

CZ0549 - CMM "SLIVER SWARM" PRECON UPGRADE GUIDE

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Commander Masters is here! It's time for our upgrade guide for "Sliver Swarm," the five-color Slivers Commander precon deck. We've gonna go over the STATS and suggest 10 cards to add and 10 to take out! BUT FIRST:

****CARD KINGDOM** **ULTRAPRO #1** **PATREON: MICHAEL FINE****

- 2) MAIN TOPIC: **"SLIVER SWARM" - PRECON UPGRADE GUIDE**

The rules: 10 cards in, 10 cards out. Total budget of \$50. We'll leave the mana base as-is.

NEW COMMANDERS

SLIVER GRAVEMOTHER (primary commander)

- *Encore is interesting with slivers because it gives you a lot of Sliver bodies, but not all of their abilities scale with having copies of the same creature. It's great with anthem slivers like Might Sliver, but it's not with one like Two-Headed Sliver. Also makes this deck more of a graveyard deck than most Sliver decks have been in the past.*

RUKARUMEL, BIOLOGIST (secondary commanders)

- *This is a very bizarre card. With a bunch of slivers in the 99 (like this deck), this basically gives the sliver abilities to other types of creatures in the deck. It's a neat commander, but not a strong commander for this deck.*

SLIVER HIVELORD (tertiary commanders)

- *It's not a new card, but it definitely could be your commander and offers a lot of protection for a straight-forward Sliver aggro deck. If you just want some more board protection and don't want to fuss with the encore of the Gravemother, this is a clean option.*

“SLIVER SWARM” DECK STATS

- 11 - Ramp
- 11 - Card Draw
- 5 - Targeted Interaction
- 3 - Wipes
- 37 - Lands
 - 11 - Basic Lands
 - 16 - Tapped Lands

- 41 - Slivers
- 11 - Anthem
- 6 - Board Protection
- 5 - Graveyard Fillers
- 19 - Fixing

WHO SHOULD YOU RUN AS THE COMMANDER?

Sliver Gravemother

- *Gravemother is a new effect for this kind of deck. We've seen combo Slivers and aggro Slivers, but there's never really been a graveyard Sliver commander.*

REPRINT VALUE

This only takes into account the value of the reprints (79) at time of recording, NOT the new cards.

Total Reprint Value is \$153.50

Retail value is hard to determine without MSRP and they are fluctuating wildly, but these decks are selling for about \$80. Precons, in recent years, have more commonly cost about \$40.

**So we would expect the reprint value to be roughly 2x (double) a normal precon from the past, keeping consistent bang for your buck.*

(Average Reprint Value)

Baldur's Gate Precons - Average Reprint Value \$104 (\$2.60 of cards for \$1 cash)

Brothers' War Precons - Average Reprint Value \$95 (\$2.38 of cards for \$1 cash)

All Will Be One Precons - Average Reprint Value \$101 (\$2.50 of cards for \$1 cash)

March of the Machine Precons - Average Reprint Value \$97 (\$2.40 of cards for \$1 cash)

“Sliver Swarm” is \$153.50 (If you buy it at \$80, \$1.92 of cards for \$1 cash)

Which basically equates to \$76.75 of value when comparing to \$40 precons. So pretty low value.

NOTABLE REPRINTS (9 cards worth MORE than \$5)

- **Synapse Sliver** **\$25.50**

- **Sliver Hivelord** \$17.00
- **Galerider Sliver** \$12.00
- **Three Visits** \$7.50
- **Vanquisher's Banner** \$6.50
- **Brood Sliver** \$6.00
- **Crystalline Sliver** \$6.00
- **Realmwalker** \$5.00
- **Windfall** \$5.00

BEST CARDS IN THE DECK (*denotes a reprint)

- **Synapse Sliver***
It's a Sliver with card advantage and a LOT of it.
- **Lavabelly Sliver***
This triples if you've encored it. And sets you up for an absurd turn of encoring or just casting slivers from hand.
- **Realmwalker***
Card advantage is at a premium and there are a LOT of Slivers in the deck

MIDROLL BREAK

Quick discussion about our evaluation of the deck right out-of-the-box and what the goal of the adds/subtractions were going into the "cards to add" section:

CARDS TO ADD

(remember: our total budget is around \$50 for this exercise)

SCARY SLIVERS

- **Virulent Sliver \$0.25**
Poisonous stacks with Encore!
- **Muscle Sliver \$1.00**
Encore for swole slivers.
- **Predatory Sliver \$0.75**
Encore for swole slivers

SEE MORE CARDS

- **The First Sliver \$22.00**
If you have three, your slivers have Cascade, Cascade, Cascade
- **Kindred Discovery \$12.00**
HUGE amount of draw for this deck. And discarding to hand size is good for encore
- **Homing Sliver \$0.25**
Sliver tutors that put slivers into the bin to encore later!

MAX VALUE

- **Basal Sliver \$0.75**
Great way to get Slivers into your graveyard and can use the mana to activate Encore. Encoring this creature is mana positive
- **Patriarch's Bidding \$2.25**
You're going to get board-wiped. Have a plan.
- **Sundial of the Infinite \$7.00**
Keep all the encore'd slivers.

INTERACTION

- **Despark \$0.25**
This deck is low on interaction. Let's give it a flexible one.

Total = \$46.50

CARDS TO TAKE OUT

- **Crippling Fear**
The deck certainly doesn't need 3 board wipes, and this is the weakest
- **Icon of Ancestry**
Slow draw engine and you have better anthems
- **For the Ancestors**
Even with 40 in the deck, this isn't a great draw rate. Most likely to hit 2. Less than 50% to hit 3.
- **Rukarumel, Biologist**
Not a great token rate and very off the plan.
- **Clot Sliver**
This is expensive, conditional board protection. Not likely to have this much mana up.
- **Winged Sliver**
There are two other Slivers that grant flying and another that gives unblockable. Plus, it doesn't scale with the commander
- **Two-Headed Sliver**
Again. We have lots of evasion.
- **Blade Sliver**
We added more efficient anthems
- **Might Sliver**
Too high mana value
- **Megantic Sliver**
Too high mana value

HOW THE DECK PLAYS

With the precon mana base, the first few turns may be clunky. You have a LOT of tapped lands. But ASAP come out swinging with your slivers. Go ahead, overcommit to the board. Your opponents will have to deal with your slivers or they'll die. After they find that board wipe? Cast your commander and set up for

a HUGE encore turn. Encore as many slivers as you can to maximize synergy and swing for one more hasty attack. First time your commander dies? Send her to the graveyard.

3) **TO THE LISTENERS**

What do you think of the “Sliver Swarm” precon? Any cards we missed? Any cards we suggested to take out or add that you disagree with?

****CARD KINGDOM OUT** **ULTRA PRO #2****

4) **THE END STEP**

Something cool outside the world of Magic.

5) CLEAN-UP STEP

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