

Airtight

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AIRTIGHT. The codename used by U.S. Army Sergeant Kurt Schnurr. Considered "weird" while he grew up in New Haven, Connecticut, Airtight is known for being an even stranger adult. He keeps scorpions for pets and enjoys tomato and peanut butter sandwiches. An expert in CBR (Chemical, Biological and Radiological Warfare), Airtight enjoys his job intensely. Airtight joined the G.I. Joe team in 1985. During their final training mission as provisional members of the G.I. Joe team, Airtight, Bazooka, Crankcase and Heavy Metal were testing out new vehicles in the desert near Las Vegas, Nevada led by Lady Jaye. On the highway on the way back from a lunch break, the group was attacked by Cobra B.A.T.s (Battle Android Troopers) carrying creeper vines and sleeping gas created by Cobra agent Dr. Mindbender, who was demonstrating them to Destro and the Baroness. The Joes were kidnapped and forced into battling the B.A.T.s in a junkyard. Airtight figured out how to defeat the vines and with the help of the other Joes, destroyed Mindbender's factory, forcing the three Cobras into retreat. A short time later, Airtight was part of the force that invaded the Cobra-controlled town of Springfield. During a conversation with the Joes' commander, Hawk, a side comment made by Airtight was turned into a operational recon mission that sent a disguised Snake-Eyes into Sierra Gordo to spy on a Cobra Terror-Drome launch base. Airtight was part of a mission to find a World War II German bomber discovered imbedded in a glacier in Greenland. It was Airtight's job to neutralize the deadly gas stored in the plane. The mission was successful despite interference from Cobra. Later, Airtight, Charbroil, Spearhead and Tunnel Rat were sent into the sewers under New York City to neutralize nerve gas canisters installed there by Cobra. The gas turned out to be a diversion too stop the Joes from discovering Cobra's true mission in New York. Airtight was later one of the Joes who defended G.I. Joe headquarters in Utah from a Cobra attack. Airtight was part of the advanced recon team sent through the sewers of Millville that discovered Cobra's involvement with the Decepticon Transformer known as Megatron. The operation exposed Millville as a front for Cobra activities. After the Joe team was disbanded, Airtight returned to the regular Army as a CBR trooper. In 2001, Airtight was called back to reserve status on the reinstated G.I. Joe team. He headed to the Arctic circle with a team of Joes to investigate a secret laboratory where experiments had gone wrong and fought the mutated humans trapped inside. He later helped stop a terrorist plot by Tyler Wingfield. After the Joe team stopped a plot by Cobra to unleash the weapon known as the Tempest, and defeated a new threat, the Red Shadows, the military again disbanded the team. One year later, the Joe team was reformed with a smaller roster of active members. Airtight, like most former Joes, is a reserve member of the new team. He was called back to duty to stop a group of terrorists who had taken control of a Cobra biological weapon facility in Manhattan. During the conflict known as World War III, Airtight was stationed in Iraq.

(GI 44, 49, 50, 52, 54, 130, 140, 141, 144; OB 1; SM 2, 21; GIv2 26, 36; BF 1; FL 5-8, 11, 12; AE 15, 25 (cover); SM:M; Figure: 1, 2)