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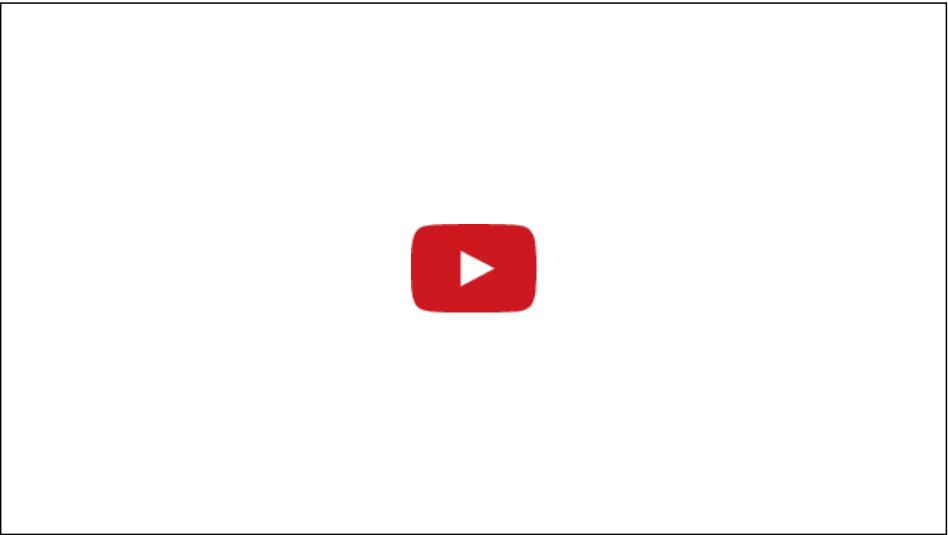
Rest assured, Star Wars fans. The crossguard [lightsaber](#) that will appear in the upcoming "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" was not conceived on a whim, no less than director JJ Abrams assured.

Abrams disclosed this in an interview with Collider.com, after attending the Visual Effects Society Awards to accept the Visionary Award.

"It was a number of conversations ... It was a sketch that became a whole thing and, you know, this was not done without a lot of conversation and it's fun to see people have the conversation that we had, but in reverse," [he said](#).


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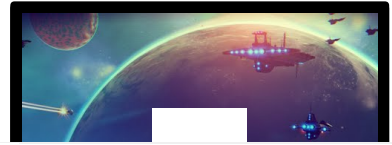
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Abrams also said he finds it funny that people continue to debate about the new crossguard design.

He said he has received many contradictory emails from people who have both defended it with "unbelievably detailed graphics."

"I've seen other things, I've gotten things that are nuts, and I've gotten people who've shown how it'll [kill you](#) and how it doesn't make any sense. It's been the funniest thing to see the arguments that have developed over this thing," he said.

While Abrams declined to get into the origins of the lightsaber saying it's a "long story" that he'll tell at another time, he assures fans that he and his team had the exact same debates when designing the piece of weaponry:

Meanwhile, Abrams said he has not yet seen a first cut of the new [film](#) as they are still editing.

Abrams also said they are using computer graphics not to add things but to remove them from the screen.

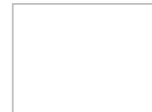
"I feel like the beauty of this age of filmmaking is that there are more tools at your disposal, but it doesn't mean that any of these new tools are automatically the right tools. And there are a lot of situations where we went very much old school and in fact used CG more to remove things than to add things," he said.

Abrams also said he is involved as an executive producer on Episodes VIII and IX, though he said Episode VIII belongs to writer/director Rian Johnson. — [Joel Loecin/TJD, GMA News](#)

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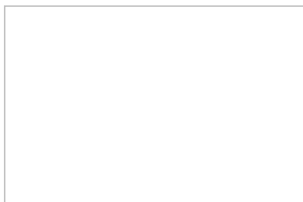
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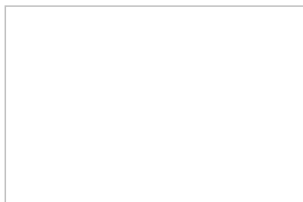
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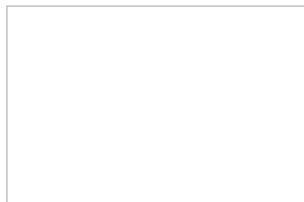
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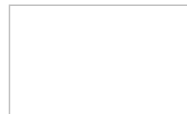
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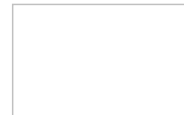
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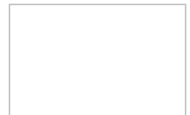
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