

Shockwave

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SHOCKWAVE. The code name used by U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Jason A. Faria. Born in Dearborn, Michigan, Shockwave became the youngest member of the police department in nearby Detroit. He was also a choir singer since he was a boy, and still occasionally sings to this day (He's a half-decent tenor when his voice is in shape). As part of the Detroit PD S.W.A.T. team, Shockwave was the man who kicked down the door and was the first one to find out how bad it really was behind that door. He held two citations for bravery when he signed up for the Army and the G.I. Joe team.

On one of his first missions for the team Shockwave and a group of Joes stormed the offices of Nexus Tech -- a software company contracted by the government -- to foil a hostage situation. Shortly after, Shockwave put his S.W.A.T. experience to good use when saving a family being held hostage in their suburban home in the Midwest. It was Shockwave who made the vital discovery that the Joes had mistaken the family's father for one of the criminals. After a brief mission watching Cobra attack Castle Destro in Scotland, Shockwave headed to war-torn Sierra Gordo to go undercover and rescue rebel leader El Jefe from the Iron Grenadiers. Before he and his team could complete their mission, the October Guard stormed in and rescued El Jefe themselves. In their attempts to take him back, Shockwave and the Joes witnessed the deaths of four members of the October Guard at the hands of the Grenadiers. The Joes and surviving members of the Guard were held prisoner until they were rescued by another group of Joes. Shockwave continued to serve the team for years and was a member of the short-lived Drug Elimination Force before G.I. Joe was shut down in 1994. The team was reinstated in 2001, and Shockwave eventually rejoined them in their attempts to stop a plot by terrorist Tyler Wingfield. He later took part in a major battle on Cobra Island against troops led by a revived Serpentor.

Shockwave's action figure was renamed "Shockblast" in 2008.

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