the Autobots and Megatron's sworn opponent as the civil war erupted again.

Megatron had conquered Cybertron by 2005 in the animated film, [*The Transformers: The Movie*](/wiki/The_Transformers:_The_Movie). After hearing of an Autobot supply run, Megatron proceeded with an attack on Autobot City on Earth. Optimus Prime arrived there and confronted Megatron. On the [Decepticons'](/wiki/Decepticon) return journey to [Cybertron](/wiki/Cybertron), a mortally wounded, but still functional Megatron was jettisoned into space along with several other fallen Decepticons in order to reduce [Astrotrain's](/wiki/Astrotrain) mass to reach [Cybertron](/wiki/Cybertron). The end seemed to be near for Megatron—but it was not to be, as he was summoned by [Unicron](/wiki/Unicron), who [made him an offer](/wiki/Deal_with_the_Devil) - in return for Megatron's service, he would give him a new body and new troops to command. Facing destruction as an alternative, Megatron agreed to Unicron's offer, and was reformatted as [Galvatron](/wiki/Galvatron). Commanded by [Unicron](/wiki/Unicron) to destroy the [Matrix of Leadership](/wiki/Matrix_of_Leadership), Galvatron first returned to [Cybertron](/wiki/Cybertron) to settle a score with [Starscream](/wiki/Starscream_(Transformers)), who had set him adrift in space and was now being crowned as the new Decepticon leader in a pompous ceremony. Demonstrating his new power, Galvatron obliterated Starscream with a single blast from his new cannon mode. The other Decepticons quickly accepted Galvatron as their leader.

The [Predacon](/wiki/Predacon) leader known as [Megatron](/wiki/Megatron_(Beast_Era)) from the [*Beast Wars*](/wiki/Beast_Wars) and [*Beast Machines*](/wiki/Beast_Machines) animated series is a separate character from the original *Generation 1* Megatron. However, this was not the original intent for the character, as the original pack-in mini-comic and biographies released with the earliest *Beast Wars* toys indicate that the character was supposed to be the original Megatron, in a new body. With the advent of the animated series, however, the fiction of *Beast Wars* was re-imagined and eventually applied to the toy line, establishing this Megatron as an independent character. But that is not to say that the original Megatron did not play a role in his namesake's rise to power.

Megatron appeared in the short-lived online *Universe* cartoon, where he plots to steal gasoline in order to produce Energon. Notably, his alternate mode of a jet is exactly the same as that of [Cyclonus](/wiki/Cyclonus), and he incorporates several elements from his [live-action movie design](/wiki/Megatron_(Paramount)), such as both arms fusing together to form his fusion cannon. Megatron made a cameo in the pilot of the [*Transformers: Animated*](/wiki/Transformers:_Animated) series on a historical video being viewed by Optimus Prime. This historical video was stock footage from the original animated series.

### Books[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

Megatron appeared in the following books:

* [*The Revenge of the Decepticons*](/wiki/The_Revenge_of_the_Decepticons) written by [Suzanne Weyn](/wiki/Suzanne_Weyn) and published by [Marvel Books](/wiki/Marvel_Books) in 1984.
* The 1985 audio story [*Sun Raid*](/wiki/Sun_Raid) and [*Satellite of Doom*](/wiki/List_of_Transformers_books#Satellite_of_Doom).
* The Ladybird Transformers audio books [*Autobots' Lightning Strike*](/wiki/List_of_Transformers_books#Autobots'_Lightning_Strike), [*Laserbeak's Fury*](/wiki/Laserbeak's_Fury), [*Megatron's Fight for Power*](/wiki/Megatron's_Fight_for_Power) and [*Autobots Fight Back*](/wiki/Autobots_Fight_Back).
* The 1985 [Find Your Fate](/wiki/Find_Your_Fate) Junior book called [*Dinobots Strike Back*](/wiki/Dinobots_Strike_Back) by [Casey Todd](/wiki/Casey_Todd).[[8]](#cite_note-8)\* The 1985 [Find Your Fate](/wiki/Find_Your_Fate) Junior book called [*Battle Drive*](/wiki/Battle_Drive) by [Barbara Siegel](/wiki/Barbara_Siegel) and [Scott Siegel](/wiki/Scott_Siegel).[[9]](#cite_note-9)

Megatron was featured in the 1993 *Transformers: Generation 2* coloring book "[Decepticon Madness](/wiki/Decepticon_Madness)" by [Bud Simpson](/wiki/Bud_Simpson).[[10]](#cite_note-10)

### Comics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=4)]

#### Japanese manga[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

In the Japanese manga "Big War" #2, the Autobots [Rodimus Prime](/wiki/Rodimus), [Grimlock](/wiki/Grimlock), [Kup](/wiki/List_of_Autobots#Cars) and [Wheelie](/wiki/Wheelie_(Transformers)), along with their human allies [Spike Witwicky](/wiki/Spike_Witwicky) and [Daniel Witwicky](/wiki/Daniel_Witwicky) send [Computron](/wiki/Computron_(Transformers)) into battle against Galvatron's new warrior combiner [Abominus](/wiki/Abominus). The Terrorcons spit "corrosive control liquid" against Computron, taking control of him and turning him into a Decepticon. Spike luckily uses his new Exosuit to free Computron with "defense spray." Defeated, Galvatron retreats.[[11]](#cite_note-11) In the Transformers Manga #5, Galvatron and his Decepticons attacked the Prime Energy Tower. Galvatron ordered the Decepticons to form Menasor, Devastator and Bruticus and attack. Rodimus Prime counted this move by ordering in Superion, Omega Supreme and Defensor. Galvatron then ordered in Predaking, knowing that Sky Lynx was elsewhere and couldn't counter them. Rodimus ordered the Omnibots to attack Predaking's legs. Tripping up the giant he fell into the other Decepticon giants, winning the day for the Autobots.[[12]](#cite_note-12) Galvatron also appeared in a series of Japanese Manga comic strips set in continuity with the *Headmasters* series, where he attempted to destroy the Autobots with such schemes as creating his own army of [Megatron](/wiki/Megatron_(Transformers)) clones, attempting to destroy Fortress Maximus and creating a hybrid of the original Megatron and Optimus Prime named Guiltor to destroy Rodimus Prime, although he ended up teaming up with his enemy to destroy it after it went rogue.

After Galvatron's seeming destruction in *Headmasters* this was all that was heard from Galvatron in the animated continuity for several years until the *Battlestars: The Return of Convoy* storyline (although not animated in itself, consisting of one chapter of manga and a selection of [magazine](/wiki/Magazine) spreads, it continues the storyline of the animated series). Buried and deactivated beneath the [ice](/wiki/Ice), Galvatron was recovered by the evil entity, [Dark Nova](/wiki/Dark_Nova), and reformatted into **Super Megatron**, going on to battle Star Convoy (a similarly reborn [Optimus Prime](/wiki/Optimus_Prime_(Transformers))).

Super Megatron subsequently gets an upgrade to **Ultra Megatron**, and for the final battle, merges with Dark Nova himself, becoming **Star Giant.** In the Japanese *Generation 2* manga, he was shown to have survived and, in a body resembling his "Hero" toy, once again opposed Optimus Prime.[Template:Or](/wiki/Template:Or)

#### Marvel Comics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

In the world of [Marvel Comics](/wiki/Marvel_Comics), Megatron begins by rising from his beginnings as a gladiator for the [city-state](/wiki/City-state) of Tarn. Megatron and the Decepticons were the ones who developed transformation first, using it to begin the war against the Autobots, who fought back by mimicking the technology. Eventually, Cybertron was shaken from its orbit and fell into the path of an asteroid cluster. This would result in the Ark venturing out and then crashing into prehistoric Earth. Four million years later, in 1984, the Transformers were reawakened, and Megatron was defeated twice by [Optimus Prime](/wiki/Optimus_Prime).

Megatron also featured prominently in *Alignment*, Simon Furman's take on what happened after the *Generation 2* comic. In this story Megatron was defeated for command of the Decepticons by Galvatron II (the U.S. comics version) and left for dead. Soundwave had revived his master. Megatron took a fleet of scavenged [Warworlds](/wiki/Warworldadviser_(Transformers)) to face the Liege Maximo. He was destroyed by Maximo's arm cannon; he unleashed an energon-fueled blast which destroyed the Maximo. This sets up the Pax Cybertronia and the evolution of the Autobots and Decepticons into [Maximals](/wiki/Maximal_(Transformers)) and [Predacons](/wiki/Predacon_(Transformers)). Whether this story is reconcilable with "Reaching the Omega Point", or whether it is even part of the Transformers [canon](/wiki/Canon_(fiction)) is debatable.

#### TFcon comics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=7)]

Megatron appeared in the 2006 [TransformersCon](/wiki/TransformersCon) voice actor play. Voices in the play were performed by a variety of volunteers and the actual voice actors attending the convention. The play itself should be considered unofficial, but was notable because it featured several Transformers original voice actors reprising their Transformers roles. In this voice actor play various Transformers from different timelines and realities were swept up in a repeat wave and transported along with [Unicron](/wiki/Unicron) to Earth. The Transformers included *Generation 1* [Tracks](/wiki/Tracks_(Transformers)), [Ariel](/wiki/Elita_One), [Cosmos](/wiki/Cosmos_(Transformers)) and Megatron, *Beast Wars* [Tarantulas](/wiki/Tarantulas_(Transformers)), *Robots in Disguise* [Sky-Byte](/wiki/Sky-Byte) and *Beast Machines* [Tankor](/wiki/Tankor).

#### Dreamwave Productions[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=8)]

In the 21st Century reimagining of the Generation One Universe by [Dreamwave Productions](/wiki/Dreamwave_Productions), Megatron was envisioned as an ancient gladiatorial combatant in the depths of Cybertron's underworld. As victory upon victory mounted, he began to realize that the games were nothing more than an elaborate attempt by the Cybertronian elders to hide the truth of Cybertron's history from the masses. When Megatron attempted to gain access to that knowledge through exploration and research, the Cybertronian elders attempted to have him assassinated—a plan that only resulted in stirring up even more discontent among Cybertronians which allowed Megatron to begin recruiting for the Decepticon movement. It is known that at one point Megatron attempted to recruit [Grimlock](/wiki/Grimlock) as one of his inner circle, but the fellow gladiator refused the position, eventually joining the Autobots.

Megatron would also appear in Dreamwave's *Transformers/G.I. Joe* [limited series](/wiki/Limited_series). Unlike many of the other Transformers (who were given [World War II](/wiki/World_War_II) vehicle alternate modes) Megatron would keep his basic [Walther P38](/wiki/Walther_P38) handgun transformation, which was indeed a WWII German handgun. Forming an alliance with [Cobra Commander](/wiki/Cobra_Commander) due to their similar natures, Megatron nonetheless had a bitter personal rivalry with the tyrannical Cobra leader, resulting in Megatron killing several of his troops and Cobra Commander having to use the [Matrix](/wiki/Matrix_of_Leadership) to keep him in line. Later, Megatron refused to help the Commander as [Bruticus](/wiki/Combaticons) tried to crush him, and allowed the [Baroness](/wiki/Baroness_(G.I._Joe)) to use him in gun mode to shoot the helpless Cobra Leader. After battling Optimus Prime, he was deactivated when [Snake Eyes](/wiki/Snake_Eyes_(G.I._Joe)) opened the Matrix, deactivating all the Transformers.

#### Devil's Due Publishing[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=9)]

In the [*G.I. Joe*](/wiki/G.I._Joe:_A_Real_American_Hero) *vs. The Transformers* comics printed by [Devil's Due Publishing](/wiki/Devil's_Due_Publishing), Megatron was again among the Decepticons who crashed on in the Ark on Earth, but this time the Ark was discovered by the terrorist group [Cobra](/wiki/Cobra_Command), who reformatted the Autobots and Decepticons into weapons and vehicles for themselves called Battle Android Troopers controlled by the Televipers.

Megatron was locked in gun mode, and kept by [Cobra Commander](/wiki/Cobra_Commander). When Optimus Prime broke free of the controls, Megatron convinced his keeper to free him to fight Optimus. Wounded by the Autobots and a malfunctioning orbiting weapons system, Megatron was eventually defeated and believed destroyed. In reality much of his body remained and the U.S. government studied his workings to advance their own projects in military super computers.

In the third volume of the series, it was revealed that the U.S. Government had created the android [Serpentor](/wiki/Serpentor) (or, as he is called here, Serpent O.R., standing for Organic Robot) using DNA from great historical war leaders and parts from Megatron. Serpentor succeeded where Megatron had failed, and captured Optimus Prime. But Serpentor's exposure to the Matrix, possession by Cobra Commander and subsequent destruction left Megatron's legacy unfulfilled.

#### Fun Publications[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=10)]

The [*Transformers Classics*](/wiki/Transformers_Classics) comics published in the Official Transformers Collectors Club magazine is set in the Marvel Comics continuity, but in a timeline where the events of *Generation 2* did not occur. The story occurs fifteen years after Megatron was presumed dead in the crash of the Ark. Megatron survived, and eventually upgraded his body (based on his Classics toy) and gathered many other Decepticons to him. Soundwave helped him in recovering the body of Astrotrain, who was then used to help locate the placement of other fallen Decepticons around the globe. Those who joined Megatron included Laserbeak, [Ramjet](/wiki/Ramjet_(Transformers)), Ravage, [Skywarp](/wiki/Skywarp), [Soundwave](/wiki/Soundwave_(Transformers)), [Starscream](/wiki/Starscream_(Transformers)) and the [Constructicons](/wiki/Constructicons). Megatron also reactivated Thrust, Dirge and Thundercracker, but the three left him to join up with Bludgeon's troops — mostly because they couldn't work with Starscream, who had killed them once. Megatron's based his command from the wreck of the Ark in the Yukon, where he keeps the fallen body of Ratchet as a trophy and the severed, but living, head of Shockwave as an advisor.

In *Crossing Over*, when [Skyfall](/wiki/Skyfall_(Transformers)) and [Landquake](/wiki/Landquake) were presumed killed in the midst of a bloody [Mini-Con](/wiki/Mini-Con) civil war and attack by Unicron (set concurrently with the events of [*Transformers: Cybertron*](/wiki/Transformers:_Cybertron)), they were, in actuality, transported across universes, from the world of the *Unicron Trilogy* into the *Marvel Comics* timeline. Unclear what had happened, they then found themselves staring down the barrel of Megatron's cannon. The two were saved when a group of Robot Hunters in battle suits attacked Megatron. Megatron slaughtered them, only to be confronted by a team of Autobots led by Optimus Prime. Skyfall went with the Autobots, while Landquake was taken by Megatron. Back at the Ark Landquake was interrogated and swore loyalty to Megatron. Scrapper detected an unusual energon reading similar to that of Landquake and the Decepticons went to investigate, only to be confronted by the Autobots again.

In *Games of Decepticon*, Megatron detects the arrival of [Bugbite's](/wiki/Bug_Bite_(Transformers)) ship on Earth and sends Starscream, Skywarp and Ramjet to investigate. The Decepticons capture the Autobot spy Mirage. Returning to the Ark the Decepticons fall under the sway of Bugbite, who is using cerebro shells he stole from the Insecticon Bombshell. Megatron overcomes the shell and destroys Bugbite, as the Autobots under the command of Grimlock raid the Ark, destroying the computer and saving Mirage.

Megatron appears in *At Fight's End* talking to Ratchet. Megatron defeated Deathsaurus in combat for leadership of the Decepticons. He orders the combiner technology that he captures from Deathsaurus to be used on the Constructions. Megatron then attacks Iacon with his new weapon, Devastator.[[13]](#cite_note-13)

#### IDW Publishing[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=11)]

After Dreamwave's closure, the rights to the Transformers comics were taken over by [IDW Publishing](/wiki/IDW_Publishing). IDW would take the opportunity to reboot the Transformers universe, including a revised origin for Megatron detailing how he came to power. Here, Megatron was originally a lowly energon miner. He also formed an uneasy truce with Starscream.

In the IDW continuity, Megatron retains his role as supreme commander of the Decepticon army, although in this continuity, they are no longer based on Cybertron (which was rendered uninhabitable by [Thunderwing](/wiki/Thunderwing)) and are fighting to conquer multiple worlds simultaneously. In fact, he barely seems to care about Cybertron and was willing to order its total destruction to stop the reanimated Thunderwing. Having now ingested Ore-13, Megatron is able to easily manage mass-displacement and thus turn into an Earth handgun (in *Escalation #2*), and the newfound power appears to have affected his actions- he personally went on the Brasnya mission and is confident enough to transform & battle Optimus in front of human witnesses, actions that Optimus finds out of character. His instability is also what leads the other Decepticons to awaken Starscream to stand up to him in *Devastation*. Eventually, after witnessing Bumblebee's willingness to sacrifice himself in order to stop the machinations of Shockwave, Megatron does the unthinkable and joins the Autobot cause.

Megatron features prominently in *Transformers: Regeneration One*, Simon Furman's continuation of the original Marvel series in which the events of *Generation 2* did not occur. Here, Megatron's lifeforce is still linked to Ratchet's, and after waking up on Earth in 1994, he has built what's left of Ratchet into a battle sled. Megatron also creates a [zombie](/wiki/Zombie) army from the mostly-Decepticon victims of the Underbase-empowered [Starscream](/wiki/Starscream), while [lobotomizing](/wiki/Lobotomy) the still-living Starscream himself. Megatron proceeds ot devastate the Earth, turning its nuclear arsenal against the population, and destroys Fortress Maximus. The [Wreckers](/wiki/Wreckers_(Transformers)) discover what Megatron's done in the year 2012, prompting Optimus Prime to bring an assault team from Cybertron. Megatron is defeated when [Kup](/wiki/List_of_Autobots#Cars) destroys Ratchet, stopping Megatron in his tracks and permitting Optimus to destroy him once and for all.

#### Kiss Players[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=12)]

Although Megatron himself would not make an appearance in the Japanese exclusive [Kiss Players](/wiki/Kiss_Players) line, he would nonetheless have a small role to play. When [Rodimus Prime](/wiki/Rodimus_Prime) hurled [Galvatron](/wiki/Galvatron) out of [Unicron](/wiki/Unicron) at the climax of [*The Transformers: The Movie*](/wiki/The_Transformers:_The_Movie), Galvatron hurtled through space, out of control, until he eventually crash-landed in [Tokyo](/wiki/Tokyo), devastating much of the city. Although comatose, Galvatron's Unicron-corrupted cells spread throughout Earth and fused with various creatures. The resultant hybrids, known as the Legion, bore a marked resemblance to Megatron and would menace the Earth Defense Command on several occasions.[Template:Or](/wiki/Template:Or)

#### Binaltech[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=13)]

Megatron is largely "off-screen" for most of the Binaltech saga, reflecting the absence of a Megatron figure in that toyline. Due to the interference of Ravage (the same future Ravage who appears in the [Beast Wars](/wiki/Beast_Wars)), most of the events of the [original animated feature](/wiki/The_Transformers:_The_Movie) do not transpire; most importantly the Battle of Autobot City does not occur, and Optimus Prime and Megatron do not have their final showdown, meaning that Optimus Prime does not die, and Megatron is never reformatted into Galvatron.

## Beast Era[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=14)]

[Template:Transformers character](/wiki/Template:Transformers_character) The [*Beast Wars*](/wiki/Beast_Wars) and [*Beast Machines*](/wiki/Beast_Machines) version of **Megatron** appears in the aforementioned parts of the [Transformers](/wiki/Transformers_Series) animated series, toy lines, and multiverse. In the past, a few fans have referred to him as Megatron II to distinguish him from the original character of the same name; in the Japanese [*Transformers: Robot Masters*](/wiki/Transformers:_Robot_Masters) series, he was named Beast Megatron for this purpose. Usually however he simply referred to as the *Beast Wars* Megatron. His ultimate goal is the conquest of [Cybertron](/wiki/Cybertron), where he was branded a criminal.[[14]](#cite_note-14) Few pieces of information exist about Megatron before the *Beast Wars*. The Japanese Beast Wars II toy catalogue claims that he had battled and lost to [Galvatron](/wiki/Galvatron_(Beast_Wars_II)) (the villain of that series) in the past, while the 2006 [BotCon](/wiki/BotCon) comics claimed he was previously a commander in the Predacon army who had developed many of the Predacons' tactics.

According to the 2007 CGI movie "Theft of the Golden Disk" Megatron was Cryotek's pupil. It was Cryotek who masterminded the theft of the [Golden Disk](/wiki/Golden_Disk), but Megatron betrayed his mentor and fled Cybertron with his prize, leaving Cryotek and Dirge to be arrested by Maximals. In a 2010 interview with Shogun Gamer, David Kaye said that Megatron is the role he's more likely to be remembered for.[[15]](#cite_note-15) Three centuries after the end of *The Great War*, when [Maximal](/wiki/Maximal_(Transformers)) and [Predacon](/wiki/Predacon_(Transformers)) had risen to replace the [Autobots](/wiki/Autobot) and the [Decepticons](/wiki/Decepticon), one Predacon in particular was discontented with the Maximals' control of Cybertron following the Autobot victory in the war. Studying the ancient Cybertronian text called the [Covenant of Primus](/wiki/Primus_(Transformers)), the Predacon took the name *Megatron* from [a great destroyer of the same name](/wiki/Megatron#Covenant_of_Primus) that the book foretold (which may or may not have been also in direct homage to his namesake, the Decepticon Megatron). Searching for energon to power his takeover bid, he stole the legendary artifact known as the [Golden Disk](/wiki/Golden_Disk), but discovered amongst its data more than the mere location of an energon source - encoded onto the disk was a message from the [original Megatron](/wiki/Megatron_(Transformers)), which contained the co-ordinates of the prehistoric planet [Earth](/wiki/Earth). Using transwarp technology this would allow a user to travel back in time and alter history - specifically, to destroy [Optimus Prime](/wiki/Optimus_Prime) as he lay in stasis within [*The Ark*](/wiki/Ark_(Transformers)), thereby preventing the Autobots from winning *The Great War*.

In *Beast Machines*, Megatron's personality underwent a change to become a much darker character.[[16]](#cite_note-16) Losing many of his previous personality quirks, he developed a hatred of organics and free will, but oddly saw himself as a savior of Cybertron. His sense of humor vanished, replaced with "Machine Precision" and his plans had evolved to galactic conquest. He even developed some sense of honor, keeping his word to [Rattrap](/wiki/Rattrap_(Transformers)) in one case where he would have formerly taken advantage of an opponent. However, he still retained his strategic brilliance and manipulative abilities, outwitting the Maximals and other enemies with his plans on nearly every occasion.

### Comics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=15)]

#### 3H Enterprises[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=16)]

Megatron's sudden development of a transformation-freezing virus, spark-extraction and Vehicon technology and drones went without explanation in the animated series, with the large time gap between his return and the Maximals' left to serve as a grey area in which these innovations occurred. The comics exclusive to the BotCon convention, however, shone some light on this period of time, and revealed that upon his return to Cybertron, Megatron met his former mentor, [Cryotek](/wiki/Cryotek). Cryotek offered to free Megatron of his beast mode by transferring most of it to himself, only to have the transfer send him into a period of stasis lock. Megatron went into seclusion, using Cryotek's plundered inventions to develop the technology that he used to enslave Cybertron.

Megatron was intended to appear in an upgraded form during the *Universe* storyline, but the line was cancelled before this could come to pass. However, an alternate version was mentioned as hailing from a universe where he was overthrown and killed by Obisidian after taking control of Cybertron with his Vehicons. "Ask [Vector Prime](/wiki/Vector_Prime)" later expanded on this storyline, revealing that in this universe Starscream's Spark had possessed Waspinator and destroyed the Maximals, while the Quantum Surge was caused when Megatron tricked Blackarachnia into destroying the Vok weapon in orbit around prehistoric Earth. "Waspscream" then overthrew Megatron and killed him, Scorponok, and Inferno, later doing the same to Silverbolt after he left the Predacons. However, during the crew's journey back to Cybertron, Megatron would escape and beat the others back to the planet, taking it over as he had in *Beast Machines.*

Waspscream, Tarantulas, Protoform X, and Terrorsaur would escape Megatron's transformation virus and be reformatted into techno-organic forms by the Oracle, becoming a resistance force that opposed Megatron and his generals: the liberated Inferno and the reprogrammed/reformatted Silverbolt and Scorponok, who became Jetstorm and Tankor. Waspscream's forces later saved Silverbolt, and the threat of other resistance groups soon pushed Megatron to recruit Obsidian as a new general; however, without Strika to serve as his counterbalance Obsidian turned against Megatron and overthrew him. This pushed Inferno into the Predacon camp, and after Obsidian and Tankor were drawn into the Universe War by Unicron Waspscream and the other rebel forces reclaimed Cybertron.

#### Dreamwave Productions[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=17)]

Megatron's earliest fictional depiction in comics was in a two-part short story told in [Dreamwave's](/wiki/Dreamwave_Productions) *Transformers: More Than Meets The Eye* series of character profiles. The tale started and finished the series, showing a mysterious figure (who would be revealed at the story's close as Megatron) and [his accomplice](/wiki/Dinobot) accessing the supercomputer [Vector Sigma](/wiki/Vector_Sigma) through a node in an ancient Autobot library and viewing the profiles of the Autobots and Decepticons of the Great War (in reality the character profiles of the series). As the accomplice dispatched a Maximal security agent his leader obtained the [Golden Disk](/wiki/Golden_Disk) and announced he wished to be addressed as Megatron from now on, implying he took the name after viewing the profile of [the original Megatron](/wiki/Megatron_(Transformers)).

In addition to his surprise appearance in Dreamwave's *More Than Meets The Eye* series (see above) Megatron was also set to appear in Dreamwave's unpublished *Beast Wars* comic. Although the company's bankruptcy meant that no issues were released, released art and information have revealed that the second issue would have dealt with Megatron's trial on Cybertron at the hands of [Magmatron](/wiki/Magmatron).[[17]](#cite_note-17)

#### IDW Publishing[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=18)]

[IDW Publishing's](/wiki/IDW_Publishing) 2006 comic book, [*Beast Wars: The Gathering*](/wiki/Beast_Wars:_The_Gathering), saw Megatron's old rival from Cybertron, [Magmatron](/wiki/Magmatron), travel back to the time of the *Beast Wars* (shortly after Megatron's failed attempt at killing Optimus Prime) at the behest of the Tripredacus Council. Activating all the remaining stasis pods on the planet, Magmatron quickly assembled a Predacon army of his own, including a reanimated Ravage. Although Magmatron had ambitions to stage a coup like Megatron, he did not want to reveal his intentions to the Tripredacus Council yet, and aimed to capture Megatron for them as his mission required, to divert suspicion. Revealing himself to Megatron, the two would-be tyrants battled, but Megatron was captured when Magmatron's lackeys Iguanus and Drill Bit managed to knock Megatron out. Magmatron aimed to send him back to [Cybertron](/wiki/Cybertron), but due to the intervention of [Razorbeast](/wiki/Razorbeast), [Optimus Minor](/wiki/Optimus_Minor) and [Grimlock](/wiki/Grimlock), Magmatron was sent back to Cybertron instead. Razorbeast left the unconscious Megatron on Earth, fearing an alteration to the time stream if he captured him.

Megatron's presence would be felt in IDW's second *Beast Wars* series as well, as [Ravage](/wiki/Ravage_(Transformers)) (resurrected as a Transmetal by [Magmatron](/wiki/Magmatron)) aimed to capture Razorbeast's chronal armband, which would allow him to interfere with the "main" timestream (the *Beast Wars* of the TV show). He planned to free Megatron from his imprisonment on the Autobot shuttle and ally with him to kill all the Maximals on the planet. His plan was thwarted by Razorbeast. However, in the very last panel of the series, Megatron is seen overlooking a ravaged Cybertron, presumably having just arrived from his long transwarp journey before his Maximal rivals.

Megatron had a biography printed in the *Beast Wars Sourcebook* by [IDW Publishing](/wiki/IDW_Publishing).[[18]](#cite_note-18) In 2016 he also appeared in the "Dawn of the Predacus" comic released at the [BotCon](/wiki/BotCon) convention that year, with IDW publishing the comic in place of Fun Publications. In this storyline, set some 300 years before the Beast Wars, Megatron's form-a [Retool](/wiki/Retool) of *Robots in Disguise* Megatron/Galvatron-is a the result of having his body reconstructed with Techno-Organic Tri-Malteranium, a technology also known as "TM3." In this story Megatron is a Decepticon commander who, after learning of Galvatron's death and the Tripredacus Council's resolution to call a cease-fire, orders his forces-including [Predaking](/wiki/Predaking) to attack. His force is then engaged by Magnaboss, but after learning of Predaking's defeat he is stunned by Ravage, and later disciplined for failing to follow the orders of the Tripredacus Council.

#### Fun Publications[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=19)]

Megatron was featured in the 2006 [BotCon](/wiki/BotCon) tale *Timelines: Dawn of Futures Past*, which picked up where the Dreamwave story left off. Much more of the background surrounding his theft of the Golden Disk artifacts was revealed. A feared general in the Predacon army, he went rogue from the Predacons after the signing of the Pax Cybertronia-a peace treaty between the Maximal and Predacon factions-and took the name of Megatron. He swiftly gathered a crew of like-minded individuals and, while [Waspinator](/wiki/Waspinator) and [Terrorsaur](/wiki/Terrorsaur) stole a ship, he, Dinobot and Scorponok stole the disk, battling the guards and destroying one, leaving [the other](/wiki/Tigatron) to commandeer a ship to pursue them. Picked up by their ship, they fled and were pursued by two ships - one of which was the [*Axalon*](/wiki/Axalon). Tarantulas was able to decode enough information from the Golden Disk to set a course through transwarp space. With a little help from [Laserbeak](/wiki/Laserbeak) and Buzzsaw (secretly sent by [Divebomb](/wiki/Divebomb) to ensure Megatron's plan to change history succeeded) they destroyed one of their pursuers, and the newly christened [*Darkside*](/wiki/Dark_Side_(Transformers)) fled into Transwarp space, with the *Axalon* in pursuit - thus beginning the *Beast Wars*.[[19]](#cite_note-19) To marry the visual appearance of Megatron's pre-Beast form seen in the first episode of the *Beast Wars* animated series (indeed, Megatron was the *only* character whose entire body was depicted, albeit briefly, prior to reformatting into a beast mode) with the toy of the character available exclusively at the convention, the story notes that Megatron adopts a detachable suit of armor that transforms into a missile tank, similar to a [Pretender Shell](/wiki/Pretenders_(Transformers)) or [Ultra Magnus'](/wiki/Ultra_Magnus) outer armor in Dreamwave's series. The tank is his toy; the profile given for the character in the widespread release of the comic notes that his original body transforms into a hover tank. Notably, *Timelines* presents a slightly different version of the disk's theft to the story presented in Dreamwave comics. In *Timelines*, Megatron seems to already be known to other characters by that name, whereas in Dreamwave's story, he only takes the name after taking possession of the disk. Whether the two are reconcilable is unknown.

Megatron appeared in the 2008 BotCon voice actor play "Bee in the City", voiced by David Kaye. After losing Optimus Prime and Sari to the Transtech incarnation of Shockwave, Bumblebee and [Flareup](/wiki/Flareup_(Transformers)) meet Megatron, who goes by the name of "Joe" to avoid any attraction. Learning of the Allspark key on Sari's person, Megatron offers his aid. Once Bumblebee frees his friends, Megatron reveals himself as he uses the key to bring an army to life. However, when his army realize the consequence of their coming to being within Transtech Cybertron, a mutiny ensures as Megatron is dragged off while vowing revenge.

"Ask [Vector Prime](/wiki/Vector_Prime)" would also introduce an alternate version of Megatron created by the events of the [Binaltech](/wiki/Binaltech) storyline who later invaded the *Robots in Disguise* universe and was transformed into the villainous "Megahead Megatron." Establishing a horde of Vehicons as his original counterpart had, he proceeded to plunge Cybertron into a Spark War, with [Mirage](/wiki/Mirage_(Transformers)#Transformers:_Robots_in_Disguise) as one of his many victims. However, he was eventually defeated due to the actions of the Binaltech Alternity in dispatching a crew of similarly created Maximals-including Air Attack Optimus Primal-to challenge his efforts. However, his legacy would continue to plague that universe, as his associate Cryotek would use the Transwarp technology Megatron contributed to their efforts to launch a campaign across time and space.

Megatron's story continued in the pages of the biography printed by Fun Publications for the 25th Anniversary Optimus Primal toy. Even his death at the conclusion of *Beast Machines* would not be the end of Megatron's villainy. Due to the inextricable link that had been forged between himself and Optimus Primal when Cybertron was reformatted, Primal's return to life to lead the "Children of Primus" against the machinations of [Unicron](/wiki/Unicron) meant that Megatron was also brought back to the land of the living. This time, however, the two old enemies found themselves in an uneasy alliance, travelling from universe to universe to wherever the multiversal conflict had spread. While this storyline would never play out, the design used for Megatron's Universe form-a remold/redeco of *Robots in Disguise* Megatron-would later see use in the "Dawn of Predacus" storyline for BotCon 2016.

#### TFcon comics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=20)]

Megatron appears among the characters in *Re-Unification*, the 2010 TFCon voice actor play prelude comic.[[20]](#cite_note-20) He was featured in the Beast Wars Transformers Mutating Card Game by Parkr Brothers.[[21]](#cite_note-21)

## ''Beast Wars Second''[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=21)]

In the interim between the first and second seasons of the *Beast Wars* animated series, the [*Beast Wars II*](/wiki/Beast_Wars_II) anime was produced in Japan to fill the gap, and produced a feature film entitled [*Beast Wars II: Lio Convoy, Close Call!*](/wiki/Beast_Wars_II:_Lio_Convoy,_Close_Call!) In this film, the Predacons of the series discover a mysterious transwarp device. The Predacons' leader, [Galvatron](/wiki/Galvatron#Beast_Era), attempted to use the time-and-space-warping gate to summon a "Megatron" to his aid. It is unclear whether he was searching for the original Megatron or the [Predacon](/wiki/Predacon) who went by the [same name](/wiki/Megatron_(Beast_Era)), but regardless, Galvatron's brother [Gigastorm](/wiki/List_of_Beast_Wars_II:_Super_Life-Form_Transformers_characters#Predacons/Destrons) screwed up the calculations and instead summoned the titanic [Majin Zarak](/wiki/Majin_Zarak), whom Galvatron proudly declared to be far superior to Megatron.

## ''Transformers: Robot Masters''[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=22)]

The short-lived [*Transformers: Robot Masters*](/wiki/Transformers:_Robot_Masters) line released exclusively in Japan saw Megatron transported through the mysterious "Blastizone" to Earth in the early 21st Century, where he sided with the Decepticons, currently led by [Starscream](/wiki/Starscream_(Transformers)) after the disappearance of Megatron. Dubbed "Beast Megatron" to distinguish him from his predecessor, Megatron bested Starscream and took leadership of the Decepticons until the original Megatron returned in the form of Reverse Convoy, and the two Megatrons merged their energies to create the "Double Megatron Tornado". This power, however, was thwarted by the "Triple Convoy Tornado Link Attack" formed from the energy of Optimus Prime, Optimus Primal and [Lio Convoy](/wiki/Lio_Convoy).

Oddly, the *Robot Masters* series depicted Megatron standing as tall as original Decepticon characters, when Maximals and Predacons were much smaller. Additionally, he is capable of robot-mode flight, and breathes fire in dinosaur mode, none of which he could do in the *Beast Wars* TV Series.

## Robots in Disguise[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=23)]

[Template:Transformers character](/wiki/Template:Transformers_character) This version of **Megatron** (known as **Gigatron** in Japan) is a six-changer, powerful enough to transform into five additional modes besides his robot form - twin-headed [dragon](/wiki/Dragon), [bat](/wiki/Bat)-[gargoyle](/wiki/Gargoyle) creature, [race car](/wiki/Auto_racing), [spaceship](/wiki/Spacecraft) and claw (GigaDragon, GigaBat, GigaFormula, GigaJet and GigaHand in Japanese).[[22]](#cite_note-22) Each form has its own different frightening capabilities, making Megatron a very unstable and unpredictable fighter. Unlike his namesake, Megatron would often sit back from a conflict and allow his subordinates to do the dirty work. Like his counterparts, he is arrogant, but unlike them, he also was incompetent, as most of his schemes were badly planned and badly executed.[[23]](#cite_note-23) Upon his upgrade into [Galvatron](/wiki/Galvatron), he gains additional forms, and gains the ability to absorb energy from other lifeforms.

A Predacon warlord before coming to Earth, Megatron is believed to have decimated numerous planets in his quest for energy. Optimus stated that Megatron left entire planets as "lifeless barren rocks". Needing ever more energy, Megatron targeted Earth's energy; to that end, he kidnapped the human energy-research expert, Doctor Kenneth Onishi, using his psycho-probe to drain information on Earth's energy sources from his mind. But even his subordinates were unaware that Megatron had a greater scheme in motion. In the original Car Robots series, the character was developed as a new, unique villain character called **Gigatron**; however, the name "Megatron" was used in the US dub due to recognition, as well as maintaining ownership of the trademark. In Korea, the character has been established as being the same character as *Beast Wars II* [Galvatron](/wiki/Galvatron). In this version of the series, each of Gigatron's modes had its own personality.

### Comics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=24)]

#### Dreamwave Productions[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=25)]

The character of *RiD* Megatron made one appearance in Dreamwave comics Summer Special issue before the company went under, sending his bickering lieutenants [Scourge](/wiki/Scourge_(Transformers)) and [Sky-Byte](/wiki/Sky-Byte) to steal a nuclear generator while he led the other Decepticons and Predacons to distract the Autobots. There was a contest in the issue as to whether *RiD* or [*Beast Wars*](/wiki/Beast_Wars) would be the next Dreamwave comic series, which *Beast Wars* won. But Dreamwave went bankrupt before the series begin.

#### IDW Publishing[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=26)]

Gigatron appears in the *Generation 1* IDW Publishing series that focuses of the Autobot [Drift](/wiki/Drift_(Transformers)) in a design completely based off his *Robots in Disguise* appearance, but as a character separate from G1 Megatron. [Template:Clear](/wiki/Template:Clear)

### Other Versions[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=27)]

"Ask Vector Prime" would introduce additional versions of this Megatron/Galvatron, both associating with other tyrants. One version would join forces with the Predacon Cryotek, who reformatted him into the Vehicon Megabolt to enable him to control Fortress Maximus. Similarly, in another universe the tyrannical Megazarak would use the remains of the fallen Megatron to create an undead Megabolt to serve as his own controller for Fortress Maximus. However, before he could implement this plan, Megabolt and others of Megazarak's forces would be abducted by Unicron.

## Unicron Trilogy[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=28)]

[Template:Transformers character](/wiki/Template:Transformers_character) The **Megatron** of the "Unicron Trilogy" ([*Transformers: Armada*](/wiki/Transformers:_Armada), [*Transformers: Energon*](/wiki/Transformers:_Energon) and [*Transformers: Cybertron*](/wiki/Transformers:_Cybertron)) is the leader of the evil [Decepticons](/wiki/Decepticon) in that universe of the [*Transformers*](/wiki/Transformers_(toyline)) [mythology](/wiki/Transformers_series). In all three animated series, he is modified into **Galvatron**, reverting to his Megatron name at the beginning of each series. He is voiced by [David Kaye](/wiki/David_Kaye), who also voiced the [*Beast Wars*](/wiki/Beast_Wars) and [*Beast Machines*](/wiki/Beast_Machines) version of [Megatron](/wiki/Megatron_(Beast_Era)).

### Animated series[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=29)]

Megatron is a refined, focused general of the Decepticons. He is extremely cruel, ruthless and cunning as well as incredibly strong and intelligent. Only Optimus Prime can be compared with him in force. Megatron will stop at nothing in order to achieve his ultimate object, that is to say, to rule over all the [Mini-Cons](/wiki/Mini-Con) and over the entire Universe, in the end. In *Micron Legend* (the Japanese version of *Transformers: Armada*) Megatron did not rename himself Galvatron when he received his power boost. Instead, he renames himself when he is reborn in *Superlink*, using the name "Galvatron" throughout the series. In the American version, on the other hand, he reverts to using the name Megatron again, changing it to Galvatron once more towards the end of the series.

Ten years later, Primus's plan to imprison Unicron's spark at the heart of the sun ultimately failed, leading the star to collapse, creating a black hole which threatened the existence of Cybertron, and the rest of the universe. Escaping his confinement within the sun, Megatron (now known as **Master Megatron** in Japan[[24]](#cite_note-24)) enhanced his powers by merging his body with the remnants of Unicron's shattered form, increasing his power with the dark god's own. In this new form, Megatron became a [Triple Changer](/wiki/Triple_Changer) with the ability to change into a monstrous racing vehicle and a Cybertronian jet plane. His primary weapons consist of two rear-mounted missile launchers and the ability to unleash energy streams from his palms in the shape of lightning bolts. In addition, he can call upon a Cyber Key to activate high speed thrusters in vehicle mode, as well as a battle claw (Named as Death Claw in Japan) in robot mode.

Megatron (in his *Cybertron* form) appears among the characters in *Re-Unification*, the 2010 [TFcon](/wiki/TFcon) voice actor play prelude comic.[[25]](#cite_note-25)

### Comics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=30)]

#### Dreamwave Productions[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=31)]

The story of Megatron in the [*Armada*](/wiki/Transformers:_Armada_(comics)) comics would be similar to his animated counterpart, but with an expanded backstory. Attacking various [Mini-Con](/wiki/Mini-Con) villages to draw the Autobots away, Megatron's forces then declared war and invaded Cyber-City, crushing all resistance and announcing himself as its new leader. The Autobots returned but were no match for the Mini-Con-enhanced Decepticons. However, a handful of Mini-Cons broke into Decepticon headquarters, freed most of their comrades and evacuated the planet. Despite this setback, the few Mini-Cons that Megatron had left were still enough to allow him to conquer Cybertron.

Realizing that the threat Unicron posed was too great to be overcome on his own, Megatron agreed to co-operate with Optimus Prime by pooling resources. Megatron's Decepticons and the Autobots came to a truce for their final battle with Unicron. Megatron returned the Mini-Cons and joined the battle against Unicron, but secretly planned to let the Autobots die and then strike a bargain with Unicron. In the final battle with Unicron, [Hot Shot](/wiki/Hot_Shot_(Transformers)), [Red Alert](/wiki/Red_Alert_(Transformers)) and [Scavenger](/wiki/Scavenger_(Transformers)) attacked Megatron and knocked him into Unicron's mouth, where he was devoured alive.(Transformers: Armada #18 )

The origin of *Energon* Megatron was different in the Dreamwave comics. Although Megatron appeared dead, seemingly devoured by Unicron at the end of the *Armada* comics, it was later revealed that Megatron's mind was trapped within Unicron's bulk, where he existed undetected by Unicron, slowly building himself a new body. However, he could not move his consciousness into the body without being detected by Unicron.

Megatron would also appear in the Energon promotional comic. On Earth, Megatron, with the aid of [Snowcat](/wiki/Cyclonus), [Shockwave](/wiki/Shockwave_(Transformers)), [Mirage](/wiki/Mirage_(Transformers)) and [Demolishor](/wiki/Demolishor), has cornered Optimus Prime and a wounded [Hot Shot](/wiki/Hot_Shot_(Transformers)). Optimus refused to give up despite the odds. The other Autobot reinforcements were over ten minutes away when [Wing Saber](/wiki/Wing_Saber) arrived. Megatron was shocked to learn the power of Optimus Prime when he [Powerlinked](/wiki/Powerlink_(Transformers)) with Wing Saber and turned back all the Decepticons, and then Megatron himself. The Autobots then arrive and Optimus thanked Wing Saber for his help.

#### 3H Enterprises[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=32)]

Plucked from his timeline by the power of Unicron immediately after building the Star Saber, Megatron was thrust together with [Grimlock](/wiki/Grimlock) and [Optimus Primal](/wiki/Optimus_Primal) to battle [Striker](/wiki/Striker_(Transformers)) and [Reptilion](/wiki/Reptilion). Though his fate was not revealed in the line before it's cancellation, "Ask [Vector Prime](/wiki/Vector_Prime)" revealed the continued history of this incarnation of Armada Megatron. Having witnessed the evil of Unicron firsthand, he was more easily convinced to join forces with the Autobots, and did not have to witness Starscream's willingness to sacrifice himself. As a result, Starscream stepped up to fill his shoes after Megatron fell during the battle with Unicron, and the Autobots and Decepticons were more fully united when he reappeared as leader of the Terrorcons. Later, during the events of the Unicron Singularity, Megatron would be reformatted into Beast Megatron rather than Galvatron, and eventually face the similarly reformatted Beast Optimus in battle before being destroyed by Vector Prime's sword Rhisling.

"Ask Vector Prime" would also feature another alternate Armada Megatron, this one having become Galvatron, who attempted to form an alliance with [Megazarak](/wiki/Scorponok#Robots_in_Disguise) when that Decepticon arrived in his universe. However, after briefly working together and defeating the Autobots and Rodimus' Omnicons, Galvatron and his Decepticons were set upon by Megazarak and his Destructicons and destroyed.

#### Pack-in comics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=33)]

In the second *Transformers: Energon* pack-in comic [Prowl](/wiki/Prowl_(Transformers)), [Inferno](/wiki/Inferno_(Transformers)) and [Landmine](/wiki/Landmine_(Transformers)) discover some hills on Earth that are rich with energon and call in to [Optimus Prime](/wiki/Optimus_Prime_(Unicron_Trilogy)) that they should put an energon tower up. Optimus warns the Autobots that Decepticon activity has been scanned nearby. Megatron attacks with a horde of [Divebomb](/wiki/Divebomb) [Terrorcon](/wiki/Terrorcon) clones. The Autobots attempt by fight back by having Mirage and Inferno Powerlinx while Landmine goes into brute mode, but they are overwhelmed when [Insecticon](/wiki/Insecticons) Terrorcon hordes join in the attack. The Autobots retreat and Megatron takes the energon for himself. [Template:Clear](/wiki/Template:Clear)

## Transformers Cinematic Universe[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=34)]

[Template:Transformers character](/wiki/Template:Transformers_character) In the 2007 [live action *Transformers* film](/wiki/Transformers_(film)), Megatron's alternate mode is a Cybertronian jet. The apparent explanation for the departure from his gun form is that director [Michael Bay](/wiki/Michael_Bay) does not want to include any sort of size changing in the transformations, which the writers described as "cheating".[[26]](#cite_note-26) (This significant change in size is known in Transformers fan communities as "mass shifting" and "[mass displacement](/wiki/Transformers_technology#Mass_displacement)".) In one of the special features on the DVD, G1 Megatron's transformation was likened to [Darth Vader](/wiki/Darth_Vader) turning into his own [lightsaber](/wiki/Lightsaber) to be wielded by someone else. Additionally, Bay states in the DVD that Megatron's face was originally different from the one shown in the film, but he asked it to be redesigned due to fans reacting with strong opposition to it once Megatron's design was unveiled before the film was completed.[[27]](#cite_note-27) In the second film, Megatron gains a different alternate mode, that of a Cybertronian flying tank. In the third film, Megatron receives another different alternate mode, that being a Mack 10-wheeler tanker truck (a demented version of Optimus Prime's alternate mode) with a tarp which may act as a cowl to partially hide Megatron's face due to extensive damage he received in the second film. After his death in the third film, he returns in the fourth movie, where his consciousness possesses Galvatron, a man-made Transformer created by KSI, and transforms into a 2014 [Freightliner Argosy](/wiki/Freightliner_Argosy) cab over truck.

Actor [Hugo Weaving](/wiki/Hugo_Weaving) provides the voice of Megatron in the films. His voice in the series seems to have been modulated to give it a deeper, growling tone as well as the other voice actors. The original voice of Megatron, [Frank Welker](/wiki/Frank_Welker), provides his voice for the official video games of the movies (with Dark of the Moon as the exception, where he was voiced by [Fred Tatasciore](/wiki/Fred_Tatasciore)), along with the exclusive animated prequel.[[28]](#cite_note-28) Like all characters in the film, Megatron was redesigned for purposes of realism and focus on the alien aspect of the Transformer race. However, he still retains some minor aspects of his *Generation 1* design. As shown in the first film, he can transform his left hand into his iconic fusion cannon (though his G1 incarnation depicted it on his right arm), and can also transform his right arm into a steel flail. In the second film, after Megatron's resurrection, his right arm could transform into a fusion cannon, coupled with a [lobster](/wiki/Lobster) claw-like blade/crushing device. In the third film, Instead of using a fusion cannon integrated into either of his arms, he uses a handheld version of it, which resembles a human shotgun, specifically a Lupara.[Template:Or](/wiki/Template:Or)

According to an early interview with Michael Bay, Megatron stands at [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert) tall,[[29]](#cite_note-29) but according to his profile in the second issue of the *Transformers UK* comic Megatron stands "35 feet (10.6 m) tall" and weighs 8.6 tons. Additionally, the magazine and the *Movie Guide* states he is powered by a self-regenerating dark matter power core. Hasbro have now said that Megatron officially stands 35 feet and weighs in at 5.7 metric tons.

[BotCon](/wiki/BotCon) [Malaysia](/wiki/Malaysia) 2007 featured a parking space which was "Reserved for Megatron". A car parked in the space had been totaled, presumably by the Decepticon leader for taking his spot.[[30]](#cite_note-30)

### Films[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=35)]

[Template:Main](/wiki/Template:Main) Megatron appears in *Transformers*. Several years after being discovered by [Captain Archibald Witwicky](/wiki/Witwicky_family#Archibald_Witwicky), Megatron's frozen body is transported from the [Arctic Circle](/wiki/Arctic_Circle) to [Hoover Dam](/wiki/Hoover_Dam) to be guarded by Sector 7, a secret government organization that studies Non-Biological Extraterrestrials (N.B.E.'s), as well as other alien-related activities. Sector 7 Agent Seymour Simmons explains that the Earth's magnetic field may have interfered with Megatron's [telemetry](/wiki/Telemetry), causing him to crash during the Ice Age. He also explains that his technology was reverse-engineered, producing the world's modern technology. Megatron's location, as well as the All Spark's, is located by a group of Decepticons led by Starscream. After sneaking into Hoover Dam [Frenzy](/wiki/Frenzy_(Transformers)#Transformers) thaws out Megatron, who escapes outside and learns from Starscream that the humans and the Autobots have taken the All Spark. Megatron pursues the Autobots and their allies to [Los Angeles](/wiki/Los_Angeles), where he quickly (and rather brutally) disposes of [Jazz](/wiki/Jazz_(Transformers)#Transformers) before battling Optimus Prime. He overpowers Optimus and then pursues [Sam Witwicky](/wiki/Witwicky_family#Samuel_James_Witwicky) up a condemned building, attempting to taunt and threaten the human into giving him the All Spark. Sam declines, prompting Megatron to knock the boy off the roof of the building with his flail. Optimus saves Sam and battles Megatron again. Towards the end of the battle as Megatron and Optimus are fighting, [Blackout](/wiki/Blackout_(Transformers)#Transformers) attempts to help Megatron kill Optimus Prime. However, Blackout is killed by Captain Lennox and his team. After being weakened by human combat jets, Megatron attempts to seize the Allspark once again, only to have it shoved into his exposed spark chamber by Sam, killing him. Megatron's body is later dumped into the [Laurentian Abyss](/wiki/Laurentian_Abyss), along with the other dead Decepticons.

Megatron returns in the sequel film, [*Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*](/wiki/Transformers:_Revenge_of_the_Fallen). In the film, he is revealed to be The Fallen's disciple, and the second commander of the Decepticon armies, as The Fallen is the true commander of the Decepticons. Megatron is revived by [Scalpel](/wiki/Scalpel_(Transformers)#Transformers:_Revenge_of_the_Fallen) and the [Constructicons](/wiki/Constructicons#Transformers:_Revenge_of_the_Fallen) with an AllSpark shard and now takes on the form of a [Cybertronian](/wiki/Cybertron) winged tank. He then flies to the [Nemesis](/wiki/Nemesis_(Transformers)), where he is greeted by [Starscream](/wiki/Starscream) (whom he briefly pummels and berates for deserting him on earth). He then reunites with The Fallen, telling of the All Spark's demise before being told by his master that its knowledge (which has been passed on to Sam) is the key for providing [Energon](/wiki/Energon), which is needed by the Decepticons in order to awaken their [protoform](/wiki/Protoform) armies. Sam, his girlfriend [Mikaela Banes](/wiki/Mikaela_Banes) and his dorm mate Leo Spitz are abducted by [Grindor](/wiki/Grindor#Transformers:_Revenge_of_the_Fallen) into an abandoned factory where Megatron meets them. Pinning down Sam, threatening to torture him after acquiring what he needed, Megatron orders Scalpel to extract the Energon information from Sam's brain (ordering him to actually remove his brain), but they are quickly stopped by Optimus Prime. Megatron and Prime have a brief fight in the warehouse and then have a major battle in a forest, with Starscream and Grindor joining in. The fight ends with Megatron killing Prime by stabbing and shooting him with his fusion cannon, but then being forced to escape due to the intervention of Autobot reinforcements. Megatron then declares to Starscream that the Decepticons must reveal themselves to the humans in order to flush out Sam, and assists The Fallen in ordering the world's humans to find Sam and bring him to the Decepticons. Megatron and Starscream soon arrive in [Egypt](/wiki/Egypt), and he commands his Decepticons (including several Constructicons and Starscream) to prevent Sam from getting the [Matrix of Leadership](/wiki/Matrix_of_Leadership) to Optimus and retrieve it for The Fallen's machine. He then summons [Devastator](/wiki/Devastator_(Transformers)#Transformers:_Revenge_of_the_Fallen), who destroys the top part of the [Great Pyramid of Giza](/wiki/Great_Pyramid_of_Giza), revealing the Star Harvester. The Fallen soon arrives after Devastator's destruction (see Devastator for more info.), and takes the Matrix of Leadership from a recently revived Optimus. Megatron then greets him, but is blown away by an upgraded Optimus Prime (using the parts of [Jetfire](/wiki/Jetfire#Transformers:_Revenge_of_the_Fallen) to fly). Megatron and his master then battle Optimus. In one brutal move, Optimus grabs Megatron's arm cannon and forces it to fire on Megatron's face, destroying half of it, and then slices off his right arm and shoots him through a wall with [Jetfire's](/wiki/Jetfire#Transformers:_Revenge_of_the_Fallen) afterburners. After seeing The Fallen killed, Starscream advises that they should retreat. Megatron does so, but vows that the war isn't over.

Megatron returns in [*Transformers: Dark of the Moon*](/wiki/Transformers:_Dark_of_the_Moon). In the three years since *Revenge of The Fallen*, Megatron has been hiding out in [Africa](/wiki/Africa) healing his wounds, and taking care of the hatchlings.[[31]](#cite_note-31) In the film it is revealed that Megatron allies himself with [Sentinel Prime](/wiki/Sentinel_Prime) in an attempt to revitalize Cybertron. Soundwave and [Laserbeak](/wiki/Laserbeak) inform him of the Autobot's discovery of the Ark ship on the moon, and orders them to kill their human allies. When Sentinel reveals his true intentions to the Autobots, Megatron arrives in [Washington D.C](/wiki/Washington_D.C). to meet with him. After blasting the statue of Abraham Lincoln and using it as a throne, he witnesses Sentinel activate his Space Bridge to bring his Decepticon forces to Earth. During the invasion of [Chicago](/wiki/Chicago), Sentinel violently demoralizes Megatron after the latter makes a suggestion of how they will rule Cybertron together after it has arrived through the Space Bridge. When Cybertron appears in Earth's atmosphere, Megatron shows a rare example of sadness and regret. Towards the end of the battle, Megatron is convinced by Carly that Sentinel will take all of the power and credit for revitalizing Cybertron for himself. Angered, Megatron turns on Sentinel and severely damages him, declaring that Earth is his planet to rule. When Cybertron's trip through the Space Bridge fails, Megatron slyly proposes a truce to Optimus, so long as he remains in charge of the Decepticon forces. But the Autobot leader, knowing that Megatron would not give in so easily, denies the offer and attacks him, overpowering him and ripping Megatron's head off with an axe, finally killing him. Shortly after, Optimus uses Megatron's shotgun to execute Sentinel.

In [*Transformers: Age of Extinction*](/wiki/Transformers:_Age_of_Extinction), it is revealed Megatron's mind is actually still alive and in a stasis inside his severed head. A few years after the Chicago war, Megatron's remains are acquired by KSI, who are attempting to forge their own Transformers with "transformium". Their CEO Joshua Joyce forces [Brains](/wiki/Brains_(Transformers)) to download information from Megatron's head, which the Decepticon leader silently allows so Joshua will gain the information needed to succeed, which will grant Megatron access to a new body. Megatron then infects and possesses the unit [**Galvatron**](/wiki/Galvatron#Transformers:_Age_of_Extinction). He then pretends to obey orders, only to finally defy his creators at film's climax and accept his new identity and rebirth.

Megatron will return in the next installment, [*Transformers: The Last Knight*](/wiki/Transformers:_The_Last_Knight).[[32]](#cite_note-32)

## Honors[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=55)]

At [BotCon](/wiki/BotCon) 2010, Hasbro named Megatron as one of the first five robot inductees in the Transformers Hall of Fame.[[50]](#cite_note-50) [*Wizard Magazine*](/wiki/Wizard_(magazine)) rated Megatron the 68th greatest villain of all time.[[51]](#cite_note-51) *Beast Era* Megatron was named the best upgrade in Beast Wars history [Topless Robot](/wiki/Topless_Robot).[[52]](#cite_note-52) By contrast, Transmetal Megatron was voted the 4th strangest Transformers Beast Wars figure by Topless Robot.[[53]](#cite_note-53)

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