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# Darksteel Fact Sheet

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*Darksteel* is the newest upcoming expert-level expansion for **Magic: The Gathering**. It is the second set in the *Mirrodin* Block, which also includes the sets *Mirrodin* and the upcoming *Fifth Dawn*.

**Prerelease Date: January 24-25, 2004.**  
Find information and schedules for *Darksteel* prerelease tournament events [here!](#)



**Release (Sale) Date: February 6, 2004.**

**Legal in Constructed Tournaments: February 20, 2004.**  
This will be just in time to be legal for Pro Tour Kobe, February 27-29; a block constructed event.

**Set Size: 165 cards.**  
This is the first set to release with this size. Randy Buehler explained this change in set size in [an article](#).

**Border Color: Black.**  
*Darksteel* will be the second black-bordered set to feature the new card face that debuted in *Eighth Edition*. The premium cards will also be black bordered.

**Expansion Symbol: A stylized shield.**

**R&D Code Name: Lettuce.**

**R&D Design Team: Bill Rose (lead), Tyler Bielman, Brian Schneider, and Mark Rosewater.**

**R&D Development Team: Henry Stern (lead), Tyler Bielman, Brandon Bozzi, Charlie Catino, and Brian Schneider.**

We'll be posting more information and preview cards over the coming weeks, so stay tuned to [MagicTheGathering.com](#).

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