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Super Game Boy! I have a question for you. In a local toy store, I was playing Game Boy. The Game Boy was hooked up to a T.V.! The graphics were the same, but looked cooler and bigger. If you have any information on this could you please tell me?

A Concerned Gamer East Rockaway, NY

The Game Boy you see hooked up in the store is what the industry calls a Wide Boy, which is a converter that changes the standard LCD dot matrix into a video signal that any TV can translate. While extremely nice to look at, it runs for about \$1500 dollars, and unit & White doesn't warrant Black & White \$1500 dollars, and that kind of mone 10 11 gaming. However npe Nintendo of America Super Game Boy cart of approxim \$59 that will enable you to play Gam games through your Super NES they will create Super Game Boy G that are BSM on the Game Boy G e Boy G that are B&W on the Game Boy and in color on the Super Game Boy nome converter.

Don't... Don't Be

the Hypelli I began buying your magazin 3 issues ago, and I was coupling 2 issues ago, and I was coupling the outset. But your test (March/April) really showed my you guys are legit. Your revi Cybermorph illustrated to me that you rate it... unlike some other mags I know of. The game is truly great, and as far as I'm concerned, any mag that trashed it has absolutely no credibility. In one review I read the reviewer wasn't even familiar with the controls of the game. Now unless I find out that you guys dissed Ranger-X in a past issue, I will definitely continue to buy your magazine. Good Job!

Patrick Ketan Egg Harbor, I **RALONI**

me Informer I rom a tiny publication to a Magaz poasting over 130,000 subscribers. Considering the small amount of time the we have been around, we feel that we w continue to grow and deliver a first-ra magazine for many years to come. As I eviews are conce aste consumer, just like yourselt reading other vbody her an avid emembe ines and linding it very that those d to guys actually played the games they reviewed. When we write Game Informer, we know what it's like to buy a lame cart that was hyped up to be the next big thing. that was hyped up to be the next big thing. Nothing could be worse, so we try to give you our honest opinions, but remember they to our opinions. If you see a game in our pages that looks interesting to you, but we dissed it, go rent it. GL or any other magazine, can't decide what you like, but we can give you an educated point of view

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AData Updated I was wondering if you could help me? I greatly enjoy RPG's, and have thoroughly enjoyed AD&D's "Warriors of the Eternal Sun" Considering how many games TSR has for PC's, I wanted to know if there will be any more D&D games for Sega? To date, I think it's the



best RPG for Sega and would like to see more.

Dan Trimarco

Dan you are one lucky guy, this just happens to be the issue where Game Informer tears into every RPG we could get our hands on. Unfortunately, only one based on AD&D and it's for a don't have (or least we think have SNES). However, there of the er of good RPG's available to 1 and as we speak .Sega working on a couple of surprises to ep all you RPG fans happy. Plus,FCI working on a version of Eye of the holder for the Sega CD.

(AS) 581 First, for me tell you all that you publish a time magazine. I have received 2 liseues and both have helped my gameplay tremendously! hank yes).

Bet

how in the name of funky chicken do I finish Jurassic Park for Genesis? I can make it to the end of the Visitor's Center with both Grant and the Raptor, but then what? I'm losing my mind, so please help me. Third, in my humble opinion

censorship in any form stinks! I applaud your reaction to the letter you received from Duane Giddings Gary, II. I have two words for Mr. Giddings, "LIGHTEN UP!" Keep up the great work!

Smithtown, NY

Funky Chicken? Interesting?! We were thinking Kentucky Fried Raptor! Anyway to beat the last level you have to jump on the skeleton's back, then jump back between the two skeletons and use your red concussion grenades. Of course, practice makes prefect.

Code Trouble!

In your March/April 1994 issue I noticed a mistake. The mistake was in the section Secret Access. One of the ames was Disney's Aladdin. For the vel four code you had written Genie, Jafar, Aladdin, Jasmine. The right code is Genie, Jafar, Aladdin, Abu. Otherwise I enjoyed the rest of your megazine. I hope to see the mistake xed in the next issue. Thank you. Sarah Weigel

Prospect Heights, IL

oops, that sometimes happens, but anks for letting us know. If you see any more mistakes in the future be sure to let

I was very unhappy about a code in your March/April 1994 issue. The code was for T.M.N.T. Tournament Fighters for Super Nintendo. I had rented the game and typed in the code: "AD64-DDA7" for Game Genie and turned off effects at the Title Screen (like it said) and nothing happened. So I want to give you a tip if you want to keep the people who read this magazine. CHECK THE CODES BEFORE YOU WRITE THEM DOWN, and if they don't work, don't write them down. Other than that code, I haven't seen any other code in your magazine that hasn't worked. Yet, hope you take this seriously because I mean it seriously.

Nathan McGraw East Inver Grove Heights, MN

I'm sorry that you're upset Nathan, but I think you should have tried the code for a while longer because it does indeed work. Rat King or Karai do not actually appear on the screen at any time, you have to choose Leo or Raph. So we are guilty of not explaining it better, but not of printing an inaccurate code. Hey, we can't give it all away.

I recently picked up your magazine for the first time to find out the MKII moves. In reading a letter in your Letter from the Editor Department, I read about how someone supported the SNES watering down their version of Mortal Kombat. I disagree entirely. Game producers should be allowed to put whatever they want in the games. They do need to warn people, though. I think a rating system should be put into effect with home video game systems. It worked for movies and computer games; why not video

and computer games, why not view games on the home systems? SNES producers can keep their "Competition Edition". Sounds more like Parents' Edition to me. The whole appeal of Mortal Kombat is the realism and gore. With that taken out, the game loses come of the appeal. The whole the source of the some of it's appeal. The substituted Fatalities are terrible compared to the originals, I say keep the game whole; blood and all!

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Adam Drake ingsville, OH

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ain is that th thing up again is that there are rumors that Notendo will allow the Bloot in the MKII version if an industry standard rating system is put in place by that time (just a rumor). Our question for you is what if MKII rumors that rumor). Our question for yours what in MkII comes out with the blood and a rating that requires that you be 17 to purchase the product and you're not 17, how will you get the product? Will gamers under the age of 17 look to their parents to purchase the product, or would you buy the watered down version if there was one? GI is very interacted in bacing whot we whot we interested in hearing what you think about the addition of a ratings system, especially gamers who are underage. Please let us know what you think.

In your March/April 1994 issue there is a card on Mortal Kombat II on how to do the Fatalities, Babalities and Friendship Moves. How come or why does it have a #2 on the upper-right corner? Where is #1? Tell me where. I have the January/February 1994 issue and I did not see #1 on the MKII report. What kind of a card is it?

Elpidio Loveranes Burbank, CA

The card your referring to is the GI

Training Card. It's a recent addition to the GI arsenal that gives tips to games on a handy pull-out card. The numbers refer to the total number of cards in existence. For instance, Training Card #1 was Super SFII, and then Training Card #2 was MKII. Get it!

Cybermorph Revisited

Remember my letter (about Cyber-And remember with the pale compared to Star Fox and Stipneed) that you printed in you May June issue of Game informer. And remember when you said you shouldn't listen to my opinions until I finally play Cybermorph? Well guess And remember when you said you shouldn't listen to my opinions until 1 finally play *Cybermorph*? Well guess what? purchased a Jaguar (May 9th) and played *Cybermorph* and just like I guessed *Cybermorph* and just like *Cybermorph* is boring! I found it frustrating trying to control my ship, speeding up, and maneuvering, telt quite awkward. As I observed, tand thereby formed my opinion) the graphics in *Cyber-morph* lack detail and pale in compari-

morph lack detail and pale in compari-son to StarFox and Silpheed. I felt Cybermorph had weird colors for their backgrounds, which gave me the impression of an unreal landscape. It looks more like I was skimming the surface of a psychedelic world globe. The one thing that was well done was the female voice, but after hearing her say the same phases over and over nearly drove me insane.

Where's the music? At least give me some drum beats sheesh ... One thing I did find interesting was the light effects on the ship as I was flying, pretty nice. This game doesn't have the special

effects music, nor the gameplay to "blow away" StarFox or Silpheed. On a scale from 1 to 10 Cybermorph is, at very best a 7. I found little to warrant me playing this game over and over... Maybe Battle Morph will be better.

Check Mate!

Chris (Arcade-A-Holic) Sims Milwaukee, WI

Thanks for the letter(s), Chris. We never get enough letters challenging or commenting on our reviews. We just hope that the whole issue wasn't solely responsible for you buying the Jag. As far as Cybermorph is concerned, we felt it was Atari's answer to StarFox and Silpheed. True, Cybermorph may not have "the detail" of the others, but can you turn around and kill things you've missed? Just think if you could do that "trick" on Silpheed. And what about the multiple views in Cybermorph? Just some things to consider

Just to clarify things, Paul still holds to his words and thinks Cybermorph "blows away" the other two games. He played it and that's his opinion. And now everyone knows your valid opinion. He gave it a 8.75, you give it a 7. Enough said.

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10 = A Classic! 9 = Excellent 8 = Very Good 7 = Good 6 = Fair	5 = Average 4 = Weak 3 = Yawner 2 = Avoid 1 = Terminal

Letter From the Editor By Andrew McNamara

ecently, I had a company (which will remain un-named) approach me about an article I wrote. They stated that they were upset with what we had written on them "Too technical!" ... Not enough marketing (which I will refer to as hype for the rest of this editorial). Believe it or not. that's really what it got down to. They wanted us to make sure that we hyped up what they were doing, instead of writing about what the game was about and how it worked. You know, maybe something you might want to read about.

This, in case you didn't know, really bothered me. Not that they didn't like what we were writing, but the reasoning behind it. For anyone to think that Game Informer is here as a vehicle to hype up a product, apparently has not been reading the magazine (for all intents and purposes, they can go someplace else to find their hype for all I care). You and I get enough hype in our lives, and hopefully by now, we can all see through it and read between the lines. They can't fool GI, and I know we can't fool you.

Now sometimes, we get blasted for taking this stance or any stance that we make. People don't agree with us... companies don't agree with us... maybe they think we're just trying to sell ads or push games, but I hate to break it to everybody, that's not what Game Informer is all about. We have the chance of a lifetime, a chance to tell people what we think. As a gamer, I like nothing better than leading a friend down the "good path". Leading them to a game that entertains and occupies them for an unknown amount of time. There's nothing quite like playing that "Game" (what ever it is for you). But you know what I mean. You and I both deserve a good video game voyage to break away from the crazy world we live in. We don't need to be buying some of the junk that companies slap a name on, hype for three months. then scam us out of our hard-earned cash.

Now, that's what Game Informer is all about. We like games, you like games. We'll show you what we honestly think is cool and you come right back at us with what you think. That's what makes this job fun. The mail from you, not approval from some company that we successfully kissed up too and helped to sell their lame game.

Welcome to the world of Game Informer, take it or leave it. I think you'll take it. 🔳

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THE GAME HOMBRÉ

"All I can say is this issue has got to have the coolest cover I've ever seen. BattleTech is not only a cool board game (RPG), but it has done extremely well on both conversions for SNES and Genesis. Plus, I'll take any chance I can get to go the BattleTech center in Chicago. Super Metroid, of course, was the best game in this issue, but Hulk, BattleTech, Breath of Fire, and F1 ROC II are games you just gotta see."



THE REBEL GAMER

"With the coming and going of the SCES, which I missed due to personal reasons, the hopes are up for some new and impressive games. Summer is passing so fast and there seems to never be enough time to do what you plan. Games that pop into mind as being above the rest in this issue are BattleTech. Super Metroid. (oh. veah!) and Dark Wizard. Next issue brings the cold and hockey season, see you then!"



THE VIDEO RANGER

"Summer is here and once again I need to make my tennis and video game habits peacefully coexist. Video games I really enjoyed this issue include Illusion of Gaia, Super Metroid, and Lord of the Rings. As for Genesis carts, I haven't seen anything outstanding in a while. I'm off to work on my tan. Catch you all next issue."



THE PRO PLAYER

"All this BattleTech stuff has made me eager to let loose at BattleTech Center in Chicago. Breath of Fire, Vay, F1 ROC II, and Super Metroid are my favs for this issue. Other than games, my summer is filled with softball, trips to one of 10,000 lakes, & travelling around to see my favorite local band, gus.



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The year is 3050 and savage warfare has become the norm for the last two and a half centuries since the break-up of the once oreat republic known as the Star League, Warring factions of Mechwarriors, or Clans, have been barbarically fighting for control of distant lands. and nothing but poverty and destruction have resulted.

Until the Clans were united by a powerful Khan, the historic battle to stop the radical Inner Sphere has been impossible. With this new federation, the Clans are on the verge of destrouing the evil Inner Sphere and reunifing the galaxy. Ironically, the untimely death of the Hhan has torn apart the very fabric that held the ancient Clan rivalries at bay. Unless a new Khan is chosen and the battle continued, the alliance could topole from within. Already the Inner Sphere has begun refitting its defenses, and unless something is done... all is lost

The Clans have one last chance, the 75-ton OmniMech known as Madcat. Madcat is a seven-storu BattleMech with enough firepower to take on the Inner Sphere by itself. The only thing needed will be a MechWarrior brave enough to pilot this new Mech through 25 nearly suicidal missions across five planets.

Choose your weapons and prepare for your mission summary. The Drop-ship has scheduled touch-down at 13:00 hours. Prepare for battle.



PAUL. THE PRO PLAYER ANDY, THE GAME HOMBRÉ ROSS. THE REBEL GAMER "Ever since the first time I p "Your mech's size and animation an "Strategy/Action games that follow Concept: Concent encent this style of play control are amo the best video games available, a BattleTech at the center in Chi-Tow fantastic, not to mention the c sounds that bring the scale of y I knew that this game was des ranhice tranhics: Graphics 9.5 machine into perspective. The ab to rotate the torso opposite of y BattleTech does not disappo to hit the home entertainme sytems. Resembling the overvi and. 7.5 With its spectacular animation a forward motion is an advance detailed graphics, this game su Jungle Strike or Desert Str you right in. The voices from yo on-board computer are excellent, I BattleTech gives you the to 3-D effect throughout the gan Playability: Playability: maneuver for the simulators, 8.5 **Playability:** 9.75 is a breeze in this version. Of Through the stereo, the sounds outstanding! This slowly is become 9.5 improvement might have been to a a choice of Mechs. Regrettably, y nt: 8.75 Entertainment* the soundtrack is kinda lame, TI only other complaint I have is the one of my favorite games for Genesis. Every time I play it I should be longer, but like Des Strike, BattleTech offers a stead can't always have everything yo want. But what Battle Tech has is co 111. control and challenging play. A good combination in my book." increasing challenge that dema things that I haven't seen before. hard work and practice if you wish complete the game."

Genesis Review



the planet. Unfortunately, we do not know which of the two launch Sites they plan to ship the parts out from. Locate and destroy both sites before the shipment can leave.



Beware of overheating. The Planet is full of lava pits and volcanic geysers.



Your radar is being Jammed: find the five hidden radar sites and destroy them to reesatablish radar



Once the Radar Jammers are taken care of. you should be able to locate the Research Center on your Radar Screen as well as the Weak Area in the Center's defensive perimeter. Break through it and take out everything in the center.



Take out the Material Gathering Stations.

planet. Take them all out or the main

still smoking, you didn't get them all.

There are at least six gathering sites on the

assembly plant will be too volatile to attack.

If the smokestacks on the main plant are

research information is stored. the only way to reach it is by traversing down the frozen river. The river is heavily guarded by the First Lyran Regulars, so watch out!



Traversing the frozen rivers is very difficult. Traction is next to nil, and recoil from weaponry will send you smashing into the spiked walls



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Locate the four hidden installations that hold the device pieces. Each installation is protected by an enclosed wall. Break through these walls and acquire each piece



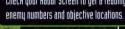
Once you assemble the F.A.D.D. you need to place it at the enemy's doorstep before it explodes, which is a lot more difficult than it sounds.

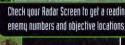
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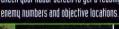


Once the defenseive wall is down, move in to destroy all of the enemy Drop Ships and the plant itself. Good Luck!

Check your Radar Screen to get a reading on enemy numbers and objective locations.









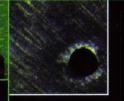








If you manage to get the F.A.D.D. unit there. you can greet your new neighbors in your 7-story, 75 ton mech. Howdy neighbor!





A shrewd and skilled MechWarrior can take out almost anyone in the Galaxy. If you can't take them out with the Madcat's three optional weapons, you can always resort to crushing them with its massive metal feet. The most important things you'll need are a level head and a few techniques. The Madcat has two attack techniques available. The "Dash N Crash" method allows you to continually drive in a single

direction and then move the upper turret, while the "Automatic Control Sustem" allows you to change the direction of your Mech once you get a locked target acquisition. Both methods will be crucial to survival unless you are playing in 2-Player cooperative mode, then Player 1 controls the turret and weapons, while Player 2 controls the direction.

Heavy Ordnance

Gauss Rifle Max Ammo Load . . 20 Rounds DamageHeavy

Arrow VI Missiles Max Ammo Load . .10 Missiles DamageMedium

Particle Projection Cannon Max Ammo Load . .10 Rounds DamageHeavy



Main Gun

Machine Gun DamageLight



Laroe Laser Max Ammo Load . . 100 Rounds DamageHeavy



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"Inferno" SRM Max Ammo Load 70 Missiles DamageMedium

"Maelstrom" LAM





"Thunder" Mines Max Ammo Load . . 100 Rounds DamageHeavy

DamageMedium

Max Ammo Load . .40 Missiles



A ctivision, creators of MechWarrior, and Sculpture Software, the company that programmed the SNES version of Mortal Kombat, have been hard at work on BattleTech, a new Super NES game based on the FASA license. BattleTech, will incorporate many new features into this MechWarrior update including a Quest Mode, a Combat Mode (to jump straight into the action), or "Design a Mission" Mode, where you can create your own scenarios.

It's important to realize that this game is still very early in development (it hasn't even reached Alpha) and that many of the graphics are incomplete. More importantly, the plans for this game are steep. There will be eight Mechs with over 52 sprites (individual moving parts) and over 16 different weapons to choose from.

The Quest Mode takes you on an adventure as Taylor, a young cadet, learning what it takes to be a MechWarrior for the Wolf Clan, the Strongest of the Clans. Filled with cinematic displays and an entertaining story, the quest mode will put you closer than you would like to the war-torn BattleTech universe.

In the Combat Mode you can easily enter battle with a number of quick scenarios. Luckily, after you have mastered these, the games not over. There is a unique "Design a Mission" mode where you can create your own mission, including such objectives as: Destroy Enemy Base & Mechs, Return to Base, Protect Home Base, Rescue Crippled Mech, and Survive to Dawn. After you choose your planet, you can outfit your Mech with three different weapons, and set your armor plating and maximum speed.

Using a new scrolling technology that increases speed, BattleTech reaches new heights for a first person simulator. If your looking for a home version of the BattleTech Center experience, minus the pod and networking, Activision has definitely got your game.

of BattleTech and Red lome

TEW AGE #/ DISCO

he BattleTech virtual experience began in 1990 with the opening of the BattleTech Center in Chicago. Illinois. Since their inception, the BattleTech phenomena, both RPG and virtual battle, have exploded from a hobby to a way of life. To accompany increase in interest, FASA (the company that owns the Virtual World Entertainment (VWE) changed the BattleTech Centers into Virtual World. This is a place where any cyberspace warrior can find a new and interesting virtual experience to keep his skills honed. VWE has even upgraded the existing Virtual World Centers to play both the BattleTech scenario and the new Martian Death Races on the Red Planet, and VWE plans to add one new scenario every year.

There are now five locations here in the United States [Chicago, IL., Walnut Creek, CA., San Diego, CA., Dallas & Houston, TX.) and four in Japan (3 in Tokyo and one in Yokohama), but VWE plans to open new locations in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Boston, and Toronto during '94 with overseas prospects including London and Hong Kong.

Enough about the business, here's a run down on the two games that are available for play right now. Each Virtual World experience costs between seven and nine dollars and lasts about a half-hour, including the game briefing and training video (actual game time is around ten minutes). After you finish your scenario you watch the Mission Review, a computer replay of all the interaction that took place during the adventure (hint: this is a good place to learn other people's strategies) and then you receive a printed Pilot's Log that gives a detailed explanation of all your kills and

an overall point score. This is a nice souvenir that, if you won, is a great way to remind your friends of all your brilliant moves. Enough talk, it's time to



COMBAT OF THE BATTLETECH OR THE MARTIAN DEATH RACE ON THE RED PLANET. ALL INTERACTION IN THE VIRTUAL WORLD IS BETWEEN PEOPLE, NOT COMPUTERS, SO EVERY ADVENTURE IS UNIQUE.

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THE EXPLORER'S LOUNGE HAS AN ECLEC TIC OUASI-VICTORIAN FEEL, **REFLECTING THE NEAR CENTENNIAL** HISTORY OF THE VIRTUAL GEOGRAPHIC LEAGUE (FOUNDED IN 1895), THIS IS WHERE PLAYERS AWAIT THEIR MISSIONS.

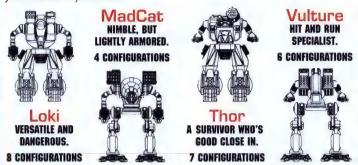
A VGL (VIRTUAL GEOGRAPHIC LEAGUE) PILOT AT THE CONTROLS OF HIS VIRTUAL REALITY POD ... FROM HERE, HE CAN ENGAGE **OPPONENTS IN THE RITUAL**

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The year is 3050, and man has colonized the known universe. However, after the collapse of the Star League, the universe has slipped into a feudal society gripped by constant rivalries. The worlds are in constant battle using BattleMech Mercenaries, or MechWarriors, who fight for whomever offers the most cash. These MechWarriors, like knights of old, meet on the distant planet Solaris VII to test their skills against the best in the universe. Now is your chance to join them.



In the *BattleTech scenario of the* Virtual Geographic League, you pilot your own 55-ton BattleMech against up to seven other human opponents. Join up in teams, or go at it in a massive free-for-all. It doesn't matter, but the freefor-all is the best mode to learn the basic controls. With time (and the help of the Operations Manual), you can move up to Advanced controls that allow you to manipulate individual weapons and rotate the upper torso. This gives you a definite advantage when dealing with beginners. There are 11 different maps where you can do battle during a Night, Dusk, or Day mission, with or without fog that has a visibility range between 250 and 1100 meters. There are four different BattleMechs to choose from, with numerous configurations of speed and firepower.

Jump in the pilots seat and get ready for the experience of your life. Keep your enemies in site, and don't get caught in the crossfire.

The Colossal Mining Corporation (CMC) has gouged Mars with thousands of mines in exploration of the valuable Blue Martian Crude. Its enslaved workers, called Slags, toil deep beneath the surface from dawn till dusk with no hope of ever escaping this Martian Hell hole. There is no chance that is, until the invention of the Martian Death Races. This is a desperate Hovercraft race through the canal labyrinths of the Red Planet, where the victor wins his freedom and the rest meet their death.



The Bull Versatile, Rugged, The Pick-UP Truck OF Mars.



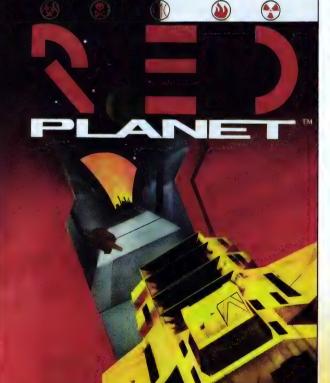
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FAST BUT FRAGILE.

In the *Red Planet scenario of the* Virtual Geographic League, you pilot your ore-carrying Hovercraft against up to seven other Slags. This all out free-forall is a race up and down the obstacle filled corridors of the surface canals. There are eight different courses to race on, but each one follows the same basic rules. At the end of each corridor, there is a score zone that you must cross to complete a lap. The entrance to each scoring zone is protected by huge fire door that opens and closes in order to keep things interesting. Some Hovercraft can even be equipped with mining tools and speed boosters that you can use to pulverize your opponents. There is also a team game codenamed Martian Football that the you can learn from the Virtual World Techs.

Can you push the envelope and escape the *Red Planet*? Survival in the canals won't be easy, but with practice and some quick maneuvers freedom is within your reach.

IN THE 31ST CENTURY, SPORT IS A DEADLY THING.



VELOCITY = VICTORY

The Battle Tech Universe

In the last couple of years *BattleTech* has built up some steam as one of the fastest growing licenses available, and this fall you will be attacked at all ends by the *BattleTech* phenomenon.

The first piece of the *BattleTech* explosion will be from Malibu Comics. They will release a 4-issue Miniseries that is based on the Clans. They introduce the characters that will later become a part of the comic book series. The comics, which will continue the war, will be loosely tied to the primated television series (don't worry, that's next the solely based on the FASA *BattleTech* Universe. The television animated series will be produced by Saban Entertainment, producers of the smash-hit *X-Men*, and should be on your tube this fall. At the time we went to press, we were unable to get any pictures, but they did X-Men well, and the word is that things are looking pretty good. Shortly after the animated series makes its appearance, Tyco Toys will follow up with a new toy series that will feature Mechs and characters running somewhere between 5 and 25 dollars. The Toys should be available this November. The final nail in the coffin will be the release of the *BattleTech* movie late in 1995 from New Line Cinema.

Of course, if you don't want to wait to become a part of *BattleTech* you're in luck. There's the FASA RPG, *MechWarrior* (the Award-Winning Super NES Game from

Activision), and also a whole series of intriguing books by Robert Thurston from Penguin Publishing.

BattleTech: A Game of Armored Combat

This game began back in 1984 with the release of *BattleDroids*, the forerunner of *BattleTech*. *BattleTech*, which celebrates its 10 year anniversary this year, is one of the world's top selling combat games. Based on the plight of the Star League Worlds, *BattleTech* offers you the basic and advanced gameplay rules that will enable you to explore the endless *BattleTech* Universe.

The BattleTech: Third Edition comes packed with:

- 14 unpainted plastic Miniatures
- 2 22" x 27" full-colored Mapsheets
- 1 56-page Rulebook
- 1 16-page BattleMech Record Sheets
- 2 6-sided Dice

MechWarrior 2: The Clans – IBM PC and Compatibles

All you PC owners out there need not worry because one of the most advanced versions of *BattleTech* is available only to you. *MechWarrior 2: The Clans* from **Activision** brings in all the elements of FASA's *BattleTech* to a simulator and features 16 BattleMechs.

This cutting edge simulator offers multiple play-modes including a MechWarrior Career Mode and an Instant Action Mode that lets you choose from hundreds of missions in every conceivable environment. If you've got a friend with a modem, you can hook-up to square off in real time one-on-one battle, or you can work together in co-operative mode.

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Featuring stunning 3-D texture mapped graphics and an assortment of over 40 offensive and defensive weapons, MechWarrior 2: The Clans adds quite a punch to your PC Game library.





Lift-off! Use Skate's shreddin' airborne rollerblade spin-attack to Battle the 'Bots! Axel and Blaze are back and getting their kicks with all new Martial Arts Moves!



It's an all-out turf war featuring MORE weapons, MORE moves and MORE outRAGEous action than ever before. Mr. X has hatched the ultimate evil plot-but what he didn't count on was a bone-crunching counterattack from Blaze, Axel and Skate, together with an all-new character, Dr. Zan...and a surprise helper! It's 24-megabits full of jump kicks, power-slams and spin punches set to thrashing digital sound and plasma-pumping music!

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Mr. X and His **Army Are Back** For More

Cart Size: 24 Meg

- Style: 2-Player, Action/Fighting
- Special Features: Activator and 6-Button Compatible, Four Different Endings, and a 2-Player Head-To-Head Dual
- Created by: Sega
- Available: Now on Genesis
- THE BOTTOM LINE

X is back and revenge against Axel Stone is foremost in his mind. Mr. X is confusing people by kidnapping the Chief of Police and scattering bombs across the city. In the confusion he will frame Axel, and put robots in place of the major leaders, take over the city, and get rid of Axel in one fowl swoop. Hearing the news from his friend, Dr. Zan, Axel decides to gather up a few of his gang and set out to stop

AGE

This newest installment of the popular Streets of Rage series keeps the cast of characters from Mr. X again. SOR2 and even adds a new one. The leader of the



On this level, the enemies come by the boat loads.



When you face the Bulldozer, hurry and get behind the beams.



Be careful with these big dudes, they have some nasty heartburn.



Doesn't she realize that 5 & M isn't allowed in video games?



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defeating him is not too difficult.

When Zan picks up the weapons, they are different than when the rest of the gang uses them.

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group is Axel Stone, who many of you have seen before. Following him are Blaze Fielding, the only female in the group; Skate Hunter, Axel's brother; and Axel's friend Dr. Zan, a strong and aggressive cyborg. Each of the characters have their own patented fighting style and characteristics that affect the result of each battle. There are also four different of each battle. There are also four different of each battle. There are also four different endings, one for each character, when Mr. X is ultimately defeated. 24 Megs allow this game to provide numerous new moves and capabilities. For instance, Sega programmed Streets of Page 3 to be used with

programmed Streets of Rage 3 to be used with both the 6-Button controller and, for you aerobic workout fans, the Activator. Thus allowing you more moves.

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Blaze Fielding





In the dual mode, you can play against a friend with any of the

four heroes.

Dr. Zan





ANDY, THE GAME HOMBRE

Concept:
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Sound:
Playability:
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 8 adventure with unusual enemies,

 adventure with unusual enemies, and lots of action. The new character
 is pretty cool, and the old ones are fun to play with in the fight mode (which is better this time, but still isn't that great). I recommend this game to fans of the first two, because the game continues along the same lines.

RICK, THE VIDEO RANGER

Concept: Graphics: Sound: Playability:

> OVERALL: 8.25

8 "I'm a Streets of Rage fan and #3

- does not disappoint me. First, there are the usual improvements to the
- look of the game. The roll maneuvers
- and rush attacks are great additions. The new character Dr. Zan is pretty
- 8 nasty too. I do have a couple of complaints though. The new specialty
- Entertainment: 8.5 move drains your own life bar and there is a little bit of a slowdown. What I liked best about Streets #3 is that they brought the challenge level way up. Even on easy, this isn't a breeze. I like playing as Skate or Blaze because they are much quicker than Axel and Zan. There are plenty of

reasons to take another quest

through the Streets of Rage.

Concept: Graphics: Sound:

Playability:

Entertainment: OVERALE

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PAUL, THE PRO PLAYER

- 8 "Sega already proclaims SOR I to be a classic (as in 4 in 1, CD), so why
 8 not a second and now a third installment? Now with six button and
- 6 Activator set-up, it may be the one truly destined to be the classic. I
- 9 thought it pretty much left off where #2 ended, but it added great new
 9 moves and a cool new cyborg
- character. The fighting technique has been refined a great deal. This is much better than the mindless controller abuses that other games of this style put you through. Of course, this is the best edition of Streets of Rage with enough new stuff to keep the old fans thrilled.

he Incredible Hulk has been in publication for over 30 years, and has spawned cartoons, toys, and a TV series in the late 1970's and early 80's. U.S. Gold has teamed up with Marvel Comics to bring one of Marvel's classic characters

to the Genesis. This intensely animated game puts both the Hulk and Dr. Robert Bruce Banner in a battle against some of his greatest foes including the Leader, Tyrannus and Rhino. The Hulk must clear five enormous levels, which are filled with the Leader's diabolical cronies. The Hulk must prevail as the Leader attempts to produce an army of bio-chemical warriors to conquer the world. Along the way, the Leader has set switches that you must trigger to open different passages or nasty traps that usually spell doom for the Hulk.

Ross, The Rebel GAMER

Concept:

Graphics:

Playability:

Sound:

 "Marvel has yet another character brought to life by the Genesis. I'm surprised that it took this long for the Hulk to debut. Stunning graphics can be found throughout the game. 8 There is some "Incredible" character 8 animation, especially the transformation sequences when Hulk returns Entertainment: 9 to his human form as Robert Banner. I really like the way the special moves OVERALL: are determined by the amount of life meter you have, and the "Hulk Up" 8,75 moves are great. A great character that has already proved to be a classic is adding to his notoriety, and

I love it

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Tyrannus takes on the Hulk

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You Wouldn't Like Him When He's Angry

Carl Size: 16 Meg

- Style: 1-Player Action
- Special Features: 3 Difficulty Settings and 20 Different Moves
- Levels: 5 Chaotic Levels
- Created by: Probe Software for U.S. Gold
- Available: Now on Sega Genesis

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As Dr. Banner, crawl to reach areas the Hulk cannot

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Bow down to the Hulk

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PAUL, THE PRO PLAYER

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"The Hulk is definitely one of the best comic-to-vid translations. It's filled with fluid character animations and smooth parallax scrolling back-6 grounds. The soundtrack and sound effects are just average for a game 9 of this caliber, but the playability outweighs this small setback. With 8 a multitude of moves, the Hulk terrorizes his way through level after level. If you liked the X-Men or Spideman on the Sega, you'll love the Hulk."

"It's no surprise to me that the Hulk

has gone interactive. I've been a fan

since Bill Bixby and Lou Ferrigno did

the TV show. Hulk is packed with

great action. The levels are fairly

tricky because there are different

routes to the same end. I like the fact

that Dr. Banner plays a role in the plot, and the transformation from the

Banner to the Hulk is really some

The Hulk can assume four different states in the game according to his energy level: Dr. Banner, Hulk, Super Hulk or Hulk-Out. All four of these characters have different moves and attributes. There are up to 20 moves you can execute in the four Hulk states, and only a few show up in the manual. You begin the game as Super Hulk who has such moves as the Ceiling Smash, where you wing your foes through the air and bash them into whatever is above. Be careful, because if your energy decreases too far, you'll metamorphasize back to Dr. Banner. In this state you don't have any attack capabilities unless

you find a gun. Even then, the weapon only has 2 shots. Dr. Banner has one strength. He can access areas of the levels the Hulk cannot. Many of those areas contain extra lives, continues, or Gamma Radiation pills that will transform you back to the Hulk. Also, if you acquire a Mega-Gamma capsule, you will Hulk-Out and have more speed, jumping ability and moves.

Collect a heart for extra lif

cause some trouble

The Incredible Hulk's unique play mechanics and outstanding animation will please fans of the green guy. It should also surprise many who are expecting an ordinary side-scrolling action game.



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Cart Size: 16 Meg

- Style: 1or 2-Player Simultaneous Racing Simulation Special Features: Indv. Stock, and Sprint Racing 2 Views; Career, Circuit or Single Game Mode, Instant Replay; Manual or Automatic Transmission Tracks: 15, 5 for Each Style
- Created by: Hi-Score Productions and Stormfront Studios for EA Sports Available: Now for Sega Genesis

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Playability:

Entertainment:

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There is a lot to like about Mario Andretti Racing. It has three different 75 popular racing styles, more choices of racing views than any other 16-bit 7.5 game, and tips from the legendary racer himself. The graphics are clean 9 and above average. The sound effects are sweet, especially when you slide around the corners. The 8 thing that sets this game apart from the pack is the strategy. Mario Andretti Racing uses positioning and drafting techniques better than any other racing game. I have played racing games with more impressive graphics and a faster pace (Top Gear 2 comes to mind), but this is a better game to develop your racing skills

ANOY, THE GAME HOMBRE

Concest: Graphics

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Playability:

Entertainment:

this cart aren't wonderful, the playability is great. You can throw the cars into the turns, bang it up with 7 your opponents and even draft for some serious speed. All three styles 9 of racing are different, but the Sprint cars are the most unique and 8 definitely the most fun. The career mode is cool, but the game needs a lot more tracks and items. If you're looking for good racing cart. Mario Andretti is the most realistic you can find

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"Mario Andretti Racing should be looked at as three racing games in one. The Stock and Sprint cars set it apart from all other racing carts for SG. While the sound is not very impressive, the control and car attributes are excellent. I like how you must push the car to the edge of disaster to be competitive. The career mode is also cool because it makes you learn fundamentals that apply to future races in different classes. With awesome car views, options, and two-player action, Mario Andretti Racing gives you the most



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It's best to go through

the Qualifying round and

get the Pole Position.

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EA Sports has teamed up with the

world-famous Mario Andretti to bring you the new word in sports racing simulations, featuring three different styles of car racing, multiple views, and three different race modes.

Practice is the best place to start. You can run each track in a single race, or get some help on how to slide and turn in the "Andretti Tips" mode. As Mario Andretti once said, "the driver may have a few seconds (to recover), when only experienced and conditioned reflexes save them from a slide".

Once you get the hang of driving, you can move on to the Career Mode or the Circuit Mode. In the Career Mode, you begin as a Sprint Car Driver with aspirations of one day driving Stock and then maybe someday becoming a World Famous Indy Driver (like you know who)-To advance to the next vehicle you'll need to complete the circuit in first place. Along the way, you'll be able to upgrade your engine, tires, pit crew, and brakes to keep up with the competition, but nothing will increase your chances of winning as much as

good driving. After you master how to slide and

counter steer in the Sprint cars and turn and brake in Stock cars, you'll be ready for the ultimate challenge in the Indy car, which brings together all these skills together into one. Can you handle the Bayshore International Raceway at 218 MPH while sliding sideways in the middle of traffic?

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Hit the pits for tire changes and refueling

THE BOTTOM LINE









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VIRTUAL REALITY GAME WEAR. COMING SEPTEMBER 5.

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RATING SCALE:

10 = A Classic!	5 = Average
9 = Excellent	4 = Weak
8 = Very Good	3 = Yawner
7 = Good	2 = Avoid
6 <i>= Fair</i>	1 = Terminal

Cart Size: 16 Mea with Battery Back-Up Style: 1-Plaver Action/Strategy Created by: Sega Available: Now





Star Trek: The Next Generation - Sega

The crew of the Starship Enterprise becomes interactive in this new Sega Genesis cart. This game places you in several missions throughout both known solar systems, as well as a few unexplored ones. You command the crew through deep space battle, contact with other life forms, and Away Team missions. With eight different solar systems, each with at least three different planets and numerous locations for you to explore, you will be challenged by many missions. Choose four of 19 actual Star Fleet crew members to beam down on away missions, but remember to always observe the "Prime Directive". Star Fleet Command out.

Overall: 8.5

Cart Size: 16 Meg with Battery Back-Up Style: 1-Player Action/RPG Created by:

Sega Available: Now



Shadowrun - Sega

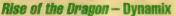
your brother's death. Sega's installation into the world of shadows features overhead real-time graphics, 14 weapons, and numerous items and spells. Plus, a rather handy feature called the "Pocket Secretary" keeps key notes & tips to help guide you on your quest. You must master the virtual reality world known as Cyberspace to collect essential

It's the year 2053, you are a Shadowrunner on a quest to revenge data and codes. Jack in with your cyberdeck, but prepare for battle, because the computer's defense systems aren't going to let you steal their precious data. Like all Shadowrunners, you must do other people's dirty work for a price, and ultimately take out your revenge on your brother's killer. Running in the shadows gets pretty nasty, so keep your wits about you and your finger on the trigger.

Overall: 7

Cart Size: Sega CD-ROM Style: 1-Player RPG Created by: Dynamix Available: Now





to find out who killed her. An ancient Japanese prophecy is about to unfold and the player, unwittingly, may be the Rise or fall of the Dragon. The game features many control menus and sub screens to give the powers to discover the fate of the Dragon.

The mayor's daughter has been killed and you have been hired by him effect of playing an RPG, but it also has a number of arcade-style sequences to keep the action moving. Speak with everyone you can and leave no rock unturned because you must use every ounce of your

Overall: 7

Cart Size: 8 Meg Style: 1-Player Action/Puzzle Created by: Core Available: Now



Bubba N Stix - Core

Bubba is a truck driver for the local zoo that gets kidnapped by an alien called Wardo and taken to Urfnurkle T. Floink's Theme Park and Zoo on a strange planet. He befriends a magic stick named Stix, and the two of them set forth on an adventure through five levels

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and five bonus levels of puzzle mayhem. Bubba can use Stix as a javelin, baseball bat, pool cue, a lever, or any other item that will help him solve any of the over 100 situations that he will be faced with.

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This Is Like Drivers Ed... ...With Weapons Training Play To Win In The Combat Cars Ultimate Race Sweepstakes!

Contribute Get a from Accolade presents a challenge to all you fanatic racing fans. We're not talking about driving around with a smelly driving instructor named Herb. We're talking about getting behind the wheel of a cranked-up urban assault vehicle with assorted missiles, mines and sludge slicks and hitting the track. It's about you and a buddy ripping around 24 grueling tracks and ripping apart the competition. Turbo thrusts, heat-seeking missiles, glue globs.... Hey, driving was never this much fun.

should hurry up and fill out the entry form. In the Combat Cars Ultimate Race Sweepstakes, you could win tons of killer prizes. So don't just sit there. Send it in. Unless you'd rather hit the road with Herb.

AWESOME PRIZES!

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First Prize (25)

1 handheld ASCIIPAD SG A Combat Cars video game An official Combat Cars T-shirt Year subscription to Game Informer

Second Prize (100) An official Combat Cars T-shirt

Year subscription to Game Informer

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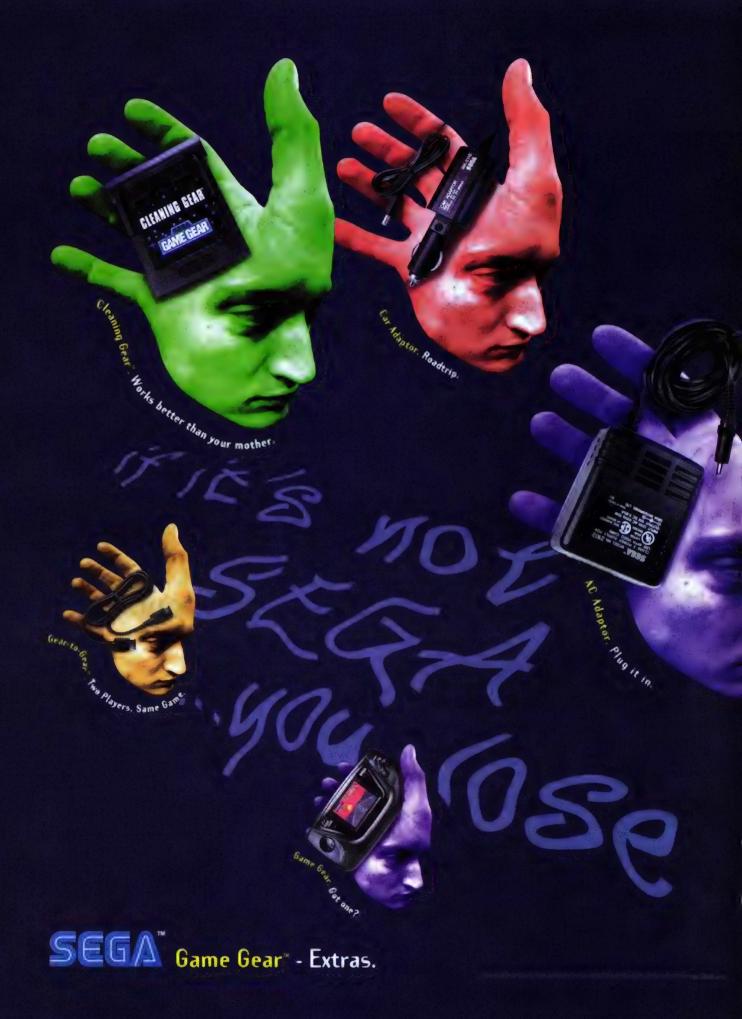
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Cart Size: 12 Meg

- M Style: 1-Player RPG
- Special Features: Multiple Endings, Battery Back-Up for up to 3 Games
- Created by: Capcom of Japan; Translated and Published by SquareSoft
- M Available: Now for SNES

The Story of the Dragon

THE BOTTOM LINE

or thousands of years the land was protected by the Dragon Clan, a powerful group that used its unique powers of transformation to keep the world at peace. Until, that is, the appearance of an evil sorceress, Tyr, who tempted the Dragons with limitless powers, then split the clan into two factions, the Light and Dark Dragons.

Armageddon ruled the land as the Dragon Clans battled for control, until a brave Light Dragon was sent to stop the sorceress Tyr. During his journey he formed a band of powerful warriors that miraculously sealed the evil Tyr into an alternate plane with the use of the six legendary Goddess Keys. Peace was once again at hand, so the Light Dragons neutralized their powers in hopes of avoiding another global war. Unfortunately, they underestimated the power of the Dark Dragon Clan.

The Dark Dragon Clan have begun to use their powers to take over the world, and with no Light Dragons remaining to protect the people, the world is in turmoil and in danger of falling into a dark abyss. Will the Light Dragon hero wake and save the world, or will the Dark Dragons finally tighten their deudly grip and finally destroy the world of the Dragons? *

Each member of the party has individual skills that are essential to the completion of your quest. Your party can hold as many as eight members but only four can be used in a battle at one time. Throughout the entire game, you will take the role of different characters, as your party expands and contracts to follow the winding story.

A crafty merchant who has the ability to travel in water, and can supply the group with needed goods and excellent spells for water travel.

The Hero

A creature of the forest that can use his skills to lead the party through forests, and can hunt down animals in the field for food and items.

Mogu is the mole of the group with the ability to dig underground.

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One of the Winged Warriors from the Windom, Nina can fly and take along other non-flying party members. While she has no attack magic, she is the healer of the group.

be able to transform into 9 different dragons.

A member of the Light Dragon Clan, who with time, will

The slowest member of the group, but his strength enables him to break through cracked walls with one swing of his mighty hammer.

Game Informe



You must find the Dragon Shrine to learn to use the Hero's spells.





You must search the land to find the six goddess keys.



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Ross, The Rebel	GAMER
Concept: 8.25	"SquareSoft has finally sh
Graphics: 8.75	new RPG, other than Fina and I think I like it. The
Sound: 8	content and the zoom
Playability: 9	during battles can be cla 'SWEET'. I also think that g is hard to come by in an R
Entertainment: 9	gives Breath of Fire a h
8.75	of relief. I particularly like character parties and control of the party through



ou must get the

giant robot up and running if you wish to save the town of

Tantar.







Even though only four party members appear on the overhead map or a battle scene, you can still interchange them on the fly to put the whole party to good use.

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You must travel by land, sea, and air if you wish to reach the outer reaches of the Dragon World.

ome characters. like Ox, have a unique skill that can be used on the overhead maps that will be essential to your quest.

PAUL, THE PRO PLAYER



Graphics:

Playability:

Sound:

- "How CAPCOM, USA let this game 8.5 leave the company to settle for Eye of the Beholder & Wizardry V is
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- beyond me. I guess the price was right. Breath of Fire is easily the best RPG so far, and it will be difficult for others to surpass it. The battle 9 8
- scenes and character animations are 10 unique and fun to watch. I like how the game doesn't track you through from one task to another. You must really investigate all possibilities to be successful. Don't even read the manual if you want a real challenge. I can't say enough about how cool this cart is; Check it out!"

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oncept		8.5	art. in	1	

- This is an excellent RPG with 9 unbelievable graphics for a 12-meg cart. The story, though it sounds
- confusing, is actually pretty good and has great sound and animation to
- 9 back it up. Although the quest goes
- a little slow at times, it usually has a nuise slow at unles, it usually new enough to keep you busy and very, very hooked. Easily the best RPG of our feature, and a must have for any SNES RPGer. Just you wait till you one the last back? Entertainment: 9.5 see the last boss!"

A thief and master lock-picker, Karn can open any locked door, and eventually learns a transformation spell that enables him to meld with other warriors.

Puka

Shin

A mysterious indigo warrior who is the

master of attack spells. She can warp

the group out of dungeons and transport

them to different destinations.

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- Cart Size: CD-Rom
- Style: 1-Player, Strategy/Role-Play
 Special Features: Back-up Ram Saves, Zoom In Battles, Four Unique Leaders to Choose From
- Created by: Kenji Terada for Sega of American, Inc.
- Available: Now on Sega CD

THE BOTTOM LINE

An Ancient Battle Between Good and Evil

THE FOUR ELEMENTS

In a time long since past where Kings and Magic ruled the world, there was the Grand Wizard Gilliam and his apprentice Velonese. They were sworn to protect the Jewel of Darkness which contained Arliman, the God of Darkness. Velonese betrayed his master, and during his punishment the power contained in the jewel turned him to the dark side. Consumed by anger, Velonese used an ancient and forbidden magic to summon four elemental demons. Aided by hired warriors, the demons ravaged the world of Cheshire, until only one kingdom remained, Quentin.

There are four warriors that you can choose from to save Cheshire; Prince Armer, Robin, Amon, and Krystal. Each leader is given a number of warriors that they can use in each battle, plus they have the ability to summon the help of powerful monsters or hire warriors to aid them. As you battle the elemental demons and their troops, your goal is to first capture the kingdoms that they now inhabit, and then ultimately capture all of Cheshire. You will be able to use your humanoid characters to enter cities and gather information and supplies. To aid you in your quest, each character can gain experience levels and increase in power like a role-play.

So choose your hero wisely, because all of Cheshire is in your hands. If you fail, you will surely suffer throughout all eternity at the hands of Arlinman.

ANDY, THE GAME HOMBRE

"This game has everything it needs to be a great military strategy game. Numerous options, weapons, and **Concept:** 9 Graphics: spells set up on huge playfields with sexcellent detailing. The animated Sound: sequences are also fantastic, with **Playability:** 7 long cinemas and medieval music The only problem is in actual game-**Entertainment:** 7 play execution. It creeps along and Earth Water the fight scenes should be longer. I would recommend this game to any Wind military strategist who is looking for a good challenge. I just have to warn you that it moves a little slow. Other than that, it is an excellent game in this category ROSS, THE REBEL GAMER "Sega brings another role-play to the Concent: 8 limited number of RPG's available for 8.5 the Sega CD. If there is one type of Graphics: game that the CD needs, it's more role-plays. To tell the truth, I think Dark Wizard is the best RPG that the Sound: Sega CD has seen. Although the Playability: 8 avalry Leader graphics were not outstanding, they Entertainment: 9 really have little to do with the over 12 obin all feel of the game. The intro is fan-Choose tastic with animations that are un-Sorceress Ruler paralleled and crisp with dominating sound. The battles seem to last for-Kryslal ever, but that means that you could spend a lot of time on the game. I love a great RPG, as I have said before, and this is a great RPG!"

PAUL, THE PRO PLAYER

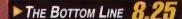
Concept:	8	"Dark Wizard is the traditional strat- egy game from graphics to control
Graphics:	7	The little hexagons covering the map have been used in a multitude o
Bound:	6	games like this. I haven't really in dulged in strategy until this came
Playability:	8	along. The battles are long and drawn out, but they never become
Entertainment:	8	boring. With a variety of beasts to summon, the battles become intense
OVERALL:		as characters level up. I like the fact that you can turn off the fight scenes
1./5		to speed up the game play. Strategy game players seem to be few and fail
		between, but Dark Wizard is the firs of its style for the Sega CD and will fin the void for CD owners who crave this
		type of game."



Fire

Another Classic RPG from Working Designs

- Cart Size: Cli FOM
 Style: 1-Pare: Role Players Game
 Special Features: 2 Min. 1992 Astractor
 Sequence: Same "In Your Traces
 Created by: Working Designs
 Available: Now









The Orb of Earth

Sandor will try to save his kingdom.

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ough I prefer to not look at the k of the characters' heads ighout the entire adventure, Vay excellent cart. The graphics are I and the sound is even better, the thing that shines about this te is the cleverly written story and ctive gameplay. This is a must-a disc for the Sega-CD, (whether like RPG's or not) because, if hing is going to change your t, it's going to be Vay."

ot on the heels of Lunar: The Silver Star, undoubtedly the best **RPG** for Sega CD, Working Designs strikes again with Vay.

The Legendary Armor of Vay once reaped havoc over the land. Five magicians finally sealed the armor and peace was restored. The player enters the story as the Kingdom of Lorath comes under attack by mechanized warriors from the Danek Empire. With Lorath in ruins and the King dead, it is up to the prince, Sandor, to save the land. The only chance of defeating the Danek Empire is to locate and control the Armor of Vay. But first, Sandor must locate and collect the five orbs the Magician of Sealing created to seal Vay.

Along the way, Sandor will meet with various characters to comprise a party of up to four characters. Each has various powers and weapons that will compliment Sandor's fierce fighting skill and assure the destruction of the Danek Empire.

Working Designs has again made an epic RPG with an involved plot and, of course, some very witty humor mixed into the story. (Beware of seismic flatulence!) *

Most cities contain shops to buy weapons, armor, and other supplies. The Inns will restore all characters Hit Points & Magic Points.

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PAUL, THE PRO PLAYER

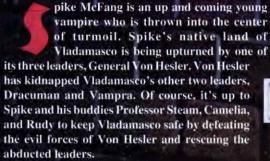
option that are present in most RPG's. You pick weapons, spells, defend, run, item, etc.

n Ross, The Rebel Gamer

Concept:	7 "i am glad to see that Working	Concept: 8 "I think Vay is a bit more interesting than Lunar because the story has
Graphics:	7 Designs has made another game that can match up to their first one	Granhice a little more of a sci-fi element. The
Sound:	8 on the Sega CD. I like the little cinemas that you get to see during	Sound: 8 and the artwork is even better than Lunar. The game play is not anything
Playability:	8 the game. Sound quality is really	Playability: 9 that you haven't seen before, but
Entertainment:	good even for a CD game. I like the menu style gameplay during fights	Entertainment: 9.5 tough, though. The dialogue, like
M. OTRALL: K	and the ability to save at nearly any time. I think that I will be spending	some of it truly hilarious and unique
7.25	some good quality time on this one."	with Americanized themes. Vay is another killer RPG for the Sega CD."



VAMPIRE WITH AN ATTITUDE



Spike has two weapons in his arsenal to defeat Von-Hesler's forces throughout the game. Spike's large

but stylish hat can be used much like a boomerang and be thrown at enemies. This, if executed



Cart Size: 16 Meg

Style: 1-Player Hold Flay/Advonture

 Special Features: Battery Back-to with Three Save Slots
 Created by: Naxat Soft for Bullet Proof Software

The Bottom Line 8,25

Available: Now for Super NES

correctly, can score multiple hits on opponents. Spike's other, and most frequently used, weapon is his cape. By spinning. Spike's cape will take hit points away from such foes as the killer cloves, zombies, blobs, and other wacky monsters.

VON HESSLER

VAMPIRA

DRACUMAN

Aside from Spike's normal weapons, he can acquire items in two different shops in the land of Viadamasco. The Card Shop will supply Spike with a grab bag of various cards. Each card will teach Spike a trick or spell, which comes in very handy when fighting bosses or sub-bosses. The General Store will supply energy cards and different hats for Spike to use.

The Twisted Tales of Spike Mc Fang is a children's game by all outward appearances, but offers challenge and entertainment for all ages. With excellent animation and a witty dialog, the game creates a funny and

dangerous world for the player to conquer.





THE TRAINING CONSISTS OF MISSIONS THAT WILL HELP YOU LEARN THE CONTROLS.



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- Cart Size: 16 Meg with Battery Back-up
- Style: 1-Player, Action / RPG
- Special Features: 3 Save Slots, 2 Special Character Transformations
- Created by: Enix America Corporation
 Available: Now for Super Nintendo

"You are Tim, a boy of unusual power born from an ancient era. Recently, while on an expedition to the Tower of Babel with your father, all the members of your party became lost in the ruins. Only you escaped and returned home to South Cape. But you were changed-the power hidden within you has awakened! Now you hope that your newly found talents will help you locate your father. You must explore the intricate mazes of an Inca City, the mysterious Angkor Wat, the dreadful Tower of Babel, in search of the six Mystic Dolls. You must obtain them!"

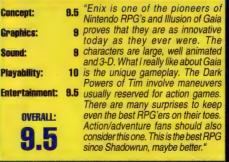


im, our hero, possesses a Dark Power that gives him the power of telekinesis, and he can also seek advanced powers by locating Gaia, the guardian spirit of Earth. Not only do you acquire cool attacks and abilities from Gaia, this is where your progress can be recorded and saved. Plus, Gaia provides Tim with the ability to transform into two other super characters that are needed throughout your quest. Freedan is a powerful warrior who has more strength and range in his attacks. Shadow, like his name suggests, is master of stealth. In particular, Shadow has the cool power to Liquefy with the help of the Aura Sphere to reach hidden ares with-in the game.

With over 30 items to collect and 80 + enemies to conquer, Enix has created another epic action/role play that rivals the original Soul Blazer, so much that, at the last second before we went to press Nintendo bought the game to give it the extra push it deserves.

Freedan is one of the characters Tim can transform into.

Concept:	8 Illusion of Gaia is yet another original RPG from Enix. Although it really
Graphics: 8.	6 doesn't relate to the original Soulblazer, it does have some new
Sound:	7 play aspects which prove once again that time and effort always
Playability: 8.7	5 translate into fun play. If you are an RPGer, then you shouldn't miss out
Entertainment:	8 on Gaia's cool graphics and excellent playability. The game's
OVERALL:	only drawbacks are a boring sound-
8	track (put in a disc) and a amazingly boring beginning. Otherwise, it's an excellent cart."



PAUL, THE PRO PLAYER

Concept: Graphics: Sound: **Playability:**

Entertainment:

- OVERALL: 8.5
- 8 "Initially, I thought this game needed
- a jump start. It starts pretty slow, as
- if someone is holding your hand and walking you through it. I then found a point where the path is a bit more 8
- cloudy. The game now had to wait for 9.5 me rather than me waiting for it. The
- play style can be compared to many, 9 but Tim's "alter egos" really make i unique. Liquify? Completely cool With some hints and tips in the back
 - of the manual, Illusions of Gaia will please the hard-core and casual RPG'er alike.

uring the first years of the second age, 19 rings of power were forged and spread throughout Middle Earth. Nine were given to mortal men, seven went to the dwarf lords, and three to the elf kings. The evil lord Sauron heard of the forging and used his ringmaking skill to create One Ring to control all of them.

Using the power of the One Ring, Sauron easily took control of Middle Earth. Until Prince Isildur the only one powerful enough to match Sauron, eventually destroyed him. Foolishly, Isildur did not destroy the ring and Sauron's soul lived on because of it. Slowly, Sauron would capture the souls of the mortal men who owned the rings, in hopes of once again possessing the one ring.

Bilbo Baggins, the Hobbit, has held the single ring since the day he lifted it off of the evil Gollum, but now he has been instructed by the powerful wizard Gandalf to give the ring to you, his young nephew Frodo.

The game follows the story of the first book of the Lord of the Rings trilogy written by J.R.R. Tolkien. You assume the role of Frodo Baggins and must journey through the

perils of Middle Earth, from Hobbiton to Rivendell, to meet with Gandalf and the council to decide the fate of the ring.

As you travel, you will encounter a barrage of enemies, as well as many friends and allies. You will need to collect different items.

J.R.R. Tolkien's Epic **Comes to Life on SNES**

Style: 5-Player Fantasy Role-Play

- Special Features: The Largest Use of Rotoscoping of any Game on SNES
- and State-of-the-Art A.R.D.I. Sound System
- Created by: Interplay Productions

Available: Now on SNES

weapons, and armor to succeed in your quest. For many puzzles and adventures will confront you before you reach your final destination at Rivendell. But never fear, Lord of the Rings is a multiplayer game so you can bring up to four of your friends (and you'll need'em).

This game uses thousands of rotoscoped animations and fully interactive battles to bring J.R.R. Tolkien's masterpiece to life.

Get helpful knowledge from the Elf Elders.



Pick up all of the items you can or you may have to go back.

The whole troop is safe within Hobbiton. Bilbo reaches his eleventy-first

The stairway to heaven?

I don't think so.

birthday and gives Frodo the ring.



Oh No! A group of Orcs!

Ross, The Rebel Gamen

 Concept:	8.5	"I'm ecstatic to see that someone has come to realize the genius of one of
Graphics: 8	3.75	my all-time favorite authors and made a game from his books. I am
Sound:	8	also impressed with the quality of the graphics that are in this game. If there
Playability:	9	is one thing that doesn't measure up to the rest of LOR, it is the sound. The
Entertainment:	9.5	music begins to grow on you though.
OVERALL:		This game is huge, and absorbed many hours of my attention. The full
9		interaction with the characters is absolutely a necessity and without it the game wouldn't be the same."

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THE BOTTOM LINE

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Concept:	9.5	"This is a wonderful Role-Play/ Adventure that should appeal to	ACCESSION NOT AND A	C
Graphics:	9.5	those who haven't read the book, and those who have will get even greater		6
Sound: Sound:	8.5	enjoyment. The scenery and anima- tion are a wonder to behold. The 1-5		8
Playability:	8.5	player feature in this game is incred-		P
Entertainment:	9.5	ible, but if you're playing by yourself it is very hard to keep new characters alive. This game is very good, but it	大学のの	6
OVERALL:		would have been almost perfect if they had better artificial intelligence	N. Caller	
9		for computer-controlled characters and a higher beginning level for char- acters introduced later in the story."		

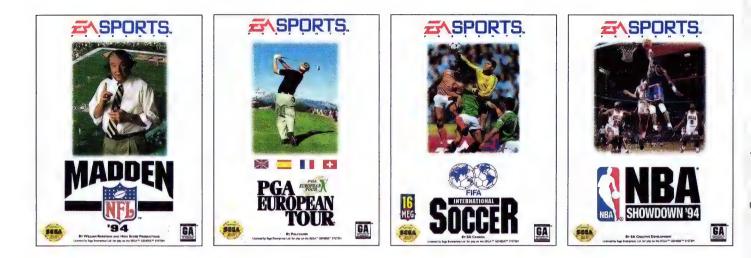
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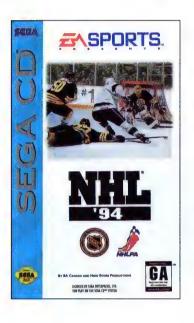
When exploring the caves, You'll

- concept: ranhics: ound: 'layability: ntertainment: **OVERALL:**
- "I never read the book so I quess I'm not as excited about the game. I think the look of the characters was pretty

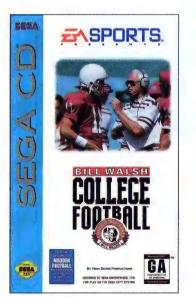
Boy, the fog sure is thick around here.

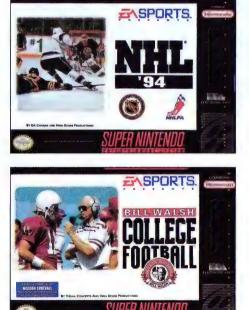
- lame, but the five player capabilities 6 made up for that a bit. The only problem with the five player is that it
- takes a long time to assemble the entire party. What, am I gonna wait
- ß around for who knows how long? The control is adequate, but again, the attacks are lame. I don't think the game, as a whole, is bad. If you're into the Bilbo story, you'll probably dig it.



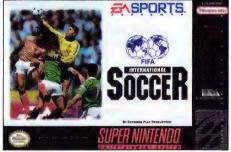




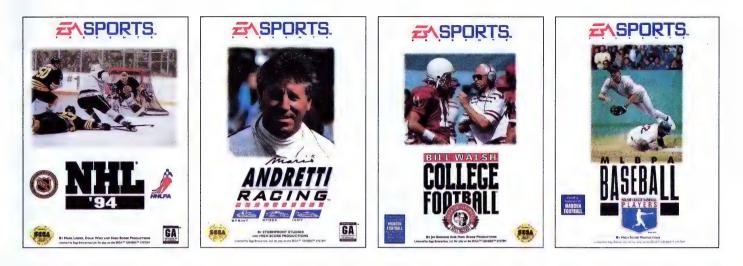




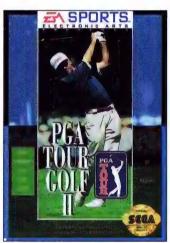




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The city of Waterdeep is being overrun by a powerful evil that has put the whole city in danger. In an effort to find the creatures that have been terrorizing the city, Khelben, Waterdeep's leader, uses his magic to find the source. The only thing that anyone could find that was unusual was the reappearing name of Xanathar. The origin is still unknown, but there is only one place that the City Watch does not patrol, the sewers. This must be the source of all the evil. To save Waterdeep, you will choose four warriors to search the sewers and rid the city of the source of evil.

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This game follows the principle rules of the popular RPG game Advanced Dungeons & Dragons and is an exact duplicate of the PC

game by the same title. You will command the chosen warriors in a unique maze of sewers, collecting items and solving puzzles such as locks and switches. You will also fight a variety of monsters and creatures as you go, so choose wisely which spells or weapons your party will use.

The characters can be either human, elf,

half-elf, gnome, halfling, or dwarf. Depending upon the character's race, their class can be established as one, or a combination of Fighter, Ranger, Paladin, Mage, Thief, or Cleric. You will be able to choose the alignment of each character and choose their portrait as well.

You are trapped in the sewers and in danger of becoming monster food. You must journey deeper into the labyrinth and destroy the evil pestering Waterdeep.

The enemy is approaching

► THE BOTTOM LINE **6.**





This item could be pretty useful.

Rest your party to regain

lost hit points

Learn your spells by reading the scrolls

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concept:	7	"This game is OK, but I really don't like first-person perspective games
traphics:	7.5	that go from screen to screen instead of fluid, realistic motion. However, the
tound:	7	gameplay interaction is great, with an easy-to-use item screen that shows
layability:	7	the individual placements for each item. The graphics are good, but the
intertainment:	5	animation is next to nothing. I would advise this game to fans of Might &
OVERALL:		Magic or other first-person perspec-
6.75		tive games. But bring your pencil and paper, you'll need them to map out the huge dungeons that await you."

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ioncept:	5	"Fans of the AD&D series will likely enjoy this electronic game as it
raphics:	8.5	closely follows the RPG. I prefer my role-plays more in the Final Fantasy
ound: Differ	6.5	Il mode. When I look for a role-play
layability:	5	game to buy I'm looking for the escape of a good story and the
		interaction of the characters. To me,
ntertainment:	5.5	Beholder is more of a job than a game. I found my way through mazes
OVERALL:		that never seemed to end, only to
State and State		start over again. Graphically this is
5.75)	OK, but I have seen much better."
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the chore of picking up the items and 7.25 placing them in your inventory adds to the lack of speed in the game." - Cart Size: 12 Meg with Battery Backup

- Style: 1-Player RPG Simulation ial Features: 3-D First-Person Perspective and Mouse Compatible Created by: Strategic Simulations
 Available: Now on SNES and TSH for Capcom



Going Down?





CAAF Use the switches to open new possibilities



You must travel the lands looking for pizza for the ques

The only way across live hile is by ship.

Cart Size: 4 Meg with I Style: 1-Player Role Special Features:

- Levels: 4 Places in
- Created by: Ninter

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Available: Now for Nintendo

STAR TROPICS II A Wacky Adventure Through Time and Space



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ANDY, THE GAME HOMBRE

Concept:

Graphics:

Plavability:

Entertainment:

OVERALL:

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Sound:



8 "Nintendo really knows how to make

some good games, and Zoda's

Revenge is no exception. The original

Star Tropics was a zany mad-cap

less from ST2 (except maybe the slip

6 adventure game that got its notoriety

from the elusive slip of paper that you got from your uncle. Expect nothing

9 of paper). I highly advise this game. The adventure, graphics, and play control are excellent. This is one of

those games that is just fun to play.

Navigating the ice fiel below is treacherous





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Jot many years ago, Mike Jones, a junior in high school, travelect to the south seas and solled the nlans of an omany years ago wike iones, a jumor migh sensor traveled to the South Seas and foiled the plans of an alice his save his incle of evil alien named Zoda. He managed to lied the plans of an stave lones and seven snace children from Zoda's arin evil alien hamed Zoda. He managed to save his uncle Dr Steve Jones and seven space children from Zoda's where Now. Mike has returned to his home in Seattle where The location is a set on the location of the l Neve lones and seven space children from Zoda's grip Now, Mike has returned to his home in Sealthe where the hase hase has being his some in Sealthe where Now, Mike has returned to his home in Seattle where strande inscription that was found on the space children's his uncle, Dr. Jones, has been busy trying to decipher the scane not that was sent by the leader of nanet argonia strange inscription that was found on the space children's third on that was sent by the leader of planet Argonia could be the key to What will shoy shink of next? escape pod that was sent by the leader of planet Argonia Hirocon. Dr. Jones believes this could be the Argonia destroving the evil zoda once and for all To deciber the Hirocon. Dr. Jones believes this could be the key to a content for an ancient book called The Oxford destroying the evil 20da once and for all to decipher the vocal data the received many veame Code, Dr. Jones is using an ancient book called The oxional before from a verv wise old man. The book contains Wonder World, a book that he received many years stories of cavemen. Cleonatra Sherlock Holmes Kind before from a very wise old man. The book contains Arthur and even Leonardo Davinei If Dr Jones king stories of cavemen, Cleopatra, Sherlock Holmes, King Arthur, and even Leonardo Davinci. If Dr. Jones King figure out the investerv of the inscrimtion. he might he alve Arthur, and even Leonardo Davinci. If Dr. Jones can figure out the mystery of the inscription, he might be able to find a connection between the stories in the hook and Figure out the mystery of the inscription, he might be allocation between the stories in the book and the plight of the Algonians. ne pign or me Algomans. One thing is certain though, if he ever does uncover noveters. Atike is coartain to head in vet another One thing is certain though if he ever does uncover zanv adventure. It is certain to begin yet another zany adventure.

PAUL, THE PRO PLAYER

> THE BOTTOM LINE 7.75

RICK, THE VIDEO RAM

Concept:	7.5	"Something I do in every RPG game I play is look for the opening	Concept:	7	"With all of these newfangled systems and software hitting the streets, it's a
Graphics:	8	and development of the story. Without strong story development no	Graphics:	9	bit hard to get psyched for an NES release. It seems like Nintendo
Sound:	7	role-play will ever get my approval. For an 8-bit game, Zoda's Revenge	Sound:	7	discovered this while cleaning out the 8-bit closet. But fortunately for us,
Playability:	7.5	had a good story line that kept me involved. The gameplay was much	Playability:	8	Nintendo usually produces games that are well-designed and
Entertainment:		like Zelda, but the graphics were better. Zoda's Revenge is nothing	Entertainment:	8	researched. ZR is no exception. I'll take a fun game with good 8-bit
OVERALL:		new but is an enjoyable diversion."	OVERALL:		graphics and excellent play control over a lame 16-bit title with awesome
7.5			7.5		looks and weak play any day. Nintendo gave me just that game."

Cart Size: 24 Meg Style: 1-Player Action/Adventure Special Features: Multiple Weapons. Huge Mazes, and 3 Save Slots Created by: Nintendo
 Available: Now for Super NES

🕨 The Bottom Line 🛛 🚛

That is one big Metroid!!



tinally enter Tourian

Use the same technique as the original, freeze'em

Sometimes, someone

else will do the work

for you

Back to the Planet Zebes! uckily you won't go in unprepared. There are many items to find and collect along the way that will be essential to the completion of the game. As a matter of tact; many areas will be inaccessible unless you have the powerup that lets you enter that zone. Discovering the secret on Planet Zebes won't be easy; Ridley and Kraid will make sure of that. However, if there is one thing you can be sure of, it is that this will be the battle of your life.

Maridia

Samus doesn't look too

happy to be back again.

Now, how exactly do I get up there

This boss is tast, and actually quite trustrating, but once you deteat him, you will be awarded with the Space Jump.

These dudes will give you

lots of energy and weapons

before you enter.



This guy will teach you how to use the Super Leap, once you find him

amus Aran, a bounty hunter for hire, is well known throughout the galactic civilization as the woman who stopped the evil Metroid. Her first encounter was on the Planet Zebes, where Samus saved the universe from the evil pirate known only as the Mother Brain. Atter their confrontation on Planet Zebes, Samus encountered the evil Metroids on their homeland, Planet SR388, where she eradicated every Metroid except for one young larva which followed her like a confused child.

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All the greatest loes from the original are back.



Unload Missiles as fast as you can, if you want to get a good chunk of Ridley.



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Make sure you've got enough missiles to keep pushing this guy back, because as soon as you run out, he'll skewer you on the back wall.

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he captured this young Larva and took it to the scientists based on the Ceres Station Alter many tests, they discovered the Metroid has amazing energy producing qualities that could be harnessed and used as an endless resource. Satistied with her work, Samus headed out to tind new bounties. Now she has received a distress signal from

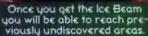
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Alert! The last Metroid has been the Ceres Station stolen from the Ceres station by the vile Ridley, who has taken it back to the planet Zebes. You must quide Samus through the labyrinths of Nortair, Brinstar, Crateria, the Wrecked Ship, Maridia, and the tinal controntation on Tourian if you hope to discover the secret hidden deep on

Planet Zebes. 🖷









This guy can be tricky, but just stay low, and use missiles



This guy is quick, but has

Who turned all the power?

Hang out around pipes, to collect weapons and energy

The beginning of the game has you running through some very tamiliar areas.





It helps if you've already found the Grappling Hook by the time you enter the Wrecked Ship.



Unless you've got the gravity suit (which is in the Wrecked Ship), water is not fun to jump through

Aury, The GAME HOMPRÉ

9.25

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Concept:
Graphics:
Sound:
Playability:
Entertainment
OVERALL
9.7

10 "As everyone probably already knows, Metroid was my favorite NES 25 cart. and this game is nothing less than what I expected. Super Metroid 9 has incredible graphics, and a pulsating soundtrack that draws you 10 into the game from the start, and huge levels with multitudes of power-ups to find and enemies to destroy. Super Metroid is THE best adventure game ever, and if you haven't played if, man are you missing out. I can't wait to play the PR version."

RICE. THE VIDEO RANGED

"Super Metroid is just what I hoped Concept: t would be. They kept all of the innovative qualities of the NES Graphics: 8.5 version and enhanced them ten-fold. 9.5 The levels come to life in a way I never Sound: imagined with 3-D backgrounds that look almost real. As for the bosses, **Playability:** 9.5 they are big and bad. Those looking Entertainment: 9.5 for action will find all they can handle but there is a lot more to Super Metroid than that. This game requires strategy! For the SNES there is nothing else like Super Metroid. This OVERALL: q is a game that I recommend to just about everyone.

Rost. The Rear Games

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Concept:
Graphics:
Sound:
Playability:
Entertainment:
OVERALL:

9.5

All of you Metroid maniacs are going to freak when you get a hold of this cart because all of the original Metroid factics are here, plus a few 9 bonuses. A perfect balance of sound. graphics, and animation gives gamers the rush they all are looking or. I, as well as the rest of the gang

9.5 can simply not get enough of this game. If you start the game, you'd better be prepared to play it until the end. There's no stopping because even if the body may be willing to quit, the mind is not. Justin Bailey





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and huge !!!!



No greasy kid stuff here.

The only part of Lester that's bullet proof.

Support unit for massive brain.

All weather gear. Very rugged! (and that sweat never shows!)



Hey, a hero has to get inspiration from somewhere.

> **Built to survive a 100-year flood!**

Leap confidently

into hostile terrain

Unlikely is a kind word for Lester. This nerdish boy is marooned on Nature's answer to

a desert personal radar. island that

is crawling with pirates! All Lester wants is to ao home. Between the beaches and his home lies an adventure so incredible, it might just make a man out of him! Digitized graphics brings Lester's every jerky step to life in true Geek-O-Rama action!

Solve riddles, use items and grab treasure in the hottest game to test any kid. Hey, jam it in their face and you may even get a kiss from Tikka, the jungle babe!

- 8 Megs of hilarious action and heroic adventure!
- Smooth animation makes it feel hel-o-real!
- Use boomerangs, rocks and props to escape the savage island!
- Over 14 levels of mind-popping puzzles, daring challenges, and deadly traps await Lester.





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Ladies and Gentlemen! The **Battle Royal is About to Begin!**

Saturday Night

With the success of Saturday Night Slam

Masters in the arcades, Capcom was destined to introduce it to the home gamers. With a full 24 Megs of colorful graphics and unique animations, Capcom provides a no rules, action-packed wrestling game to the evergrowing number of wrestling fans.

SNSM stars10 wild and agile wrestlers who are hungry for a shot at the CWA championship belt and willing to do anything to their opponent to get it. Each wrestler has their own style of fighting and at least two lethal special attacks.

When any of the 10 contestants enters the ring and the battle begins, you, the player, can use a number of tactics to defeat your opponent. For instance, climbing the turnbuckle and launching into your opponent is totally legal. Or, if you are taking a lot of damage, roll out of the ring and grab any of the objects lying around, then toss the

object into the ring and use it to gain the upper hand on your opponent.



If you keep the belt through a econd set of matches, you will become the Grand Champion

The pin. One, Iwo, three

THE BOTTOM LINE

ANDY, THE GAME HOMBBE

"Slam Masters is the best wrestling Concept: available on any system. The variety 8.5 of moves, incorporated with good Graphics: solid gameplay, combine to give this 7.5 game a long lifespan. The sounds Sound: could be better, but the graphics are 8 outstanding. This game needs more Playability: characters and maybe a little bit more Entertainment: 8.5 variety, but I guess you've got to save something for number two. **OVERALL:**

Graphics:	9.5
Sound:	8
Playability:	8
Entertainment:	8
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Concept:

RICK, THE VIDEO RANGER

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Pick up the objects, throw them into the ring, and use them to beat your opponent

Cart Size: 24 Meg

That looks pretty familia

ing Aasta 'Mon' doe

his wictory dance

This game features an all-out Team Battle

Royal where four wrestlers are in the ring at

the same time. There is also a one-player quest

for the championship title where the player

takes on the other wrestlers in the CWA to get

tournament, or try to take the tag-team title in

a two-on-two Battle Royal, you're sure to learn

what it's like to be in the ring with some of the

Ouring the four player brawls

all four players are in the

ring at one time

"Slam Masters doesn't pin the

competition-it beats them into

submission. This game is like a

combination of Royal Rumble and

SFII with graphics raised to a new

level. Every wrestler looks superb. 8 with attention to even the smallest

detail. The SFII-type specialty moves

are pretty tough, but for the most

fun, get together with 3 friends for

some multitap action. If wrestling is

your thing, Slam Masters is the

undisputed champion!

8 are a plus. The computer opponents

atts entire the nite

Whether you play in the one-on-one

Use the turnbuckles to flaunt you

stuff and taunt you opponent

a chance at the champ, Scorpion.

- Style: 1 to 4-Player Sports
- Special Features: 4-Player Simultaneous Action,
- Ten Unique Wrestlers
- and an Adjustable Difficulty Setting From 1 to 8
- Created by: Capcom USA Available: Now on SNES
- The Scorpion Alexander the





The loose Cannon"

Mike Hagger The Uncivil Servant"



Titanic Tim The Battle Axe"





El Stingray

Biff Slamkovich The Rockin' **Russkie**⁴

Jumbo "Flap Jack

The Great Oni

Ross, The Rebel GAMEN

Concept:

Graphics:

Playability:

Entertainment:

OVERALL:

Sound:

- "24 Megs of raw video game give 8 both the animation and the graphics a superb boost, knocking the rest 8
- of the competition out of the ring. Blood-curdling screams of pain
- and the sound of exposed flesh 7 hitting canvas are the only sounds
- that are missing, but who cares. Slam Masters is one of the best wrestling games the Super NES has ever seen, but repetition is its

huge downfall.

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Carl Size: 12 Meg Style: 1-Player Action/Strategy Viacom New Media in E Crented Association with Nickelodeon Now on SNES Is us

The Bottom Line



Spunky is about to become that truck's lunch if he's not careful.

Nickelodeon's Wonder

From Down Under

and His Faithful Pet

Spunky's Dangerous Day

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iscom teams up with Nickelodeen to introduce Rooko's Modern Life: Spunky's Dangerous Day, their first game for the Super Nintendo. This action/strategy pits the player as the here of the story out to protect his helpless pet through each level. Following the storylines and characters from Nickelodeon's new cartoon, the game includes the Squash and Stretch characters. The star is Rocko, an Australian wallaby, who is a mild-mannered and selfloss character who generally avoids being aggressive and is always willing to land a hand. Spunky, Rocko's pet dog, is a faithful companion that depends on his owner for survival. Making a camee appearance is Rooko's lazy and well-fed friend, Heffer, who will unknowingly holp his little friend navigate some areas.



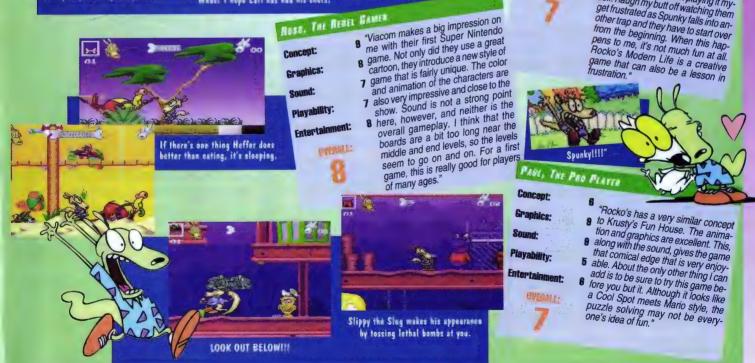
The goal in each stage is to get Spunky to the gold hydrant.

Wheel I hope Earl has had his chotal

The lovels in this game are made up of four sub-levels, and correspond closely with the actual cartoon. One example is the Hill-O-Steach garbage dump, an actual place found in O-Town on the series. The object of each level is to guide Spunky through a mound of traps and obstacles and ultimately reach the Goldon Hydrant placed somewhere on the level. 0 Lots of items are strewn about the levels to aid the player in guiding Spunky. For instance, pick up the poppers and feed them to Spunky to make him move fastor, or refill his life with a beating heart.

Domonstrating a new concept in a video game, Rocko's Modern Life: Spanky's Dangerous Day brings another of Niekeladeon's soon-to-be classic cartoons to life.

RICK, THE VIDEO RANGER Concept: 8 "I give Rocko's Modern Life a thumbs grow notice structure a mambe up for being a very original game in an age of copycats. As for how well Graphics: this new concept works it's a mixed bag. The graphics and sound are well Sounddone, but they are nothing special. Playability: 7 The gameplay is a slapstick comedy reminiscent of Keystone Cops. I have Entertainment: more fun watching my fellow reviewers play this game than playing it my-USUS FRANCE self. I laugh my butt off watching them get frustrated as Spunky falls into another trap and they have to start over from the beginning. When this happens to me, it's not much fun at all. Rocko's Modern Life is a creative game that can also be a lesson in



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ame Informer first featured F1 ROC in our Summer '92 issue. The consensus at that time was that the great things about that version were the controls, car customizer, and overall looks. It received an overall score of 8 from the review staff. Now, two years later, F1 ROC II has hit the circuit. It features many of the attributes that made the previous edition great and some new stuff that will make race fans put the

pedal to the metal. First, F1 ROC II is designed with

Seta's new DSP chip. What that chip does is give each of your 25 computer racing opponents their own independent characteristics. That means that you must have good racing technique to compete against the better cars. Technique is not the only thing

that will produce victory. Investment in research and development is needed to modify your machine. F1 ROC II has a R&D engineer that continually hounds you for more money (software publishers know about these guys) to develop tires, spoilers, engines, brakes and suspensions that will modify a car's performance. To earn the money that will keep the R&D crew working, you must race to some good finishes or it could be a long season driving a

poor machine.



Hey, why are all those guys standin' around? Get to work!



You've got no time to admire the lovely sunset.



F1

F3000

Take the straightest line possible through the Chicanes



01 Champions

and the land

izo; 8 Mag with Battery Back-op-.1- Player Racing Simulation Iaj Features: 32 Courses, Real E the 92 Pornula 1 Season, 25 Pr Rs. Seta s Brahe New BSP Che ated by: Seta USA, Inc. THE BOTTOM LINE

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he play consists of starting on the less expensive cars and easier race tracks. The Class C prototype is your first machine and is distinguished by the car's closed canopy and enclosed wheel wells. In the Class C races, as in all classes, the racer is required to choose from 2 to 9 laps to qualify for the best starting position. The Final consists of a 5 to 81 lap rubber burnin' race. Win all 8 courses in that class and graduate to the F3000 series. These cars have more of the traditional "Indy" look. F3000 Class has 8 different courses to conquer and then it's onto the ultimate F1 racing machines. The F1 races consist of a 16 race season

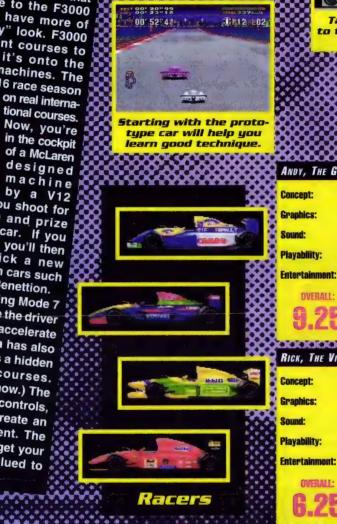
"Technique is not the only thing that will produce victory."

machine driven by a V12 power plant. Here, you shoot for overall point ranking and prize money to modify your car. If you survive the first season, you'll then have the ability to pick a new sponsor and choose from cars such as Ferrari, Williams and Benettion.

The lifelike graphics using Mode 7 scaling and scrolling make the driver lean into every turn and accelerate through every corner. Seta has also reported that again there is a hidden casino on one of the courses. (They're from Vegas, ya' know.) The overall speed, quickness of controls, and multitude of options create an excellent racing environment. The racing environment should get your RPM's up and your hand glued to the controls.







Your R&D engineer

develop parts to mod

the car's performant

REAR WIN FRONT WI BRAKE SUS EXIT	
ed will dify ce.	Carlo
to the	your new parts garage and equip the car.
Andy, The Game Concept: 9	Hombré "This game is a grueling race to th
Graphics: 8.75 Sound: 9 Playability: 9.5	finish with huge sweeping turns that put you right on the edge of your sear F1 ROC was one of my favorit, racing games, but this game blow, it away. The drivers are all out for the checkered flag and they won
Entertainment: 9.5 overall: 9.25	stop until they get it, so you hav to want it even more. This is easily in my opinion, the best racing gam on the SNES, if not on any system Very sweet!"
RICK, THE VIDEO I Concept: 5 Graphics: 8	"If you've played F Zero you've prett
Sound: 7.5 Plavability: 5	much played F-1 ROĆ. While this game has good graphics and sound the gameplay is repetitive and the

5 thrill wears off quickly. I think they had rookie racers in mind when they

6 made this game. Challenge is minimal and you win money even if you don't place. If you can't win, just take your money and buy a better engine.

PAUL, THE PRO PLAYER

Concept: Graphics: Sound: Playability: OVERALL .

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- "The first edition really rocked, and 8 the second edition is equally as cool.
- The Mode 7 scrolling effects and 95 great speed give it the look of F-Zero. 7 Compared to the previous release,
- your car looks much bigger and the perspective has shifted more to track
- level. The choice of cars and the new Entertainment: 9.5 season are great additions. Add all that to excellent control and car modifications that actually can be felt in the controls, and ROC II rocks (like you didn't see that coming). As Ross says, "Cut the corners, and punch it through the turns

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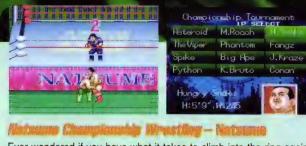
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RATING SCALE:

10 = A Classic!	5 = Average
9 = Excellent	4 = Weak
8 = Very Good	3 = Yawner
7 = Good	2 = Avoid
6 = Fair	1 = Terminal



Cart Size: 16 Mea Style: 1 to 5-Plaver Sports Created by: Natsume Available:



Ever wondered if you have what it takes to climb into the ring against some of Now those brutes who compete in a wrestling match? Now you can find out with Natsume Championship Wrestling. This game features 12 unique wrestlers and over 50 different moves to heat up the action. There are also five styles of game play, such as a single or a Tag Team Championship Tournament, and a single or Tag Team Round Robin Tournament. This game also follows the sanctioned wrestling rules and is Multiplayer compatible, so you can play with four of your friends. Real wrestling action is now yours in this new sports cart from Natsume.

Preview

Cart Size: 16 Meg Style: 1-Player Action Created by: Blizzard for Sunsoft Available:

Now



because The Death and Return of Superman is an action packed game, as Superman on his way to stop the havoc-wreaking Doomsday, one way to find out! then reality hits, and Superman takes the plunge. As the rest of the

MISSION NO. 1

Looks like Sunsoft is making a run at Konami for action games, story unfolds, following DC's hit comic book series, you get to play as all four of the Superman, could be, impostors: Eradicator, Superboy, kick-punch game worthy only of the "Man of Steel". You start the Man of Steel, and Cyborg. Who is the real Superman!? There's only



Cart Size: 8 Meg Style: 1-Plaver Shooter/Strategy Created by: Seta Available: Now



Air Strike Patrol - Seta

In the Middle East, the country of Sweit is being invaded by the evil behind enemy lines. You must complete each mission in a limited Commander Zarak and his men. In an effort to put an end to Zarak's assault, the UN is about to send in the troops, but first an air patrol (that's you) must be sent in to clear a path for the troops. This 3-D flight sim

amount of time, while destroying enemy sites and protecting civilian buildings. After the game is complete, the player will receive one of many different endings based upon their performance. A.S.P. from Seta puts the player in control of either an F-15 or an A-10 attack fighter deep gives the player the chance to prove themselves in the heat of battle.



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its of the Round - Ca

The follow up to the 1992 arcade hit, Knights of the Round gives players the fantasy of Medieval battle based on the adventure of King Arthur's search for the Holy Grail. This side-scrolling adventure lets the player choose one of three characters, King Arthur, Sir Lancelot or Percival, and puts them up against many evil warriors that they will

encounter on their quest. Each character has his own set of unique characteristics so that you can choose one to match your style of gameplay. Many items are hidden throughout the journey, including Arthur's horse which you can ride on to victory. Loads of great looking animation and moves round out this new cart from Capcom.

Action/Adventure Created by:

Capcom

Available:

Now



Cart Size: 8 Meg Style: 1-Plaver Action/Adventure Created by: Hudson Soft Available: Now







Beauty & The Beast - Hudson Soft

Hudson Soft and the artists at Disney Studios team up to bring you Beauty & The Beast: the interactive video game. Using a new-found effects capability on the Super Nintendo, this game gives you real-time light source shading to create a realistic look. The path to save Belle from Gaston is made up of some uniquely perplexing puzzles and

promises not to be an easy one. If The Beast is to have any chance, he must use his amazing skills such as jumping, lifting heavy objects, attacking with his claws and his ear-shattering roars and snarls. With direct input from some of Disney's artists and animators, this game delivers a powerful parallel to the animated movie.



Cart Size: 24 Meg Style: 1-Player Action Created by: Acclaim Available: Now







8 Venom: Maximum Carnage - Acciaim

conversion of a comic book series into a video game in Acclaim's new Spiderman/Venom: Maximum Carnage. The player can choose either Spiderman or Venom to battle his way to the final showdown with Carnage, the macabre incarnation of Spiderman. This translation of the

Three of Marvel Comic's greatest heroes team up for the first true 14-part comic book series features unique attacking moves with both characters and "Mode 7" graphics to add to the excitement. There are also cameo appearances by three more Marvel characters including Captain America, DeathLok and Black Cat, giving Marvel Maniacs an even greater thrill.



24 Mea Style: 1 or 2-Plaver Head-to-Head Fighting Created by: Williams Entertainment (Formerly Tradewest





Double Dragon V - Williams Entertainment

Hoping to top all of the ones previous, Double Dragon V takes on different options including turbo levels. Yes, the game still features the a whole new style of gameplay, head-to-head fighting (How original!). This game features four different fighting modes, twelve powerful characters (including the baddest boss ever), and a number of out on TV for all you Double Dragon nuts that can't get enough.

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famous gruesome twosome, Billy and Jimmy Lee, but it also has a few new guys never seen before. The game is closer to the new cartoon

Overall: 6

Cart Size: 8 Mea Style: 1-Player Action/Strategy Created by: Ocean Available: Now







Eek the Cat - Ocean

Fox's newest cartoon star from Saturday morning TV has been love the zany animation and stunning sounds as they solve the transformed into an up-and-coming video game star in the new hit from Ocean. The player takes control of the always misfortunate feline and guides his friends through six levels of hilarity. Being squashed and crunched is what this invincible cat does best. Gamers of all ages will

many puzzles ahead of them (while enjoying the fact that Eek never dies). As one of Nielsen's top ten picks, this game serves up a ton of challenging situations and non-stop humor.



Defeat Dr. Robotnik and you will be transported into another stage.



Check out the bonus levels between each stage,

he little blue spiked speedster is back in his popular "Sonic Spinball ", but this time he's on the Game Gear. Robotnik is up to his old tricks again and it is up to Sonic to stop him. On his way to Robotnik's Veg-O-Matic to shut it down, Sonic uses his super speed to break into the Dr.'s pinball defense system.

This game plays like its counterpart on the Genesis, and uses the basic principles of most pinball games. Use the flippers to maneuver Sonic through the five levels of madness; bouncing off bumpers, smashing into Robotnick's troops and collecting the Chaos Emeralds. There are three bonus rounds that can be reached by collecting each of the three Chaos Emeralds in the levels. Each level is loaded with rings and power-up shells that will increase your bonus points if you can get out in the required time limit.

Dr. Robotnik's Veg-O-Matic must be stopped, and there is only one animal that can do it. Can you get Sonic to the final showdown with Robotnik in the new "Sonic Spinball" from Sega?

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THE BOTTOM LINE

This duplicate of the Genesis game Sonic Spinball tries hard to match its predecessor but fails miserably. The graphics are nice considering it's on the Game Gear, but the sound and playability are definitely lacking. Although it is not a bad game, I don't think that it will do well on the Game Gear.

Pain Rick

> 7 7.5 6

7 8.5 7

Two Wittien Ranger

"If you've played the Genesis version, this is a good imitation. I like the large, multiple levels. I would like it better if it played a bit faster. It's a little too slow for the experienced video pinball player."

Andy: The Same Hombro

"Pinball is always good on the go and Sonic Spinball offers excellent graphics with that wild and crazy hedge og we all love. It does suffer from slow reaction times. but that just makes you think that far ahead."

Paul, The Pre

"Capturing the feel of the 15-bit version is great. I preter playing it on the Game Gear rather than the home system. The pinball does get a bit old."

Carl Size: 4 Meg Style: 1 or 2-Player Strategy Special Features: Gear-to-Gear Compatible for Simultaneous Play Four of the Original Arcade Screens and Two Views

Created by: Namco Hometek Available: Now on Game Geal



An Arcade Classic Revived

The zoom-out view gives you full sight of the entire maze.

Isn't that cute?

Whoa, check out the size of that thing!



Wait for the ghosts to come to you NOU eat the Power P

ac-Man's ghost gobbling love, Ms. Pac-Man, is back. bringing with her four of the original boards from the arcade as well as some new and exciting ones. Now, Ms. Pac-Man addicts from the original arcade games can get their fix on the Game Gear.

Keeping the bouncing food and Power Pellets, the game sticks to the original. giving you the arcade feel on a hand-held. There are a few new additions. For instance, the link up option allows two players to team up as the lovable Ms. Pac-Man, and the stud in her life, Pac-Man. A close-up view of the mazes and characters and a full view of the mazes combine to give you the arcade feel. There is even a two-level difficulty setting for those people who want an even harder version than they've played before.

Ms. Pac-Man, once an innovative and groundbreaking game, has become a legend in the gaming industry and proves it has what it takes to stand the test of time. Both the first generation of gamers and the new get a game which narrows the generation gap.

	Andy	Paul	Rick	Ross
Concept:	8	8	8	5
Graphics:	5	8	7	8
Sound:	7.5	5	7	6
Playability:	8	6	3	8
Entertainment:	7.5	6	4	7.5
Overall:	7.26	8.5	5.5	7

The Bottom Line

Ross, The Robel Gamer

"Another arcade to home entertainment system? Oh well, what can you do? I think this is what, the third system that it's on? I am really surprised that they dug this one up from the grave The only thing that I miss is the 'Zoom' button hat the stand-up had.

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"The simple graphics and sound of Ms Pac-Man translate well to the small screen. The play leaves a lot to be desired. Without a joystick, the control is sluggish and this game moves real slow. Play the Lynx version instead!"

Andy, The Game Hombro

"Fans of Mrs. Pac-Man will not be disappointed by this cart. It's fun, and brings back some great memories. The overhead mode is the easiest to play, but the graphics stink. But who cares, it's Ms. Pac-Man!"

Paul, The Pro Player

"Game Gear is a great system for classics like this. The two screen options are great, but the speed may bore a true Ms. Pac-man fan"

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n a recent visit to Atari, home of the Jaguar, we were

happy to take a look at what's on the horizon for this new predator in the video game hunt.

The first surprise was Flashback from Delphine Software. Flashback, a favorite on the Genesis and Super Nintendo, is now better than ever with

As the Alien, you'll have to

save the queen and protect

the Alien eggs.

Aliens don't like fire

Talk about Texture-Mapping!

Check out the detail on the floor and out the window!

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improved animation sequences and even more amazing detail. Also, the soundtrack has been enlarged to make Flashback a keeper when it comes out this June.

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Now, lets talk fighting games. Kasumi Ninja, Atari's first able to get a preview of some of the hot titles that are fighting game, will feature digitized graphics that look "in the works". While some of these titles weren't almost real. This game, however, is not for the faint of heart, playable (namely Vortex and Double Dragon) we were very because during battle when a character is struck the blood

flies (in buckets) and then stays on the ground throughout the entire round, so by the end of the round the battleground is a pool of coagulating blood. Featuring seven to nine warriors with a assortment of cool death moves and

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fighter by moving through doors (very cool). Kasumi Ninja will hopefully be available in stores this July.

even a unique character selection

n 0 process that puts you in a dungeon, where you choose your

Use the computer interface

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The backgrounds are sweet; the clouds were taken through time-lapse photography, then sped-up to give you an eerie

This game is still in the early stages, expect to see more soon.

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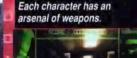
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The backgrounds looked

were almost non-existent.

nice, but the play mechanics



to access different levels, or

destroy the base.

This has been one of the most anticipated carts for the Jag. And you can see why.



Choose your fighter!

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In this early preview of the game it only moved at 5 frames per second (it should

be 24 when it's finished) but

the graphics were complete.

Hey.. he's a lefty.











Ultra Vortex, a fighting game from Beyond Games, is still pretty early, but what we did see of it looked very promising. Very cool digitizing and full motion that could make the 3DO shiver.

Double Dragon V: The Shadow Falls from Tradewest appears to be a unique fighting game

that is based on the cartoon series. It features the Lee brothers, Jimmy and Billy, from the regular *Double Dragon* games, and numerous characters from the cartoon series. Look for this one around November.

The next batch of games are from the geniuses at ID Software. Both *Wolfenstein 3-D*, which should be out this July, and *Doom*, hopefully late September, are in the works. *Wolfenstein 3-D*, based on Apple II classic, runs amazingly fast on the Jaguar with graphics, scaling, and gameplay that are unmatched. It is easily better than both the PC and the Super Nintendo version. For those who are not familiar with *Doom*, it is the coolest first person game on the PC. Based on the driver used in *Wolfenstein*, *Doom* adds a whole new dimension with odd-shaped rooms, texture-mapped ceilings and floors,

> and unbelievable detail and gameplay. This is a game definitely worth the wait. *Alien vs. Predator* is almost done and should be on store shelves in July, and *Checkered Flag* has been changed to *Redline Racing*, with the possibility of it getting a major racing license.

Well, with all these games coming out for the Jaguar, Atari should start taking a bite out of the video game market; and with the August release of their CD peripheral, we should see a lot more to come from Atari and their army of over a 100 licensees.



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News & Rumors From the Video Game Industry

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MTV Knows What's Up!

Yep... that's right... that's MTV's John Norris with a Game Informer in his mitts. Why you ask? Well, last March MTV's *Daily Dose* ran a review of everybodys favorite basketball game, *NBA Jam*. When it came time to give the greatest tips on this hot cart, MTV's John Norris turned to everybody's favorite magazine to get the scoop. Hey, John Norris says it best, "Game Informer Magazine...the source for all your greatest tips and strategies."

PowerFest '94 Schedule

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AAFEF	Fort Drum, NY
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MTV's John Norris gets his NBA Jam codes from GII



Nintendo of America has just begun the nationwide hunt for the best player in the land with the kickoff of *PowerFest '94*. This six-month search will involve about 500,000 players at approximately 150 separate events and will have over \$1million in prizes.

The PowerFest will have six simultaneous traveling tours that consist of four semi-trailers, two vans, and a number of support vehicles. Each tractortrailer contains a gaming network of over 40 sampling machines (with more than 100 games for free trial) and four game contest



stations featuring the speciallydesigned Competition Cartridge. The *PowerFest* will work its way across America, from Miami to Los Angeles, and let players

of all ages duke-it-out against the clock for the

highest score at that location during the 3-day competition. The specially designed five-minute competition **Super NES** cart features three hit titles from **Nintendo**: Ken Griffey Jr. Presents Major League Baseball, Super Mario Bros: The Lost Levels, and Super Mario Kart.

If you think you've got what it takes, or if you just want to go have some fun, **Nintendo's** *PowerFest '94* is definitely for you. If you're interested in when the *PowerFest* is coming to your town, you can call **Nintendo** at 1-800-255-3700, or read **Game Informer** for the dates for each month.

3DO goes on Tour

Everybody has read about the 3DO and maybe even seen pictures, but now 3DO is giving everyone the opportunity to experience it at the 3DO Mall Tour. You'll have to look for it when it's coming through your town, but when they came to the Mall of America here in Minnesota, Game Informer was on the scene. The Tour, sponsored by Panasonic. features the FZ-1 Multiplayer and many of the available 3DO titles, plus the 3DO Hardware Challenge, The Challenge, which pits Total Eclipse head-to-head with Super Nintendo's StarFox and Sega CD's Silpheed, lets players try all three games and choose for themselves which system they want While some stayed true to their Segas or SNESs many were impressed with 3DO's stunning graphics and lifelike movements. If they come to your town, make sure you check it out.



And the \$5,000 Winner is...

Bill Vargas, a 29-year-old System Engineer and avid game player from Philadelphia, Penn., won the \$5.000 prize for being the first gamer to send in the correct answer to Ocean's "Great Dino Egg Hunt" contest for Jurassic Park Super Nintendo. The contest, which began with the release of the game in October '93, was based on the search for eight hidden "eggs" (that were actually letters) that gamers would have to find. correctly identify their positions, and then unscramble to get the winning message. Vargas discovered the code after two days of intense hunting according to Vargas, "the hardest part of the entire contest - aside from avoiding the jaws of a very hungry T-Rex - was actually unscrambling the message." The unscrambled winning answer was "Dr. Horner", one the world's leading paleontologists who was the inspiration for the character

of Dr. Alan Grant from the best selling novel, as well as a consultant to Stephen Spielberg during the making of the film. Congratulations Bill

Nintendo Signs Exclusive Project Reality Deal with Williams/Bally/Midway!

Amidst the battle for rights to WMS titles. Nintendo slipped behind enemy lines and struck a deal with WMS from out of the blue, WMS Industries, creators of arcade hits such as Mortal Kombat I & II and NBA Jam. and Nintendo of America. Inc. have formed a joint venture company, Williams/Nintendo Inc.. This deal gives WMS Industries a long-term worldwide license to create arcade games using Nintendo's proprietary 64-bit technology, and gives Nintendo a bit of the WMS spotlight. Future PR arcade games will be distributed under the "Midway" name, but the home versions, due in early '95 along with the home version of the Project Reality system, will be distributed by Nintendo exclusively for the Project Reality (sorry Sega). The deal is rumored to only be for three exclusive titles, but you never know.

Williams Buys Tradewest Inc.

In a bold move, WMS Industries signed an agreement to purchase Tradewest, Inc. to expand their recently formed subsidiary, Williams Entertainment, Inc.. This acquisition by the arcade giant moves it one step closer to the home video game market, and puts them into a position to become a major player in the following years. Not only does WMS get an experienced 50-person development team from Tradewest, but more importantly, it gets licenses to

develop titles for Nintendo, Sega, Atari, and 3DO. Nice move!

More info on DigiPen

After last issue's article on the DigiPen Applied Computer Graphics School (What's Hot! pg. 47) we were flooded with questions about this newly-created Super Nintendo programming school. If you're interested please write to:

DigiPen Applied Computer Graphics School Attn: Jason Chu 5th Floor Hornby Street Vancouver, British Columbia Canada v6C - 2E7

Killer Instinct Slated as First Project Reality Cart

Rare Ltd., best known for the Nintendo hit Battle Toads, and Nintendo of America, Inc. have signed an exclusive development agreement to create the first game "Killer Instinct" for the Project Reality Arcade System. Killer Instinct, a futuristic fighting game, will be distributed by MWS Industries and will be shown at an "invitation only," behind closed doors meeting at this Summer's Consumer Electronic Show.

LucasArts Releases Star Wars Screen Entertainment

If you like Star Wars, you know there is no substitute. Now, LucasArts gives every Star Wars fan who owns a PC or Macintosh a chance to experience the screen saver: Star Wars Screen Entertainment. While the Screen Entertainment is very cool and has lots of varied Star Wars modules, the real news is that, at random, a message from George Lucas appears regarding the creation of a new Star Wars trilogy (finally!). He states that he will begin writing the screenplay for the prequels (yes, we're going back in time)

by the end of this year, with a release by the year 2000 (Star Wars fans, REJOICE!!!)

32X Due this Fall!

Sega's announced that their new Genesis 32X,an arcade upgrade for the Sega Genesis and Sega CD, will launch this fall with six games on the shelves and ten games on the way. The 32X, which enable you to upgrade you current Sega Genesis with duel 32-bit RISC CPU's and the new VDP, will allow for faster processing, texture mapping and polygon graphics, over 32,000 colors, and (finally) high resolution video on the Sega CD. Perhaps the best news is, that the 32X will use the same cartridge port that the Sega Saturn will sport when it comes out this winter. In other words, compatibility. Way to go Sega.



The 32X Virtua Racing Deluxe features 6 tracks and 3 vehicles.

Here is a list of the current titles under development for the 32X and their tentative release dates:

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The winner, Bill Vargas.

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Fall 1994 Star Wars Arcade Doom Fall 1994 Super Motorcross Fall 1994 Virtua Racing Deluxe Fall 1994

Super After Burner Super Space Harrier Stellar Assault Cyber Brawl

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Cart Size: CD-ROM Style: or 2-Player Sports Simulation Created by: EA Sports Available: Now



John Madden Football - EA Sports

John Madden and the NFL have teamed up once again to bring you the premiere 3DO sports simulation featuring all 28 NFL teams, 8 Old-Timers, and 2 All-Madden teams. Although based on the '93 edition, Madden Football has all the CD-ROM fireworks you would expect, including over 100 NFL video clips, 1300 individual player ratings, fully-digitized player animations, and true 3-D graphics. If you're looking for the ultimate armchair quarterback game, John Madden Football is definitely the answer.

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Cart Size: CD-ROM Style: 1-Player Action/City Simulator Created by: Crystal Dynamics Available: Now



The Horde - Crystal Dynamics

swallowed more than he can chew. In the blink of an eve, the noble servant Chauncey wraps his arms around the King's giant girth and shoots the guilty morsel barreling across the room. To show his the evil, red, ravenous eaters known only as the Horde. gratitude, the King knights Chauncey and gives him the sword,





During a nightly gala at the King's palace, the King finds that he Grimthwacker. With his new found land holdings, Chauncey must protect his kingdom and rule it wisely, not just because the evil High Chancellor wants him dead, but because his land is being overrun by

Overail: 8

Cart Size: CD-ROM Style: 1-Plaver Shooter Created by: Origin Available: Now



Super Wing Commander - Origin

Based on the computer version, Super Wing Commander offers all the your part in the never-ending battle against the evil Kilrathi. As the control and excitement of the original with graphics that only the 3DO could deliver. Stationed on the Terranian Strike Carrier Tiger's Claw, you embark on 72 different missions into deep space as you play out of battle. Do you have what it takes, commander?

commander of your wing, you will work with many different pilots and be responsible for many life and death decisions made in the heat

Overall: 5

Cart Size: CD-ROM Style: 1-Player

Multi-Platform Created by: Universal Interactive Studio: Available:



Jurassic Park - Universal Interactive Studios

you at the computer control panel of the park headquarters right as all computer systems fail. From there you must crack all five of Nedry's computer locks and save all 11 inhabitants of the island before the cargo the Raptor Maze.





Following the basic plot of the book, Jurassic Park Interactive places ship, carrying the ferocious Raptors, reaches the mainland. Leading the quests to the heliport won't be easy, you'll have to master three dino-challenges which include the Spitter Shoot, T-Rex Chase, and

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M Style: 1 or 2-Player Fighting Created SNK Available: Now in the Arcades July on Neo•Geo

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hough a lot of people have been touting this game as this because when players' attributes, especially speed, Actually, it's an updated version of the original with improved player abilities, rosters, and power-ups.

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The rosters of each of the 27 NBA Teams have been updated to include at least three players from each team (with a maximum of 5) and improved player statistics based on real-life performances. While the original NBA Jam featured four player statistics per team, Tournament Edition builds on this base to create eight vital player statistics for each player, including Speed, Dunks, 3-Point Shooting Accuracy, Passing, Power, Steal Ability, Blocking and Clutch Performance.

Many of the upgrades in Tournament Edition are unnoticeable at first glance, but they help improve the overall strategy of the game. For instance, you can substitute alternate players at half-time (you will need to do

NBA Jam 2, we're sorry to tell you that it's not. are reduced when they are knocked down), select same-team match-ups, and (through power-up codes) you can remove all power-ups and hidden characters to create an even playfield.

NBA Jam Tournament Edition is a worthy upgrade of the original with four times as many hidden characters and power-ups. It is unfortunate that it isn't NBA Jam 2, but he improved play mechanics make for some great games, especially head-to-head.

BY RYAN MACDONALD

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rt of Fighting 2 is now in arcades all across the nation, although a lot of people might not have noticed since the arcade king, Mortal Kombat 2, has overshadowed all of the competition. Art of Fighting 2 is a decent fighting game that should not be overlooked.

Robert

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Art of Fighting 2 allows you choose from 12 different characters, and I mean choose. If you remember, in the first Art of Fighting, unless you were playing against a human opponent, you could only be two characters, Ryo or Robert. There are also four new characters Takuma,

Yuri, Temjin, and Eiji. They're all pretty cool.

Temjin

er e

Lee Pai

Lone

Mickey

Roders

Overall, there are a few differences between Art of Fighting 2 and the original. There are many new dazzling special moves that will catch your eve. The graphics and sound are slightly sharper. with greater detail and animation given to the backgrounds. Gameplay is quite a bit faster and more responsive. However, the zooming point of view that was introduced in the original Art of Fighting (and improved upon in Samurai Shodown) has for some reason

reverted back to its unsmooth zooming motion.

me, it's just not up to par with MK2.

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I personally don't enjoy Art of Fighting 2 but I can see it is a good arcade fighting game and I have friends that like it. For

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Turn & Burn: No Fly Zone -SNES

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Battletoads Double Dragon -Genesis

To access the Mega Warp Zone hit Down, Up, Up, Down, C, A, B at the character select screen. The VidMan"

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Skitchin' - Genesis

Watch for the billboards with a speed limit sign laying on the side of the road. Use the sign like a ramp. Hit the "ramp" as fast a possible and do a Spread Eagle into the billboard. You should then see the warp screen and it will warp to the next level. Plus, you'll get 10 bucks for a warp bonus.

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		Ron Jennings		
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Wing Commander: The Secret Missions - SNES

With the handle of "Bossman", enter this password to access the last level: 7V3WHBWB7J

Chris Hajduk Chicago, IL



Flashback - SNES Here are all the passwords:

Here are all the passwords:		
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Sonic the Hedgehog 3-Genesis

Level Select - When you hear the "SEGA", press Up, Up, Down, Down, Up, Up, Up before the Title Screen appears. If you do it correctly, you will hear a ring. Then go past the Competition Mode and you will see a Sound Test. Enter the Sound Test and you should get a screen that allows you to select any level.

Debug - Once you get to the Level Select, highlight a level and press and hold the A then press Start to get the Debug, When in the Debug, press the A button to change objects, B button to be an object, and C button to place the object.

Andy Reiner Shakopee, MN



Top Gear 2 - SNES Here's the passwords to give you the maximum car for each country.

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Dr. Anthony "Dr. T" Ram
Teaneck, NJ

Ecco the Dolphin - Genesis

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Start a new game. Then push and hold both button A and Start at the same time as the screen fades out (After Ecco swims to the right to start a new game). Next, the game should be paused as the game starts. Unpause the game and if you did it correctly, you will be invincible. The breath and life meters will still disappear, but Ecco will still live.

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Robocop Vs. Terminator – Genesis



Invincibility - Once you are in Turbo Mode, travel to the far left on the first level. When you get there, press Up and jump. This will take you to a secret room and make you invincible.

MA-17 Mode - To change some characters and add more violent deaths, pause the game and enter this code: C, B, A, B, B, A, B, B, C, B, B, C, C, B, B, C, B, C, A, C, A, C, C, A, A, A, B, B, B, A, C and A. If you did it right you should hear a chime.

Extra Lives - On the first level, enter the Turbocop code and get on top of the first tall building. Then jump up and to the left and you will go to a room with a number of free lives.

"Egghead"

Castlevania: Bloodlines – Genesis





Star Trek: The Next Generation - SNES

Level Passwords: BGTTBTBV **Deliver Medical Supplies CGTTBTBB Derelict Ship** DKTTBTBB **Rescue Miners** DJTTBTBV More info on IFD **JFTTBTBB** Fizaal's Happy Haven **JDTTBTBV** Resave disabled ship KDTTBTBB More info on IFD **KFTTBTBV Visit Miners LRTTBTBB** Go to IFD MGTTLTBB After getting first Shard in battle NKTTLTBB Test at Verenitor Beta V PSTTBTBB Test at Verenitor Alpha I PKTTLTBV Return to IFD **TFTTLTBV** See the ending

Chuck Frey Baltimore, MD

Total Eclipse - 3D0

To get a Level Select, at the Options Menu press and hold the X button. While holding X, press B, L, and A. Then let go of X and press B, L, A, B, L, and A. You should hear a chime, and see a box in the lower right-hand corner.

"Egghead"

CRME OPTIONS

Sound Steres Music On Sound Effects: On Power Bar: On Super Offence: On Team Super Defence: On Both Teams

FIFA International Soccer -SNES

Enter these codes on the main options screen Super Offense: Press R five times, L, R Super Defense: Press L five times, R, L The "VidMan"



Ecco The Dolphin – Genesis

To play Ecco with an unlimited oxygen supply, enter this at the password menu: LIFEFISH. Michael McDonald Longview, TX

NBA Jam: Tournament Edition - Arcade

Extended Roster - At the "Team Selection Screen", spin the joystick counterclockwise three times, then press and release the Steal button. On some teams, this will give you the choice of an extra player on the roster.

Team Swap - At the Half-time Substitution Screen, hold the joystick to the right and hold pass until the box "Team Swap Enabled" appears. This allows you to switch teams to any one of all 27 teams. Use Turbo to swap your players, and use pass to move your selection to the next team on the list. Confirm your selection with shoot.

Tournament Mode - Hold joystick right and hold down all three buttons. Tournament mode turns off all power-ups, secret characters, abilities and prevents substitutions or team swaps.

Shot Percentage - Rotate joystick and hit all three buttons seven times. This turns on the Tournament Mode but brings up the percentage as before.

Small Head - Hold joystick Down and Right and hit all three buttons three times in this order: Turbo, shoot, pass, Turbo, shoot, pass, Turbo, shoot, pass.

Big Head - Hold joystick up and hold down all three buttons.

Huge Head - Tap Shoot five times, then hold Turbo, pass, and the joy-stick up.

Quick Hands - Hold joystick down. Hit shoot eight times, holding it down on the eighth time.

"VidMan"



Jurassic Park - SNES

Here are the locations of the Hidden "Dino Eggs" in Jurassic Park:

Letter "D" is located in a Secret Level. Go to the eastern mountain range, and push north through a wall on the southeast area of the mountain. Then go down the corridor and make a couple of right turns until you see an indentation on a wall. Walk toward the indentation and the wall will open up revealing the letter.

Letter "R" is located at the southwestern tip of the East Forest, just below and to the right of the eastern end of the East Aqueduct.

Letter "H" is located on the roof of the Visitor's Center.

Letter "O" is located northeast of Gate 2. You must go past an exterior motion sensor and go north then east.

Letter "R" is located to the south of the Nublar Utility Shed.

Letter "N" is located northeast of the North Utility Shed between the forest and the river.

Letter "E" is located to the southwest of the Beach Utility Shed, just before you become lunch to the Tyrannosaurus Rex!

Letter "R" is located to the east of the Helipad. You must go east from the Helipad then go through a secret path to east again. Then go north to find it.

Bill Vargas

The Ninja Warriors - SNES

To get a Level Select, press and hold X and Y. Then with the buttons still held press A, A, A, A, B, B, B, B, A, B, A, B, A, B, A, and B. *"Eaghead"*

The Ren & Stimpy Show: Quest for the Shaven Yak – Game Gear

Here are all the Level Passwords: Level 1: AURGHH Level 2: ZONNNK Level 3: YYYOWW Level 4: ZOWCHH Teresa Marietta Eaton Rapids, MI

Wollenstein 3D - SNES

Here are the leve	I passwords.
TRKLSQ	KCTLMR
VHTLRP	KNTLMR
VRKLRP	LCTLNV
RLTLRR	LNKLNV
RVTLRR	HCKLPT
SLKLSV	HNKLPT
STTLRT	JCKLQN
SNKLQN	JNKLQN
PCKLRM	DCKLRM
PNKLRM	DNKLRM
QCKLSQ	BNKLTP
MCKLTP	FCKLSQ
MNKLTP	FNKLSQ
NCJFBT	BCKLTP
NTTLMD	

"EverGene" Evergreen Park, IL



MLBPA Baseball - SNES

Here are some cool power-ups. Enter them in the password screen. If they have been entered correctly, you'll see the power-up displayed above the game set-up menu.

PWRP - Power Pitching PWRHT - Power Hitting RBBR - Rubber Field ZZNG - Turbo Throwing XXXX - Simulation Mode BRRR -Ice Field NNTH - Top of the 9th, home team down 0-4. VRRRM - Hyper Running *"The VidMan"*

Gargoyle's Quest – Game Boy

Passwords: MUPP - JMHW BIF8 - BRAZ HWTL - 90AZ GJ7Q - KLVO FWGG - G7CY N5AQ - 9RZF SWXE - CBFJ *"The Game Professor"*

Kirby's Pinball Land – Game Boy

Bonus Games: On the title screen, press Left, Select, and B simultaneously.

End Bosses: On the title screen, press Right, Select, and A simultaneously *"The VidMan"*



Barkley Shut-Up & Jam – Genesis

Here are some	e level passwords:	
Level 2:	9TGH MXVW	
Level 3:	9TNP M1?L	
Level 4:	9TJK 417R	
Level 5:		
Level 6:		
Championship vs. Phoenix:		
	9TBC ?28M	
	Scott Jenkins	
	Hamden, CT	

Tom & Jerry - SNES

99 Lives - During the game, pause and press L, Y, B, B, A, X, Y, Y, B, and R. The game will automatically unpause after the last button and the counter will show 9, but it is really 99.

Level Skip - Pause the game and press L, X, A, Y, Y, B, and R. You will automatically be warped to the end of the level.

"The VidMan"

Wolfenstein 3-D - SNES

When you turn on the game, press and hold the R button until the Title screen. Then start the game and go to the map screen. Next enter these codes: For Invincibility

B, Up, B, and A; For Level Map A, A, Up, and B; For Free and Ammunition R button, Up, B, and A; For Level Skip Up, B, R button, and B. *"The VidMan"*



Prize Fighter - Sega CD

To access a hidden video clip on the making of the game, press and hold these buttons in order on the options menu.

A, B, C, Right "The VidMan"

Super Metroid - SNES

These are a few tips that may help you along.

1.) In the wrecked ship, you'll find a large statue with nothing in its hand. Roll into a ball on its hand and it will bring you to secret room.

2.) To get to more areas of Maridia, drop a Super Bomb in the glass tunnel that passes into Brinstar.

3.) To take care of the pesky Keyhunters, charge your weapon before you enter a room they occupy.

Super Jump

To execute a "Super Jump" you'll need the Space Boots. First dash until Samus starts to flash, then tap Down. You should then hear a high pitched noise and Samus will glow yellow. You'll have about 5 seconds to position yourself, then just push Up and the Jump button.

Jump Climb

You can execute a "Jump-Climb" up narrow vertical passage ways. To do this jump (spinning) toward a wall, then press the opposite direction and then quickly press jump again. This works the best if you let Samus fall just a bit while pushing toward the wall and then execute the move.

"The VidMan"



Double Switch - Sega CD

At the "Game Over" screen press Left, A, Up, Right, and A. This will give you Secret Access to a hilarious video clip. Note: you have to reach Chapter III.

The "VidMan"



Aero the Acrobat – Genesis Level Select - Pause the game and press Up, C, Down, B, Left, A, Right, B and hold A and C until the level select screen appears.

The Latest in Video Game



Atari Takes a Bite Out of the PC Market.

The paths of video games and computers were bound to cross, but it's good to see that video game companies are taking the lead. Atari Corporation has exclusively licensed the Jaguar 64-bit technology to Sigma Designs. Sigma will create PC Cards that incorporate Sigma's *Reel-Magic* full motion video technology with Jaguar CD-ROM games. By signing this deal, Atari is assured a crack at the 10 Million PC home-users.

Eek! It's a Mouse!

No, it's not a large rodent or a new video game hero, it's an accessory for the **Sega Genesis** and **Sega CD**. The Mega Mouse plugs right into the controller port and currently works on 5 titles: Populous 2, Dune II, My Paint, Fun N' Games and Shanghai - Dragons Eye.

The Mega Mouse has three action buttons and a start button, and is packed with a soft mouse pad. The Mega Mouse software will feature a compatibility symbol on the packaging. Mega Mouse is available now and carries a MSRP of \$39.95.

Game Developers Are Surfing on Wavefront's GameWare

Avefront Technologies, Inc., Santa Barbara, California, develops, markets and supports workstation-based 3-D and 2-D imaging and animation software products for companies such as Lockheed, NBC, Warner Brothers, NASA, Boeing and Rubbermaid. Since its introduction in January at the WCES, one of Wavefront's software packages has quickly become the tool of choice for many of the top game developers.

GameWare, Wavefront's most recent graphic software package that is developed to run on Silicon Graphics workstations



allows game developers to easily create games with realistic 3-D and stunning special effects (you know, the stuff that we all go crazy over). Since the main part of every game is the characters, *GameWare* focuses on rendering realistic images through the use of Hyper Options. Programmers can use advanced special effects, such as image layering and painting to create their 3-D imagery. One of the more unique options lets the programmer

> create 3-D skeletons, which are easily manipulated and animated by their internal axis', then simulate the movement of the character's "skin" through a process know as Smart Skin. This modeling technique simulates the contractions and flexing of muscles, skin, clothes, and other pliable variables to correspond with the movements of the internal 3-D skeleton. Because all characters aren't human, all the movement characteristics are predetermined by the artists. Time, as well as money, is always valuable to a developer, so *GameWare* offers a time-saving process where an image can be set at its original position, then moved to its final destination.

GameWare will compute the missing frames and merge the frames into smoothly-animated sequences.

"GameWare is the only high-end computer graphics software created specifically as an authoring tool for game development," said Tom Reyburn of **Wavefront**. People are really starting to notice. GameWare has already been purchased by **Midway Manufacturing**, and it was recently announced earlier this spring, to be the exclusive development software for **Atari**. These two companies join an impressive list of developers that already use other **Wavefront** software, which includes: Acclaim, Accolade, Capcom, Core Design, Electronic Arts, Namco, Ocean, Probe, Sega, SNK, Spectrum Holobyte, Taito, and U.S. Gold. Not a bad list of customers, eh?

By the way, if you're wondering how much stuff like this costs, it ain't cheap. Silicon Graphics workstations cost approximately \$100,000 and GameWare is at least \$15,000.

Nintendo Announces the Super Game Boy

Ever get tired of playing Game Boy on its 2" x 2" black & white screen? Well, the waiting is over, because Nintendo's Super Game Boy (SGB) converter is here. Super Game Boy is an advanced adapter that will enable Super NES owners to tap into the Game Boy's software library of over 350 titles and play them on their Super NES. Although all previous titles will still be black & white, you can customize the overall screen color and border colors through a "paint" style program, or select a prefabricated design to add new color to

these older titles. The catch is, future Game Boy titles will be specially designed for the Super Game Boy and will be able to display up to 256 on-screen colors through the SGB. Super Game Boy is available now at a MSRP of \$59.99.

NuReality's Vivid 3D... Turn it up, Dude!

Billed as the "ultimate sound enhancement system for serious gamers," the Vivid 3D offers players a 3-D sound environment without expensive audio amplifiers and speaker set-ups.

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The Vivid 3D hooks up to virtually any cartridgebased system or any PC equipped with a sound card and powered speakers. Using a patented Sound Retrieval System (SRS), the Vivid 3D

interprets and modifies the audio signals and spatial information to add a new dimension to your gaming experience. In other words, the Vivid 3D can make a normal twospeaker set-up sound like one of those home theater audio systems with multiple

speakers. You can hear airplanes flying directly overhead and bombs dropping to your left and behind you - all with unbelievable realism.

Sony Makes The Move With The Playstation

Sony Corporation of America has a committed to release a new home video game system in Japan by the end of 1994 and in the U.S. sometime in 1995.

The PlayStation will be a CD-based unit employing a dedicated 32-bit CPU running parallel with mutiple processors for basic functions such as graphics and sound. The architecture of the PlayStation will enable real-time 3-D imaging with texture mapping as well as full motion video capabilities. The Playstation, capable of running 500 MIPS (million instructions per second), will run full frame video at 30 frames per second.

Information about U.S. licensees has not been released at this time, but Sony has more than 160 game publishers and developers in Japan. Capcom, Konami and Namco are just a few of the companies that have shown public support for the PlayStation.

Rayovac Breaths New Life into Hand-Helds

s most owners of portable game systems know, keeping the machine powered by batteries is a very expensive and annoying task. Rayovac Corporation may have the answer for those gamers who spend more money on batteries than they do on games. Renewal, a reusable alkaline battery, has the power and long life of a regular alkaline battery but can be reused 25 times or more when recharged in a Renewal Power Station.

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Unlike most other rechargeable battery systems that use Nickel Cadmium (NiCd) and are not initially charged. Renewal has no Cadmium (environmentally safe), comes fully charged, and will stay charged and ready to use for up to five years. Another problem with NiCd systems is that, to work optimally, the battery must be fully discharged and then recharged again. With the microchip controlled Renewal Power Station, each battery is charged individually to optimize performance.

Rayovac's Renewal will give you approximately 55 total hours of game time on the Game Gear, and around 300 hours of play on the Game Boy before the batteries will have to be replaced. That's probably about 10 times the life of a normal alkaline battery on

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the hand-held systems. The Renewal batteries retail for around \$5 to \$6 for a twopack of D or C size, and cost the same for a 4-pack of AA or AAA size. The Renewal Power Stations have a retail price of about \$15 to \$20 for the small charger, or \$30 to \$35 for the family size.

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All Points ... Bulletin...

Send in a fantastic Game Genie code and win a Game Genie of your choice!

Dig deep into your Game Genie files and send us your coolest codes, because if we print your code a Game Genie will be on its way to you doorstep...well, mailbox. Your fellow gamers are looking for codes for the following games:

Robocop vs. Terminator - SG Best of the Best - SNES Addams Family - NES **Tiny Toon Adventures - NES** Ren & Stimpy: Veediots - Game Boy Jeopardy - NES Gauntlet -- NES Battle of Olympus - NES **Rescue Rangers - NES** Ducktales --- NES **Robo Warrior - NES** Willow - NES Mystery Quest - NES Adventures of Lolo 3 - NES Kickle Cubicle - NES Solomon's Key - NES Solstice - NES Zelda II - NES Sunset Riders - NES Super Metroid - SNES F-15 Strike Eagle - SNES Bulls vs. Blazers - SNES Super Chase HQ - SNES Top Gear 2 - SNES Jurassic Park - SNES **Clay Fighter - SNES** Sub-Terrania - SG BattleTech - SG The Incredible Hulk - SG

Send your Game Genie codes and requests to: (Don't torget to list your Game Genie of choice) The Swap Shop Game Informer Magazine 10120 W. 76th Street Eden Prairie, MN 55344

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Secret of Mana SNES

EE28 - EFDF Start game with 65,280 GP 6F09 - 8707 Start at level 16 9C06 - 81AD Strength for level 16 is 90

9C06 - 850D Constitution for level 16

is 90 9C06 - 856D Intelligence for level 16

is 90 9C06 - 85AD Wisdom for level 16 is 90 EE6B - 8738 Chest in Elder's basement

in Potos gives you 65,360 GP 8208 - 776D Protection from most hits (switch off to kill

enemies) CE5F - 5657 Items are free everywhere

16DE - A91B Level up after defeating an enemy Christian Moore

Fraser, MI

Metroid II - Game

Boy 001 - 9DD - 3BE + 7FE -B3B - 8C3 + 2AD - 5F9 -125

Shoot laser beam when in a ball Brad Sullivan Yorkville, IL



of the Sinister Six – Game Gear 993 - 39F - 5D4 Start with infinite web fluid. David Leonardi

Mount Prospect, IL

Helpful Codes From Our Readers:

Kirby's Dream Land – Game Boy FA6 - DBB - 4C1 Infinite lives FA4 - 63B - 4C1 Infinite vitality

Chris "The Master" Schinke Southfield, Mi



The 7th Saga - SNES F010 - 8DAD Human fighter has 20 power F016 - 84AD Tetujin has 20 power F019 - 8F0D Dwarf has 20 power F011 - 8FAD Elf has 20 power F01C - 87AD Demon has 20 power F015 - 840D Alien has 20 power F01B - 870D Human mage has 20 power - (For Speed increase, change 7th character to a 6 or D) -(For MP increase, change 2nd character to a 3) 3039 - 8F0D Dwarf has 228 power E339 - 80AD Dwarf has 254 MP's 3339 - 84DD Dwarf has 238 speed 3031 - 8FAD Elf has 228 power E331 - 8FOD Elf has 254 MP's

> Starla Smith Salem, OR



SouiBlazer - SNES 2264 - 6FD4+C36E - 6DA7 + C223 - ODO7 Lets you walk through walls Starla Smith Salem, OR



E.V.O. - SNES C96E - 07FB Almost invincible C964 - A726 Horn does not break DB60 - D18B Eating food restores life completely Peter Johnson Orland Park, It

Real & max Market And

NBA JAM - SNES & Genesis

BWPV - 48BW - SG D8E7 - C448 - SNES All players have Super Dunk BWPV - 4A7C - SG D6E9 - CD18 - SNES All players on Fire BWRB - 4A24 - SG D6E5 - C718 - SNES Juice Mode BWPV - 4A96 - SG D6E4 - CDC8 - SNES Display shot percentage "The Texas Prince" Preston Forest, TX

Sim City - SNES EE67 - DFAA

Stops the months and years from changing Matt Henning Crystal Lake, IL

Flashback – Genesis AJ2T - AA3C Invincible (make some enemies invincible, so turn off to kill) Mauricio

"The Master" Guerra Hempstead, NY



Clock does not run

Beating heart gives

AT8T - EA4Y + AT8T -

Orbs worth 4x normal

Toe Jam & Earl: Panic

on Funkotron -

Sim City - SNES

EEAB - 6D02 + EEAB

Start with \$65,535

Genesis AJ4A - CA9G

Infinite lives

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on easy

Deven Anderson

Marshall, MN

"The VidMan"

Jeffry T. Page

Crystal Lake, IL

Almost invincible

HHCA - BTVR

ADCA - ACG8

full health

DDBA - AA6A

Infinite lives

EA5A

C932-341E 4029-3F12 0583-C764

01234567

Total Camage -

Infinite time bombs.

Shields last longer

Adam Collins Milwaukee, WI

C932 - 341E

Infinite lives

4029 - 3F12

D6B3 - C764

Shadowrun – SNES 8E69 - 3DA4 Spell points are not

subtracted 6DAE - 4FA7 + FFAE -44D7 Everything is free CEEF - 4DDD Karma is not subtracted for shooting someone "The Game Professor"

Sonic the Hedgehog 3 - Genesis BJLT - CA5W Invincibility, but still can lose rings and get squashed 2LHA - CA4A Invincibility, don't lose rings when hit BJLT - CA40 Sonic dies with 1 hit CL5A - CA1W 10 ring monitors give 999 rings **T4HA - CA42** When hit, rings go to 999 CL5A - CA5W Special items last entire board AC4T - CA50 All monitors contain nothing Chris Sheppard Lebannon, MI



T.M.N.T. Tournament Fighters - Genesis DFCA - 44A3 Ultimate attack can be done any time the bar isn't empty 82A6 - 4FA4 Automatic and Infinite continues Katy Adams McHenry, IL Jurassic Park – SNES C26A - 4700 Infinite lives C2CB - 3407 Infinite first weapon outside 3CC4 - 3C65 + 3CCA -

Infinite first weapon inside C285 - C76D Infinite cattle prod outside *B. Draeger*

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Brookfield, WI

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Mortal Kombat -BDB4 - DD07 Red blood EDB4 - DD07 Purple blood EAB4 - DD07 Dark Purple blood DFB4 - DD07 Orange blood **DEB4 - DD07** Yellow blood EEB4 - DD07 Bluewhite blood EBB4 - DD07 Blue blood **BEB4 - DD07** Bright green blood E8B4 - DD07 Greenwhite blood A4B4 - DD07 Green blood **B9B4 - DD07** Brown blood "The VidMan"

Metroid 2 - Game

ACE - 798 - A9F Starts game with Space Jump, Spinning Attack. and Spider Ball Replace first letter to discover different combinations) ACE - 7EB - A9F Start with 100+ missiles (Replace first letter for different number of missiles) 352 - B5B - 124 No enemies (no metroids except Queen) Jonathan Bottger Justice, IL The Majors: Pro Baseball – Game Gear 003 - 91C - 19A No strikeouts 043 - 93C - E66 4 strikes per out 063 - 93C - E66 6 strikes per out 003 - 56C - 19A 1 ball per walk Jeremy Ritt Brick, NJ



Mege Man X - SNES C2B9 - 3404 Infinite lives C2B9 - 1FF7 Infinite energy DDB0 - 4FAT Disables weapon charging Ted Johnson Shorewood, MN

Cybernator - SNES FFBD - 176F Start on level 7.4 62B4 - 1DGF Start with Napalm D7BF - 1FDF Weapons start at level 3 CD3F - 1406 Energy clip worth more "The VidMan"

Roger Clemens -SNES

C22D - 6FAD Batter never walks D52D - 676D 7 balls per walk C227 - 6D6D Batter never strikes out D927 - 640D 5 strikes per out 7665 - OFDI + 7669 - 0F01 Each run counts as two The "VidMan"

Exclusive Codes from Galoob

Bugs Bunny in Rabbit Rampage - SNES DC60 - CD0D Start with ten lives and continues A38C - 4FAF

Take minimal damage

Palacin's Quest – SNES EEEB - 6D1F Chezni starts with 255 Hit Points BA3A - 04BE No money needed in Learning Center D063 - 0401 Spell power increases at 2 times normal rate

Flashback - SNES D089 - 710F Start with 1024 credits D8D4 - 5F78 Start with 10 shields

Super Hang On – Genesis AL4A - AA60 Timer doesn't count down in Arcade Mode AF3T - CAHG Second best frame costs \$100 World Championship

Soccer - Genesis BEXT- 3E80 Goals are worth 9 points for Player 1 BEYA - 3E3Y Goals are worth 9 points for Player 2

HELT - 3AWN Player 1 starts with 8 points Castlevania Bloodlines -

Genesis ARFA - BATR Start with 51 lives 9T6T - BGJ2 + EA6T - AAA4 Start on level 4-1

Bonk's Adventure – NES GXEEYAAP Super jump when normal

Zoda's Revenge: Star Tropics II – NES PAULAAAA Jump further and faster in battle mode

NBA Jam - Game Gear 200 - CFD - C46 Shot clock always displayed 099 - 05E - E66 3 pointer worth 9 points 099 - 08E - E62 Normal shot worth 9 points

Super Metroid – SNES DD38-C4A8 Skip Intro and start on Planet Zebes when starting a new game DDCF-4461 + 6DCC-47A1 Select area when loading a game (press right on map screen to select) C225-3005 No Energy loss from enemies C22A-456D Super Jumps don't drain Energy C288-C5A7 **Almost infinite Missiles** C28A-C9D7 Almost infinite Super Missiles 3CA4-450D Almost infinite Power Bombs 62C5-14A6 Start with Hyper gun in inventory.

Please Note: The following codes effect only the saved game in Siol A and must be used with the Master Code or you will lose all Saved Data

FA68-4760 + DD6A-C7DF MAS-TER CODE—Must be used 28D7-FAAD + D9D7-FA6D Start with about 1500 Energy Tanks DCD7-F26D A6D7-F26D 200 Maximum Missiles D9D7-F36D 50 Maximum Super Missiles 74D7-FE6D **50 Maximum Power Bombs** DDD0-FE6D Set hours played to zero EED9-93DD Already have Crateria Map Data EED9-930D Already have Brinstar Map Data EED9-936D Already have Norfair Map Data EED9-93AD Already have Wrecked Ship Map Data EED9-9EDD Already have Maridia Map Data EED9-9E0D Already have Tourian Map Data FDDF-F2AD Add Charge Beam DFDF-F26D Get Wave Beam D7DF-F26D Get Ice and Wave Beams D5DF-F26D Get Ice, Wave, and Spazer Beam DEDF-F26D Get Ice, Wave, Spazer, and

Plasma Beams

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