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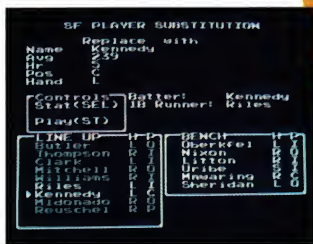
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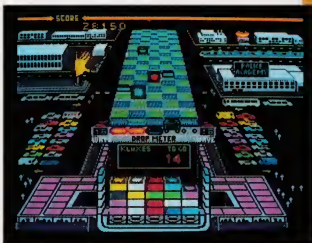
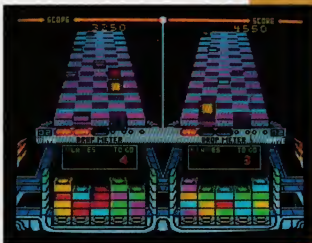
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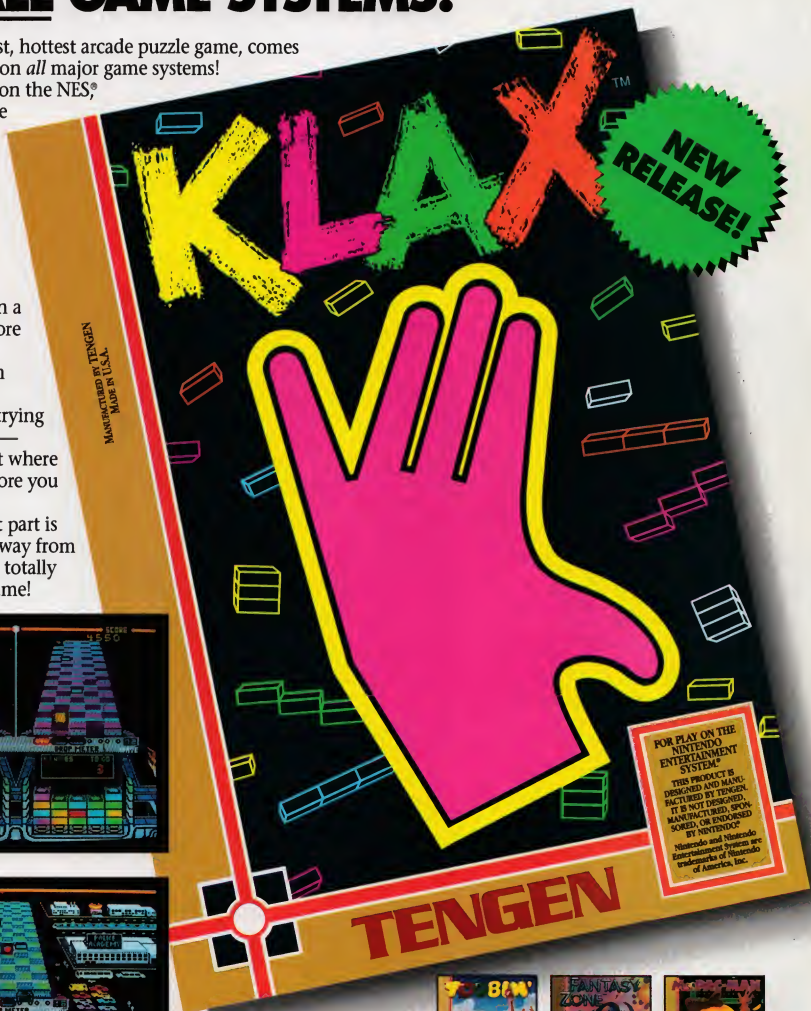
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Turn to page 40 for EGM's 45-page pictorial from the floor of the CES show in Chicago! The largest video game get-together spotlighted hundreds of new games for all the major systems and we were there to capture it all! You get photos of all the new games set to appear for the Nintendo Entertainment System, Sega Master System and Sega Genesis, including many that weren't even display to most CES visitors! This is your VIP pass to the hottest video game event around, guaranteed to be the most comprehensive and complete coverage of the CES you'll find anywhere! Only from EGM!

with system specifications and a list of nearly two dozen new titles set to appear. We deliver pictures of the cartridges, the tuner and even the video inputs! Also look for a new set of pictures of the Turbo Express in use, complete with photos of that portable's tuner. We also target the Konami Lazer Scope voice-recognition helmet that's determined to change the way we play all of the existing light gun games.

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We have always prided ourselves in searching out the hottest new developments from within the video game industry. We are equally proud of our ability to print that same information first, before rival gaming mags and often before the companies themselves know!

Recently, however, our competitors have attempted to set the record straight on a number of important gaming topics. While I like to hear information on exciting new products like the Nintendo Super Famicom and Sega Game Gear, many of the references in these articles are so far off-base I feel obliged to comment.

The Super Famicom has been up in the air for months, having undergone a revision in design that has left it more compact. With its new name, the SFX, the 16-Bit Nintendo will be shown to Japanese game players for the first time on November 21, when 300,000 of the machines are reported to go on-sale nationwide.

A topic that one magazine in particular was way-off on is the Sega Game Gear hand-held. While it's true that Sega has no plans to launch such a product in 1990, the machine is absolutely completed, with nearly 20 games nearing readiness. EGM editor Ed Semrad, along with our foreign correspondant Hideki Shikata, has actually played the unit and observed many of its advanced capabilities firsthand. Stating that it's in a prototype stage is erroneous to say the least (see page 30 for the complete story).

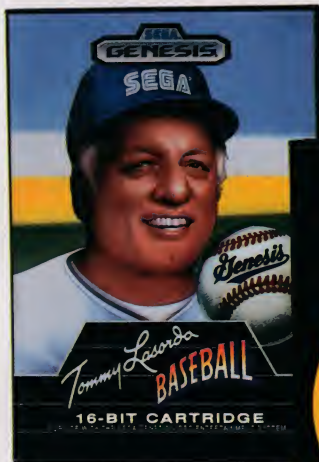
If you look at our track record, loyal EGM readers were the first to hear about nearly all of the major twists and turns from within the game industry. Thumbing through past publications, you'll uncover a wealth of info on the following products that was printed in our pages first:

NEC's PC Engine
Sega's Mega Drive
Nintendo's Super Famicom
NEC's Super Grafx
Konix's Multi-System
SNK's Neo-Geo
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To us, it's important to be consistently first with information on games and systems and we constantly travel around the world to get it! We continue our trademark as the First Word on Gaming with this special preview of the games and game system unveiled at the CES show. Traditionally the public birthplace for hundreds of video games and new technology, our editors have documented this event, like all the others listed above, so that our readers will be the first in the know. Check the rest out yourself and see if they even come close to the coverage you get here.

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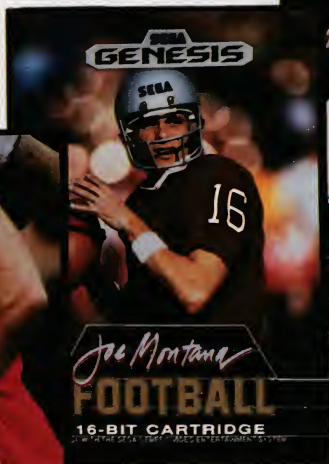
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ASK THE JOKER!

First of all, I love your mag! I've got a Sega Genesis and I just flipped through your Number 10 issue. I saw the Batman game for Mega Drive and went crazy! I've heard two things...that it will be released later in the year and that it will NEVER be released in the states because a copyright or something

like that. Which is it?!? It looks awesome and I would like to get it.

**Brad Johnson
Sharpburd, MD**

(ed. Sorry Brad, but not even Batman himself will be able to stop Nintendo and their contracts which prohibit any Batman games from appearing on rival systems. The Mega Drive version, due out in July, will more than likely never appear outside of Japan.)

WANTS MORE TF-3

I was recently looking through your tenth issue and saw some awesomely detailed clips from some new arcade games that I'm sure are going to be hits. The games that I'm talking about are R-Type 2 and Mercs. Now I'm wondering if these arcade games will ever be translated to the Sega Genesis system. By the way, I was wondering if you'd give us another look at Technosoft's Thunder Force 3.

Anthony Grayson

(ed. For an explosive blow-out of this ultimate horizontal shooter, look for the second issue of Mega Play, due out in September - earlier if you subscribe. If you can't wait, maybe this will do...)



SPINNING VERTIGO

First of all, I thank you for providing the best video gaming magazine around. I compared other magazines to yours and it was no contest! YYou are superior in every way. I especially like your Review Crew section. Secondly, I have a question about some video game terms. What is rotation? What is Scaling? I've heard that they are complex arecade-type movements, but I still can't imagine what they could be. Can you please elaborate?

**Samuel S. Suh
Woodland Hills, CA**

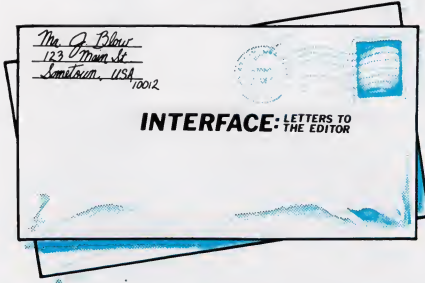
(ed. Scaling and rotational effects are indeed big-time arcade effects that will have a big impact when they arrive in home systems, such as the Nintendo 16-Bit. Rotation allows the computer to move either part or all of the screen image as if it were a plate spinning. Scaling, which is used on the Atari Lynx, simply lets the system move objects from a far-away background into the foreground smoothly. While some machines can accomplish similar techniques with programming, no system that is out now can do it in hardware. If you want a good example of both of these functions in use, visit your arcade and play Assault.)

I BEG TO DIFFER

How could your review crew give Mario 3 all nines and Bonk's Adventure mere sevens and eights? I own three systems and recently had a party at my house where five couples and their kids, ranging in age from six to sixteen came. With their choices of all the systems (NES, Genesis, Turbo), everybody wanted to play Bonk's without exception. "Bonk is better" is all that I heard everyone say all afternoon. You know what? They're right, Bonk is better and deserves more than sevens and eights.

**Marcus
Garden Grove, CA**

(ed. While our team sticks by their numbers, we appreciate your reactions. Remember, our reviews are structured to help give you an idea of a game's playability and worth.



A MEGA DILEMMA

I recently subscribed to your all-Best magazine, Mega Play. Although I am excited about receiving my first issue, I am also worried that you may start reducing the amount of coverage you give to Sega products in EGM, which I also subscribe to. Should I be worried about a reduction, or will you duplicate efforts?

**Tim Jacobs
Springfield, IL**

(ed. Before we get into it, let me first stop and say thank-you for subscribing to both of our magazines! As far as the introduction of Mega Play is concerned, its appearance will in no way affect the number of pages and amount of attention devoted to the Sega 8 and 16-Bitters. Instead of replacing the coverage you're used to EGM, Mega Play will expand upon it, offering more pages, more photos and more info that's 100% Sega. Sega fans should look for the subscription ad in this issue.)

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As we've said before, our Review Crew is structured with four different opinions to give a more detailed impression of a particular game that's not tainted by one person's feelings of a particular theme. While you may not always agree with our reviews, the multiple reviewers do provide more insurance against bad ratings that are over or underblown.

LOOKING FOR COMPUTER INFO

My friend and I thought it would be a good idea to put tips and previews about computers into Electronic Gaming Monthly. I have a Commodore and know nothing about the games it plays. I would like to know more if possible.

Mike Snyder
Lindenhurst, NY

(ed. While we don't plan on including any information on computer games, considered by most to be a completely different type of electronic gaming, we do publish a sister-magazine called Computer Fun & Games that should be able to provide you with not only a wide variety of game playing tips, but also multiple reviewers, previews and much more!)

YES AND NO

I'm hoping you will be able to tell me if Strider will be developed for Genesis or Turbo here in the U.S.

Dino Bodden
New York, NY

(ed. Yes, for Genesis.)

I have an important questions. Is Wrestle War going to be on Genesis. It's my favorite Sega arcade game.

Patrick Coallier
LaSalle, Quebec

(ed. Yes.)

Final Fight is totally awesome. Is it coming out? For what system?

Aaron Gustafson

(ed. Yes, but changed drastically for the Nintendo and subtitled Street Fighter 2010.)



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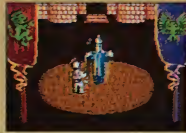


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STEVE

ES has left Steve overloaded with new softs. He's running through them so fast it's hard to tell which he likes the best. Mega Man 3 seems to be his favorite.

ED

Having just come back from Japan with tons of new carts, Ed is now playing the 8 meg SuperGrafx Ghouls & Ghosts in between his reminiscing about his time with Game Gear.

MARTIN

When he was last seen, Martin was just finishing up Phantasy Star 3 for the Mega Drive and counting the days until he gets his copy of Strider for the Genesis.

SUSHI-X

We think we saw our resident arcade expert dropping quarters in Konami's Paradius. When not at the arcade it is rumored that he is playing Shadow of the Ninja.

Nintendo - Taxan Low-G-Man

Type: Action Release: Aug.
Levels: 7 Difficulty: Avg.



Taxan's challenging Low-G-Man puts you as a soldier of fortune willing to take a chance to save the countries of United Earth from hundreds of war-crazed reprogrammed robots. Use your special ability of defying gravity, able to jump almost 2 screens up, along with your awesome firepower to rid the planet of some of the most ultimate super-Bosses ever to appear in a video game.

Low G Man is a game that has all the ingredients of a great Mega Man style fighting game. The graphics are good, the sound definition well done and the play mechanic original. Animation, however, is choppy and detracts greatly from overall enjoyment. Not bad, but not outstanding.

A very unusual yet challenging game. The 'super jumps' are wild but nothing when compared to the end of round bosses which are so huge they extend up to 4 screens high. Very good graphics, multidirectional scrolling, and a wide assortment of different scenarios to add variety.

Slightly above-average action game that could have been a ripper if it wasn't plagued by choppy animation and tiny characters. The main Bosses are big, but seem like nothing more than backgrounds with weapons and weakpoints.

This "LOW" gravity man fails to keep his legs on the ground! Smaller than normal while facing GIANT end enemies, this hero also steals their vehicles. Strange color choices and less than smooth animation are distracting, but Low-G-Man's soul was left back in the can, man!

Nintendo - Tengen Klax

Type: Puzzle Release: July
Levels: 50 Difficulty: Avg.



Klax, adapted from the recent Atari Games coin-op hit, is a puzzle game somewhat resembling a cross between Tetris and Columns. Employing a conveyor belt which slowly moves tiles of different colors towards you where they fall off the belt onto a tray. Move the tiles around to get the colors to match up in horizontal, vertical or diagonal lines.

This is Tengen's revenge against Nintendo. Better than Tetris in many ways, Klax introduces more options and strategy into play to produce a game that is just as addictive as Tetris. The graphics and sound are remarkably close to the arcade, but more diversity in play would be nice.

I like puzzle games and Klax is one which is just different enough from Tetris to give it its own identity. Easy enough to learn but difficult to master. It forces you to think in two dimensions which is not the easiest thing to do all the time. The difficulty curve could have been steeper.

A good arcade translation of Klax for NES. Klax has Tetris style action and some addictive quality in its game play, but after 20 rounds it seems all the same and loses its appeal. Cool opening music and sound effects throughout spruce it up. A good game!

This is one great game idea which has gone astray! It starts off with a bang and in later levels it just loses its appeal. Soon you are left waiting and waiting for the tiles to come. Cute at first but it gets old quickly. It just doesn't have the 'progressive' appeal that you get with Tetris.

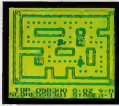
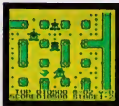
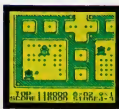
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Nintendo - SNK

Crystalis

Type: Adv. Release: July
Levels: N/A Difficulty: Avg.



When the Great War brought our modern civilization as we know it to an end a new era of sorcery and magic began. It was peaceful until one day when an evil wizard started using his powers for conquest. A special weapon to defeat him was constructed but he discovered it, separated it into four parts and hid them. You must make your way through his land, reassemble the weapon and use it to defeat him.

Crystalis, while coming up short in terms of action and intensity, makes up for these ~~score~~ points by wrapping a great quest together with super graphics, terrific execution and enough challenge for most. Not my cup of tea, but pretty good anyway!

A very well constructed adventure game with lots of different shops to buy stronger weapons, armor etc. The quest is long and challenging with the strength of the enemy rising at about the same rate as you. Does not get frustrating or boring this way.

Another Zelda-type game, but this one has promise - Crystalis adds a little more to the role-playing theme. A post-apocalyptic storyline with cinema displays mixes with one of the best search, solve and save the world games in recent memory.

Nothing new here. But it's a solid adventure with interactive dialogue which we've seen before. Good control, fast movement and fast game play. It has a conventional theme but it is unique enough to still be worth the trip.

Nintendo - SNK

Mech. Attack

Type: Shoot Release: July
Levels: 6 Difficulty: Avg.



At first, intelligence reports said it was just another revolution but the satellite photos showed more destruction than normal. Survivors then reported that the enemy is actually a breed of new fighting robots. You must infiltrate the island hq. and destroy the computer brain controlling the forces.

A new soft for the light gun and similar to Operation Wolf . Lots of nonstop action .

Mechanized Attack is an Operation Wolf clones that, with the exception of a few areas, does little to expand the scope of the previous game. The graphics are not as good as Op. Wolf either, and could leave you wondering why you purchased this at all.

It's been a long time since there even was a fair game out for the Light Gun. Although Mech. Attack doesn't offer anything new it still gives me a good enough reason to get the gun out of the closet. Offers good variety from joystick shooters.

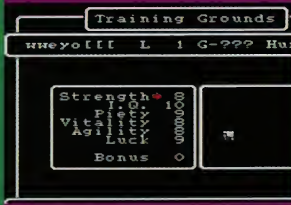
Mechanized Attack lost the look and feel that made it happen in the arcades. I found this to be an Operation Wolf clone that didn't really do anything new. The gun makes the screen flash way too much, and gunners weren't meant to on pads!

A good "Gun" game but it still has the same type of problem which we saw before in Operation Wolf. There is just too much screen distortion when you hit an enemy! It does have the same feel as the coin-op version and otherwise is an OK game.

Nintendo - Nexoft

Wizardry

Type: RPG Release: July
Levels: N/A Difficulty: Hard



One of the cult RPG classics over in Japan and also one of their best selling titles.

In Wizardry it is your goal to recover the sacred amulet which has been stolen by the Great Wizard Werdna. You must assemble a party, buy your weapons and enter the endless maze of dungeons located deep below the castle in search of the amulet.

Let's put this one in perspective. For RPG fans, Wizardry is sure to offer some thrills, bearing in mind the fact that the game uses most of the common AD&D features. For others it will be slow, tedious, repetitive and boring which makes it less than avg.

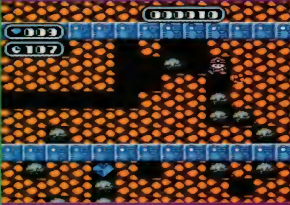
Wizardry is not a game for those with a shoot-em-up mentality. Instead, it is for those who wish to exercise their mind. It ranks above any NES cart RPG and is a fabulous game but it's just too hard for the average player's level of patience.

Boring!! While the computer version might have been a hit and spawned five sequels, the NES version is a repetitive session of mazes and monsters. Try the dungeon scenes in Ultima or Fantasy Star and you'll find anything more enjoyable.

I am no Wizard! This game is for members only and no one sent me a key. I just couldn't get in. This game is worse than the Sunset Strip on Saturday night. Banging your head into walls is more fun. It's too hard and too complex.

Nintendo - JVC Boulder Dash

Type: Maze Release: July
Levels: 6 Difficulty: Avg.



Adapted from the original computer game done by First Star Software years ago, Boulder Dash is a cute puzzle game where you must mine through rocks in search of diamonds. Get all of the gems and then make your way to the mysterious escape tunnel. It's not that easy though as by removing the wrong rock causes the ones above it to come down on top of you. Involves strategy and planning.

Boulderdash was a great game when it was released for computers many moons ago, but now, in the presence of more sophisticated action puzzlers, it does not wear its age well. A good beginning game for younger gamers, this one left me unmoved.

A decent puzzle game which has you thinking as if you were playing a chess game. You must look at all of the possibilities and guess what will happen when you make each different type of move. Only one path is correct but which one?

A digging game which reminds me of a cross between Dig Dug and Mr. Do! Veteran gamers will know what I'm talking about. Boulderdash has an addictive quality found in games like Solomon's Key. Good game play and cute graphics highlight this cart.

An old computer favorite which now comes to Nintendo. It looks just like the original but it plays much better. The puzzles are challenging and makes you think. For bolder dashers or those who just "dig" games.

Nintendo - Irem Kickle Cubicle

Type: Puzzle Release: Oct.
Levels: N/A Difficulty: Avg.



Kickle Cubicle is a cute looking puzzle game which puts you inside a series of mazes. It is your job to rescue your friend on the other side of the maze. Unfortunately the path is incomplete and to fill the necessary gaps you must kick an iceblock in just the right way as to have it push the enemy into the water and form a temporary bridge for you. Secret traps and other obstacles await you.

Kickle Cubicle is not fast action. It is not full of vile monsters. It is, however, probably one of the best action puzzle games ever to appear on the NES, with Pengo game play and cute graphics. Ignore the look, this is one HOT game not just for kiddies.

Wow! Don't let the kiddie looks fool you. It is a great strategy game combining the block kicking entertainment of the old game Pengo with strategy similar to that found in Lolo. Starts easy but develops nicely into a very challenging game.

Another cute game with puzzle action and addictive game play. Kickle has elements from the ancient hit Pengo and some new techniques as well. Kickle ranks with similar block pushing games and throws in better action to boot!

An old favorite from my journeys to Japan. This is one of those 'hard to put down' action puzzle games! Colorful, comical, and musical madcap fun. Splash! Make an ice cube and push it! Knock 'em out in cute and clever ways!

Nintendo - CSG Imagesoft Solstice

Type: Adv. Release: July
Levels: 250 Difficulty: Avg.



Solstice is an action adventure game containing over 250 interconnected rooms. You must use all of your skill and wisdom to figure out how to proceed and then which way is the correct path to your goal. In between you and the sacred Staff of Demnos stand hundreds of evil characters. There are potions and keys to help you but they are hidden and have to be unearthed. Great 3-D graphics.

Solstice is beautifully drawn and thought out, with multiple levels to explore, hidden rooms and staircases and much more. The effort is made very difficult due to the awkward diagonal controls, but if you're persistent, you overcome them!

A refreshing change from all of the me-too type puzzle games. Definitely different but hard to control. Great animation, special effects and fantastic music. Has a good difficulty curve which keeps you interested in the game. For all ages!

It's hard to say if Solstice is a puzzler or an adventure game. Whatever the category, Solstice is unique and the perspective and variety of situations will prove most challenging to even the best. The maze is large and the package should prove addictive.

Beautiful 3-D perspective maze, adventure and puzzle. While I don't like the the control system, after a while you do learn how to move around. Not as much fun to play as it looks, but it is enchanting anyway. For players who like Lolo and Solomon's Key.

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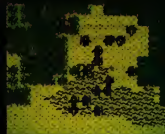
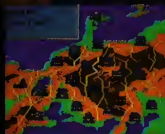
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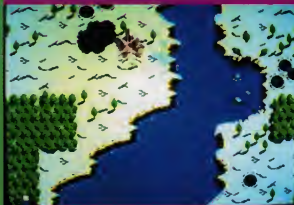
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Nintendo - Bandai Dragon Spirit

Type: Shoot Release: July
Levels: 9 Difficulty: Avg.



One of Namco's first licensed efforts for the TurboGrafx 16 and now brought over to the Nintendo.

In Dragon Spirit you assume the role of a brave knight who has transformed himself into a giant dragon to combat a ruthless enemy who has stolen your princess. As you fight to reclaim her, you'll come up against monstrous dangers and huge Bosses determined to fight you to the death!

While many will argue that the graphics in the version aren't as good as others, the real joy of Dragon Spirit is the solid shooting action and the new enhancements to uncover in the NES copy. Better than the arcade in many play moves!

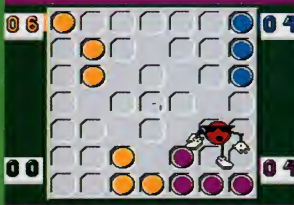
The TurboGrafx version was only a bit better than average and the NES copy comes off even worse. Nothing spectacular about this shooter as the graphics are only average at best. Controls OK but just doesn't capture the excitement of the arcade original.

After playing the Turbo version, this one seems washed out and is not very crisp. The game play stays intact and the power ups are there. Dragon Spirit is a good plaster, even if it is less flashy than the advanced versions with better graphics.

About a warrior who transforms into a dragon with a mouth of fire. This version offers more than the TurboGrafx 16 and loses nothing graphically as well. Storyline is nicely executed. Dragon spits fire at the flying enemies and bombs below.

Nintendo - Arcadia Spot

Type: Puzzle Release: July
Levels: N/A Difficulty: Avg.



The stars of the popular 7-Up TV commercials now have their own video game. Resembling a cross between checkers and Othello Spot's cute character dances and does cartwheels as it makes your move and changes the color of your opponent's captured pieces to yours. By using the four player adapter up to four different players can compete in trying to monopolize the board.

Spot is another one of those games that doesn't boast mega-ton cannon fire and ugly aliens, but still comes off as one of the better NES games. Spot is essentially a board game starring the 7-Up stars. Learning the game is easy, mastering it is hard.

Othello is not a terribly exciting game. Who would ever think that by just adding a cute and popular character you would change the way people will look at the game. In the 4 player mode it's a fantastic party game! Multiple skill levels are a plus.

Spot looks like Othello at first, but plays a game all its own. Original methods of changing your opponents chips to your color are what really makes this game shine, along with the dozen-plus animations of the comical spots moving on the board.

A hit effort at recreating Othello now with an animated player piece. Spot is a cool and hip character who moves around the screen with great animated moves. Michael Jackson should move this well. Who says only colas are cool!

Nintendo - Activision Thunderbirds

Type: Shoot Release: July
Levels: 9 Difficulty: Avg.



Become a member of the elite International Flying Force in Thunderbirds. Offering a top-down view of the action you must battle air and ground patrols in search of the enemy's hidden power source. If you don't succeed the enemy will generate a meteor shower and destroy the Earth. Travel under ground, through the water, in the air or out into outer space in search of the enemy.

Thunderbirds is an unusual shooter that has no score, but rather a quest to beat. I hate the lack of points, but the graphics are well done. The action, while being sparse in some areas, is adequate to move the game along and keep it slightly above-avg.

Activision has taken a tried-and-true method of designing Thunderbirds. While this conservative method will not make a jog of a game it seldom will make a megahit. As such, this time it came out average. Needs more imagination and creativity.

An unimpressive shooter that has very little new or original. The action is standard blast-em-up fare, with only a few graphic screens in between. Thunderbirds is slow-paced and nothing to get excited about.

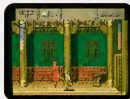
The licensed puppet adventure TV show storyline is the best part of this game. Not a very good or challenging shooter, Thunderbirds comes off as only being average at best.

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Master System - Sega

E-SWAT

Type: Action Release: Sept.

Levels: 5 Difficulty: Avg.



E-Swat is based on the Sega arcade game where you are a member of a futuristic special force of law enforcement police. With a special suit for protection and sophisticated weapons to match you must take on the criminals of the future. This 8 bit Master System conversion, while not as detailed as the arcade version, still gives users the flavor of the game.

I didn't find E-Swat exciting at all. The colors are bland and washed out, the action is slow and repetitive, and the game itself bears no resemblance to the arcade original in any way at all. Standard side-scrolling action fare with a coin-op name.

A good example of the new generation of Master System 2 games. The spark has gone out of the carts and Sega seems content in bringing out bland generic versions of great arcade games. Could have been much better. Only average.

E-Swat, although it's not too much like the arcade, is a decent Master System shooter, with adequate graphics and challenging game play. Not outstanding, but a nice walk through a terrible neighborhood.

E-SPLAT should have been the real name of the Master System version of this great coin-op. Why do so many games 'disguise' themselves as arcade games when...someone should check 'em at the door for their proper I.D.!

Genesis - Sega

Afterburner 2

Type: Shoot Release: July

Levels: 23 Difficulty: Avg.



Afterburner 2 for the Genesis takes you up into the skies as no other aerial shooter has ever done before. Virtually identical as the arcade version you must take on hundreds of enemy helicopters, jets and aircraft in 23 explosive levels of realistic dogfights. All of the moves including the complex barrel roll are faithfully duplicated and even the scaling of the ground terrain is smooth and realistic.

After Burner 2 is as close as you can get to the real arcade! While the backgrounds are not as detailed, they do animate and scroll very smoothly. The action is chaotic and non-stop, with stream of planes attacking at all times. Superb!

Spectacular, phenomenal, awesome! Need I say any more? This is the arcade game. Great scaling, the barrel roll is well executed and all of the details are in the home version of the game. The only thing missing is the special XE-TAP controller.

After Burner 2 copies the intense action of the arcade nearly pixel for pixel. Barrel rolls, launching missiles and even firing your after burners are all a part of the action. Plenty of enemy planes fill the skies and large cargo planes refuel in mid-air!

A very, very intense, wipe the sweat of your brow, type of game! Incredibly addictive gameplay with true 'scaling'. Offers a 3-D type perspective in this flight simulator. Better than the coin-op and certainly MORE fun!

TurboGrafx - NEC

Splatterhouse

Type: Action Release: Aug.

Levels: 7 Difficulty: Avg.



It's hard to picture a person who wears a leather mask and carries a club as a hero but then Splatterhouse is not your typical side-scrolling shooter either. The enemy you're up against come straight out of the latest horror flick - leeches which come out of corpses, monsters coming out of other monsters you've already killed to double chain saw wielding bosses. It's all there to scare you to death!

Splatterhouse, while tamed down from the little-seen arcade, is another fantastic example of how good Turbo games can be. The game, albeit short, is challenging and graphically outstanding, with vivid blood-reds and puke-greens! I love it!!

NEC has another hit on their hands. The special effects and animation of the bosses is excellent and the gameplay increases in intensity right up to the end. The ghouls are so revolting that they deserve to be destroyed so give it your best shot!

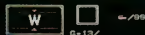
From start to finish, Splatterhouse is a visually stunning game. Your hero wields big sticks and butcher knives and finally duking it out with special Boss characters and rooms. Action games have been around before, but never like this!

Missing are those superb sound effects made when you "splat one" into a wall as in the coin-op. But, that's all that's missing! Looks, plays, and feels like the unreal thing! It's gore-y but good!!

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...After months of infiltrating the most top secret corridors at Nintendo Japan, the big 'Q' has finally struck it rich by scoping out the official release date for the Nintendo 16-Bit Super Famicom SFX! November 21 is the latest in a series of projected D-Days that date back to 1988! Whether this one holds up or not is just as questionable, but with the system already unveiled at trade shows, why not? Price is reported to be in the 25,000 yen range (that's \$166 to you and me), and it's rumored to be non-compatible with existing 8-Bit stuff. Too bad. First games are supposed to be Super Mario World, Zelda 3, Baseball and DragonFly, with an additional three carts spinning into stores every month thereafter! Can't wait!...

...Now this is just the sort of rumor I live for! The latest gossip from NEC is that the Turbo, or some type of stripped down clone, will hit store shelves this X-Mas for a mere 99 bucks! Will it be the Shuttle Grafz from Japan, which has no external ports? Or maybe they're just trying to get rid of inventory...Speaking of a major faux pas, who was the Einstein at NEC who decided the best place for the aspiring video game giant to be during the CES was in a building completely separate of Nintendo, Sega and the rest of the real action? Ay Carumba!...Dan MacArthur, Dan MacArthur, Dan MacArthur! Now you owe me one, buddy...Picking out a tid-bit from one of my esteemed competitors, Quartermann gives a major sort of Nea to Sega for deciding to pack another mega-tip book in with a hit RPG. Ruining Phantasy Star 2 was bad enough, but now must Vermillion endure the same punishment? Why can't you release the book a couple of months after the cart hits the stores? You don't have huge toll-free numbers to fund anymore and besides, you could even collect some spare change from those gamers who feel the urge to cheat. Since we're on the issue now, let Quartermann plead for the record, "Don't, don't, I'm begging you don't, put Phantasy Star 3 players through the same thing!" 'Nuff said...

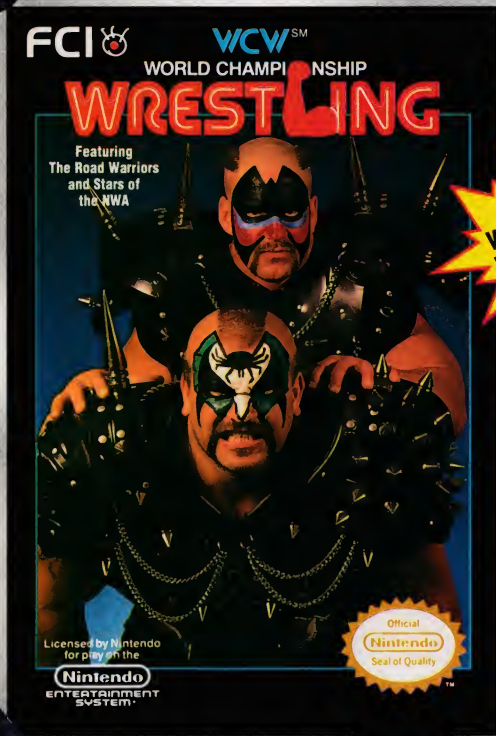
...Which portable does Quartermann like the most? Without a doubt the Turbo Express from NEC. Which handheld will come out on top? While GameBoy and Lynx are good, Game Gear, which Sega has privately said will never be released to us, not only plays swell games, but also has a TV tuner and a video input that lets you have a portable VCR!...Look for Warner Bros. to get into video games in a major way by purchasing the shares of Atari Games stock back from Namco, the developers they sold out to. Now that every major corporation has a video game division, I guess Warner was feeling left out...On the other side of the same coin, Namco's liberation from Atari and the Tengen problems has reportedly put a new breath of fresh air into the company. One of the leading game companies in the world, Namco has been regulated to a back seat until now...

...SNK's Neo-Geo, while not officially existing anywhere outside of Japan, was shown to a closed door meeting of developers and money men during the CES. Is this machine any closer to coming to America? With price tags that are just too hefty, I'd have to give a big thumbs down...Sorry to keep getting off the gaming beat, but the final episode of Star Trek, the Next Generation has me wondering. If Picard gets killed, I'm through with the show. Q could show up and save the day, however, so I'll wait patiently through the entire summer, bored out of my mind with re-runs, until the conclusion to this cliffhanger appears (I still want to know where the game is? We get New Kids on the Block but no Star Trek? Where's the justice in this?)...While Gremlins 2 is a decent movie sequel, I still liked the Sunsoft game a lot more...

...The blue ribbon award for best propaganda piece at the CES goes to our dear friends at NEC who are trying to tell us that the specs on the Turbo blow away those of the Genesis. Not to get in the middle of which is better and which isn't, I just want to ask NEC to show me a game that uses the technical facts they handed out...First prize for the most deceiving new game is Punch-Out!! from Nintendo. What? You already have this game you say? Yes and no. When Tyson landed on his butt, so did his endorsement. Now he has been replaced by Mr. Dream. If you have Punch-Out!!, then skip this Punch-Out!!, because a Punch-Out!! by any other name is still the same...Gotta go gang, that big, bad Martin Alessi has challenged the omnipotent one to a grueling game of Thunder Force 3! I'll let you know that I won next issue, until then, keep your joysticks out of view...

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At Last, A Date...

Before we get to the condensed report from the Tokyo Toy Show, I want to first share with you the big news that game players not only in Japan, but around the entire world have been waiting for - a verified release date of the Nintendo Super Famicom SFX. Nintendo has at last issued the production schedule and the first units are reported to be leaving for store shelves in the middle of November, just in time for the big Christmas holiday season! Although the trade and press is already being exposed to the system and its first three games, Super Mario World, DragonFly and Baseball, soon all of Japan and then the world will be able to marvel at the Nintendo 16-Bit that was first uncovered in the pages of EGM! We'll keep you posted!

Now, switching gears to the Tokyo Toy Show, EGM editors Ed Semrad and Hideki Shikata traveled across the Pacific to take in the equivalent of the Japanese CES. Although video games share aisle space with model planes, toy trains and assorted playthings, all the major systems are represented and new hardware, like Sega's hand-held Game-Gear and the NEO-GEO, are showcased for the first time anywhere. We've put together some of the highlights for this issue, but be sure to check out the next edition of EGM for an explosive twenty pages of game screens and behind-the-scenes info on the carts and systems you'll be playing in 1991 and beyond...all directly from the Tokyo Toy Show! We've also lined up exclusive interviews with the programmers of your favorite games, so don't miss out on the action!

Sega/Mega Drive Battler Golf

Sega hits us again with a sports game that is unlike anything you've ever played before! Battler Golf is not your typical sports simulation or arcade derivative. It is a graphic RPG loaded with hundreds of cinema display scenes drawn in rich detail. You explore the golf course, trying to uncover details from the various golfing pros, caddies and workers on the course. Why would you want to do such a thing? Who knows, but this game is one of the few that will probably never be seen on these shores.



Sega/Mega Drive Shadow Dancer

Released into the arcades as the true sequel to Shinobi, this "super" Shinobi features our in an all-new challenge filled with even better graphics and better game play! For those of you who are not familiar with the coin-op, Shadow Dancer pits Shinobi against all kinds of opponents in a story that takes you around the world! While the goals may be familiar, Shadow Dancer features a new addition to Shinobi's awesome arsenal...man's best friend! An attack dog follows the assassin's every movement and can even be used against the enemy!



Hudson/P.C. Engine SUPER STAR SOLDIER



That classic Nintendo shoot-em-up, Star Soldier has finally come of age and been transformed by Hudson for play on the superior P.C. Engine

game system. All new play techniques mesh with explosive graphics for a video game high not experienced since Blazing Lasers!

Tons of enemies fill the screen to provide more than enough challenge as you wind your way through the galaxy, collecting the standard assortment of eye-popping power-ups and mega-sized super Bosses! Stunning!



Konami/Famicom PARADIUS

We all remember the famous line of Konami shooters that began with Gradius and continued with LifeForce (and continued yet again in Japan with Gradius 3). Konami has shown the latest chapter in this shooter saga with Paradius, an arcade game in Japan that has been translated with a very close attention to detail.

The game play is quite similar to the first Gradius games, with a lone fighting ship battling deep into the heart of alien territory. Along the way you retrieve power-up capsules that can be activated at any time along a special options bar on the bottom of the screen.

The real difference between Paradius and its predecessors, however, is the cartoon-look of the visuals. The backgrounds and enemies both share colorful, animated styles that enable them to stand apart.



Sega/Mega Drive SONIC HEDGEHOG



Coming soon from Sega is this exciting new action/adventure game featuring one of the most unusual video game super heroes to appear on the screen in some time!

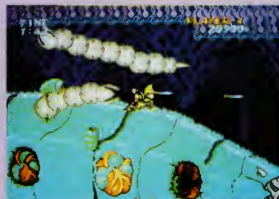
In Sonic Hedgehog, you control a super rodent on a mission to defeat the evil creatures that have populated your home. I don't get the hedgehog connection, but the game is fast, fun and colorful and due for release next year.

NEC/Super Grafx GHOULS AND GHOSTS

This favorite is largely responsible for catapulting everyone's opinion of the Genesis system into the stratosphere. Not to be outdone, NEC has put together this superb translation of the same game for their fledgling Super Grafx system and in the process they come up a winner!

Ignore the fact that this is the first 8-meg game ever created, and this new and improved version of Ghouls and Ghosts will leave you awestruck! It's no contest for the SG's graphics and sound.

SG Ghouls and Ghosts even beats out the incredible Genesis version!





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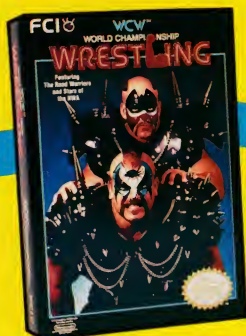
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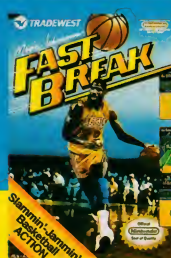
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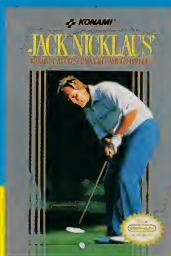
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The Game Gear - Sega's version of a color handheld game system!

Sega formally introduced their long awaited color handheld portable game system, called the Game Gear, at Toy Fair in Japan last month and EGM was there for the first U.S. hands-on review!

The GG, essentially the same as we talked about in previous issues, is going to be a little larger than the Game Boy and have a screen which measures 3.2 inches and a resolution

a bit better than the Lynx. Games look very good on the GG partially because it can display 32 on screen colors out of a palette of 4096. The sound will be stereo and like all the other color portables, the 6 "AA" batteries will last about 3-5 hours.

Specs are one thing but the proof is in the gameplay. The built in control pad is precise and very responsive. The backlighting of the screen is

even from corner to corner and produces a bright sharp image. Considerably better than the Lynx but not as good as the Turbo Express. The sound is in stereo and very good. The carts are equal in quality to those out for the SMS but 3 aren't enough to keep players happy for too long. But it's the price which will sell the system. It's low enough to give the Game Boy competition.

The Game Gear Specs and Portable System Stats...

System	Price	CPU	Colors	Resolution	Screen Size
Game Boy	\$90	4.19 MHz	0	160x144	2.45 in.
Lynx	\$160	4.58 MHz	4096	160x102	3.4 in.
Turbo Express	\$250	7.16 MHz	512	400x270	2.6 in.
Game Gear	\$130	3.58 MHz	4096	160x146	3.2 in.



Hideki Shikata of the EGM staff tests out the Game Gear during the Tokyo Toy Fair. Looks like it's a winner!



A video input jack turns the Game Gear into a camcorder monitor.

Also available for the Game Gear will be a series of options which will greatly expand the versatility of the unit.

A television tuner, which plugs into the cartridge slot, will be available for about \$85. Besides converting the unit into a mini color TV the tuner has a video input terminal which allows it to function as a remote monitor for camcorders or other audio / video equipment.

An optional video link cable, which will set for about \$5, allows up to 8 players to connect units and play together.

Besides taking 6 "AA" batteries, other optional power sources include a rechargeable battery pack for \$25; an auto cigarette lighter adapter for \$20; and an AC adapter, the same one as used on the Master System, for \$7.

The game cartridges, while designed to run on an 8 bit, Z-80, 3.58 MHz system (the same specs as the SMS), have been completely redesigned and shrunk down in size (and price-\$20) to about the size of a Game Boy cart. This means though, that with very little effort Sega could convert all of their new SMS 2 carts to the Game Gear format!



The optional VHF-UHF Tuner plugs into the cartridge slot on the Game Gear

GAME GEAR GAMES *Actual screens of the games it plays!*



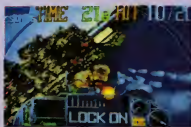
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When the Game Gear comes out in September three carts will be immediately available. After that Sega plans to release about two games per month. Five more titles are finished and scheduled to be issued by third party companies and a total of 20 companies have agreed to produce Game Gear carts!

While no release date has been officially announced for the GG in

the U.S., Sega of Japan did say that there are plans for an "export version" of the GG.



The Game Gear uses specially designed 8 Bit games the size of Game Boy carts!

KONAMI INTRODUCES NEW VOICE ACTIVATED LASER SCOPE!

KONAMI'S NEW LASER SCOPE!



Side View



The Laser Scope features voice activation and stereo capability!



Front View

At the Summer Consumer Electronics Show, Illinois based industry giant - Konami unveiled a revolutionary new product for the Nintendo Entertainment System.

Called the "Laser Scope", this NES add on peripheral allows the game player, for the first time, to play the zapper light gun cartridges without the gun. Not only that but it is voice activated.

This sleek, plastic stereo headset utilizes an "eyesight" target locator and voice activated firing sequence allowing players to more easily manipulate the control pad, allowing for greater interaction between the game and the player.

The multi-use headset also offers other features. Remove the "eyesight" option and the headset becomes a stereo headset. This option then allows for silent gameplay. If you select this 'quiet' feature you gain an additional benefit. Built into the unit is a sound enhancer which improves the audio which you normally hear from the

NES. Connect the headset to your Game Boy, Walkman or home stereo system and listen to the sounds in true stereo.

The lightweight Laser Scope works as good as it sounds. With it connected the player can set aside the Zapper and control the firing with his voice. Connect the eyepiece and look through it. Move your head and line up the target through the eyepiece. The firing sequence is then activated by voice commands. Konami compares this technology with that found in today's most sophisticated jet fighters.

Konami also believes that by giving players this type of superior control that the Laser Scope will replace all other forms of out-dated methods of attack.

Konami also plans to support this unique peripheral with a series of new games which will take advantage of the fact that players can now double their fire power by shooting with the controller and helmet simultaneously!

The Laser Scope connects to the Nintendo Entertainment System with just one standard NES cord plug. This cord is 15 feet long and this allows the player more freedom to stand back from the TV.

The Laser Scope is expected to sell for less than \$40 and could be in the stores as early as this Fall.

NEW TURBO EXPRESS TUNER



At the summer CES NEC introduced an optional tuner for it's upcoming color handheld Turbo Express. It is planned to sell for about \$90.

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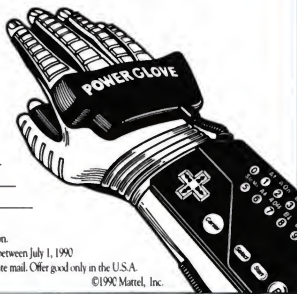
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Secret Video Game Tricks, Codes, and Strategies...

TARGET EARTH

(Dreamworks/Genesis)

Get All Weapons - To get all the weapons in the game you must have exactly 2800 points at the end of level one. To get this score the only enemy you should shoot is the boss at the end of the level.



TARGET EARTH

(Dreamworks/Genesis)

Play a 2 Player Cooperative Game - And you thought Target Earth was only a one player game! In level 1, after the first green alien robot appears on the right side of the screen, press Start on controller 2. The next character which appears from the right side will be the one that player 2 will control.



TARGET EARTH

(Dreamworks/Genesis)

Rotate and Resize Logo - For something different, at the company logo screen, using controller 2, push buttons A and C and diagonally upper right on the controller - all at the same time. You now can rotate and change the size of the logo.

TARGET EARTH

(Dreamworks/Genesis)

9 Times Continue - To be able to continue 9 times, you must lose your life. When the intro screen says you have 2 continues left, go into the option screen. Press Start and a girl appears in the lower right hand corner. Select Exit and see 9 continues at the Intro screen.





TARGET EARTH

(Dreamworks/Genesis)

Select Optional Firing Mode - Press pause during the game. Hold down buttons A and B then push button C. An A or B will appear inside the weapons screen. Try either for a different firing mode.

PAT RILEY'S BASKETBALL

(Sega/Genesis)

Free Freethrow - Bring the ball down the court. Stand & don't move inside the opponents 3 point line. He will draw a pushing foul.



SPLATTERHOUSE

(NEC/TurboGrafx)

Level Select Screen - During the Demo screen, push Select 3 times. While holding Left on the controll pad, press Run. A level select screen will appear that enables you to adjust your beginning round by pressing up and down on the pad.



SPLATTERHOUSE

(NEC/TurboGrafx)

Secret Sound Test - As in the level select above, during the Demo press Select 3 times. While holding left on control pad press Run. Push Select again for the sound test.



CYBER-CORE

(NEC/TurboGrafx)

Unlimited Continues - You normally only get two continues in Cybercore but with this trick you can continue an unlimited number of times. At the title screen, hold Buttons 1, 2 and Select and push Right on the Control Pad, all at the same time, then push the Run Button.

Jim Bojan
Chicago, IL

SPLATTERHOUSE

(NEC/TurboGrafx)

Difficulty Select - At the title screen, Hold down Select and wait until "HARD" appears in the middle of the screen then push Run. It will now take twice as many hits to kill an enemy.



GHOULS AND GHOSTS

(Sega/Genesis)

Convert Game to Mega Drive Version - Go to the Option Screen. Once there set the sound effects to its highest - 56. Then set the Music number to its highest - 26. While holding down Buttons A, B, and C and pressing Left on the control Pad, then press Start. The Title Screen will now be converted to the Japanese Mega Drive version.



Normal G & G Title.



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AFTER BURNER 2

(Tengen/Nintendo)

Secret Continue - Play the game and die. When the title screen appears, press Left 3 times, then press the B button 3 times, then the A Button 3 times. Then press Start.

Amardeep Singh
San Jose CA



AFTER BURNER 2

(Tengen/Nintendo)

Put Plane in Reverse Mode - At the Title Screen, hold down buttons A and B on Controller 2 and then press Start on Controller 1.

Amardeep Singh
San Jose CA.



GHOULS AND GHOSTS

(Sega/Genesis)

Change the Game Colors - Perform the invincibility trick as described on Page 44 in Issue Number 9 (not necessary but makes it easier). Then go to level 5. Pass the three Minstral Winds, and the Cyclops on the Wall. Climb the ladders and stop on the highest block. Walk right up to the edge facing the pit. Now turn around and walk left to the other edge of the block. The game should automatically Reset. Repeat the invincibility code and get to the same spot in level 5 again. Walk back and forth on the block to get the game to Reset a second time. Press Start at the Title screen and note the bizarre colors as you play the game.

NOTE: Not all cartridges will allow this trick.
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Walk Left.

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BATMAN

(Sunsoft/GameBoy)

Sound Test - There is a hidden sound test mode in this exciting new GameBoy game from Sunsoft. To activate the secret mode, simply press the control pad Up and to the Right simultaneously, and then press 'Start'. The sound test will appear and enable you to select from all of the exciting audio tracks on this game.

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NINJA GAIDEN 2

(Tecmo/Nintendo)

Sound Test with Different Graphics - You can see a different graphic figure during the sound test.



To see a small figure of Irene: Turn the game on and when it says Tecmo 1990 press Start. The title screen will appear. Don't touch anything and when Tecmo 1990 reappears, press and hold Buttons A and B, Select and Up and to the Left on the Control Pad then press Start. When the screen turns black release the buttons.

To see the Musicruise: Turn the game on. When Tecmo 1990 appears press Start and the title screen will appear. Don't touch anything. When Tecmo 1990 appears again press Start. Don't touch anything. When Tecmo 1990 appears a third time, then press all the same buttons as in the test above.



SUPER MARIO BROTHERS 3

(Nintendo/Nintendo)

Get 28 Free P-Wings - Beat the game. Start your second game. Wait at least 10 seconds then check your inventory. You will find it completely filled with an unbelievable 28 P-Wings!



RAD RACER 2

(Square/Nintendo)



Drive in Total Darkness - When the title screen appears push the B Button 8 times. Then press and hold diagonally up and to the right. Press Start. Now try the same courses in total darkness without headlights!

Ken Prizzint
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SNAKE'S REVENGE

(Ultra/Nintendo)

Last Level Password - Start your game at the last base. Use: #9Q6 W.83 4KQ3



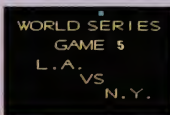
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Ryan Fugua

BASES LOADED 2

(Jaleco/Nintendo)

5th World Series Password - You're almost at the end of this super baseball cart with this code!



Use the password:
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Brent Meier

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HERZOG ZWEI

(Sega/Genesis)

Level Codes - There are two different endings. Try these Blue side codes:

A's: LHGFHCHKBMH

B's: LHJKHCHKBLP

C's: LHJKINHKBLD

D's: LJJOIGBAPLG

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(Taxan/Nintendo)

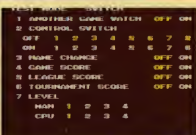
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Ultimate: GOOD,FLAG,JOKE,ONCE,PAIL,GOAT,ICHI.

Hao Tran, Rosemead, CA



TAKIN' IT TO THE HOOP

(NEC/TurboGrafx)

Test Mode - During the title screen, hold down buttons one and two and then press 'Start'. A debug will appear that lets you alter the game in several ways!

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Nintendo again as in the past had the largest booth in the games section at the Summer Consumer Electronics Show. Rightfully so as with the number of its official licensees now having increased to well over 50, there surely wasn't a lack of new software to be shown. In fact we counted over 125 new games scheduled to be released in the future. With so many titles coming out there unfortunately will be a lot of me-too type games. Expect to see dozens upon dozens of 'save-the-princess' adventure games; over 10 new ninja games; 5 new racing games and at least 15 new serious quest or role playing games. That's not to say that quantity is necessarily bad. What is bad though, is if the game plays poorly and looks bad. And that there was a lot of. Hopefully these games will not make it to the store shelves.

On the other hand, there were a lot of very good games shown. Our top 20 include: Adventure Island 2; Cabal; Captain Skyhawk; Castlevania 3; Caveman Games; Dragon Warrior 2; Final Fantasy; G.I. Joe; Gremlins 2; Isolated Warrior; Kickle Cubicle; The Mafat Conspiracy; Megaman 3; The Simpsons; Solstice; Spot; Shadow of the Ninja; Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles-The Arcade Game; Ultima Quest of the Avatar; and Wizardry. These titles will offer the best gameplay, superb graphics, and outstanding soundtracks. Many will have 3 and 4 meg of memory, added MMC3 chips and digitized voices.

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Nintendo

Nintendo will soon come out with a new soccer simulation which will offer more sophisticated action and better control of your on screen player.



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Milton Bradley

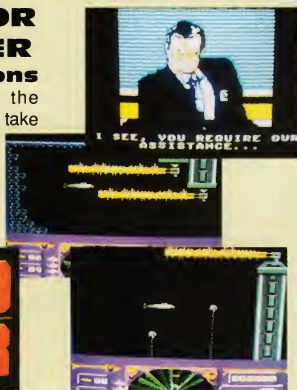
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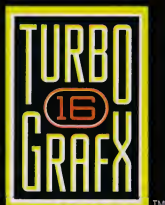
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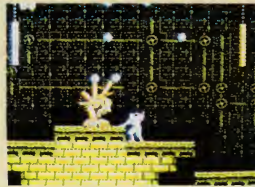
UNTOUCHABLES Ocean Software

It's the roaring 20's and the mob is threatening to take over the city. You are Elliott Ness and it is your job to clean up the streets and alleys of Chicago one block at a time. As you proceed through the 6 levels of the game you must gather evidence, destroy the illegal caches of bootleg liquor and eliminate the gangsters before they get you. Pick up extra ammo for your tommy gun or get shells for your shotgun as you proceed down the dark and dreary side streets. Make it through the round and go after the gang lord who is hiding behind an innocent bystander. Succeed in clearing the round and go on to the next; but if you get shot you get to see your own obituary as the headline of the newspaper. The Untouchables is made by Ocean, a well respected English software company and their experience shows in this their first Nintendo cartridge.



SHADOW OF THE NINJA Natsume

In a distant land there exists an evil ruler called Garuda. He rules his country like a dictator and many people do not like what he is doing and how he treats his subjects. Some have even tried to assassinate him however his army is powerful and all who tried have been swiftly executed. One day two ninjas infiltrated one of his bases and killed all of the enemy soldiers. You and a friend, in a cooperative 2 player game, must now break into the palace and once and for all put an end to Garuda. For weapons you start off with knives, throwing shurikens and a few grenades. Gather additional energy along your way and fight through 7 difficult vertical and horizontal scrolling levels to get to Garuda. The graphics are among the best ever in a NES game; the gameplay is very intense and an overall outstanding game.



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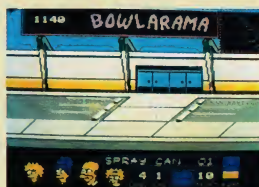


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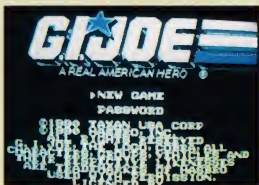
THE SIMPSONS Acclaim

They're here! America's funniest and most outrageous cartoon family - the Simpsons are invading the video game industry in their own Nintendo cartridge this fall. The whole family - Homer, Marge, Lisa, Maggie and our favorite - Bart are continuing their well known antics in the way only they know how. Bart has his skateboard and we can count on him being everywhere he shouldn't be. Give him a spray can and every wall will be decorated with his well known graffiti by the game's end. Put him near a phone booth and we all know who he will be calling - Moe's tavern. Moe, of course again falls for Bart's humorous person paging cliches and continues to vow to eventually catch the prank caller. Other scenes take us into their home in front of the TV with the remote control cemented to Homer's hand. Expect to see the funniest video game ever. "Don't have a cow, man!"



G. I. JOE Taxan

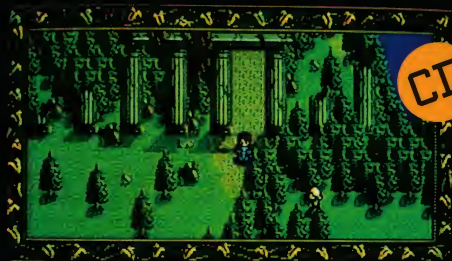
One of America's best known heroes is taking on a new adventure in Taxan's newest Nintendo cart. G.I. Joe, is off on a perilous mission which takes you all over the world including deep into the hot, steamy jungles of the tropics. In this adventure you are Duke the leader and your patrol includes a variety of soldiers, each with special traits and abilities. Depending on the nature of each mission you must select the best candidates to assist you. Each person is rated in four categories - stamina, jumping ability, punching force and weapon strength. The game is long and difficult but with the password feature you can begin at any time where you left off. G.I. Joe is not just another side scrolling action game. The designers at Taxan have gone all out by incorporating the newest MMC 3 technology and supplementing it with additional memory chips.



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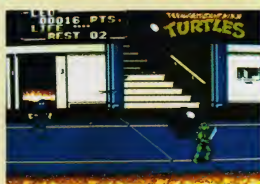


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TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES - THE ARCADE GAME Ultra

The heroes in the half shell are back again in a new adventure. Ultra has acquired the rights to the very popular arcade game and they have pulled out all of the stops in seeing that their Nintendo version will be as close to the arcade game as possible. With 4 meg of memory plus the new MMC3 chip TMNT 2 promises to be one of the best Nintendo games ever made. Not only will all of the levels found in the arcade game be in the NES version but 3 additional levels are being specially programmed just for this cart! Expect our heroes to try to keep their balance on skateboards and also to spend a level in an 'Ultra-modern castle. With the new chip set the 2 player cooperative game should be flicker-free!



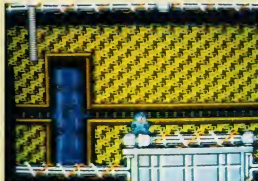
CAVEMAN GAMES Data East

Ever wonder what the olympics would be like thousands of years ago? Now you can give it a try with a cute tongue-in-cheek version of a Pre-hysterical sports challenge. Based on the Electronic Arts computer game of a while back - Caveman UghOlympics you get to select your player from 6 different male or female Neanderthal athletes. Then you either can go one-on-one with the computer or one of your friends. Participate in such classic sports as Mate Tossing, Fire Starting, Sabertooth Tiger Race, Tyranopulh or Dinosaur Race and go for the gold. Remember this is not your ordinary olympics, brute strength has a different meaning and getting out your clubs has nothing to do with a round of golf. So hop on a fast dinosaur and race to the finish line.



MEGA MAN 3 Capcom

Our hero Mega Man will be back this November in his third and best adventure yet. Things have changed a bit since his last quest as Dr. Wiley has decided to go straight and he is now on the side of law and order. At least that is what he wants us to believe! Mega Man also now has a pet dog called Rush and he is a very special canine. He has the ability to turn himself into various types of objects for Mega Man. He can become for example a jet platform or a submarine. The quest is similar to the other two as Dr. Light needs Mega Man to obtain energy capsules from eight mining worlds. There the robots have again revolted and Mega Man must stop the rebellion. He must take on and defeat: Magnet Man; Snake Man; Needle Man; Hard Man; Top Man; Gemini Man; Spark Man and Shadow Man. One of the best games at the show!



GREMLINS 2 THE NEW BATCH Sunsoft

This game is based on the recent hit movie of the same name. Taking place in Clamp Center, a Trump Tower-style fully automated multistory Manhattan office building, our hero Billy Peltzer finds his old friend Gizmo - the tiny, furry, cute creature from the first movie, locked up in a genetics engineering lab in the building. He sets Gizmo free but in the process Gizmo gets wet and spawns off one of the ugly, drooling, evil gremlins. They quickly multiply and take over the entire office building. Your job then becomes one of searching, one by one, all of the offices in the building and eliminating the bad Gremlins. Packed with dozens of cute intermission screens which describe more and more of the storyline, and backed with challenging gameplay including huge end of round bosses, Gremlins 2 has the potential of being a big hit.



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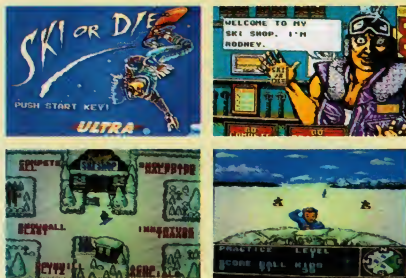
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MECHANOIDS Jaleco

It looks like something straight out of Star Wars but it is just a futuristic method of transportation. You're using it to single handedly wipe out the Alien Invasion which took over the planet. All you have to do is shoot, stomp or squash all of the aliens you encounter. Sometimes you have to get out of the Mechanoid as the passageways or tunnels are just too narrow but you must get your revenge and somehow destroy the Boss aliens at the end of each of the 6 levels.



PRINCESS TOMATO IN SALAD KINGDOM Hudson

Quest/adventure games are not normally for the younger players but Hudson has taken a lighthearted theme about talking and moving vegetables and made it into an adventure game for the very young players. The gameplay is straightforward with all of the possible choices shown as icons on the screen and all that needs be done is point and click. There are several paths to choose from adding variety to the game.



HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS Gametek

Of all the basketball teams one of the most famous isn't a real team at all. Just a group of good players who are out playing the game for fun. They are none other than the Harlem Globetrotters. Gametek is bringing their style of basketball to the Nintendo and you can play against the computer or a friend. The game moves fast and scrolls smoothly from one side of the court to the other. It's fun and well done.



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SKULL & CROSSBONES

Tengen

In this game of swashbuckling adventure aboard the Jolly Roger, your goal is to find your girl who has been captured by the wizard and taken to his cave. In the process of locating and getting to her you first board a ship which unfortunately is loaded with pirates. You must clean up the ship from stem to stern and from top to bottom. Grab the power-up swords and guns on the way and if you see a bottle of ale drink it for added health. But watch out as rats, & monsters are after you.



CALIFORNIA RAISINS

Capcom

Play along with the famous claymation sensations in this light fun-filled game for the whole family. You must search through an eerie warehouse at the edge of town for the missing raisins only to be transported to another dimension. There you must travel through the Grapevine, through bizarre pyramids and juice factories. Finally, battle with Alexander the Grape and other sour grapes in order to save our raisins and to get them safely back home.



TOTAL RECALL

Acclaim

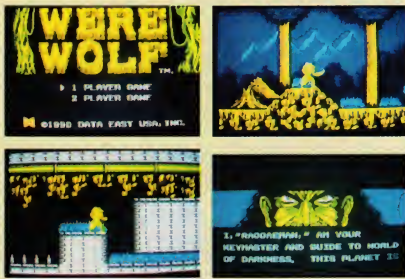
Play the part of Arnold Schwarzenegger in the recent hit movie. In this futuristic action adventure game, you are an Earthling who just might be a Martian agent. But you don't know as you can't recall everything about your past. To find out what you need to know you must travel to the Red Planet Mars and confront an evil dictator. To get there though you must scour the streets, and search the buildings taking on numerous thugs who are out to prevent you from your goal.



WERE WOLF

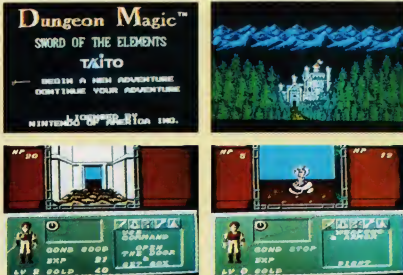
Data East

Man or beast? It really doesn't make a difference as you are for now, a Were Wolf. Begin your quest as such and search through the dark and mysterious planet for the solution to your transformation problem. In this Castlevania type side scrolling quest adventure you must use your special powers to keep yourself alive as you encounter very strange but deadly mutated lifeforms. You'll have a howling good time with this challenging NES game.



DUNGEON MAGIC Taito

Taito's first quest game has you searching for a magical sword. An ancient legend passed down from generation to generation told of a brave soldier who will come and save the Kingdom of Graudes from an black magic spell which was placed on them by an evil Overlord. You must piece together clues which are scattered throughout the kingdom and in the process travel through caves, dungeons and temples set in a first person perspective.



SWORDS AND SERPENTS Acclaim

Acclaim's first RPG takes you into a 16 level quest in search of an evil serpent who must be destroyed before it unleashes its magical spells onto the world. Four people can play and they can combine their fighting ability and strategy to help the party progress through the huge first person perspective maze. Build experience and life points and find needed spells hidden throughout your quest.



ULTIMA-QUEST OF THE AVATAR - FCI

FCI's latest addition to their library of adventure and quest games continues the Ultima series with a video game version of the popular computer game Ultima 4-Quest of the Avatar. Boasting vastly improved graphics, a quest that is four times larger than the first and hundreds of new magic spells, potions and treasures, Avatar stands to be one of the best, and hardest, RPG's ever made for the Nintendo System. Another exciting title for FCI.



DIRTY HARRY Mindscape

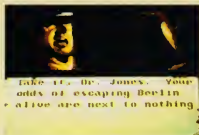
You're Detective Harry Callahan and your mission is a drug smuggling syndicate that's threatening to bring the San Francisco P.D. to its knees. You must follow the trail of a ruthless drug kingpin, and wipe out the drug scum where they breed the sewers, alleyways and dockyards. Crack the case and face the kingpin himself... in a blazing showdown on Alcatraz Island. The game features smooth scrolling action, digitized sound of Dirty Harry himself and multiple levels of play.



INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE

Taito

Help Indiana Jones find the holy grail before the Nazis do. All of the excitement of the movie has been duplicated in the video game through the use of numerous digitized screens and boxes of text. This adventure game recreates all of the thrilling action sequences such as his perilous walk over the lettered blocks. Great graphics and sound all add to the game and help recreate Indy's honorable quest.



U-FORCE POWER GAMES

Broderbund

Broderbund has created a new NES cartridge just for the U-Force. Containing four different games this cart lets you play a round of basketball with a friend, rescue people trapped in a burning building, stop invading rats from taking over your space ship or to allow you to create different types of music. All this without ever using a control pad! Instead, all you have to do is just wave your hands over the U-Force.



MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

Ultra

In this video game adaptation of the famous television spy show, you're given the special mission which subsequently destroys itself. Using digitized photos of the main cast in the introduction you then command three different spy identities while fighting through six different areas, each filled with numerous espionage zones. Shown in an exclusive 'top-down' graphic perspective the mission takes you to exotic locations all over the world.



STREET FIGHTER 2010

Capcom

Based on the arcade classic Street Fighter saga this action-adventure game takes you into nonstop action in the far future. Your mission this time is personal as you want to avenge the murder of your former partner and the trail of the criminals take you to the farthest reaches of the galaxy. With minimal weaponry and only your martial arts skills you must take on some of the most powerful aliens in the universe. Gather Neutron pods on your way to increase strength.



JOURNEY TO SILIUS

Sunsoft

Millions of light years away from Earth there exists a planet called Silius. Now in ruins because of a terrible war Silius has been taken over by a ruthless band of intergalactic terrorists who are threatening the peace of the universe. It is your job to clean up the planet, destroy the alien terrorists, and take on the huge bosses who have surrounded themselves with nearly invincible armament and are dug in to battle to the finish.



ULTIMATE BASKETBALL

American Sammy

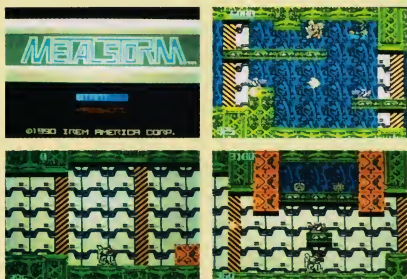
Lace up your high-tops and get ready for some fast paced slam-dunk action. American Sammy has put together a nice basketball game using large characters while still maintaining smooth scrolling of the court and decent player control. The game simulates the actual sport very well and with two good players playing against each other the action can be fast and furious. Going up head-to-head with the computer offers a real challenge to even the best of players.



METAL STORM

Irem

Best known for their outstanding coin-op and NES shooters, Irem continues the tradition with a new side-scroller with unbelievably detailed background graphics. Add intense nonstop action and very good player control. Throw in a wide variety of different power-ups and weapon choices and add a password feature to eliminate the need to constantly repeat the earlier rounds over and over and Metal Storm will have all the features needed to blow away the competition.



ROLLERGAMES

Ultra

Combine the thrill of a roller derby and the action of a good adventure game and you end up with Rollergames. In this game you must skate your way down the streets of the city jumping over road debris, obstacles and incomplete road segments. You must also manage to fight and punch through judo masters, skateboard thugs and motorcycle madmen in 6 challenging stages of horizontal and vertical scrolling action.



BUILT TO WIN Seta

Put on your driving gloves as Seta is getting ready to launch their new racing game. There are 30 different U.S. tracks to beat and then 16 additional international courses when you are good enough to qualify. Start off in an Austin Mini Cooper and work your way up to the all out F-1 racer. But you have to earn it. Buy extra performance parts with your winnings and improve your class rating with victories. It's you against 32 of the best drivers in the world though.



DR. MARIO Nintendo

Tetris fever has invaded the NES. Nintendo has come up with yet another clone, this time trying to lure players to this game by including the popular Mario name. In this version your goal is to destroy viruses by dropping and rotating multi-colored pills. Play either by yourself or select the two player mode and compete with a friend. Adjust the difficulty by selecting the speed at which the pills drop in the bottle and choose the level at which you wish to start.



POWER PLAY FOOTBALL HAL

While sounding like just another football game this version lets you get right into the heart of the action by incorporating the Power Pad into the game. Get right onto the field and actually run out for a pass or bust through the opposing team's line for a running play. Choose your team, pick your plays and get ready to work up a real sweat! If you're not up to the action and haven't been in training you can select the control pad option and be an armchair quarterback.



SILVER SURFER Arcadia Systems

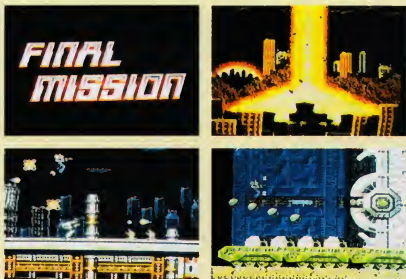
Look, up in the sky, it's a bird, it's a plane, no, it's the Silver Surfer! From a distant galaxy this glistening, gleaming seeker of truth arrived to our planet to combat the most evil minds of the universe. Fearlessly fight through 6 horizontal and 6 vertical levels in this 3 megabit Game Pak in search of the five elements that will, when combined, form the ultimate doomsday device - the Portal Machine! Defeat the evil plans of the Magik Domain and restore peace to our planet.



FINAL MISSION

Taito

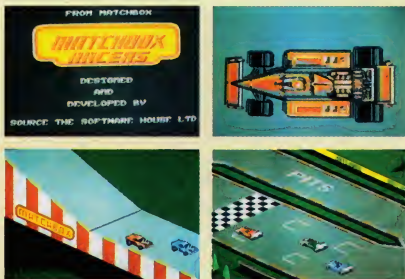
Developed by industry veteran - Natsume, Final Mission combines the very best in graphics, gameplay and sound available on the NES. This outstanding side view shooter, very similar in concept to Forgotten Worlds for the Genesis, not only scrolls both horizontally and vertically but also offers either one or two person cooperative gameplay. Throw in numerous weapon upgrades and large Boss attackers to conclude each round of play and Taito has a hot game!



MATCHBOX RACERS

Matchbox Toys

Grand Prix race cars, offroad racers, speed boats and demolition derby cars provide action in four different types of games in one! The track is set up in an isometric 3-D configuration and add on turbos, supergrip tires and weapons to your cars and then run them flat out over uneven ground, high banked turns or two way jumps and you have a game which is far from boring. It's RC racing at its fastest and most demanding pace.



ADVENTURE ISLAND II

Hudson

The NES sequel to Hudson's popular Adventure Island is coming this fall. There are eight new islands to explore with much more of the same which we enjoyed in the first version. Break the large eggs for the bonus items, hop on the skateboard, throw a few hammers and jump up to get the fruit for energy. The hidden bonus levels and the famous hudson bee are back as are all of the nasty creatures that stand in between you and the princess.



WORLD TROPHY SOCCER

INTV

It's time for the World Cup and INTV has brought all of the excitement of this fine sport to the NES. This simulation which is a direct translation of the popular arcade game features all of the real-to-life animation, multidirectional screen scrolling and accurately simulated types of kicks. Closeup views of the goals are copied from the arcade version and you can play either one, two, or now four players simultaneously! A wide variety of options let you practice or select a harder level.



CIRCUS CAPER

Toho

Going to a circus is normally a fun time. Thrills, action and laughs. But what if one time it wasn't that way? That time is now. Two children innocently go to a circus for fun only to encounter ominous mysterious shadows. You are Tim the brave boy who is thrown into this bizarre situation and armed only with your trusty yo-yo and a soccer ball you must fight off hostile clowns, tightrope artists and ferocious animals, all controlled by a ruthless trainer.



DAYDREAMIN' DAVEY

Hal

Did you ever get so bored with things that you started to daydream? Well Davey has just done that and you are now in the middle of his time-traveling adventure quest. Start back in time battling Medusa and Cyclops from Greek mythology. Then move forward to the old west and have it out with the Clanton Gang at the OK Corral. Finish that and it's back King Arthur's time to search for magic weapons. Finally it's the hardest quest yet-explaining it all to your teacher.



SUPER CARS

Electro Brain

Imagine being able to drive one of the fastest cars in the world. Few people ever get to but in this new Nintendo game you can drive a Retron Parsec Turbo Mark 1. It's got a top speed of 193 mph and it can do 0 - 60 in 5 seconds. And this is the slowest of the three cars to choose from! There are 9 different courses to choose from and race on. If you do well in the races you win money and with this you can buy extra parts or save for a faster car.



THE PUNISHER

LJN

Marvel Comics most unique super hero is coming to your Nintendo. Battle criminals in your own special way and dish out justice as you see fit. Designed in an over the shoulder first person perspective it is your job to clean up the streets of all the scum which is roaming around. If it moves shoot it as if you don't they will. Armed with an automatic rifle and a few hand grenades you must singlehandedly go where the police won't even venture.



FRANKENSTEIN

Bandai

The legendary monster of all time - Frankenstein is coming to the Nintendo later this year. In this suspenseful action adventure game by Bandai you must travel through the countryside of Transylvania on route to Dr. Frankenstein's castle. Standing in your way though are hundreds of hideous demons, monsters, and vampire bats. Armed only with your special martial arts skills and an occasional knife left on the ground, you must defeat all who oppose you.



MAGICIAN

Taxan

Taxan, best known for their outstanding shooters, has just expanded their game catalog with a superbly detailed role playing game called Magician. Designed by Eurocom Entertainment software of England, this RPG appears to be one of the most realistic games at the show. Utilizing 3 meg of memory plus a MMC3 chip and nearly a dozen specially created digitized musical scores, Magician offers a huge world of mystery, intrigue and magic for the serious RPGer.



BATTLE TANK

Absolute Entertainment

Absolute has just created a new tank simulation game for the NES. In this game you take on various missions where you are judged not only on your success or failure but also on how well you did in destroying the enemy forces and bases. Offering a first person perspective looking out the front of the tank you are given the standard battle tank armament and must carefully maneuver your way to your goal watching your radar, fuel and direction. A very realistic game!



TIMES OF LORE

Toho

From Origin, the creators of the popular Ultima series comes a new role playing game for the NES. In this game the High King of Albareth has not returned from his quest and there is unrest among the people of the kingdom. Also looting by bandits and monsters has been reported in the countryside and rumors of a cult of dark priests planning to take over the kingdom are starting to appear. You are the brave warrior who must bring peace back to the land.



USMC HARRIER

Absolute Entertainment

Besides their Battle Tank simulation Absolute Entertainment is also bringing out a jet fighter simulation. Based around the Harrier 'jump' jet you take on various missions in different 'hot' spots around the world. You have the standard armament of guns and missiles but the enemy is expecting you and has prepared a special welcoming party of equally armed and maneuverable jets. It's going to take all the your skill and ability just to make it back alive.



ARCH RIVALS

Acclaim

This outrageous basketbrawl arcade game is being converted to the NES by Acclaim. In this smash hit you get to play free-for-all basketball. That is, there are no rules so anything goes! If you can't block an opponents shot, punch his lights out instead! It's full court action for either one player against the computer or for two players in real head-to-head competition. More hilarious than the Harlem Globetrotters, Arch Rivals is B-ball like you never saw before!



THE MUTANT VIRUS

American Softworks

A Virus has invaded your computer and it is starting to infect your program and data files. You merge in an antivirus program and must guide it along to sweep up and destroy all of the viruses which have already mutated and multiplied. The viruses however, are deadly and can kill your program. You must first neutralize and enclose all of the virus cells with your 'paint-type' program and when an entire circuit board is clean you must move on to the next.



FLYING WARRIORS

Culture Brain

You are a student learning the martial arts from your teacher or Shingan. Not only must you master the skillful art of the punches, kicks and jumps necessary for a good offense but you also must learn how to properly defend yourself with moves which block an opponents attack. Once you learn the proper technique you can begin the quest your master has in store for you. Return victorious and you get promoted to the next higher level and you get another, yet harder, quest.



SKATE OR DIE 2

Electronic Arts

The long awaited sequel to the original mega-hit Skate or Die is being brought out as Electronic Arts first original Nintendo title. In this cart there are several parts to play. First there is the popular half-pipe and you can practice your hot dog moves and learn the controls. Once mastered you move on to the quest portion and you must skateboard your way through the streets and sidewalks of the city avoiding the dangerous ankle biting dogs and other vermin.



BILL & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

LJN

Two of the nation's most EX-cellent dudes are coming to the Nintendo system later this year. It's, of course, none other than Bill and Ted. In the game which spans eight unique time zones our heroes travel on a quest only they can solve. With digitized photos and voices of our heroes spread out throughout the game the adventure slowly unfolds and like the movie they constantly get themselves in and out of trouble.



PETER PAN

T.H.Q.

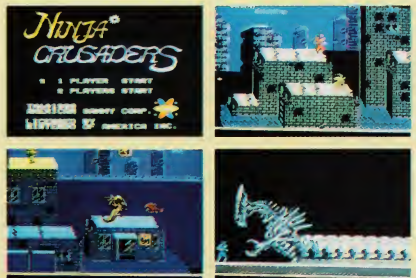
If you thought that Peter Pan had finished off Captain Hook in the Disney movie think again. T.H.Q. has put the 'never told tales' of Peter Pan into a Nintendo cartridge and Captain Hook is alive and well! He is planning to take over Never Land and only you can stop him. But you have to find him first and to do that you must take on a quest. Starting in a mushroom forest you have to collect jewels and get past the various forest creatures. Do this and move closer to Hook



NINJA CRUSADERS

American Sammy

The ancient skills of the Ninja warriors are shrouded in deep mystery and are understood by only a very few masters. As one of them you have achieved the highest ranking and have been taught the long lost art of body transformation. And because of this ability you have a new mission. In this quest you have to travel through different environments and must sometimes fly, swim or turn into a dragon. Grab the power-ups along the way to beat the bosses.



TECMO WORLD CUP SOCCER

Tecmo

Sharpen up your kicking skills as Tecmo is bringing out a new version of soccer. Shown in an overhead perspective view this two player game lets you take on a friend.



BOULDER DASH

JVC Musical Ind.

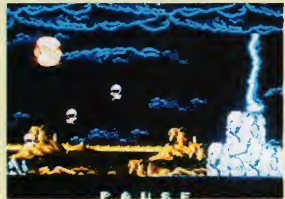
You are a miner and in search of the Secret Jewel. Dig tunnels through the various screens but watch out as if you dig in the wrong place all of the rocks will come tumbling down on top of you. Six worlds of adventure await you.



DARC SEED

Meldac

In this unusual game you are a head floating in space. Your weapons which you use against the enemy are your eyeballs which pop out of your head and fireballs which come out of your mouth. Strange but true!!



THE ADVENTURE OF JACKIE CHAN

Hudson

Take off on a new quest adventure as Jackie Chan. Battle with fierce tigers and other dangerous animals in strange new worlds.



LITTLE NEMO THE DREAM MASTER

Capcom

Rescue the King of Slumberland from the wicked ruler of nightmares. Hitch a ride on a gorilla or lizard to avoid deadly traps. Great for kids!



DRAGON'S LAIR CSG Imagesoft

Be Dirk the Daring, the hapless knight as he battles his way through Mordroc's castle which is loaded with traps and creepy creatures. Kill the foul, fire-breathing dragon and rescue Princess Daphne. A great remake of the old laser disk game.



ISOLATED WARRIOR NTVIC

You are Max Maverick, a trainee of an elite combat troop who must put on his special protective battle suit and go out into the world to rid it of the 40 different types of aliens.



SUPER PASSWORD Gametek

Try your hand at the newest version of one of TV's most popular quiz shows. Guess the correct word from the clues provided by the panelist.



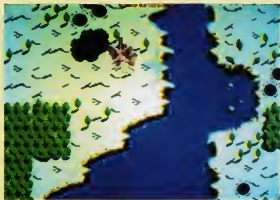
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BUGS Kemco-Seika

Bugs Bunny is 50 years old and help him make it to his birthday party in time. Get him over obstacles and past enemies.



DRAGON SPIRIT Bandai

Shoot your way past different land, water and air based monsters. Get various power-ups by bombing eggs on the ground. A fine conversion of the popular vertical scrolling TurboGrafx shooter.



CASTLEVANIA 3 DRACULA'S CURSE Konami

Fight your way past more ghouls in this the third installment of the Castlevania series. Transform yourself into three different spirits.



KLAX Tengen

Based on the hit Atari games coin-op. Line up different colored blocks either horizontally, vertically or diagonally as they come down a conveyor belt and stack up on a table.



MONSTER TRUCK RALLY INTV

Choose any of 9 smash-em-up, gear-grinding and mud sloshing events either against the computer or against up to three other players. Try tug-o-war or mud pull for fun!



KICKLE CUBICLE Irem

What looks like an kiddie game is instead a very addictive strategy cart. Similar to the old Atari 5200 game Pengo you kick blocks to destroy enemies and make bridges.



PAC-MANIA Tengen

Take the lovable dot gobbler and put him in a new series of mazes which now have height to them and allow Pac-Man to jump over the ghosts if he gets caught in a corner. Very similar to the popular arcade game.



ZR-1 CHALLENGE

Milton Bradley

Unleash the power of the fastest production car in the U.S. Race head-to-head in a cross country road race while keeping an eye open for the opponent in the mirror.



TOMBS AND TREASURE

Activision

Travel to ancient Mayan ruins to untangle a dangerous mystery. Locate the Sun Key and destroy the evil Mayan spirits which have accidentally been released.



LEGEND OF HERO TONMA

Irem

Depart in a magical adventure as Tonma the brave soldier. The princess has been captured and taken to an island filled with monsters. Defeat the evil emperor!



BATTLE CHESS

Data East

Play a new version of the old classic chess game. The rules are the same except that when you take your opponents piece the figures come to life and start to battle. Great digitized sound effects and 3-D animation add to the realism.



GALAXY 5000

Activision

Road racing in the 25th century. Race over floating multi level tracks on each of the 9 planets. Watch out for mines and blackholes as you try to blow away the competition. Hidden warp doors get you to bonus levels for more money to buy parts.



CAPTAIN SKY HAWK

Milton Bradley

Strap yourself into the hottest fighter plane ever and take off on one of the most difficult and wildest missions ever. Air combat soars to new heights and realism with this game.



WWF SURVIVOR SERIES

Acclaim

Hulk Hogan and the Ultimate Warrior are back along with 6 new stars in an improved wrestling sequel with new holds and moves and 2 and 3 player tag team action.



THE BARD'S TALE

FCI

Can the Bard, with his magical music conquer the monsters lurking in Skara Brae? With 16 maze levels, 85 magic spells and hundreds of loathsome beasts.



MAD MAX Mindscape

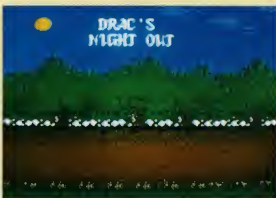
Hop into your car and try to survive multiple levels of holocaust on the highways. Based on the movie you must do everything to survive in a world turned upside down. Where people kill for a tank of gasoline.



DRAC'S NIGHT OUT

Parker Brothers

Try to survive through a night in Transylvania. One with a full moon at that! In this Castlevania type adventure all of the Frankensteins, mummies and Drac himself are out.



CABAL Milton Bradley

Take on Cabal, the fiercest terror force of all. Blast your way through 20 action packed missions where you and a friend can cooperatively take it all on - subs, tanks, jet fighters and squadrons of enemy soldiers.



SOLAR JETMAN Tradewest

Conquer 12 alien planets in search of the Golden Warship. Take on menacing alien armies, deadly booby traps and paralyzing gravity. Grab power-ups to customize your ship with more powerful weapons and new gear.



PIRATES Ultra

Set along the Spanish Main back in 1671 this role playing game combines the best of action, adventure and strategy simulations. As pirates you must battle with other ships, conquer foreign ports and engage in hand-to-hand combat.



KIWI KRAZE Taito

Rescue your kidnapped fellow birds from the clutches of Wally the Walrus. Search more than 20 areas all over New Zealand for your friends. Done in the same type of cute gameplay as Bubble Bobble and ideal for the younger players.



DUSTY **DIAMOND'S ALL-STAR SOFTBALL** Broderbund

Try your hand at a new version of the typical baseball game. The rules are different as is the gameplay. Definitely not another me-too game.



MENDEL PALACE

Hudson Soft

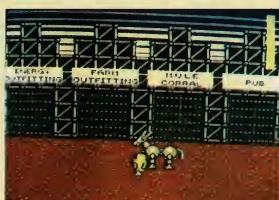
Suddenly you're transmitted into another dimension where the unreal becomes reality! You must fight through 200 levels to save a girl who's been kidnapped by her dolls.



M.U.L.E.

Mindscape

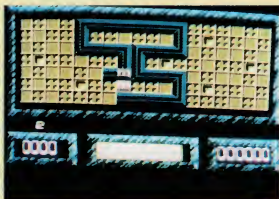
Become a cutthroat entrepreneur by owning the most land, mining the most gold and controlling the most population. In this role playing strategy game you can have it all - wealth, power and opportunity.



LOOPZ

Mindscape

A simple game in concept but amazingly addictive. You get pieces of pipe of different sizes and shapes. You move and rotate them around the board in order to create a loop. Play either solo or against a friend through 10 levels of difficulty.



MARIO ANDRETTI'S WORLD GP

American Sammy

Rev up your new Formula 1 racer and take on 13 pros on 16 famous raceways. Go head-to-head with a friend in split screen action.



MANIAC MANSION

Jaleco

Through a combination of the cursor to point and a small menu of selected on screen verbs you explore an old mansion searching for a kidnapped friend of yours.



THE RULER SHINGEN Hot Bee

Take over countries by defeating other armies in this military simulation. Play on over 40 different battlefields using strategy and the local terrain to defeat the enemy.



DAYS OF THUNDER Mindscape

Based on the Tom Cruise auto racing movie you drive a stock car in a series of eight different races on seven different tracks as you vie for the ultimate prize - the Series Cup.



MOTOR CITY PATROL Matchbox

As one of the street patrol your job is to provide backup to street crimes in progress. A call comes in and you must race through the streets of the city to get to the crime.



DRAGON WARRIOR PT 2 Enix

Control the actions of three warriors in this excellent sequel game. The country is 4 times the size of the original and you must now travel around the world to other lands.



DICK TRACY Bandai

Put on the famous trench coat and hit the streets in search of Big Boy Caprice and his gang. Get to his hideout and fight your way through his mob while grabbing extra energy and the evidence which will put him behind bars for a long time.



BACK TO THE FUTURE 2 & 3

LJN

As Marty McFly you must 'timejump' between the past, present and the future using Doc's sports car / time machine. Master the 30 levels in all 3 time zones.



DEWEY THE DOLPHIN

Ocean

Swim through the depths of the ocean watching out for all of the hungry fish who are looking for a tasty morsel for dinner. Meet up with Neptune, the Ocean god.



GILLIGAN'S ISLAND

Bandai

Join the Skipper and Gilligan in this adventure quest game where you have to travel through the maze of paths searching for information and clues as to how to get off the island.



BETLEJUICE

LJN

Based on the blockbuster movie you get to play the part of the 'ghost with the most' as you travel through levels of action and adventure avoiding spooks and ghouls. Enter the buildings along the way for added power-ups and bonuses.



ADVENTURES OF RAD GRAVITY

Activision

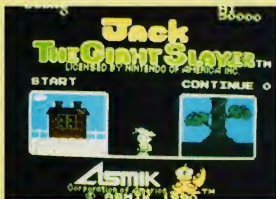
Restore peace to 10 worlds taken over by a warlord and his henchmen. Gather guns and tools along the way to solve the quest.



JACK THE GIANT SLAYER

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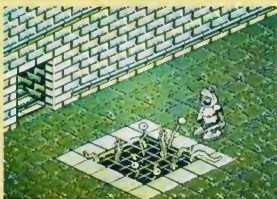
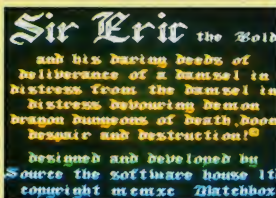
Like the fairy tale Jack has to get the treasure, climb the beanstalk, and defeat the evil Giant. Then he must make his way through the castle and rescue the princess.



SIR ERIC THE BOLD

Matchbox

As a Knight of the Round Table your job is to save Princess Tracy from the clutches of Cinder the Dragon. Fight your way through hundreds of demon infested dungeons to save her.



HATRIS

Bullet Proof Software

As pairs of different styles of hats slide down the screen, it's your job to maneuver them into stacks. Arrange five of the same type on top of each other, and they will vanish and give you a Hatris!



FRANCESCA'S WAND

Vic Tokai

Take on a quest through the underground caves and catacombs of the underworld. Find your way through the mazes while avoiding all of the evil creatures living there.



PUSS N BOOTS

Electro Brain

Pero is Puss N' Boots of storybook fame. Travel with him around the world and also through time as he tries to catch and defeat the evil Count Gruemon. Find the hidden time machine to return you back to the present.



ORB 3-D

Hi-Tech Expressions

Strap on the special 3-D glasses and get ready to experience spectacular action as you master 30 mystical puzzles. Beat these and enter the Wizard's inner sanctum hopefully, before he destroys the entire galaxy.



DEJA VU

Kemco - Seika

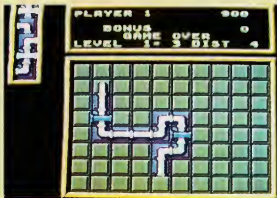
The popular Mindscape computer game is being converted to the Nintendo by Kemco - Seika. In this graphic adventure game you play the role of a detective and must search for clues by examining everything and talking to everyone.



PIPE DREAMS

Bullet Proof Software

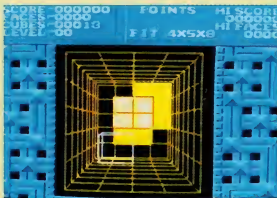
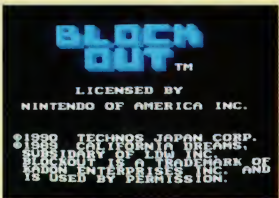
Combine spatial planning and strategic thinking with quick intense action. Build the longest possible continuous pipeline while racing against a stream of water coming slowly but steadily through the pipe.



BLOCK OUT

American Technos

Take the popular game of Tetris, add a third dimension of depth to the puzzle game and you will end up with Block Out. Twist and rotate the 3-D pieces as they fall towards the center of the puzzle in order to make them fit together.



EURO CUP

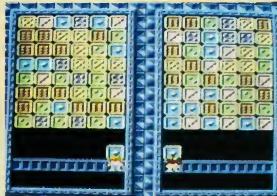
SOCCER Matchbox

Eurocup Soccer takes you beyond standard video sports play and into sophisticated simulated action. Control every move from heading to trapping to dribbling to tackling.



PALA MEDES Hot-Bee

Shoot the dice as they fall down the screen. Each time you shoot you change the number on the dice and the object is to make the best poker hand out of the numbers in order to eliminate rows of dangerous dice. Play single, match or tournament.



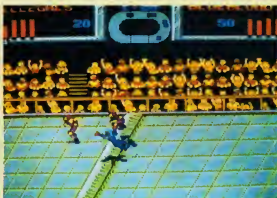
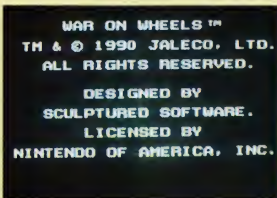
TIME LORD Milton Bradley

Hunt down the mysterious and evil forces which are lurking in the dark corners of times gone by. Travel back to the Medieval days to fight black knights; to the days of the pirates who roamed the Caribbean or to WW2 to take on enemy tanks.



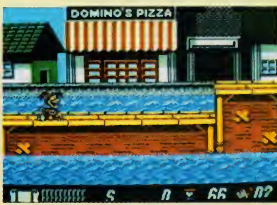
WAR ON WHEELS Jaleco

Roller Derby never plays by the rules. So why have any? There aren't any! Strap on the skates and punch out the jammers or do whatever it takes to win as that's all that counts!



YO NOID Capcom

That lovable character from those wacky Domino's pizza commercials makes his debut in this adventure quest game for the NES. Help the NOID through a fantastic island full of volcanoes, glaciers and polar bears. Digitized sound adds realism.



PYROSS American Sammy

Take on a quest through a foreign and dangerous country. Cross over rivers of fire while watching out for the hidden treasures of gold which are hidden along the way. The enemy are fast, strong and numerous as you get into the quest.



OUTPOST: GENESIS

Sega again, as in past shows demonstrated that 16 bit technology is definitely the wave of the future. Other companies agree also as with 17 third party licensees showing over 40 new games, the Genesis system is shaping up to be a serious competitor for Nintendo.

With regards to games Sega is slowly showing progress on most of the titles originally shown back in January. Dick Tracy now had a few real screens as did Spiderman and Mickey Mouse. Arcade games were farther along with E-Swat, Super Monaco GP and Dynamite Duke almost done. There were a couple of new games shown - Vermillion, a hot new 6 meg RPG is coming this fall as is a fantastic 6 meg conversion of the arcade game Strider. Other scheduled games like Phantasy Star 3, Shadow Dancer and Power Drift were unfortunately nowhere to be seen. Check our International Column elsewhere in this issue for additional top secret photos.

The big news though, came from the third party people. Phenomenal titles like Thunder Force 3, Fire Shark, Aero Blasters, Phelios, Whip Rush, Final Zone, Shadow Blasters, Hell Fire, Hard Drivin, Dando and Lakers vs Celtics are the ones to watch for. Most were nearly complete and should nicely supplement the new Sega games this Christmas.

Another item not shown at CES but very much a reality was Sega's color portable - Game Gear. Check out our EGM Express for a hands-on review of a production model.

CAESAR Micronet

Put yourself in the position of Julius Caesar as you take on a detailed military simulation involving 4 different scenarios - defensive, land, sea and fortress battles.



Macress Seismic

Transform yourself into four different characters each with special traits. Use the best one to get through a maze of 90 screens to find the room which holds the boss.



LAKERS VS CELTICS Electronic Arts

Replay the entire NBA playoffs in EA's new basketball simulation. Great gameplay and each famous player has his own personalized shot. Kareem has his skyhook; Jordan has his dunk. It's all here!



AERO BLASTER

Kaneko Seisakusho Co.

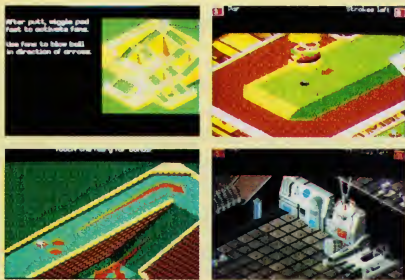
Based on the arcade game of the same name, Aero Blaster puts you in one of the last jet fighters on the planet. The Earth has been almost completely destroyed by a super powerful alien force. It is your job to systematically eliminate all of the invaders you encounter and to rid the planet of the alien masterminds in their huge end of round battle cruisers. The action is intense and the graphics are awesome. It's also one of the few two player cooperative shooters.



ZANY GOLF

Electronic Arts

Known best for their outstanding computer software, Electronic Arts has entered the Genesis market with conversions of some of their most popular titles. One of the first to come out will be their miniature golf game. Designed more for fun than simulation, Zany Golf goes beyond just aiming and putting. In one hole, for example, the player must jiggle the control pad to turn on fans which block your ball to the hole. Other moving obstacles blow your shot and get in your way.



POPULOUS

Electronic Arts

Another highly successful Electronic Arts computer game to be converted to the Genesis is Populus. In this game you play the role of a type of God. You have the responsibility of taking care of a populated world and you must try to have the people flourish and multiply. You can create new land for them to live on but there is a down side. The computer also plays a God but it is evil. You then must try to protect your territory while attempting to destroy the evil empire.



FIRE SHARK

Dreamworks

It's just you and your old bi-wing plane against a whole invasion force. Armed only with your cowl mounted machine gun and a few bombs which you can pick up along the way you must take on the enemy which is in the air, on the land or on the sea. Battle with hordes of enemy planes, dirigible, tanks, cruisers and battleships as you try to turn back the enemy. Based on the vertical scrolling arcade game of the same name, Fire Shark should keep the best fighting aces busy.



PHELIOS Namco America

Legend has it that thousands of years ago there existed a peaceful culture on the other side of the world. One day the ruler's daughter - Althemis was captured and taken to the temple of the black lord. You must save her and armed with your magical sword and winged horse you must take on hundreds of evil demons. In this 7 level vertical scrolling shooter you must uncover the various power enhancements for your sword and use them to defeat all which stand in your way.



DANDO Treco

Not so far away on a peaceful planet a giant fireball came crashing down. Something evil came from the wreckage and began to move across the land. This force reminded the people of an ancient evil god called Dando. That reign of terror has begun again and you must take on the quest to find and destroy him and all who have become his servants. Visit the towns, buy more powerful weapons and armor and travel through the countryside in this quest-adventure.



JOE MONTANA FOOTBALL Sega

Sega's new football game, with the endorsement of Joe Montana, appears to be one of the best simulations of the game ever made! Offering a wide variety of both offensive and defensive plays to choose from, insert close-up digitized photographs of the play action, full screen digitized images of field goals, extra points and the like are but a few of the spectacular effects in this outstanding game.



BATTLE TANK Sega

Besides offering sports, action and adventure games for the Genesis, Sega has several of the best known computer software manufacturers busy converting some of their battle simulators. One of the first we will see is Abrahms Battle Tank. This military simulation puts you inside the tank with a first person perspective looking out. You man all of the controls - driver, gunner and commander on your various missions which take you deep into highly fortified enemy territory.



BIMINI RUN

Nuvision

Experience the awesome power of a high speed performance boat. Your sister has been kidnapped and you must find the evil Dr. Orca's island hideout and rescue her. It's no easy task though, as he has a whole fleet of attack boats and choppers waiting for you, and to make it worse, you must cross through the dreaded Bimini Triangle. In this mysterious area strange sea creatures and wild sea conditions add to your already perilous journey.



INSTRUCTIONS: Take the wheel of your "Banshee" (race) and with the help of your loyal friend Luka, find their hideaway and rescue your sister. Good luck!

COLUMNS

Sega

The smash Japanese arcade hit is being translated for the Genesis system. Similar in concept to Tetris, in Columns you must match up colors rather than shapes. Match three of the same color horizontally, vertically or diagonally and they disappear. Match up four and get big bonus points. If you don't like the order of the colors in the block which is falling you can change the order in which they appear. Play alone or against a friend.



KAGEKI

Sage's Creation

It's one on one and you fight until someone runs out of energy and doesn't get up. No fancy power-ups or special moves. Just punches - left jab, right jab or straight punch. Based on the arcade game of the same name, Kageki boasts 5 meg in 9 levels of street boxing. If you win you get to give your opponent the heave-ho. Pick him up and carry him to the sewer and throw him down the drain! Then take on the superBoss while dodging the bombs on the screen.



TRAMPOLINE TERROR

Dreamworks

From the darkest corner of space a futuristic fortress suddenly appears on Earth. It never touches ground but it just floats menacingly up in the sky. Surrounding it there is a maze of walkways, or so they appear. You go up to investigate and find the walkways are really trampolines and that they are patrolled by enemy invaders. Your job is to make it through 32 different levels in eight different backdrops in this chase adventure game.



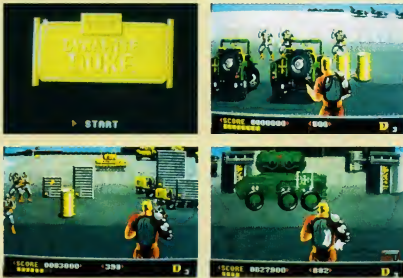
TECNO COP Razor Soft

You're a member of the Enforcers, an elite group of road warrior type crime fighting cops and your job is to rid the world of a radical gang of punks and thugs called D.O.A. To get you to where the punks are hiding out you have a VMAX twin turbo interceptor patrol car equipped with a side mounted cannon. Once there you must rely on your .88 magnum pistol and a snare gun if all else fails. There are 11 levels of action each ending in a great fight with one of the crime lords.



THE DYNAMITE DUKE Sega

Operation Wolf for the Genesis? Not quite, but so close that for all practical purposes they can be considered the same. In Duke you must shoot or be shot. Blow up selected items on the screen and reveal the bonus icons. Shoot them and gain extra bullets or missiles. The graphics are considerably better than Wolf as some of the tanks and troop carriers are immense in size and there are many more moving objects on the screen at one time. An intense shooter.



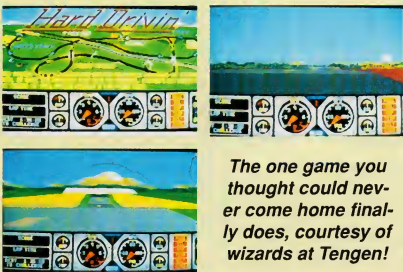
BEAN BALL BENNY Nuvision Entertainment

Bean Ball Benny is a zany, comical game where Bennie, a Mario clone, must save Zooneyville from the evil Ramon and his fumbling gang of crooks. Armed only with his trusty trick taxi and 'bazooka-like' pitching arm, Benny uses his deadly 'beanball' to K.O. the crooks. Chase Ramon and his henchmen through the streets of Zooneyville and its zany underground world of subways while avoiding the wacky surprises and strange inhabitants you'll encounter.



HARD DRIVIN' Tengen

One of the finest racing simulations to hit the arcades, Hard Drivin' on the Genesis really shows off the potential of the system. Using the same filled polygon technology as in the arcades the Genesis version puts you behind the wheel of a Ferrari and you can race either on the looped Stunt Track or the flat-out Speed Track. Should you qualify then move on to racing head-to-head with the best time on record. Realistic 3-D type imagery helps simulate the real thing.



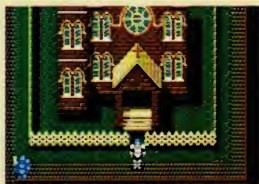
The one game you thought could never come home finally does, courtesy of wizards at Tengen!

THE SWORD OF VERMILION Sega

Sega, well known for their outstanding group of RPG games, is expanding their line up this fall with a spectacular title called The Sword of Vermilion. It's a full 6 meg game with battery backup and takes place in a middle ages-type setting.

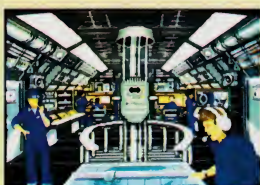
In Vermilion your goal is to travel throughout the kingdom in search of the eight crystals of peace. You must find them and bring them together to give you the power to overthrow the evil lord and to restore peace in the Kingdom.

Vermilion's game screen is divided up into several parts. The left side shows an over the shoulder view of what is immediately in front of you, while the right side shows a small overview of the general area. When an enemy appears the screen switches to a side view of a battle scene. Taking place both above and under the ground its an all new RPG offering many hours of entertainment



688 ATTACK SUB Sega

With the expanded memory capacity of the 16 bit Genesis System software, highly detailed and complex computer games and simulations are now able to be converted to cartridges. One of the first to be brought over is 688 Attack Sub by Electronic Arts. This game is a submarine warfare simulation with you in control as the captain. Get your mission orders and develop your attack strategy. Since it is a very real simulation you have control of all of the functions of the ship. Call up the sonar and you can see what is happening below the surface or raise the periscope to see the enemy on the surface. Speed, depth, bearing, course, range to enemy, damage control, X-Y grid coordinates, it's all there and much, much more. No detail has been overlooked in this game. Easily, the best battle simulation ever made in the cartridge format.





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HELLFIRE Seismic

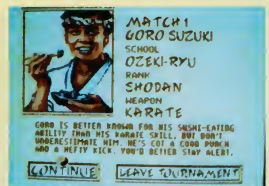
The galaxy is under attack by a superpowerful army. The power source for your secret weapon has been taken and your people are defenseless. You must retrieve the power source and turn back the enemy which has taken over the six planets of the solar storm.

Based on an older arcade game, Seismic has converted it for the Genesis and gone one step better! In the cart version extra options plus a new 'hellfire' super weapon, which destroys everything in its path, has been added. It is an excellent side scrolling shooter with four different types of weapons. Each is instantly selectable with the B button and controls the direction of fire. As you progress through the stages you pick up additional power ups, each of which increases the destructive power of your weapon. Shields for defense, and a shadow ship also add to your weaponry.



BUDOKAN Electronic Arts

It's martial arts at its finest. Adapted from the computer version, Electronic Arts is now converting it over to the Genesis. In this simulation you take on a variety of martial arts students each of which possess increasingly better abilities and skills. Also each student uses a specific weapon and has his own specialty. Kendo, Bo and Nunchaka are but a few of the special martial arts forms. Your goal therefore is to be the master of all and to do this you must study each form in detail, spar with your sensei (teacher) and then, when you are ready, take on the ultimate challenge - the grand master of each martial arts form. Practice is slow as each form requires you to know over 30 specific moves ranging from overcut strikes to low spin kicks. Throw in excellent graphics which capture the oriental look and mood along with large characters and you end up with a great simulation.



BATTLE MISSION Renovation Products

It's the middle of WW 2 and your tour of duty is in the South Pacific. Forced to land on a deserted island you must somehow get back to your forces. However the island you landed on is far from deserted! Suddenly, gunfire breaks out in front of you and you return fire. You landed on one of the enemy's strongholds! Planes fly overhead and you see a way to get out - make it to the airfield and commandeer a plane. But first you must shoot your way through tanks, troop carriers, and hundreds of soldiers.

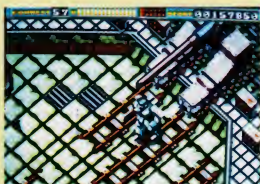
While similar in concept to the NES version of Operation Wolf the graphics, gameplay and intensity of action is better than anything ever seen on the NES. Offering levels of action both on the ground and in the air, Battle Mission is an excellent first person perspective shooter. Also, you can get different endings depending on how good you are.



FINAL ZONE Renovation Products

It's the distant future and an army of robots have taken over the planet. Conventional forces have been ineffective and the last hope is a new, but untested, piece of equipment. Code name - New Age Power Suit, this special body shell comes equipped with all of the current state-of-the-art offensive and defensive gear. Weapons such as bazookas, wave guns, ray pistols, and hunter missiles are built into your arms. And you'll need them all as the robots are everywhere!

The action gets intense as you must patrol level after level of this multidirectional scrolling shooter set in a three quarter overhead view with simulated Zaxxon-style pseudo 3-D perspective. Start off on the surface of the planet out in the countryside and move on to the streets of the city finally working deeper and deeper into the enemy fortress itself.

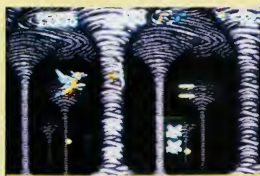


INSECTOR X Sage's Creation

Imagine being shrunk down to the size of an insect and then having to fight normal, everyday bugs just to survive. It's happened and you now get to see the world through the eyes of an insect.

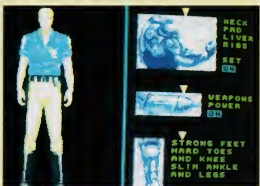
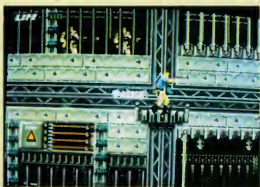
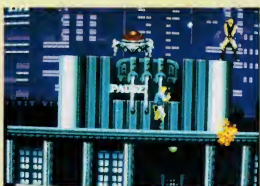
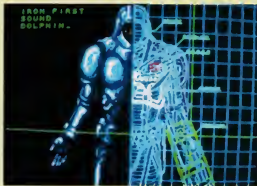
A realm beyond all your imagination exists in vast arid deserts, intricate city sewers, fields of grass and weeds untamed jungles and an awesome underground insect empire. Each level is amazingly beautiful yet extremely dangerous as all of the other insects of the world have to eat too and you are just the right size for dinner. Start off weak and only strong enough to take on the mildest of bugs but by collecting the various power-ups you can build up your weaponry to the point where you just might have a chance to survive.

But, that was until you say the Boss enemy. A huge bug half the size of the screen! Hopefully you grabbed the can of bug spray you saw along the way!



ESWAT Sega

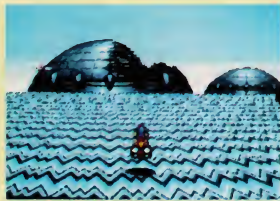
If you thought crime fighting was difficult now you should see what it's like in the near future. Criminals possessing weapons of unbelievable power and strength! Like laser guns which are capable of ripping through inches of solid steel! That's what you have to go up against every day because you are a cop. Not an ordinary policeman mind you but one of the very best. You've made it to the ESWAT force! Standing for Enhanced Special Weapons and Tactics you can put on a specially made suit which lets you go head-to-head with the thugs of the future. This is Sega's Genesis version of the popular arcade game and it has been translated beautifully. With level after level of both horizontally and vertically scrolling graphics, ESWAT captures all the intensity and excitement of the arcade game. Bound to be one of the best Genesis games coming out this year!



BURNING FORCE

Namco

In the year 2100 your final exam in Space Technology is a shoot-out with robot drones. Run through 6 rounds of air-bike battles grabbing power-ups as you go. Will you graduate with 'flying' colors or bomb out?



LAND BUSTER

Seismic

Fight the evil forces of Reconad in the super tank "Land Buster". Find their power source while destroying their tanks, planes and robots. Special weapons help cut them down to size and great 3-D graphics really show off the game.



'VETTE

Sega

Hop in one of the fastest cars in the world. Take on Porsches and other exotic cars in this behind the wheel perspective computer conversion. Filled polygon pseudo 3-D animation add to the realism of this driving game.



SHADOW BLASTERS

Sage's Creation

Take on a quest of world-wide importance! The planet has been invaded and you must search the cities, forests and mountains for the enemy. Form a party of 4 and head out in this Mystic Defender type adventure game.



CROSS FIRE

Kyugo Trading Co

It's Super Airwolf! Get in your heavily equipped attack copter and take off in this vertically scrolling shooter. Take on wave after wave of fighter jets, planes and bombers while destroying the land bases.



DICK TRACY

Sega

Patterned after the new hit movie, it's the roaring 20's and the gangs are running the city. You as Dick Tracy must singlehandedly take on the entire mob in this exciting side scrolling action packed shooter.



SPIDERMAN

Sega

The webbed wonder has come out of the comic books and on to the streets in search of his arch rival Dr. Doom. Climb buildings with ease and swing from one to another using your web gun. Scrolls horizontally and vertically.



JUNCTION

Micronet

The rules are simple- move your red ball from one checkpoint to the next in the shortest amount of time. Move the blocks around and change the course. Grab the bonus items to freeze the enemy or to change the time clock. An addictive game!



SUPER VOLLEYBALL

Video System Co.

Create the ultimate V-Ball team and take on the best in the world. Program in personal data for each member like a strong spiker, good server or quick reflex action for defense.



STRIDER

Sega

Easily the best action game at the CES, Strider (no relation to the NES title) is a near duplicate of the arcade game. Containing a phenomenal 6 meg of memory, this game offers graphic detail, seldom seen in a home cart. The character animation is near perfect also as his summersaults and flips are done in very fluid movements. Also like in the arcade version Strider can get the circling option for double firepower and later in the game his dog comes in handy in taking out the enemy. The end of round bosses are huge, nearly rising to the top of the screen and the animation of such a large character is done very well. With multidirectional scrolling coupled with a level of gameplaying intensity only seen in the arcades, Strider will probably be one of the biggest hits when it comes to the stores this Christmas.



The 16-Bit version of Strider is loader with fantastic looks from start to finish! Master the play techniques and infiltrate the enemy headquarters!

Strider is filled with multiple animations in all of the good and bad characters alike! Wind your way into higher levels to take on dinosaurs and much more!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Sega

Take on your quest as a cute hedgehog named Sonic. Similar in concept to Wonder Boy, this sidescroller combines action and adventure in one great game.



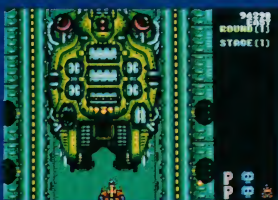
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One of the biggest surprises at the CES was the appearance of not just a couple but almost 20 new Master System Games. All indications were that the 8 bit system was to die a quiet death and that the Genesis would be THE system of the 90's but Sega has decided to do an Atari-type move and perpetuate their older system. Keeping the system alive with a reasonable amount of new games is good as their are tons of Master Systems still in use but Sega has gone overboard by redesigning the system shell, removing the ancient card port, reducing the price and calling it the Master System 2.

As for new games most of the titles just don't have the spark that ones like R-Type, Out Run, Phantasy Star or Spellcaster had. There are no new RPG's, the sports games aren't significantly better than the existing ones, and the shooters like E-Swat and Aerial Assault are just OK. Moonwalker, Mickey Mouse and Paperboy were the best of the SMS games at the show. The two which have the best potential of being great though, are Gouhls & Ghosts and Strider. Both, unfortunately were so incomplete as that only title screens were all Sega had to show. One would think, with 4 meg of cart memory possible, and great 16 bit translations already done Sega could do wonders with these two games. Also, many other titles like G-Loc and Maze Syndrome could quickly appear as Sega 'Gears' up with new 8 bit carts (different size and pin configuration) for the Game Gear.

CASTLE OF ILLUSION

Sega

The fabulous Genesis title will be converted to the Master System with surprisingly little loss of detail. In this game, Minnie has been kidnapped and Mickey must save her. Promises to be a great game for the kids.



JOE MONTANA FOOTBALL

Sega

Another big name Sega wants to get a lot of mileage out of is Joe Montana. This new Master System football game adds a couple of new options over the Walter Payton version but don't expect to see all of the great special effects as in the Genesis game.



PAT RILEY BASKETBALL

Sega

Another Master System updated sports game offers closeup views of some of the spectacular slam dunk shots from its 16 bit cousin. Decent graphics for the 8 bit and faster action than its predecessor.



PAPERBOY

Sega

The highly successful arcade and Nintendo game is coming to the Master System this fall. You as a newspaper delivery boy have a job which sounds rather simple - make sure that everybody on your route gets a paper once a day. But it's not that easy as the sidewalks and streets are filled with mad dogs, road obstacles, kids on big wheels and cars who just don't watch where they are going. Three different routes to choose from and lots of challenging action and fun.



SUPER MONACO GP

Sega

Put on your driving gloves and get ready for some fast racing as Sega is bringing out a translation of it's great arcade game for the Master System. Almost all of it is here too. There is a variety of different tracks to race on, 4 different transmissions to choose from and the split screen to allow for two player head-to-head competition. An overview of the track shows your relative position and what turns are coming up. Great graphics and realistic sounds.



GAIN GROUND

Sega

Work your way through time in this remake of and old Sega classic quest game now translated for the Master System. Start off in the cave man era and search for stronger weapons while avoiding the enemy which will do anything to keep you off their land. The weapons get more advanced as you progress from level to level and you move up to clubs, spears, bow and arrows and eventually guns. Play against the computer or with a friend in a 2 person cooperative game.



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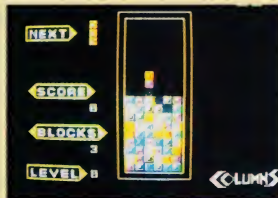
Sega

Originally done by Epyx as a computer game, Sega has acquired the rights and is bringing it out for the new Master System. In this adventure maze game you must work your way through a series of shafts and corridors populated by hundreds of high-tech enemy robots. Your goal is somewhere at the end of the maze but the challenge is that you don't really know where the end is as the overview map only shows the areas where you've been.



COLUMNS Sega

Like Tetris, Columns is a falling block puzzle game. Match up three blocks of the same color either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and they will then disappear. Change the colors in the blocks as they fall to help make matches.



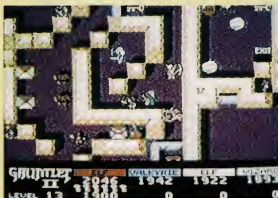
STRIDER Sega

This is going to be a conversion of Strider the arcade game and not the NES version. Very early in development with no real game screens available for playing or viewing.



GAUNTLET Sega

Another popular arcade title being added to the rapidly increasing list of Master System II games. Fight your way through dozens of dungeons infested with monster generators, sorcerers traps and fiendish villains.



KNOCK OUT BOXING Sega

Put on the gloves and hop into the ring. Play the part of "Buster" Douglas in Sega's new 8 bit boxing game. Take on tough computer opponents or go a few rounds with a friend.



MOONWALKER Sega

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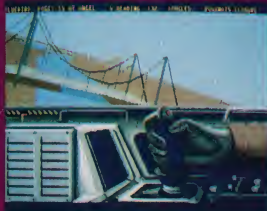
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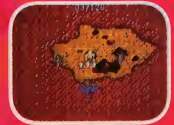
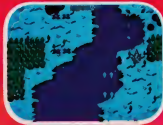
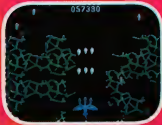
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Abadox	88,000	Mike Miller
After Burner	14,335,970	Jeff Yonan
Bad Dudes	347,000	Mark Winters
Bubble Bobble	1,530,350	Rose Luchs
Burai Fighter	100,000	Target Score
Contra	6,443,500	Jim Hernandez
Double Dragon	128,350	Jim Hernandez
Double Dragon 2	116,080	David Wright
Gyruss	2,008,650	Jeff Yonan
Ironsword	229,850	Jim Allee
Karnov	534,500	Ralph Mendes
Marble Madness	76,800	Steve Ryno
Mega Man	357,200	Brent Walker
Ninja Gai Den	980,500	Deverell Baty
Ninja Gai Den 2	100,000	Target Score
P.O.W.	111,000	George DeVries
Q*Bert	219,820	Mike Nichols
Rampage	81,900	Leslie Ford
Road Blasters	49,500	Mike Lee
Robowarrior	701,800	Donn Nauert
Rolling Thunder	92,100	Ray Severence
Sky Shark	1,043,570	Jeff Yonan
Silkworm	1,386,380	Donn Nauert
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After Burner	9,704,000	Jeff Yonan
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Missile Defense 3-D	659,000	Joe Tadder
Out Run	55,626,340	Dan Lee
Rampage	744,865	Max Rockafellow
Rastan	322,790	George Sun
R-Type	1,016,300	Brent Gustafson
Shinobi	940,100	Brian Herrmann
Space Harrier	7,266,990	Bill Day
Thunder Blade	3,054,000	Bob McGulre
Vigilante	12,900	Jim Allee

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China Warrior	228,300	Scott Williams
Cyber Core	239,100	Mason Samson
Dragon Spirit	464,900	Steve Ports
Fantasy Zone	1,480,900	Mark Coppola
Fighting Street	49,500	Mike Lee
Galaga '90	1,314,900	Steve Ryno
Legendary Axe	4,246,450	Brandon Fish
Monster Lair	304,900	Mike Lee
Side Arms	211,000	Brian Allen
Vigilante	14,000	Simon Harllng

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Game	Score	Player
After Burner 2	12,644,000	Abdul Rajini
Altered Beast	1,109,700	Geoffery Erickson
Air Diver	21,946,300	Corey Miller
Golden Axe	Finished	Justin Cornette
Ghouls and Ghosts	728,800	Jason Prince
Rambo 3	1,280,100	Tony DeSilvery
Revenge of Shinobi	2,408,100	Tony DeSilvery
Space Harrier 2	30,721,000	Lee Ventelcher
Target Earth	100,000	Target Score
Thunder Force 2	1,873,100	Rob Slegmann
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After Burner	68,588,000	November Kelly
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Contra	2,021,400	Jim Hernandez
Double Dragon	130,900	Brian Chapel
Dragon Spirit	400,630	Dow Luk See
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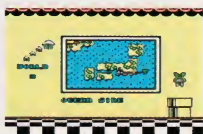
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