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puzzles. Of course

you'll find plenty of

new friends who

can help out. But

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will never find his true family.

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boy. And Booster will never

find a bride. • You'll also

bump into all kinds of new bad-

dies, plus classic goons from every

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three-quarter overhead view. • So get ready

for all kinds of new Nintendo

action and brain-bending

Square Soft adventure.

Remember, running and

jumping is a great start.

But this time around

you'll also

need plenty of

brains to finish.



You want a new kind of Mario action? Try the Yoshi races. But here's a tip. If you don't hit the buttons to the beat, you'll get beat.



Finding Froggustus is a wise move if you want to know more about your future quest.



Whether you call it more action or more RPG, the fact is you'll have to use every trick in both books to beat these bad guys.





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Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes

Careful readers of *GamePro* have noticed many subtle changes in the magazine since it was born in 1989. Sean Burns points out some of those changes in the adjacent letter. In addition to redesigning "ProNews" and adding "Buyers Beware," we've added "The Fighter's Edge" and "Role-Player's Realm." We've also altered the nameplate on the front cover, moved sections around in the magazine, switched from the stapled saddle-stitch binding to the book-like perfect binding, and begun covering PC games. But one thing we've never changed in the last seven years is the look of our ratings faces. Until now.

Beginning with this issue's ProReviews, we've given our rating system a new look. Our ratings guy has a more angular face now—hey, he's no longer the babyfaced kid he was, so why shouldn't he look older? He's still wild-eyed for the best games, but he's lost some of his intermediate thumbs-up gestures. Look carefully at the colors, too: There's a clearer delineation between colors so you can more easily identify our ratings. Orange and red denote the best games; black and purple, the worst games.

Change is inevitable. But no matter how we tweak the magazine, we always have the same desire: to get our point across more clearly. So it is with our face-lift. We think the change in our look makes it easier for you to tell at a glance what we think about a game. Did we succeed? Drop us a line and let us know.

Keep in mind that one thing will never change about *GamePro's* ratings: the integrity behind them. Our numbers are still widely respected throughout the gaming world. We still review only 100 percent completed games (not every magazine can say that), and our reviewers are still the most experienced writers in the industry. The more things change, the more things stay the same.

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GamePro's Game-Rating System



Graphics: Judges the overall artistic quality of characters, animation, and background scenery.

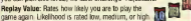
Sound: Critiques music and sound effects.

Control: Rates how smoothly the control-pad commands and the game's interface translate into the onscreen action.

Fun Factor: Is this game fun?

Challenge: The average skill level necessary to play the game. When you can pick skill levels, we label Challenge "Adjustable."

Replay Value: Rates how likely you are to play the game again. Likelihood is rated low, medium, or high.



THE MAIL

GamePro Readers Speak Out!

Face to Face

I've been getting *GamePro* a long time, and have noticed you've changed a lot of things, like adding "Buyers Beware" and changing the way your "ProNews" section and "Sports Pages" look. I noticed the one thing you've never changed is the kid's face that shows if a game is good or really bad. Shouldn't he be older by now?

Sean Burns
 Los Angeles, CA

Toxic Tommy replies:

Good point! As a matter of fact, we've changed those ratings faces in this issue. Read our adjacent "Letter from the GamePros" for an explanation about our face-lift.

Games 'n' Gear

In response to Josh Bray's letter in your March '96 issue, I'm glad that software companies have "palette swap" characters. Doing this adds at least one more character to a game, with memory left over for more moves. And not all such characters have duplicate backgrounds: In *UMK 3*, Sub-Zero's background is totally different from Smoke's, Scorpion's, Noob Saibot's, Ermac's, or Rain's.

Paul Trampe
 Fenton, MO

On pages B2-B3 of your February '96 issue, a Konami ad says you can play a full season in *NBA in The Zone*. Unfortunately, you can't. Why

did they falsely advertise like that? I really feel like I've been ripped off.

Matthew Faulkner

Bro' Buzz replies:

According to Konami, that statement shouldn't have appeared in the ad. There's no way to play a full season, though there is a playoff mode.

I think the Sega Nomad is a great idea—16-bit carts, portable, six-button controller—wow! My only complaint is that its six AA batteries last for only three hours. Is Sega working on a power supply?

Matthew Richardson
 Castle Rock, WA

Braised Lee replies:

An AC adapter is already available for the Nomad. It costs \$12.99. You can also get a Genesis Nomad PowerBack, which is a battery recharger in case you can't get a wall socket. The PowerBack runs \$69.99. There's a combo package of both units available for \$79.99.

The Magazine Biz

How do you decide what letters to put in your magazine? And do you edit the letters you print?

John Katenay
 Khamis Mushayt, Saudi Arabia

Tommy Glide replies:

GamePro receives thousands of great letters and e-mail messages each month, so it's always hard to choose which ones will make it into the magazine. Basically we look

for articulate, thoughtful letters on a current subject of interest to most gamers. If you ask a question we've answered within the last two years, your letter probably won't get picked. We do edit letters for length so that we can squeeze in more letters. ProTip: Don't use profanity; that automatically eliminates you from consideration.

I've noticed that Scary Larry once changed his name to Sir Scary Larry. Is he an RPG fan, maybe?

"Zamsan!"
Internet

Scary Larry replies:

I write ProReviews for all kinds of games, including RPGs. I'm all over GamePro if you look carefully - in fact, Scary Larry-Pro magazine has a nice ring to it, don't you think?

Canada Calling

Why aren't there any CFL titles in the gaming world, especially since the CFL is now in the U.S.? I'm sure almost every single sports gamer in Canada would be grateful if there were.

Brian Barnett
Internet

Air Hendrix replies:

CFL '96 from E-eh Sports? What a concept.

Celebrity Circle

"Wess688" came over the Internet to ask us for Mark Hamill's address. Write to the star of *Wing Commander 3* (and a few movies, too) at this address:

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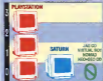
Why do people always put down games with less-than-perfect graphics? Graphics are just part of the game - gameplay is more important. A game with perfect graphics could still be terrible. Look at some games that don't have great graphics but have great gameplay: the 2D *Street Fighter* series, for instance.

Kevin Jones, Warrensville, NC

READER REPORT

Most successful games got suggestions: Think of *Samurai*, *SF 2*, *FF 3*, *WK II* and *3*, *EWJ 2*, *BNC 2*, *Super Engine Strikes Back*, and so on. What's the best game that ever had a sequel? Send in one title of a game that you'd love to see as a sequel, and we'll print a Reader Report in an upcoming issue. Our address is given below.

Back in our February issue, we asked you what was the best new video game system to debut last year. The readers have spoken loud and clear, as illustrated in this simple graphic:



The votes for the PlayStation outnumbered the Saturn votes by almost a three-to-one margin. None of the other systems got more than a couple of votes each. See our Readers' Choice Awards in this issue for more on your votes.

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New Brighton, MN

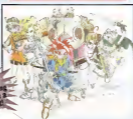
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BUYERS BEWARE



By The Watch Dog

June already? Man, where does the time go? While you're out of school and in front of the tube playing your favorite games, check out these problems that might arise with Duke Nukem, the Ultra 64, or the PlayStation. This month, all these questions came directly from the 'Net!

Q: I downloaded the shareware version of Duke Nukem 3D. It was great! I have one complaint, though. When I finished the sixth level (the final one), the game took me back to the fifth level. Is this their idea of a sick joke, because it's shareware, or did I do something wrong?

Kathy Bronn@compuserve.com



Duke it out.

A: **The Watch Dog states:** "Shareware" describes free software that you can load, share with friends, and enjoy for free. But most shareware products also require you to register your copy, and sometimes pay a small fee. In order to ensure that happens, the companies allow you to sample only a small part of the game. Such is the case with Duke Nukem 3D.

Q: I heard that Killer Instinct 2 for the Nintendo 64 is going to cost \$150. Is that true? That seems too high for the average gamer.

Michael Borders@carol.net



Killer Price

A: **The Watch Dog states:** Would you buy KI 2 for \$150? Nintendo doesn't think so. We spoke with the Nintendo reps, who said Killer Instinct 2 wouldn't cost \$150, though they wouldn't give us a firm price.

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Q: Squaresoft seems to make games only for Nintendo systems. Why hasn't it made games for PC CD-ROM, Mac CD-ROM or PlayStation? Chrono Trigger for the PC would be nice, or perhaps a Secret of Mana Special Edition for PSX. Even a Final Fantasy game for Game Gear would liven up the GG's low-quality RPG line.

MadVega@aol.com

Finally on the PlayStation

A: **The Watch Dog says:** Funny you should ask. Right now, Square of Japan is making Final Fantasy VII for the PlayStation, which should hit American stores early next year.

There are also rumors that a Windows 95 version of Final Fantasy may make it to market this year, but no one at Square is confirming or denying that rumor.

Q: I've had an XBand keyboard for months. Recently the cord has been coming out of the hole in the keyboard. Is there a place where this can be repaired?

Terrorizer@xband.com

A: **An XBand Customer Service representative replies:** Call the XBand Customer Service Network at (408) 777-1500. But first, you should take the unit (with the receipt) back to where you purchased it and see if it is still under warranty. Then it can be replaced for free.

Q: Will Nintendo or Sega make an adapter between their old systems and their newer systems? An adapter, for example, that will allow people to play NES, Game Boy, and SNES games on the upcoming Nintendo 64?

CTemby@aol.com

A: **A Sega public relations spokesperson states:** Sega doesn't have any plans to make the Saturn backwards-compatible. The architecture of the Saturn's hardware doesn't allow us to make an adapter that would run Genesis games on the Saturn. The port on the back of the Saturn is there to supplement the CD player (like the backup RAM cart), or for possible future peripherals, like the Saturn Internet modem.

A: **A spokesperson for Nintendo of America states:** The Nintendo 64 will not be backward-compatible to the SNES. The architecture for the Nintendo 64 is not complementary to the older versions of hardware.

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PRO NEWS

June 1995

Mom's Rage Pulls Primal Rage from Shelves

Proving that one person's voice can make a difference, an outraged Arizona mom singlehandedly managed to get **Primal Rage** pulled from store shelves across the country during the spring. Her determined stand against Primal Rage's crudity is reminiscent of the Congressional flap over *Night Trap's* violence in '93-'94, which resulted in that game being boycotted and the creation of a video game ratings board (see "ProNews," February 1994, March 1994, and January 1995).

Elle Rowella of Gilbert, Arizona, launched her grass-roots campaign against Primal Rage when her 11-year-old son bought the Genesis game after Christmas and used *GamePro's* strategy guide to execute Chaos's Golden Shower finishing move. This controversial move is also in the two-year-old arcade game and on other home systems, except the SNES. Rowella immediately returned the game and angrily convinced the

store to remove it from the shelves. She then took her argument nationwide with effective results: In Arizona, Target has removed Primal Rage from 22 stores, while Best Buy has pulled it from 251 stores nationwide. Along the way, Rowella has established an 800 number to help get the word out, and she has protested to several U.S. senators about video game violence.



Does this upset you? Here's the controversial Genesis finishing move that disturbed Elle Rowella.

Time Warner Interactive, maker of the game, points out some key facts in its response to the boycott. First, it maintains that Rowella never contacted TWI directly and instead immediately took her fight to the media. When contacted by unhappy consumers, TWI tries to satisfy

"If I want to purchase such a game, it should be up to me. I am an adult, and I should not be inconvenienced because one woman feels that the subject matter of the game is inappropriate..."

them and often reimburses them, but Rowella never gave TWI a chance to plead its case. Second, the game has been played by millions of gamers at home and in arcades since 1994, and this is the first major complaint TWI has heard; if Primal Rage is so offensive, why hasn't anyone protested before? Third, the game was rated by the Entertainment Software Ratings Board (ESRB) as being appropriate for teens, a fact prominently displayed on the packaging (along with a graphic description of the game's violent action). By the ESRB's standard, her son was too young to be playing the game.

Faced with sudden censorship of their favorite games, some gamers used their pens to rally to TWI's defense. Derek Dinges pointed out in a February 11 letter to the editor of the Mesa, Arizona, *Tribune* that "if I want to purchase such a game, it should be up to me. I am an

adult, and I should not be inconvenienced because one woman feels that the subject matter of the game is inappropriate...If Ms. Rowella wants to discourage her son from buying certain games...then she needs to take that up with her son. Otherwise leave me and my constitutional rights alone." And Chris Hernandez of Tucson, Arizona, pointed out in a letter to *GamePro* that the characters "are not even real, they're just fictional prehistoric beasts!"

Coincidentally, Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke out against video game violence a month later. "I am appalled by some of the video

Inside Scoop

New Systems, New Price Cuts

Sega, Sony, and Nintendo continue to jockey their new systems into position for the crucial fall sales season. Sega of Japan is now selling a new white Saturn in Japan for \$200 with no pack-in game (currently Saturns sell for at least \$299). In America, Sega cut the game-less Saturn to \$199 (Saturns with VF Remix still cost \$299). Sony has responded by dropping the price of a Japanese PlayStation from about \$300 to \$250 and bundling an extra controller and memory card.

Meanwhile, Nintendo officially announced that it will release the Japanese Nintendo 64 on June 23 with one controller and possibly no pack-in game. This new summer date was set when Nintendo couldn't manufacture enough systems in time for the previously announced April Japanese launch. Three \$98 games will be ready when the system finally lands on Japanese shelves: Super Mario 64, Plotovings 64, and an untitle Japanese-style chess game made by Sega; up to 18 additional Japanese titles will be available by year's end. Nintendo still expects to launch the U.S. Nintendo 64 on September 30 with a \$250 price tag, and the company expects to ship 3.5 million N64s in Japan and the U.S. before 1997.

Judging by newly released financial statements, Atari is continuing to plummet to the grave as a game-making force. Records show that Atari lost another \$27.7 million in the last three months of 1995, bringing their yearly losses to \$49.6 million. By comparison, the company showed a profit of \$9.3 million for 1994. Atari has already announced a merger with JTS Corp. (see "ProNews," May), and it is considering new price cuts and software bundles in order to reduce inventory.

As for 3DO, the news is good and bad. The good: Panasonic has cut the price of a Real 3DO Interactive Multiplayer to \$199. The bad: LG Electronics, formerly known as Goldstar, is said to be considering selling off its \$10 million share in The 3DO Company. According to a Reuters news story, LG wants out from 3DO because of "poor business"—ominous words that don't bode well for the 32-bit system's future.

AGE TO ADULTS



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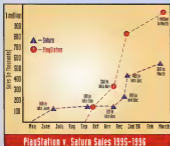
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games... there's one where the audio says "Kill him, kill him, finish him off!" It is so intense," said the First Lady, who seems to favor a stricter enforcement of the ESRB rating system. Obviously, with politicians and parents fired up for a fight, the battle begun two years ago with the Night Trap flap is destined to continue, this time with Primal Rage as the battleground and the public's purchasing rights once again at stake.

PlayStation Sales Top 1 Million

The Sony PlayStation reached a sales milestone in March when it sold its 1 millionth unit in North America. By contrast, the Sega Saturn, the PlayStation's closest next-generation competitor, has barely eclipsed the 500,000 mark. Sony Computer Entertainment America (SCEA) is quick to point out that it reached the magic million mark before any



other next-gen system, even though the PlayStation came out only last September, a year after the Jaguar and the 3DO and four months after the Saturn.

SCEA also claims that the PlayStation has captured 76 percent of the next-generation market since the September launch. In addition to the hardware sales, software sales also put Sony ahead of its competitors. Almost 8 million PlayStation games have been sold in America versus about 3 million Saturn titles.

Warm Up for a New Virtual Baseball Game



Swing away with Designated Hitter, coming this summer to entertainment centers nationwide.

Ballplayers will be swingin' for the fences this year in a new "virtual" baseball game that's coming to family entertainment centers. After a successful test in Elmsford, New York, Sports Simulation Inc. is about to go nationwide with its new Designated Hitter game. DH pits batters against a big screen and a pitching machine. Hit a ball, and you'll watch fielders scramble to throw out your runner. Many features are customizable, including the chance to compete in a nine-inning game, a Home Run Derby, or a head-to-head two-player mode. [E]

News Bits

- **WMS Industries** (of Moral Kombat fame) has acquired Atari Games Corp. for \$10-\$24 million. Unaffiliated with the Jaguar or Atari home games, Atari Games Corp. is the arcade division of Time Warner Interactive and is the group that created Primal Rage and Area 51. It was still unclear at press time how the purchase will affect WMS Industries and the arcade industry, though TWI will continue to make and distribute games.

- Instead of the Blockbuster World Video Game Championship this year, **Blockbuster Video** will be bringing you a new rental program called the **Blockbuster Video Games of Summer Sweepstakes**. This summer-long program features prizes including millions of dollars in free game rentals, next-generation game hardware and software, exciting trips, and a grand prize of the Ultimate Game Room. Anyone can play, and anyone can win. Check out your local Blockbuster Video store for more details.

- Good news for XBanders: **Doom II**, **The Ultimate Doom**, and **Hexen** are coming to XBand for the PC, probably next year.

- **Sega** has announced an agreement with DreamWorks SKG (Steven Spielberg's new company) and MCA Inc. to create new location-based entertainment centers called **Sega GameWorks**. Plans call for 100 of the sites to be in operation by the year 2000.

- In anticipation of creating a **Final Fantasy** game for the PlayStation (see "ProNews," April), **Square Co. Ltd.** opened a gleaming new \$10 million research-and-development center in Los Angeles. Called **Square L.A.**, the new U.S. headquarters will ally itself with the Hollywood entertainment community to make use of the state-of-the-art computer graphics usually reserved for movies.

- **Boogerman, The Movie?** Anything's possible now that Interplay has gone Hollywood. The Southern California-based video game company has joined with movie producers **MediaFour** to form **Interplay Pictures** in hopes of getting Interplay's video game characters onto the big screen. Together the two companies expect that they'll be able to leverage Interplay's creative products, a list that includes 250 game titles, including Boogerman.

"We're trying to be very future-thinking in terms of looking to the true mix of Hollywood and the interactive software industry," said Steve Sauer of MediaFour, formerly a Columbia Pictures Television producer and manager.

Interplay founder Brian Fargo said that he started talking to the principals of MediaFour at a Los Angeles party to launch Boogerman. The partnership with MediaFour is in line with Interplay's efforts to strengthen its ties to Hollywood.

- If you've had fun with **Hot Wheels** cars on your living-room floor, you'll love 'em on your personal computer. **Mattel Media** is working on a series of Hot Wheels discs and peripherals, beginning with **Crash & Smash Off-Road Racing** for next Christmas.

- With this year's debut of the U.S. Pro Soccer League has come the first plan for a future **Major League Soccer** video game. **BMG Interactive** has acquired the MLS license for the new pro league and is already working on PlayStation, Saturn, and PC games due out next spring.



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The Best of GamePro Online

By The Net Nut

GamePro Online races along on America Online every minute of every day. For anyone who's yet to boldly go into cyberspace, here's a sample of what's happening in our cyberworld.

Online Options

Some areas you can explore in GamePro Online:

- Chat rooms (live conversation with other gamers)
- Talk with a GamePro editor (weekday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. PST in the chat room)
- Message boards (posted comments and tips)
- File Vault (game-related info, including FAQs)
- Archive (current and back issues of GamePro)
- Guest conferences (meet experts like MK 3's Ed Boon)
- Hot News (posted daily, this is industry news as it happens)



Looking for some Duke Nukem 3D action? Check out the File Vault for a demo of this intense PC shooter.

NetPro

What's on the Web? Check out these game-related Web sites:

Area 51:

<http://pactfinder.com/tr1/area51>

Time Warner Interactive provides contest info at this new site. Enter its Operation Shootout contest for Area 51 by July 1, 1996, and you might win your own arcade machine.

Domark Software:

<http://www.domark.com>

Get the latest scoop on Domark games like Flying Nightmares 2 and Crime Wave, as well as product demos.

Killer Instinct:

<http://www2.nyu.edu/instby/lookups/users/o/ehking/KI/>
Brian L. Smolk gives moves, gossip, and news from the world of KI.

Mortal Kombat:

<http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/jevens/mk/mk.html>

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Glossary of Online Terms

Scrolling - People in chat rooms sometimes continually repeat a word, a number, or a phrase just for effect or to get their point across.

This practice, called scrolling, is not only annoying, it's against the chat room rules and could get the violator expelled by their online service.

Online Conferences

GamePro editors provided live online updates and interviews from the spring ACME show in Orlando, Florida. Special conferences included discussions with the Williams/Bally/Midway gamemakers working on NBA Hangtime and War Gods, and an interview with Barbara Knappi of Sega USA (Sega's arcade division) about Virtua Fighter 3, which Sega previewed at the show, among other arcade games. Here's what Barbara told the online crowd:

TickerMac: Is Fighting Vipers just VF 2.5?

Barbara Knappi: No. While similar to VF 2, Fighting Vipers is a completely different game. You gotta try it, it's amazing, so many locations and awesome moves. As for VF 3, look for it before the end of the year!

Revtraps: Will you have a new racing game?

BK: Look for Maxx TT. It's the most realistic motorcycle racing game out there. It does for motorcycles what Daytona USA does for car racing! By the way, the team that developed Daytona USA is currently developing other products. We haven't planned on a Daytona 2 release until '97, and it will use the same Model 3 system as VF 3.

Fame: Could you tell us about the Sega Arcades?

BK: So far we have a Sega City in Indianapolis and Irvine, and we are opening [a site] in Austin, Texas, in May. In the fall, we'll be in Seattle, Baltimore, and San Jose. Don't forget Virtua Land at the Luxor in Las Vegas, plus a couple more I can't tell you about!

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THE CUTTING EDGE

Saturn SURFS the 'Net

Sega goes online with an Internet modem for the Saturn.

By The White

As high-powered PC computers scramble to shrink personal computer hardware and price tags into network computers (see "The Cutting Edge," April), Sega has a computer ready for online duty now...and you may already own it! The Internet Saturn Peripheral Package will open up the online world of game company Web sites, gamer Web pages, and online services such as America Online to Saturn gamers.

Released in Japan in April, the Internet Saturn package consists of a Saturn, a 28.8-baud modem cartridge, and a CD containing HTML 2.0-compatible browser software for approximately \$450. Japanese Saturn owners could buy the modem and the browser for about \$150. Sega of America plans a U.S. launch for the end of '96.

Sega's Secret

According to Yutaka Yamamoto, director of new technology for Sega of America, the Internet Saturn is completely software driven, thanks to some savvy strategic thinking at Sega Enterprises in Japan when the Saturn hardware was still in development. "Sega engineers always felt the Saturn would be good for multimedia applications as well as game playing," Yamamoto said. "So they developed a kernel [a special subprogram] in the operating system to support



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communications tasks." At that time the Internet hype was just beginning, but when Sega decided to go online, the Saturn was ready.

Saturn Connected

The Internet package will make the Saturn a formidable online machine. The external modem will slide into the cartridge slot on the top of the machine, much like the Cata-pult modem does on the Genesis. The browser's icon-driven interface is designed to support the Saturn controller as the primary input device, but it also supports the Saturn mouse or an optional keyboard. Either way, preliminary browser interface designs call for a virtual keyboard on-



The Internet Saturn modem slides into the memory cartridge slot.

screen. By year's end, there will be an external 3.5-inch floppy disk drive for downloading online data.

Games Online

It seems Sega will explore every means to use online connectivity to support console gamers. According to Yamamoto, Sega Enterprises in Japan is exploring the possibility of creating an online game, and Sega of America will follow suit. "Although downloading an entire game to CD needs a technological breakthrough," Yamamoto says, "player's could be able to download new characters or new sports season stats. That's entirely possible with existing Saturn hardware." □

GAMEPRO LABS

By The Lab Rat

We were trknkn' recently with a new toaster/joystick accessory that didn't quite have all the bugs worked out. And, well, while we were making breakfast, the Lab suffered some fire damage. But don't despair, we should be up and running next month with new peripherals that won't burn your English muffins. Here's a quickie to tide you over.

Guru Voodoo

The 3DO finally has a cheat peripheral in the form of an innovative disc called **The Game Guru**. Published by 3DO, this CD features cheats for 39 games. The disc accesses



game files you've already saved to the 3DO's memory and patches multiple cheats right onto your saved games.

Some of the cheats on the Game Guru are Gex's hidden level and ending, all the Shock Wave levels, and many more for games like *Quarantine*, *Wolfenstein 3D*, and *Road Rash*. New cheats (which you can enter and save) will be available in GamePro and on 3DO's Web site *The Guru*, which also performs other memory-management tasks. It's available now at video game stores for about 30 bucks.

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1995
READERS'
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AWARDS



The Winners

What were your favorite systems and games in 1995? The votes are in and counted!

By The Feature Creature

When we asked you in our March issue to vote for your favorite games and systems of 1995, we really didn't know what to expect. Which new system was your favorite, the PlayStation or the Saturn? Would the venerable 16-bit systems hold their own against the next-gen systems? Which was the better 16-bit game, Vectorman or Donkey Kong Country 2? You answered all these questions and more by sending in thousands of ballots. GamePro's readers have spoken!

Best Overall

Best Strategy Game



Myst clearly dominated this category, but the surprise is how well Super Bomberman 2 for the SNES fared with voters. Although it was a familiar concept on a five-year-old machine, SBM 2 still had the firepower to blast past the newer, glitzier D for the 3DD.

1. Myst (Saturn), 50%
2. Super Bomberman 2 (SNES), 22%
3. D (3DD), 18%
4. Syndicate (Genesis), 10%

Best Role-Playing Game

Chrono Trigger sailed three times as many votes as its nearest competitor, Phantasy Star IV. Soga can't be too happy. While PS IV placed second, the Sega CD games brought up the rear behind all the SNES games.

1. Chrono Trigger (SNES), 42%
2. Phantasy Star IV (Genesis), 14%
3. EarthBound (SNES), 13%
4. Secret of Evermore (SNES), 10%
5. Breath of Fire II (SNES), 10%
6. Shining Force CD (Sega CD), 7%
7. Lunar: Eternal Blue (Sega CD), 4%



Best Puzzle Game

Not much competition for Zoop. Vector's hit puzzler pounded its competition by the largest margin of any Readers' Choice winner, garnering nearly four times the number of votes as the second-place game.

1. Zoop (any system), 64%
2. Kirby's Avalanche (SNES), 18%
3. Bust-a-Move (3DD), 13%
4. Wild Snake (SNES), 5%

Best System Overall

This was one of the most telling categories. The PlayStation came in far ahead of the second-place SNES and had more than double the votes for the Saturn. Note also that both 16-bit systems trashed ahead of the 3DD and Jaguar. And yes, a few readers did vote for the handheld systems at the bottom of the list.

1. PlayStation: 41%
2. Super NES: 24%
3. Saturn: 18%
4. Genesis: 7%
5. 3DD: 3%
6. Jaguar: 2%
7. Neo-Geo: 1%
8. Game Gear: 1%
9. Virtual Boy: 1%
10. Nomad: 1%
11. Game Boy: 1%

Best Handheld Game

This was one of the closest competitions. Nintendo's gotta be happy that its black-and-yellow Donkey Kong Land and black-and-red Wario Land beat out Soga's color Game Gear games. For once, fighting games didn't beat up their competition.

1. Donkey Kong Land (Game Boy), 19%
2. Wario Land (Virtual Boy), 15%
3. Super Return of the Jedi (Game Gear), 14%
4. Killer Instinct (Game Boy), 13%
5. Taz in Escape from Mars (Game Gear), 13%
6. Street Fighter II (Game Boy), 9%
7. Mario Tennis (Virtual Boy), 8%
8. Kirby's Dream Land 2 (Game Boy), 5%
9. Galactic Pinball (Virtual Boy), 4%

Best Arcade Game

Mortal Kombat games make lots of appearances in the Readers' Choice Awards. This category scored a big win for Williams Entertainment with a landslide victory over a field of fighters.

1. Ultimate Mortal Kombat: 41%
2. Tekken 2: 20%
3. Virtua Fighter 2: 13%
4. Mortal Kombat 3: 12%
5. Street Fighter Alpha: 10%
6. Fighting Vipers: 2%
7. Samurai Shodown III: 2%

16-Bit Games

Best Racing Sim

An old favorite saves this checkered flag. Virtua was placed in this category because the 32X is technically a 16-bit add-on. Despite all the extra technology, it still didn't come close to Road Rash 3.

1. Road Rash 3 (Genesis), 55%
2. Virtua Racing (32X), 34%
3. Newman Haas Indy Car (SNES), 11%

Best Sports Game

The Genesis has always been known for its sports games, and the results here only strengthen that reputation as Genesis games filled every category except third. The top three sports games separated themselves from the pack, but Tecmo's strong showing was a surprise.

1. **NBA Live '96** (Genesis), 27%
2. **Madden NFL '96** (Genesis), 24%
3. **Tecmo Super Bowl 3** (SNES), 22%
4. **NHL '96** (Genesis), 11%
5. **World Series '96** (Genesis), 7%
6. **Coach K College Basketball** (Genesis), 4%
7. **FIFA '96** (Genesis), 3%
8. **College Football '96** (Genesis), 3%

Best Fighting Game

This was a two-game contest. The readers had no trouble helping KI to KO the competition: Mortal Kombat 3 took one-third of the votes, placing a respectable second far ahead of the rest of the brawlers.

1. **Killer Instinct** (SNES), 45%
2. **MK 3** (SNES), 33%
3. **WWF Wrestlemania** (Genesis), 8%
4. **Primal Rage** (Genesis), 7%
5. **Eternal Champions** (Sega CD), 4%
6. **Weaponlord** (Genesis), 3%

Head to Head

Who won the most categories? Based on your votes, we came up with these results when two systems went head to head. We didn't count any games that were for all systems.

SNES vs. Genesis:
SNES 5, Genesis 2

PlayStation vs. Saturn:
PlayStation 7, Saturn 1

Saturn vs. 3DO:
Saturn 7, 3DO 0

3DO vs. Jaguar:
3DO 3, Jaguar 0

Best Action Game

DKC 2 doubled the votes of the runner-up game, Vectorman. During the winter, the editors took a lot of flack for not giving The Adventures of Batman and Robin superior ratings in the original ProView (see August 1995), nice that most readers came around to seeing it our way.

1. **DKC 2** (SNES), 44%
2. **Vectorman** (Genesis), 22%
3. **Earthworm Jim 2** (Genesis), 14%
4. **Mega Man X3** (SNES), 10%
5. **Yoshi's Island** (SNES), 8%
6. **Adventures of Batman & Robin** (Genesis), 2%

Next-Gen Games



Best Fighting Game

This was the only instance where the Saturn won a direct head-to-head competition with the PlayStation, as VF 2 nosed out MK 3 at the wire. PlayStation games rounded out the field.

1. **Virtua Fighter 2** (Saturn), 26%
2. **MK 3** (PlayStation), 27%
3. **Tekken** (PlayStation), 22%
4. **Battle Arena Toshinden** (PlayStation), 12%
5. **WWF Wrestlemania** (PlayStation), 7%
6. **Primal Rage** (PlayStation), 4%

Best Strategy Game

The second win for Myst: Return Fire was a favorite with editors, but not with readers, who seemed more likely to call it Return Game.

1. **Myst** (Saturn), 41%
2. **Hell** (3DO), 21%
3. **Theme Park** (any system), 18%
4. **D** (3DO), 11%
5. **Return Fire** (3DO), 9%

Best Vehicle Shooter

What we thought was only an above-average game was a first-place winner among readers. And once again the Jag barely mustered a pulse.

1. **Twisted Metal** (PlayStation), 31%
2. **Panzer Dragoon** (Saturn), 21%
3. **Warhawk** (PlayStation), 17%
4. **Air Combat** (PlayStation), 16%
5. **Shockwave: Operation Jumpgate** (3DO), 7%
6. **Viewpoint** (PlayStation), 2%
7. **Agle Warrior** (PlayStation), 2%
8. **Iron Soldier** (Jaguar), 2%
9. **Ghen War** (Saturn), 1%

Best Action Game

Once again the PlayStation clobbers its competitors. Readers would rather shoot guns than run around as animals, evidently.

1. **Loaded** (PlayStation), 31%
2. **Geox** (any system), 26%
3. **Bug!** (Saturn), 12%
4. **Rayman** (PlayStation), 9%
5. **Jumping Flash** (PlayStation), 8%
6. **Shinobi Legions** (Saturn), 7%
7. **Clockwork Knight** (Saturn), 6%
8. **Astal** (Saturn), 1%



Best Corridor Shooter

No surprise here as Doom outshot a squad of Saturn and 3DO games.

1. **Doom** (PlayStation), 46%
2. **Virtua Cop** (Saturn), 34%
3. **Wolfenstein 3D** (3DO), 7%
4. **Killing Time** (3DO), 5%
5. **PO'ed** (3DO), 4%
6. **Kileak** (PlayStation), 3%
7. **Robotica** (Saturn), 1%



Best Racing Game

PlayStation titles left the Saturn in the dust, taking first, third, and fourth. The Need for Speed was one of the editors' favorites, but readers sent it back to the pits.

1. **Destruction Derby** (PlayStation), 21%
2. **Daytona USA** (Saturn), 20%
3. **Wipeout** (PlayStation), 16%
4. **Ridge Racer** (PlayStation), 15%
5. **Virtua Racing** (Saturn), 12%
6. **Sega Rally Championship** (Saturn), 11%
7. **Need for Speed** (3DO), 5%

Best Sports Game

Only a decent showing by the Saturn's World Series Baseball stayed off a total PlayStation sweep.

1. **NFL GameDay** (PlayStation), 34%
2. **ESPN Extreme Games** (PlayStation), 25%
3. **World Series Baseball** (Saturn), 19%
4. **NHL Face Off** (PlayStation), 15%
5. **FIFA '96** (PlayStation), 7%

Best Next-Gen System

In the previous categories, the PlayStation went head to head with the Saturn seven times, and it won six. So is it any surprise that Sony's 32-bit machine wiped out every other next-gen system in this category? Ironically, the Jag, which has been around longer than the other systems and claims to be far more powerful, still lags far behind the leaders in terms of popularity. Guess they didn't do the math.

1. **PlayStation**: 63%
2. **Saturn**: 25%
3. **3DO**: 6%
4. **NeoGeo CD**: 4%
5. **Jaguar**: 2%

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Practically overnight, the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3), held this year in Los Angeles from May 16-18, has become the biggest event in the video game industry. On the eve of the show, *GamePro* brings you a look at some of the stars on the Nintendo 64, PlayStation, Saturn, SNES, and Genesis platforms. No 3DO games, though - surprisingly, 3DO decided late in March to skip out on E3. Finally, turn to the "Sports Pages" for additional coverage of E3 sports games.

Next for the Nintendo 64



E3 marks the first time the Nintendo 64 will be shown to the U.S. gaming public, and with several embarrassing delays under its belt, Nintendo's surely looking to E3 to set the stage for the 64-bit system's September launch.

While many details of upcoming N64 games were kept tightly under wraps at press time, Williams had good news for fighting gamers: Versions of *MK* and *War Gods* are in the works for the N64. —*Air Hendrix*



Star Wars: Shadows of the Empire
(LucasArts)



Robotech (GameTek)

Other Hot Nintendo 64 Games at E3

Blazrdazer (Nintendo)

Legend of Zelda (Nintendo)

StarFox 64 (Nintendo)

Body Harvest (Nintendo)

Mission: Impossible (Dolan)

Star Wars: Shadows of the Empire (LucasArts)

Buggy Boogie (Nintendo)

Mortal Kombat 64 (Williams Entertainment)

Super Mario Kart R (Nintendo)

Crash'n USA (Nintendo)

Pilotwings (Nintendo)

Top Gun (Spectrum Holobyte)

Doom 64 (Williams Entertainment)

Red Baron (Sierra On-Line)

War Gods (Williams)

GoldenEye (Nintendo)

Robotech (GameTek)

Waverace 64 (Nintendo)

Wilder Instinct (Nintendo)

Star Wars: Shadows of the Empire (LucasArts)

Kirby Bowl 64 (Nintendo)

Super Mario 64 Nintendo 64



Mario mavers are going to experience their favorite plumber in a whole new light when Mario goes 64-bit. Mario's updated his look to a rendered 3D image with texture-mapped polygons. His fluid animations will include new abilities like sliding and hanging as he explores a 3D world that spans mountains and cavernous underwater depths. Traps, obstacles, and familiar enemies will dot Mario's landscape, adding some old-fashioned Mario fun to the new Super Mario 64 look. —*Cover Girl*



Developed by Nintendo
Published by Nintendo
Available Fall '96

50% COMPLETE



Turok Dinosaur Hunter

Nintendo 64

By Tommy Gille



Turok faces futuristic robots with enemies from the Paleozoic past. Notice the slick reflective metallic textures in the robot.

Graphics

If you think Acclaim did a nice job with Alien Trilogy, these early shots of Turok give you a good idea of how sweet this first-person shooter may actually be. Utilizing the Nintendo 64's advanced capabilities, all the characters will be polygonal with high-definition texture mapping. Humanoid characters will feature motion-captured animations, and all the backgrounds are rendered.



Developed and published by
Acclaim
Available Fall '96

40% COMPLETE

Story Line

Following several of the story lines from the Turok comics, Turok Dinosaur Hunter challenges you to stop the Campaigner (who plans to conquer the world with his time-altering device, the Chronoscepter) from taking over the Lost Valley. As Turok, you're armed with a hunting knife, tomahawk, pistol, and tek bow. Of course, you can acquire more state-of-the-art weapons.



Gameplay



Turok will incorporate "Warp Generators," which will allow you to play through the game in a nonlinear fashion. This feature will give the game much higher replay value as secret rooms, power-ups, and passages to other levels will be located in different places every time the game is played.



PlayStation Premieres

With 1 million PlayStation units sold and 7 million games out the door at press time, Sony's climbed quickly and decisively to the top of the next-gen leaderboard since its debut last September. As the company prepares to continue that meteoric rise, rumor has it that Crash Bandicoot (see "Sneak Previews," April) may toe the line with Sonic and Mario as the PlayStation's new mascot. Other sharp E3 titles, like Tekken 2 and Tenka, should continue to solidify the PlayStation's dominance — at least until the Nintendo 64 hits the market. —*Air Hendrix*



Crash Bandicoot (Sony)



Major Damage (Capcom)



Marvel Super Heroes (Capcom)



Marvel 2099 (Mindscape)

Other Hot PlayStation Games at E3

Aeon Flux (Namco)

Arise! (Scavenger)

Area 51 (Time Warner Interactive)

Armed (Interplay)

Asphalt 2015 (Data East)

Blade Runner (Virgin Interactive Entertainment)

Blaz' Embrace (U.S. Gold)

Blast Chamber (Activision)

Clay Fighter II (Interplay)

Crash Bandicoot (Sony)

Criticon 2 (Vic Tokai)

Deadly Sins (AVC)

Descent II (Interplay)

Descent: Levels of the World (Interplay)

Destination Darty 2 (Progress)

Disruptor (Universal Interactive)

Escape from L.A. (Virgin Interactive Entertainment)

Extreme Dreams (Cappi)

Fade to Black (Electronic Arts)

Fro & Kiewit (EAG Interactive)

G Police (Progress)

Galaxion 3 (Namco)

Garymech (Rocket Science)

Grand Theft Auto (EAG Interactive)

Gunslip 2000 (Microspace)

Impact Racing (AVC)

Into the Shadows (Scavenger)

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K20 Files (Data East)

Kiss the Blood 2 (Sony)

Mag Ball (Tetmark Interactive)

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MSX King Time (Williams)

Open Ice Challenge (Williams)

Pitfall (Activision)

Project Overkill (Konami)

Propaganda (Virgin Interactive Entertainment)

Rayman 2 (Ubi Soft)

Re-Loaded (Interplay)

RedSpot (Electronic Arts)

Ridge Racer Revolution (Namco)

Robo Pit (THQ)

Rocket Jockey (Rocket Science)

Scardier (Scavenger)

Shining Sword (American Laser Games)

Sims (Cappi)

Soal Edge (Namco)

Speed Freak (U.S. Gold)

Steel Hunter (Mindscape)

Street Fighter Alpha 2 (Capcom)

Strike (Electronic Arts)

Suagman (U.S. Gold)

Syndicate Wars (Electronic Arts)

Tekken 2 (Namco)

Tempest 2000 (Interplay)

Tenka (Progress)

Terminus (Scavenger)

Time Commando (Interplay)

Tomb Raider (U.S. Gold)

Top Gun: Pin at Will (Spectrum HoldByte)

Track Attack (Spectrum HoldByte)

Tweaked Metal 2: World Tour (Sony)

Vette (Spectrum HoldByte)

W.E.T. Corpse (Vic Tokai)

Wipeout 2 (Progress)

X-Men: Children of the Atom (Acclaim)



Shredfest

PlayStation

Saturn

Shredfest transplants Road Rash's gnarly gameplay onto the ski slopes for serious snowboard mayhem. Gamers compete in downhill, slalom, and trick-based races to progress through the pro snowboarding circuit. Free spirits can kick up chaos on crowded public slopes in the Free Ride mode or hook up with locals to track down secret trails. The five levels, which encompass eight resorts, conclude with helicopter-based shreddin' in Alaska. Licenses



from top board makers like Burton fill the game with real-life boards, and EA promises to deliver realistic game physics, snazzy motion-captured graphics, and a jammir' alternative-rock soundtrack. —*Air Hendrix*

Developed and published by Electronic Arts
Available September

10% COMPLETE



Tiger Shark

PlayStation

PC CD

By Bruised Lee



Gorgeous, detailed polygonal graphics and intricate gameplay in a 3D world position Tiger Shark as a potential Warhawk killer.

Gameplay

The Tiger Shark is a fast-paced, heavily armored Subfoil attack vehicle. Throughout the nine missions, you maneuver both above and below the surface of the ocean, destroying key installations before advancing to the next level. Tiger Shark's weapon system is a mixture of surface and subsurface weapons that will change as the player progresses.



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Controls



The vehicle jets along the water with smooth, tight accuracy. Even underwater, the action is solid. Players can easily explore, attack, dive, and surface while interacting with the environment.

Developed by n-Space
Published by GT Interactive
Available First Quarter '97

40% COMPLETE

Graphics



Tiger Shark's loaded with realistic graphics, such as battles where constant attacks cause a massive battleship's hull to break in two and slowly sink. Even the environment seems true to life. Mountains break through the dense fog as you skim along the water, and an underwater city packed with enemies is truly spectacular.



Pandemonium

PlayStation

By Tommy Glabe



Zinks! Nikki, co-star of *Pandemonium* (seen here as she appears in this 3D game), is close to becoming an enemy's entrée.



This rooftop sequence demonstrates how the camera zooms in dramatically during gameplay.

The Story So Far...

Enter the far-out world of Nikki and Fargus in *Pandemonium*. This game takes the genre of fast-paced, side-scrolling adventure and brings it to a huge new world with 3D characters and a completely 3D environment.

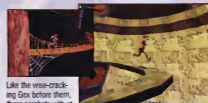
As either Nikki, the wizard's apprentice, or Fargus, the slightly deranged jester who talks to his puppet, you must restore order to your land after a magician's spell goes awry.



Developed and published by
Crystal Dynamics
Available Christmas '96

20% COMPLETE

Gameplay & Graphics



Like the wise-cracking Gex before them, these acrobats with attitude will boast more than 300 one-liners as they traverse realms with deserts, castles, giant mushroom caves (Mushrooms and castles? Hmmm, sounds familiar.), and plenty of secret areas.

Graphically, the worlds are 3D, but your controls mostly limit you to two planes of movement: up and down (as in jumping), and back and forth (as in running left or right). *Pandemonium* looks to capture the great 3D environment with good cinematography, moving the camera to whatever angle gives you the most dramatic — yet playable — view of the action. Characters can morph, and there's also a two-player cooperative mode.

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Bogey: Dead 6



PlayStation

As a top Navy fighter pilot, it's your job to take out the military arm of an international crime organization. Fortunately, you have real-life planes like the F-22 Phantom, F/A-18 Hornet, F-4E Phantom, F-14D Tomcat, F-15E Eagle, and MIG-29 on your side. Bogey's dogfights drop you into air-to-air, air-to-sea, and air-to-ground combat scenarios with 360-degree movement and two perspectives. Sony's promising high-speed action and tight controls, but only hands-on gaming will determine if this intriguing prospect can outmaneuver Agile Warrior and Air Combat.—*Air Hendrix*



Developed by Asmik
Published by Sony
Available July



Jumping Flash 2

PlayStation



Once again, it's time to climb inside that giant bunny-rabbit mechwarrior to protect your home planet from the menacing Captain Suzuki. A sequel to last year's quirky but critically acclaimed mech shooter, JF 2 hops into town with six new worlds composed of three stages each. Racing against the clock, gamers must rescue four of their comrades on each stage, collecting new weapons and power-ups while searching for pitfalls, bonus levels, and secret rooms. If the first Flash was any indication, quality gameplay could be lurking underneath this game's youthful exterior.—*Air Hendrix*



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By Sony
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Dark Forces

PlayStation

The Doom-killer is finally making its way to the PlayStation. *Dark Forces*, the *Star Wars*-inspired corridor shooter, will soon blast Stormtroopers right into your living room. Nail enemies culled straight from the movie trilogy, and head toward your worst nightmare: the Dark Trooper.—*Scary Larry*



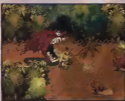
Developed and published by
LucasArts
Available Fall



Herc's Adventures

PlayStation

Having a tough guy on your side in an action game is always a plus, but in *Herc's Adventures*, you get the toughest guy on your side—Hercules. Battle gods and goddesses, creatures of ancient lore, and more in this arcade-style game.—*Scary Larry*



Developed and published by
LucasArts
Available Fall

Rebel Assault II

PlayStation



Psst! Wanna see new *Star Wars* footage—the first original footage since *Return of the Jedi*? Check out

Rebel Assault II. This flight sim, using vehicles from the *Star Wars* universe, also features tons of live-action video that was shot exclusively for this game. Fly through different worlds, training yourself to



Developed and published by
LucasArts
Available Fall

take on the Empire. Ready are you not? Hmmm?—*Scary Larry*



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Acclaim



Project Horned Owl



PlayStation

What do you get when you cross Virtua Cop, futuristic mechs, and anime cinematics? Sony's latest gallery-style shooter, Project Horned Owl.

From your first-person view, you're a futuristic cop armed in a mech-suit who must stop a terrorist invasion of Metro City. The lead and lasers fly in six levels, where two players can simultaneously shoot down legions of robotic enemies. Power-up with automatic weapons, missiles, bombs, and high-tech heads-up displays. Another reason to check out this game is to test Konam's new Light Gun. With great Japanese animation, this shooter may pack some style as well.

—Tommy Glick



Developed by Sony
Published by Sony
Available July

80% COMPLETE



Bubsy 3-D

PlayStation

Saturn

Rocket through five computer-generated planets with everyone's favorite bobcat, Bubsy. Hand-rendered 3D characters inhabit the new worlds, and 360-degree, nonlinear play frees you to explore it all. Bubsy will have two players, alternating cooperative play, thousands of frames of animation per character, and, as always, plenty of attitude.—*Sir Garnabius*

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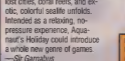
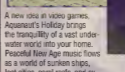
Developed by Eidos
Published by Accolade
Available Fall '96

50% COMPLETE



Aquanaut's Holiday

PlayStation



A new idea in video games, Aquanaut's Holiday brings the tranquility of a vast underwater world into your home. Peaceful New Age music flows as a world of sunken ships, lost cities, coral reefs, and exotic, colorful sea life unfolds. Intended as a relaxing, no-pressure experience, Aquanaut's Holiday could introduce a whole new genre of games.—*Sir Garnabius*

Developed by ArtDisk
Published by Sony
Available July

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Saturn Showcase

The past year has seen the Saturn slip behind the PlayStation in terms of sales and popularity, but Sega's coming on strong with its age-old forte: arcade conversions. Virtua Fighter 3 and a Saturn version of Fighting Vipers should command a great deal of attention at the show, but third-party support is surging as well. Psygnosis is unveiling its Saturn ports of Wipeout and Destruction Derby, and even Interplay is bringing its Loaded sequel, Re-Loaded, to the Saturn. As the Nintendo 64 enters the fray, the fall buying season will deliver the final verdict on where this system's headed. —Air Hendrix



Fighting Vipers (Sega)



Rayman 2 (Ubisoft)

Other Hot Saturn Games at E3

Abuse (Vic Taka)	Destruction Derby (Psygnosis)	Nights (Sega)
Alan Trilogy (Activision)	Destruction Derby 2 (Psygnosis)	Pitfall (Activision)
Artak (Savenger)	Escape from L.A. (Virgin Interactive Entertainment)	Propaganda (Virgin Interactive Entertainment)
Area 51 (Time Warner Interactive)	Fighting Vipers (Sega)	Rayman 2 (Ubisoft)
Assassin 2015 (Data East)	G. Police (Psygnosis)	Re-Loaded (Interplay)
Blair Madhead (J.S. Gold)	Grand Theft Auto (BMG Interactive)	Return Fire (Time Warner Interactive)
Blud Chamber (Activision)	Into the Shadows (Savenger)	Return to Zork (Activision)
Crime Wave (Doran)	KGB Files (Data East)	Road Rash (Electronic Arts)
Crabom (Vic Taka)	Monster Trucks (Psygnosis)	Scorcher (Savenger)
Critcom 2 (Vic Tokai)	Mud Kicker (Savenger)	Shockwave Assault (Electronic Arts)
Dead or Alive (Tecmo)		Speed Freak (J.S. Gold)
Descent (Interplay)		Sweepman (J.S. Gold)
Descent II (Interplay)		Tempest 2000 (Interplay)



Blast Chamber (Activision)



Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3

Saturn



As if MK 3 weren't enough, here comes the sequel/upgrade, Ultimate MK 3. This game adds four players to the lineup (Scorpion, Jade, Reptile, and Kitana), throws in three hidden ones, and gives some of the veterans a few new moves. The result is an MK fan's dream with everything intact from the arcade. This version also adds new options, most notably the two-player tag-team match and an eight-player tournament mode.



While this preview is based on an early version, all the special moves and rapid tap-button combos were already easily executable, thanks to very responsive controls. The fatalities, Friendships, Babalities, and Animalities were also easy to fire off. The bottom line: another excellent arcade translation. —Axe Grinder

Developed by Emulcan
Published by Williams
Entertainment
Available May

90% COMPLETE



Armed

Saturn



Armed's side-scrolling take-no-prisoners action plays like an urban Blackthorn. As Vic, your task is to venture into Omega Central to destroy the city's doomsday machine. Rendered characters and backgrounds, many of them fully texture-mapped, should make this game a looker, and the gameplay is interlaced with riveting cinematics. —*Black Widow*

Developed by Point of View
(Saturn version)
Published by Inteplay
Available Third Quarter '96

70% COMPLETE



Tomb Raider

Saturn



From a third-person over-the-shoulder viewpoint, you enter the 3D world of Lara Croft, a tomb raider with more guns than Indiana Jones. As Lara, you explore everything from Incan ruins to Egyptian pyramids, and you'll discover that more than a quick trigger finger is needed to solve the puzzles of the ancients.

—*Tommy Glde*

Developed by Core Design
Published by U.S. Gold
Available November

30% COMPLETE



Gun Griffon

Saturn



Fire rains down on the battlefield in this first-person mechwarrior battle sim. Solid control, rockin' sound, and stunning graphics send you out to target enemy tanks and mechs through four arenas. Gun Griffon's weapons, which range from laser cannons to cluster bombs and rockets, give you the destructive edge to come out on top. —*Sir Gamabus*

Developed and published
By Sega
Available June

50% COMPLETE



Firo and Klawd

Saturn

Join the newest — and possibly oddest — duo yet in an original, fully animated adventure. Firo, an orangutan cop, and Klawd, an alley cat,

blast their way through 15 action/adventure levels, testing their reflexes in shooting-gallery-style sublevels. Full-motion video, highly detailed graphics, and rendered characters make this game a promising prospect. —*Sir Gamabus*



Developed by Interactive
Studios
Published by BMG Interactive
Available October

60% COMPLETE



16-Bit Superstars

So far, 1996 has been the year when companies truly are beginning to abandon 16-bit systems, so unearthing 16-bit titles at E3 will be a real chore. There's some hope for all you hordes of SNES and Genesis gamers, though. Sega's working on a Vectorman sequel, EA Sports is still churning out Genesis versions of its highly acclaimed sports games, and Williams is supporting the 16-bitters with versions of Ultimate MK 3 and its other arcade titles. Little news from Nintendo on the SNES front, though. Turn to the "16-Bit Gamer's Survival Guide" for more info on upcoming SNES and Genesis games.—Air Hendrix



Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3 (Williams)



Olympic Summer Games (T+H)

For E3 sports games, turn to Sports Pages.

Other Hot 16-Bit Games at E3

- | | |
|--|---|
| Arcade's Greatest Hits (Williams) Genesis, SNES | NBA Hang Time (Williams) Genesis, SNES |
| Comanche Overkill (Intercept) SNES | Olympic Summer Games (T+H) Genesis, SNES |
| Kirby 2 (Nintendo) SNES | Time Killers (T+H) Genesis |
| Marvel Super Heroes: War of the Gems (Capcom) SNES | Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3 (Williams) Genesis, SNES |



An Untitled Sonic the Hedgehog Game

Genesis

Saturn Game Gear Pico PC CD

Sonic the Hedgehog will be celebrating his fifth birthday by trying to save the day for Sega. Sonic will rush onto five game platforms this fall: Saturn, Genesis, Game Gear, Pico, and PC. Each version will be a different game, but naturally they will all showcase the rip-roaring action-platform gameplay that made Sonic famous.

At press time, details about the story lines were skimpy at best because Sega

was keeping a tight lid on them. One thing is certain—Dr. Robotnik will return as leader of the dark forces. The Saturn version will introduce a new female friend for Sonic. Tiara; however, all the games will feature only single-player gameplay.

In the Saturn and Genesis versions, Sega is hoping to push the envelope on graphics and speed. The Genesis version will sport a 3D look à la

Vectorman. According to Sega, the Saturn version currently poses a special challenge in translating Sonic's essentially two-dimensional gameplay into a rendered 3D world. However, Sega wants Saturn-savvy gamers to know that Sonic will not resemble Bug!, even though the hedgehog hero made a cameo in that insectoid game. While camera angles will change according to gameplay (as in Bug!), Sonic should blow the doors off the poky bug cart.—Bro' Buzz



Developed and published by Sega
Available Fall '96



X-Perts

Genesis



Before the Genesis takes a swan dive into the graveyard of the obsolete systems, it'll get X-Perts, a 3D-ish side-scrolling action/strategy game. It looks great, plays poorly, but gives Genesis gamers hope, much like Vectorman did last year.

Basically Rolling Thunder with punches and locks, Sega claims you can do MK-style combos when battling X-perts' bad guys. But your primary mission involves disconnecting



various terminals in a large techno-military installation. Let's hope Sega cleans up the sluggish action before the release date.—Scary Larry

Developed and published by Sega
Available September

70% COMPLETE



Vectorman 2: Insect Invasion

Genesis

By Air Hendrix



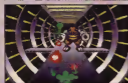
Even at this extremely early stage, Vectorman 2's off to a fine start, and that's good news for Genesis gamers faced with a sparse lineup of fresh titles.

Assimilation Power-Ups



Vectorman barrels into his sequel with a new assimilation attack. Certain power-ups will transform the big V into other forms, such as a tick or a rhino, and endow him with new weapons and forms of attack to take on the insectoid hordes.

The Lowdown



After defeating the vile Warhead in his first game, Vectorman undergoes repairs and returns to his duty...only to discover that Earth has been overrun by mutant insects. Our hero heads out to save the day through a variety of new landscapes, bosses, and bonus levels. Judging from this early artwork, Vectorman's designers are striving for a more humorous, Earthworm Jim-style tone to the graphics, but plans call for the same impressive graphical techniques that garnered so much attention for the first game.



Gas Bags



These sketches show an artist's conception of how gas bag enemies will take on Vectorman. They begin at rest, then inflate and spew out an attack.

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Developed by BlueSky Software
Published by Sega
Available November

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Boss



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Resembling a game you'd find on a next-gen system, HyperBlade aggressively blazes new trails for PC players in search of innovative action/adventure gameplay.

HyperBlade plays like roller hockey meets Rollerball. A no-holds-barred battle-sports contest set in a 3D hippodrome, HyperBlade is replete with stats and options for sports gamers and a scorching pace for action gamers. Play modes include full season, tourney, single game, and playoffs. A choice of 12 teams, customizable players, and 12 arenas with ramps, trenches, and traps round out the options. Power-ups, enhanced attributes based on increasing skill levels, custom armor, and projectiles

tame the action gamer's bloodlust.

The game sacrifices smooth textured polygonal looks in favor of fast, enhanced play. The motion-captured moves of inline skating's top talent are evident in the variety and verve of the bladers' 200 moves, which include 360s, flips, rail-slides, and dives. Up to four players can battle over a network. —*Cover Girl*

By Activision
Available June



Vikings: The Strategy of Ultimate Conquest

PC CD

Mac CD

Role-players seeking to pillage and plunder can don the Vikings' spiked mantel in this strategy adventure game. In Vikings, you play as a male or female ninth-century Scandinavian warrior. The game combines strategy, land and sea battles, and RPG standards like accumulating experience points, hit points, and inventory; gathering info; and undertaking quests. —*Black Widow*

By GT Interactive Software
Available Now



Kingdom O' Magic

PC CD



Kingdom O' Magic is a point-and-click graphic adventure for the humorous at heart. Playing as Sidney the Snakeman or Shah-Ron, you journey to more than 100 locations in this RPG-style game, tickling your funny bone as you converse with more than 90 characters. The gameplay and quests vary depending on the character you play. —*Black Widow*

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Hot at the Arcades and Arcade

Arcade action is heating up on an international
in Japan reveal what's coming

Virtua **Fighter 3** Lands the Knockout Blow at ACME

By Bruised Leo

From the moment you walked onto the ACME show floor, the buzz was about Virtua Fighter 3. And it was warranted: VF 3 is the most amazing-looking arcade game you've ever seen!

From the brief but impressive demo of VF 3 that was running on Sega's new Model 3 arcade hardware, it was clear that Sega's AM2 team has outdone itself. Whereas VF 2 had some rough edges, VF 3 takes polygonal fighting games one step further with truly lifelike graphics. All the fighters and backgrounds are rendered completely in 3D, and the fighters move with incredible speed. There isn't a pixel or jagged edge to be seen, even when the camera zooms in. The new rendered look makes the original cast appear more human. For



example, the reflected light pouring off Dural's liquid-metal body makes her look like the evil T1000 from *Terminator 2*.

VF 3 is still in development, so info from Sega was scarce. Little is known about the two new characters added to the lineup, though one is a female fan dancer who pairs lightning speed with aggressive moves.

Since the game wasn't playable, ACME attendees were left to wonder whether VF 3 will play as good as it looks. Banking on AM2's demonstrated prowess with the Virtua Fighter series, they're sure to once again ring out the competition.

Available September

Overseas ProSpects Present World '96

scale. The ACME show in the U.S. and the AOU Expo to the world of coin-ops in '96.

War Gods

War Gods features 3D gameplay with fluid real-time movements that enables players to launch deadly projectiles from any direction while circling the entire arena. Special 3D effects also encompass fatalities, multilevel combos, grappling throws, and secret moves. Even the Gods themselves are excited about this one.

Available Now

(See the special report on War Gods in "The Fighter's Edge")



MIDWAY



Tokyo Wars

War is about to break out! Up to four players can simultaneously go head-to-head or play cooperatively in this fast-paced tank simulation. Cruise through narrow streets and elevated railways, blowing away anything that moves.

Available August



Ace Driver Victory Lap

Victory Lap is an upgrade to the Ace Driver Deluxe games. In addition to the standard Ace Driver features, VL offers two new courses. The new Serow Valley and Capital City circuits offer wild, high-speed racing action.

Available Now



NBA Hang Time

The NBA Jam design team hopes to dominate the floor again with Hang Time. Smoother graphics with more colors and frames of animation provide a cleaner-looking court. New player moves include double dunks, alley-oops, and fade-aways. Also, create-a-player mode enables arcade

gamers to create and save their own personalized superstar.

Available Now



Dirt Dash

The wildly diverse obstacles within each treacherous course will make this on- and off-road dune-buggy racer a coin-crunching challenge. Players select from one of five starting points, ranging from the depths of a dark, dense jungle to icy mountain slopes.

Available August



Dunk Mania

Namco takes basketball to another league with vivid, flat-shaded characters and highly detailed game action. Real-time views from multiple camera angles show off the depth of the field as players run, jump, block, sidestep, fake, shoot, and dunk on a 3D court.

Available August

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Batman Forever



Based on the hit movie, Batman Forever leads you through six crime-busting levels in Gotham City. High-resolution digitized characters subtly rescale in size as they move throughout the game. You can even combo an enemy when in close

Available Now



NBA Jam Extreme

Acclaim's motion-capture technology works hard with a 3D polygon-based engine to bring Jam Extreme's two-on-two basketball to life. Gameplay features include more than 30 new dunks, new secret players, and full-season play. An Extreme button has been added to give players an extra kick when turbo just isn't enough.

Available Now



Run and Gun 2

Konami drives down the fast lane once again with five-on-five b-ball. This overdue sequel features improved graphics, monster dunks, and realistic hand-drawn animation for smooth gameplay.

Available Now



Midnight Run

Jump into the driver's seat and peel into action on three exciting courses with this four-player link-up racing game. Other options include multiple views, standard transmission, and souped-up cars.

Available Now



Metal Slug

This full-metal-packeted side-scroller puts you in a World War II battleground. Two players in simultaneous gameplay find weapons and military vehicles to help them destroy everything in sight.

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Dungeons & Dragons

D&D is a four-player fantasy role-playing game featuring 12 selectable characters. Multiple paths make hundreds of gameplay variations possible.

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Crypt Killer

Three players can simultaneously blast their way through six grueling levels filled with zombies and skeletons in this explosive pump-action gun game. Smooth scaling effects create the game's dark and evil feeling.

Available Now



Art of Fighting 3

Robert and the gang are back in SNK's first motion-captured game. Each fighter's appearance has been overhauled, their movements improved, and their combos enhanced.

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Street Fighter Alpha 2

Alpha 2 is Capcom's latest and possibly greatest entry in the long-running Street Fighter series. New backgrounds, a new combo system, and five new characters all add up to the best SF yet.

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Arcade World '96

JAPAN'S AOU EXPO!

By Rob Gasawara and Major Mike

Virtua Fighter Kids

Sega's world-stomping polygon fighting game just underwent the famous Japanese super deformer treatment. In VF Kids all the characters of VF 2, from Akira to Shun Di, are represented with enormous cartoony heads on stumpy bodies. The looks may be hilarious and cute, but the gameplay retains the same crisp control and numerous moves that made the series a breakaway winner. Together with the lavishly rendered VF 3 (soon to be available on the sophisticated Model 3 board), VF Kids keeps Sega's AM2 game development juggernaut rolling.



Developed by Sega AM2
Published by Sega of Japan
2 players Fighting

80% COMPLETE



Sonic the Fighter

Sega's marquee star struts his stuff in this Warner Brothers Looney Tooney fighting game that's as noisily fun to watch as it is to play. Sonic and his opponents, including Tails and Rosie (from the CD), are composed of texture-mapped polygons. Characters can be squashed flat, smacked by fists that enlarge on impact, truncated, and so on in cartoony ways. The FunFactor looks high even for serious arcade aces.



Developed by Sega AM2
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2 players Fighting

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Prop Cycle

Namco comes through with a perfect workout for out-of-shape arcade gamers. In Prop Cycle, you sit astride an exercise cycle and pedal your way into flight in order to pop balloons in a race against time. The flight controls are easy. Pedal fast to gain altitude, stop pedaling to descend. You steer the exercise cycle as you would a bicycle, which explains the game's name. Your flight space is a fully texture-mapped 3D environment in which you fly through such land forms as canyons, caverns, and even a waterfall. This is a real change of pace from the standard arcade fare.

Developed by Capcom
Published by Capcom of Japan
2 players Fighting

60% COMPLETE



Star Gladiators

Capcom has finally joined the 3D polygon fighting game battle after getting its feet wet with Takara's Toshinden 2 for the arcades. Star Gladiators appears to use a Play-Station-compatible arcade system similar (if not identical) to Namco's Tekken (System 11) and TSO2. The graphics, however, at this point look somewhat weak compared to Namco's Soul Edge or Tekken 2. Gladiators, however, appears fun to play with strange moves and odd pain reactions. ☐



Developed by Namco
Published by Namco of Japan
1 player Fight sim

60% COMPLETE

Sega Licenses Model 2 Arcade System

Sega's Model 2 arcade hardware is best known for major 3D polygon hits such as Virtua Fighter 2, Daytona USA, Sega Rally Championship, Mark III, Virtua Cop 2, and Virtual On, among others. Sega Enterprises has begun licensing the sophisticated arcade system to companies including Jaleco and Tecmo—who both had Model 2 games on display at AOU.

Jaleco's Super GT 24H is a gripping racing game that bears close resemblance to Ridge Racer. Tecmo had a 3D fighting game called Dead or Alive that compares favorably to top-notch 3D fighters like VF 2 and Namco's Soul Edge. More licenses should follow to take advantage of Sega's advanced 3D arcade system.

**Die Hard Trilogy**

By Fox Interactive

By Scott Levy

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DIE HARD TRILOGY

If you ever wanted to play as John McClane, Bruce Willis' character in the *Die Hard* movies, here's your chance. In *Die Hard Trilogy*, you get an action game (à la *Resident Evil*), an arcade shooter (à la *Virtua Cop*), and a driving game (à la *Twisted Metal*).

The first game, *Die Hard*, takes place in the Nakatomi Building, where you must blast through tons of terrorists in order to save hostages. You can also interact with every piece of equipment, blowing up cars, blasting open sprinklers, and defusing bombs.

The second game, *Die Harder*, takes place at the Dulles Airport, where you gun down the terrorists, snowmobile around the tarmac, and protect more hostages.

The third game, *Die Hard with a Vengeance*, takes you on a wild cab ride through New York City, racing against time as you try to find and defuse a number of bombs. Pedestrians get turned into road jelly if they get in your way.

Fans of the movie will love the premise—everyone else may find the game a rehash of past titles. **B-**

They don't call it *Die Hard* for nothing.

DIE HARD



PRO TIP: The minute you hear gunfire or are hit from the back, move to the left or right. You won't have enough time to turn around and fight right away.



PRO TIP: When using this mother-of-all-guns, be careful not to shoot it in a confined space. You'll take damage as well.

DIE HARDER



PRO TIP: Don't blindly shoot into a crowd. Wait the terrorists out, and they'll separate from the hostages.



PRO TIP: In the New Wing level, wait until a group of terrorists gather around the white crates, then blast the crate. It will cause a chain-reaction explosion.

DIE HARD with a VENGEANCE



PRO TIP: When stuck with enormous traffic, stay near the curbside. Not all the sidewalks. Noting pedestrians will save you.



PRO TIP: The objective is just to run into the building with the bomb. Don't get it all necessary. Don't get hit and you'll win.

Fun Factor

4.5 The game is addictive, no doubt about that. Once you get into it, you want to play more and more. A good mix of games, DHT will keep you (bigger) happy for a while.

Control

3.5 John has trouble rounding corners, and the cursor moves too slowly in the shooting levels. In the driving levels, you'll have a tough time controlling the cab.

Graphics

4.0 The game has great explosions and lots of blood. As a matter of fact, it gets pretty gruesome in the driving levels, so be prepared. The blocky polygonal scenery moves well.

Sound

4.0 There's some great theme music and spectacular sound effects. Shattering glass, cringing water, a siren flurry—all are crystal clear. Too bad we couldn't hear the familiar "Tippie-ti-you" line.

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By Tommy Glabe

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Williams Arcade's Greatest Hits

Everyone has an opinion of the classics. If you're into retro gaming, this compilation of six early-'80s coin-op titles is a true collectible.

From Down to Disc

Now with the power of 32 bits, Williams brings home flawless conversions of titles that speak for themselves. *Joust*, *Robotron*, *Defender*, *Defender 2*, and *Sinistar* make this disc worth every penny. You also get the unique but mundane *Bubbles*.

Fans of these arcade classics will enjoy the option of reading the story behind the making of each game, complete with full-motion video clips of the designers. You can also peruse images of Williams memorabilia and view pic-



PRO TIP: In *Defender*, use the scanner to line up your enemies before they appear onscreen.

tures of some of Williams's coin-op rarities.

If you don't remember any game before *Mortal Kombat*, these antiques might scare you. But if you remember when it cost only a quarter to play, chances are you'll want Williams Arcade's Greatest Hits.



PRO TIP: In *Sinistar*, the more you shoot the same asteroid, the more *Sinibombs* it releases.



PRO TIP: At the beginning of each wave in *Joust*, hover over the entry areas and drop an enemy as they appear.

PRO TIP: Use these Star-gates in *Defender 2* to automatically warp to where the aliens have abducted a human.



PRO TIP: Once your bubble gets a mouth in *Bubbles*, knock the brushes down the drain to get big points.

Visit the Museum



You can view cool concept art like this sketch for *Joust* in Williams's memorabilia.



See "The Making of..." clips, narrated by designers like Eugene Jarvis, who designed *Robotron*, *Defender*, and recently *Critikal* USA.



Graphics

4.0 These six classic games are perfect ports from the arcade. They're not much to look at by today's standards (some don't even scroll), but that's not the point.



Sound

4.0 The warbling blast of your laser in *Defender*, the sirenlike cry of the pterodactyl in *Joust*, and the stoatcat gunfire of *Robotron*: all arcade true, circa 1980.



Fun Factor

4.0 You can't compare this collection with modern games. These classics return in pure form - never-ending and a real challenge to master. For old-school gamers, this is love.

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PRO TIP: Cast your possession spell on the remains of a wizard to claim his mana.



PRO TIP: When fighting near trees, light 'em up to damage your enemies further.

Magic Carpet



Graphics

The morphing terrain and 3D landscapes are beautiful, and the game scrolls smoothly. While the enemy sprites are well drawn, they retain a pixelated PC-type appearance.



Control

Maneuvering the carpet is fairly easy. Once you get used to switching spells on the fly, the sky is yours to command.

Magic Carpet

(By Electronic Arts)

By Tommy Glabe

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1 player



You're Laura Richter, and you've been sent inside a hospital-turned-haunted-house to find your father, mass murderer Dr. Harris Richter.

Along the way to the showdown with Daddy, you must solve mysteries, link clues, and decipher puzzles. If you're looking for one game this year to scare the hell out of you, D is it. Play it with the lights off. **B**



PRO TIP: Get the spigot from the chest of drawers upstairs, then walk to the door, turn, and grab the key from the fireplace.



PRO TIP: Use the spigot on the wine casket, go toward the spikes, and descend the stairs on the left. Use the ring on the door, and you should proceed to the next level.



PRO TIP: To complete the game successfully, you must find all five scarabs. Try the doorway just after you start the game.



You're Laura Richter, and you've been sent inside a hospital-turned-haunted-house to find your father, mass murderer Dr. Harris Richter.



PRO TIP: Head down to the door in the dining room, use the key, and proceed to the right of this room. When you reach the box, line up 7 and 8, grab the ring, and head to the wine cask.



Graphics

The graphics are cleaner and clearer than in the 3DO version. No pixelization, few jagged, and smooth rendering make this a true movie adventure. And all the gore is still here, too.



Sound

Scary music and other minor technical sounds, like labored breathing, heels clicking through the halls, and doors creaking open, add up to a great treat for the ears.



Control

Sluggish movement hampers the fun of this game. Also, you have to find the right spot in the room to turn around in, or you miss vital clues. All in all, you give the directional pad a workout.



Fun Factor

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THE RAVEN PROJECT



The Raven Project

(By Nintendo)

By Air Handerix

Price not available,
2 CDs
Available May

Shooter
1 player
2 views



In Raven Project, you're rebelling against Earth's alien overlords. The action runs the gamut from mecharriorlike missions to air-to-ground sorties and outer-space dogfights.

Each vehicle's packed with two lasers, two missiles, and an identical control setup, which generates a disturbing sense of familiarity when you're supposedly fighting in a variety of mission-specific vehicles. Still, there's plenty of fiery combat, and if sci-fi intrigues your thing, Raven's worth a look. **B**



PRO TIP: On space missions, pursue enemies in high-speed bursts and take them out with lasers.



PRO TIP: When you're on escort duty, stick close to your charge and fend off incursions with locked-on missiles.



Fun Factor

3.5 Sci-fi junkies will enjoy the engaging space-opera plot and downed shooting action. Fans of traditional shooters, however, will long for more varied, challenging gameplay.



PRO TIP: To conserve missiles, wipe out ground-based anomalies with photons.



Graphics

3.5 Despite the gorgeous rendered environments and full-motion video, the backgrounds and ships look chunky and under-detailed. Same's not painful on the eyes, but it's so fast, either.



Control

3.5 Managing the vehicles' many abilities is easy, but the steering feels unrealistically loose. Target lock-ons and shunting both handle smoothly, though.



Sound

4.0 Sizzling laser blasts, crushing explosions, and clear voices are matched by futuristic techno tunes - a strong showing that still lacks the oomph of Killer Sound.

PLAYSTATION



Super Buster Brothers

(By Capcom)

By Doctor Demento

PS2
Available June
2 players
Free



Graphics

3.5 Though the sprites are small, the graphics are suitable for fringing. The detailed backgrounds range from exotic locales to famous works of art, all with strong colors.



Sound

3.5 The plentiful audio cleverly matches the international settings. The sound effects are a little too cool - they remind you of the game's 1993 origins.



Fun Factor

3.0 The tried-and-true (and usually quick) to-catch-a-catch-220 formula the fun is marred by the druggy 03 lead time every time you get hit.



Control

2.5 The multifaceted PlayStation controller gets no workout: Super Buster Brothers is a one-button game. At least it's easy to pick up and play.

Do the math: one classic concept, three fun games, 16-bit graphics, and a 32-bit machine: Is it worth it? Sure, for nostalgic reasons or for Super Buster Brothers newcomers.

One or two players run around shooting upward at falling spheres. The game gets surprisingly tough as the spheres multiply and ricochet off floating platforms. It might be too close to 16-bit gaming for demanding PlayStation owners, but it's still a fun shoot-around. **B**



PRO TIP: Stay on elevated platforms as long as possible to avoid low-bouncing spheres.

SUPER Buster Brothers



PRO TIP: Don't stand underneath open shafts. You won't be able to fire fast enough to save off the many falling spheres.



PRO TIP: When you start out against both a small and a large sphere, go after the small sphere first.

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Panzer Dragoon Zwei

(By Sega)

By Scary Larry

\$49.99

1 player

Available

6 episodes

Play

Multiple

Fantasy

shader

views

Panzer Dragoon Zwei II



Graphics

Great-looking new back-grounds and the best clouds on any system make this one a graphical piece of art on the Saturn. Virtually no slowdown and little breakup enhance the fun.



Control

A fully automatic track lag laser sight helps keep things interesting...and easy. You turn left and right and look behind the dragon as smoothly as ever.



Sound

Although there's more orchestra and less monowave screeching than in the original game, it would have been a real pain to hear the machine-like noises grating to their death as you blast them.



Fun Factor

With its high replay value, Panzer II is the best next-gen shooter to date. If the original game was the reason you bought the Saturn, this sequel is the reason to kiss it.

Episode 3 Boss



This vine-swinging maniac also spews land mines, and as a last-ditch effort tosses a star-shaped weapon at you. Watch out for these:



Land mines



Star



Auxiliary enemies

Episode 2 Boss



Target and shoot to tumble this mech mega-boss. Use the Berserk when the boss's life bar is about half full. Look out for these points:



Missile launchers



Debris

Episode 4 Boss



You can eliminate this crusty crustacean with conservative use of the Berserk and some fancy footwork. Don't unleash the Berserk immediately. Wait until you have the boss in the water and you're in the air. Be careful of these:



Gloves (when you're running)



Pink bombs (when you're airborne)

Episode 5 Boss



The task of eliminating this boss takes up practically the whole level. You can't use the Berserk right away because of a force-field drone, and you won't inflict any damage. Instead, continually shoot until the drone dies (the boss backs off and floats downwards), then use the Berserk. Watch for tough opposition from these:



Drone



Rockets

Episode 6 Boss



Locate underneath the large warship, this boss can be done in with patience and two well-timed Berserk shots. Wait until you see the boss's life meter before you start firing. Be on the lookout for these:



Small projectiles



Rear attacks

There's a new shooter in town, one that exceeds the already high standards of the original Panzer Dragoon. This game puts you right back in the dragon saddle, showcasing the great graphics, stunning scenery, and rich sound that made PD the shooter of last year.

This time you're enlisted by the Dragon Shepherds to raise a young dragon to fighting form, then stop the Cybergeneitics from taking over the world.

In a unique twist on standard shooting action, the game allows you to choose paths on the fly. Taking certain paths increases corresponding abilities—for example, if your dragon runs through a whole episode as opposed to flying through it, he becomes a more mobile, but less flight-worthy, steed.

Along with the screen-filling bosses and lush scenery (brought to you by the mind of French illustrator and Heavy Metal magazine artist Moebius), the sound has been upgraded. Heroic in spots, the score fades to eerie nothingness during intense battles.

FINAL BOSS



This final heavy boss will test your skills and patience. Continually fire at the core, and fire the Berserk the minute you see the life bar. While recharging the Berserk, dodge, weave, and watch out for the pollen that the boss spews. Have fun dodging these:



Pollen



Debris

Panzer Dragoon?

Control is a non-issue, with smooth shooting and adept handling made possible by experienced programmers. But the game lacks challenge. The six easy episodes won't tax your thumbs, though the replay value of the multiple paths adds more gameplay time to this title.

Worthy of an honored place on your dusty Saturn shelf, Panzer is a great game. It blows away anything resembling a shooter on the PlayStation thus far, in both graphics and imagination. Saturn owners can stop regretting their purchase now that Panzer Dragoon Zwei II looms on the horizon. *

BAKU BAKU ANIMALS

Baku Baku Animals

(By Sega)

By Scary Larry

\$29.99
Available May
Puzzle
2 players



PRO TIP: Falling coins eliminate everything in their path. This doesn't always work to your advantage. You usually want to eliminate faces rather than items.

Although the name is silly (Baku Baku roughly means Chomp Chomp) and the cutesy graphics won't melt the hearts of hard-core gamers, Baku Baku Animals is undeniably the best puzzle game in the world so far. It beats even its closest rival, Kirby's Avalanche, which it also borrows from heavily.

This Tetris-like game has a plethora of options, but it really shines in two-player mode. Baku Baku Animals packs the most fun you'll have in a competitive puzzle game. **C**



Graphics

4.5 The graphics could have been funnier (a barker shouting up messy?) or harder edged (a shark eating human limbs?), but the clean rendered graphics do their job well.



Control

5.0 Nothing to control really. Pieces fall and tare easily, and move freely. You can even tare pieces (albeit for a microsecond) after they touch down.



Sound

2.0 Enough with the leucisic-astylum obivator music! If you didn't need to hear the chomping (try to play without the sound, and you'll realize you do), we'd suggest alternative sounds.



Fun Factor

5.0 It can't be said strongly enough: If you give this game a chance (and two players) it will occupy your whole day. You'll forget everything substandard about it.

PRO TIP: When you drop a lead on your opponents, don't rest. If they're close to the top, you can shorten their stay by continually dropping small pieces into their field.



A **PRO TIP:** Begin by building a base of items. Leave a vent (A) to drop an opportunistic animal.

SATURN



Worms

(By Ocean)

By Couch Kyle

\$46.95

Available May
Strategy/Action
2 players



PRO TIP: Your worms are at particular risk when they're near cliffs or water, so keep them well inland.



WORMS



PRO TIP: Keep your worms protected near rocks, not exposed on bridges.



PRO TIP: Spread your worms around, or you're vulnerable to a devastating air strike.

A humorous concept never really pays off in Worms. You control teams of worms that battle each other on thousands of areas. The worms are armed with grenades, bazookas, and bombs, which you strategically select and then fire at enemy teams.

The battles aren't much fun. Punny worms and weapons make for weak characterization. And the action is too repetitive and slow to generate any excitement. You'll eventually want to squish Worms. **C**



Graphics

3.0 Entertaining intro footage doesn't compensate for the tiny sprites and atom-size shots. Hard to see - hard to read - hard to enjoy.



Control

3.5 There's a lot to do, so control is intriguing. Using your weapons effectively is the key to the game and its main point of interest.



Sound

2.0 The worms have cute voices, but their words are often unintelligible. Infrquent music and misar sound effects make this a so-so score.



Fun Factor

2.5 Mildly enjoyable at first, Worms soon wears out its welcome. The many backgrounds are pretty much redundant, and you never warm up to these worms.



The Story mode adds some decent anime of the characters, but these clips aren't fully animated.

Battle Arena Toshinden Remix

By Tommy Glavin

\$59.99
Available now
Fighting
2 players



Congo

(By Sega)

By Tommy Glavin

\$59.99
Available now
First-person shooter
1 player
4 worlds



Control

3.5 Navigating in the open is fairly easy, but you get tired in many areas. A poison temporarily reverses your directional — a gimmick that gets annoying fast.

Sound

3.0 Decent boogie music and nice background effects capture the flavor of the Amazon. However, you can't hear your enemies approach — a fatal flaw.



PRO TIP: When the computer opponent's life bar is flashing, finish them quickly or they'll try to pull off a super move.



PRO TIP: Gals is fairly easy to beat if you stay out of his range. Block his projectiles, then alternate your attacks with projectiles and quick combos that start with a jump.

Battle Arena Toshinden Remix

Eiji, Kayin, Sofia, and five other fighters return in Battle Arena Toshinden Remix. But this remix didn't require much labor, as only one hidden character, a few different voices, and a Story mode have been added. While the Story mode is interesting, it was cheaply done with static animations. If you liked the beat-em-up feel of this game on the PlayStation, you'll probably like it here as well. Overall, however, this is a poor conversion. **C**

Sound

3.0 A few of the Japanese vocals have been left in, but English-speaking characters like Srin and Bugeo are poorly done. With average music, it still lacks audio depth.

Graphics

2.0 The characters and their special moves aren't as smooth as in the PlayStation version, and even the backgrounds are flat in comparison.

Fun Factor

3.0 Toshinden was fairly impressive when it first appeared a year ago in Japan, but now it feels and looks plain. It's not an evening's rental at best.

CONGO



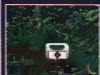
PRO TIP: When you knock over enemy statues, shoot them until they explode or they'll get up.

Fun Factor

2.5 Congo takes the machine-gun, reactive, and intensity out of the jungle. As a first-person shooter, it fails to absorb the genre, making the Amazon a boring place.

Graphics

2.0 The lack of depth in the graphics (especially the jungle) is a real problem. Most of the enemies look pretty stupid and it's even difficult to spot the obvious power-ups.



PRO TIP: Try leaving the trail frequently. Hidden areas with power-ups are everywhere.



PRO TIP: Find the rocket launcher (in a small clearing) before approaching these ruins. Use it to shoot the gorilla on the ruins above.

Congo tries to cash in on the Doom-style game craze, but instead of blood-crazed demons, you're attacked by cartoony spiders, puppy-dog lizards, and giant rubber monkey dolls.

As Kaba'o, you must collect as many diamonds as you can in the jungle, ruins, city, and catacombs of Zinj. Cheap sneak attacks and constant backtracking plague these levels. Although there's an occasional bright spot, this gorilla hunt isn't worth the price of admission. **C**

Control

3.0 You still get that cool rolling maneuver, but the control is nowhere near as good as WZ's. Pulling off clobber and special moves feels awkward.



Captain Quazar

(By Studio 3DO)

By *Scary Larry*

Price not available

Available now

Action/adventure

2 players
12 levels



NOT RATED



MISSION 1: DESTROY ALL THE PLANTS

Blast away to the first teleporter. Then use these passwords to access different areas:



Storage Outposts: **BDAAAASD**

Money Bags:

BACBCABA

Five Hidden Rockets:

ASBCBCACB

Boat Camp:

BABAABABA



Processing Plant 1: **CBACBCB**
Processing Plant 2: **CCBACBC**

MISSION 2: GO TO THE CAVERNS

Now find your way to the elevator that leads into the mines. It's in the upper right corner of the area.



Sector 3: **ABABABABA**

ESRB RATING

CAPTAIN QUAZAR

MISSION 3: FIND DOOR#

Search the underground maze and destroy all the spice processors. There's only one teleporter code and one elevator code



It's a TRAP!: **AACBCABB**



On to arrest Bookish!: **CCBBBABA**

Graphics



4.5 Caricature but fast, Captain Quazar delivers

perky humor with its graphics. Giant explosions and variations in lighting in the cavern levels are among the highlights.

Sound



5.0 The music is better

than Return Fire's symphonic overtures. Explosions are crystal clear, bullets ricochet off walls, and even Quazar's expressions of "duh" are lifelike.

Control



4.0 You must get used to the

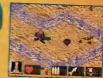
eight-way directional shooting before you can really have any fun. One significant glitch: Sometimes Quazar gets completely stuck behind objects.

Fun Factor



5.0 Captain Quazar is all

fun and plenty tough. Huge areas, brutal enemies, and great humor make it worth every penny. How low about this game on a mere popular system?



Blizzard Maze: **CCBCBACC**



Elevator Code: **DBAABAAA**

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THE 16-BIT GAMER'S SURVIVAL GUIDE

The 16-bit systems are down but not out! This survival guide keeps you gaming on your SNES or Genesis, and the ProReviews till you in on upcoming 16-bit titles.

By The Feature Creature

ASK THE PROS

Can you give me any hints for *Gradius III* for the SNES?

Jesse Robert Jensemma
West Bend, WI



Gradius III is one of the most durable side-scrolling shooters. It wasn't a gameplay breakthrough when it came out in 1991, but it did approximate the great arcade shooters pretty well.

Here's how to get extra lives: At the title screen, hold Left, then tap A three times. When you start the game, the number of ships at the top of the game screen will be 30.

To get all the weapons, hit Start to pause, and tap Up, Up, Down, Down, L, R, L, R, S, and A. Resume the game with your new firepower.

In your February '95 issue (see "Short ProShots"), you mentioned that MK 3 would contain Nudalities. You haven't mentioned them since. Are they in the Genesis version of the game, or any version for that matter?

Matt Korpela
Fresno, CA

A year ago that's what we were told: Nudalities would be in the

game. However, Williams Entertainment changed its plans and released the game without Nudalities. We asked Ed Boom, the lead programmer for MK 3, and he told us very specifically that Nudalities were not realities.



This month's best news about soon-to-be-released games: Sonic is coming for Christmas! Expect a new hedgehog adventure for the Genesis (plus the Saturn, Game Gear, Pico, and PC) with a new female sidekick named Tiara and a new nemesis. Meantime, here are this month's likely 16-bit releases:

- **Arcade Classics by Sega** (Genesis)
- **Bass Masters Classic '96 by T+HQ** (SNES)
- **Bugs Bunny in Double Trouble by Sega** (Genesis)
- **Ken Griffey Jr.'s Winning Run by Nintendo** (SNES)
- **Lobo by Ocean** (Genesis)
- **Marsupilami by Sega** (Genesis)
- **Maul Mallard by Disney Interactive** (SNES)
- **Mo Hawk and Headphone Jack by T+HQ** (SNES/Genesis)
- **Pinocchio by Disney Interactive** (SNES/Genesis)
- **Six-Pak by Sega** (Genesis)
- **Time Killers by T+HQ** (Genesis)

YOUR TWO CENTS ABOUT 16-BIT

I'm tired of all this stuff about how there are hardly any more good games and how the only good ones are too expensive. I just rented P.T.O. for the Genesis, and I really enjoyed it. There are a lot of great games out there, so just rent older titles!

"JMcDon9380"
Internet

16-BIT HALL OF FAME

Shooters' Hall Of Fame

Gradius II is good, but what's the best 16-bit outer-space shooter ever? These classics are Captain Squideo's favorites:

- **Axelay** (SNES)
- **Darius Twin** (SNES)
- **Gradius III** (Genesis)
- **Lightning Force** (Genesis)
- **Super R-Type** (SNES)

Which shooters belong in the Hall of Fame? We want your opinion! Consider those on the

captain's list and any others you like, write down your top choice of the best 16-bit outer-space shooter ever, and get it to the following address by June 7:

Hall of Fame Shooters
GamePro Magazine
P.O. Box 5828
San Mateo, CA 94402

We'll publish the readers' list in an upcoming issue. Please, no fighting games, RPGs, puzzlers, or anything besides space shooters - we'll ask for votes on other genres soon.



T+HQ has four new titles coming soon for 16-bit gamers, including *Time Killers* (Genesis), due out in June, and *Olympic Summer Games* (Genesis and SNES; SNES shown here), scheduled for July.

Here's the King Fisher's list of other worthwhile 16-bit games with a WW II theme:

- **Carrier Aces** (SNES)
- **Operation Europe: Path to Victory 1939-45** (SNES and Genesis)
- **P.T.O. II** (SNES and Genesis)
- **Super Battleship** (SNES)
- **Wings of War** (Genesis)
- **Wolfenstein 3-D** (SNES)
- **World War II Flight** (Genesis)



Want World War II action? *Pacific Theater of Operations for the Genesis or SNES* is a good find.

LOBO

By **Scary Larry** **Genesis**

As if we needed a reason to bury the Genesis, along comes Lobo, one of the most god-awful fighting games since Time Killers.

Unless you're a fan who has to own every single piece of Lobo merchandise avail-



PROTIP: To execute Kringle's *Fart*, tap ←, ←, ←.



PROTIP: To do Lobo's *Gun*, tap ←, ↓, ↓, ↓, →, →, →, →. able, steer clear of this game. You choose from six poorly illustrated warriors that fight with jerky, unpredictable special moves. Since Lobo is based on some of the best comic-book art of all time, this is a major disappointment. The sound isn't bad, but it

gets lost in the dismal gameplay. The battles resound with smacks and groans aplenty but no trademark Lobo wisecracks.

This badly executed game doesn't deserve a place on the shelf with other comic-book games. Rent it, play it, return it. This one's a Lobo! ☹

Lobo by Ocean				
Graphics	Sound	Control	Fun Factor	Value
				INT
3.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0
\$39.95	14 maps	Available now	Fighting	2 players
				Play by value: Low
				ESRB rating: Kids to Adults

Mo Hawk & Headphone Jack

By **Captain Squideo** **Super NES**

Don't eat or drink anything for half an hour before you play this innovative game. Although the gameplay is unique, it might make you queasy.

Mo Hawk is a hp character



PROTIP: Don't build up too much speed, or obstacles appear too quickly for you to react.

who runs, leaps, flies, and swims through high-tech settings. The gimmick here is the fast-moving screen, which quickly rotates under Mo Hawk to create mind-numbing visuals. Hard-rock music adds to



PROTIP: Be prepared for a sudden change when Mo hits the water. He swims much slower than he runs.

the hallucinogenic effect. Different, yes; fun, no. After a while, this isn't a game you play; it's a game you endure.

T-HQ is to be applauded for bringing out a SNES game in 1996. You'd applaud louder if it were a great SNES game. ☹

Mo Hawk & Headphone Jack				
By T-HQ				
Graphics	Sound	Control	Fun Factor	Value
				INT
3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0
\$39.95	16 maps	Available now	Action/Adventure	2 players
				14 levels
				Play by value: Low
				ESRB rating: Kids to Adults

Marsupilami

By **Greasy Gus** **Genesis**

Are 16-bit systems dead? Sega throws dirt on the coffin with Marsupilami.

You play as the title character, a long-tailed jungle cat who escapes the circus, along with Bonelli the elephant. The 25 seen-it-before stages would be easy to clear if it



weren't for Bonelli. You must collect snack food for your big buddy, help him get over a few obstacles, and whack a few bad guys with your tail.

Marsupilami is packaged as a kid's game, but the stiff controls and quick timer make the puzzle solving tough and may drive younger gamers to



tears. The perky, comical animations are pleasant enough, but the plunky, happy circus music grates. In short, with this cat confined at your nearest retailer. ☹



Marsupilami by Sega				
Graphics	Sound	Control	Fun Factor	Value
				ADJ
3.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0
\$39.95	18 maps	Available May	Adventure	1 player
				25 levels
				Play by value: Low
				ESRB rating: Kids to Adults

SPORTS PAGES

June 1996

Basketball • Baseball • Football

The Shoot Hits the Fans!



NBA Shoot Out

By Scurry Larry-Jabbar

PlayStation

From the makers of NFL GameDay comes another fast-paced, in-your-face, rip-roarin' sports game. NBA Shoot Out shows that Sony knows sports and can deliver an awesome next-gen game with the best of 'em.

Hoop! Here It Is!

Great players fill this great game. You get the full slate of teams with up-to-the-minute rosters (including all trades made as of January). Although you'll see star players like Hakeem, Scottie, and Hardaway, fans will notice the obvious absence of superstars like Jordan, Shaq, and Barkley. But don't blame Sony, blame the agents.

On top of great players, you also get great features. Substitutions, a bookful of offensive and defensive plays, the ability to trade players and to foul out, and fatigue percent-

ages make the gameplay more realistic than Jam's and better than Live '96's (see "Sports Pages" ProReview this issue). But Jam fans can also set the game to Arcade mode, which has enough fantastic slam dunks and impossible three-point shots to make any fanmer happy.

Slamtastic Voyage

You would expect such gorgeous, realistic polygonal action to slow down the game, but it doesn't... much. Players glide smoothly, pivoting, shooting, and stealing with



PRO TIP: Clear the lane underneath the basket by passing the ball around.



PRO TIP: Always get a defender to cover the inbound player. Hit Steal at the right moment, and you have an easy two.



Learning hoops the Hardaway.

fluid motion-captured movements.

The effective sounds are especially buggy when the Knicks or Rockets play (the announcer calls out Duane Ferrell's name even when he isn't playing). Otherwise, all else works fine.

The controls are the game's minor Achilles' sore. Long passes (prone to interception) seem to happen randomly, even when you've pressed the button for the short pass. It's easy to snatch the ball when inbound, and the referees miss too many calls. But mastering this game is half the fun, and once the pad assignments are learned, players will find themselves up for a good challenge in multiplayer contests.

Despite the conrol, NBA Shoot Out is the best new basketball game on the floor so far. It outshines NBA Live, its closest counterpart, and makes Jam seem like child's play. Shoot Out is the real thing, not just for b-ball fans, but for sports fans in general. Take this one to the hoop. ■

NBA Shoot Out Tips



PRO TIP: Pass while your player is going up for his shot to perch out the opposition.



PRO TIP: Steal from the hand dribbling the ball, not the free hand, or you'll be called for a defensive foul.



PRO TIP: Don't always go for the spectacular dunk. Mix up the shots to keep your percentages high.



PRO TIP: Once you find your three-point player, stick with him. Try to use him in the clutch, though not for every play.

NBA Shoot Out by Sony

Length	Sound	Control	Play Value	Challenge
4.5	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0

ADJ

8 players (with adapter)
PlayStyle: High
ESRB rating: Kids to Adults
Available now
Retailer: Multiple views

NBA Live's Dominance: A Thing of the Past



NBA Live '96

By Johnny Holmgren

PlayStation

EA Sports comes out shooting with the fast-paced, frantic style that made its five-on-five Live series a best-seller. Unfortunately, sub-standard graphics and missing features strand the PlayStation edition of NBA Live '96 in the arena of mediocrity.

Rodman for... Three?

Live '96 does have some good features. All the moves — pushing, alley-oop slams, and cross-over dribbles — are included, along with many play options like Season, Playoff, and Exhibition games. The rosters are updated through January '90, so although Kenny Anderson is already on the Hornets, you'll have to manually trade the likes of Tim Hardaway and Christian Laettner to correct the rosters.

The one Genesis feature that was left out, however, was one of the series' best options: the ability to create a player.

Without this option, not only can you not put yourself or your friends in the game, but you can no longer access heroes from hardwood's past, such as Bird, Chamberlain, or Russell. And although all the rookies are on their new respective teams, other players like Magic, Jordan, and Barkley are now missing because of this oversight. Extremely disappointing.

Another major flaw is the way Live's players perform in comparison with their real-life abilities. In



PRO TIP: Use picks at the top of the key to go around your man. Then press Turbo and drive toward the basket for a layup.



Pro Tip: from bases

one game, Dennis Rodman actually scored 38 points, hit six to seven shots from three-point land, and collected no rebounds. For a sports sim, this is a huge error.

Air Ball

Hot full-motion video sequences may open the game, but once the whistle blows, cartoonish players take charge, playing to a cardboard cutout crowd. The dunks and layups are boring and, by 32-bit standards, outdated. Even worse, the camera jumps around so much you might get motion sickness.

If anything jams in the game, it's the sound. From hip-hop beats to an up-tempo, lively crowd, Live delivers audio amazement.

The Ninth Seed

Live '96 has more depth than In The Zone, but everything that Live can do, NBA Shoot Out does better. Live may play well on its own, but for gamers deciding which ball title to buy, it fails to make the cut.



NBA Live '96 Tips



PRO TIP: Post your big man up and back in against the defender for a high-percentage shot.



PRO TIP: Put backs and tip-ins account for a lot of scoring. Always follow your zone.



PRO TIP: If an outside threat like Van Exel starts to light it up, keep feeding him the ball. When defenders come to double-team him, other players will be left open.



PRO TIP: Pass the ball between your two best players. In this case, it's an inside-out game between Smith and Miller, leading to an easy jumper for Reggie.

NBA Live '96 by EA Sports

Platform	Rated	Series	Play Style	Controls
PS1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
CD	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Available on	Multiple views			
Basketball	Play as: High			
2 players	ESPN rating: High			
	In Adults			

EA Sports logo

Griffey's Second At-Bat Scores Big on the SNES



Ken Griffey Jr.'s Winning Run

By Air Haidric

Super NES

Sports games have never been strong on the SNES, but Nintendo's second round of Griffey baseball knocks that stereotype out of the park. With realistic, action-packed gameplay and superb graphics, *Winning Run* strolls easily over home plate.

"The Kid"

Although Griffey's the only real-life player in the game, you swing for the fences with all the major-league teams and a fine selection of authentic stadiums. The other players sport goofy names like Slop Slyden, but their abilities and appearance are modeled after their major-league counterparts.

Five modes supply standard Exhibition, Season, Home Run Derby, All-Star, and World Series action. Trades, adjustable outfielder positioning, and detailed stats complete the lineup.

Hit the Ball, Meat

The tight controls respond smoothly at each position. Pitchers can chuck a fastball, curve, change-up, and one special pitch, such as a screwball or slider. You still steer the ball's flight, but you can only minimally affect its path. Likewise, gamers can use the directional pad to pull their swing or intentionally hit a grounder—within the limits of the batter's ability.

These refinements to the controls infuse the action with a realistic, strategic feel that nicely complements Griffey's traditional slamfest gameplay, resulting in a raucous blend of sim-style realism and arcade-



PRO TIP: Confuse batters by alternating your pitches between the inside and outside, as well as mixing up the speed.



Winning Run's sharp perspective enables the pitcher to check first and third base by smoothly rotating the camera angle in real time.

style action. Hardcore fans, however, will be annoyed by the game's minor flaws: The third baseman sticks too close to the line, slides can't be controlled, and so on.

Winning Graphics

Rare, the developer, used the same ACM graphics that helped DKC 2 shine, and the results are just as outstanding. Snaazzy sprites and sharply rendered stadiums replace the exaggerated, cartoony look of the first game. Graceful animations, from a hefty swing at the plate to an ump waving safe at first, make for engagingly realistic action.

Spectacular ambient sounds, like a vendor calling "Peanuts!" and catcalls from the crowd, bring the ballpark to life. The ball and bat effects, though cartoony, instantly tell you whether you whiffed or connected solidly.

World Series '95 fans will probably stand by their man on the Genesis, but it'll be hard to find SNES baseball that beats Griffey's game. *Winning Run's* a solid hit for Nintendo. ■

Winning Run Tips



PRO TIP: When deep in the outfield, use the super throw to stop runners.



PRO TIP: Move fielders after the ball as soon as it leaves the bat.



PRO TIP: Lead off as soon as the pitcher begins his wind-up.



PRO TIP: To steadily advance runners, drive a grounder or line drive through the gap by gently tapping Up as you swing.

Ken Griffey Jr.'s *Winning Run* By Nintendo

Analysis	Sound	Control	Fun Factor	Outlines
4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

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Slam 'N Jam '96 Starring Magic and Kareem

By Tommy Gide

PlayStation

Slam 'N Jam goes PlayStation with some added turbo, but it's essentially the same 3DO game it was last year.

Don't look for sim action here (see the review of

NBA Shoot Out); the backboards shatter in this arcade-style game, and strategy takes a bleacher seat to fast breaks and dunks. While this version adds Kareem and Magic, the rest of the NBA is M.J.A. and sorely missed.

Graphically, Slam's camera scales smoothly, and the 2D sprites are well drawn. You also get Jam's music, good court effects, and decent commentary from Van Earl Wright.

Slam 'N Jam is fast 'n fun with solid control, but it won't satisfy hardcore sim fans or addicted arcade players. If you want above-average hoops, play here. ■



PRO TIP: Jake the defense with fake shots by quickly tapping Button O.

PRO TIP: When learning the game, pick Kareem and Magic's All-Star Team and make sure those two get the ball.



Slam 'N Jam '96 Starring Magic and Kareem by Crystal Dynamics



\$49.95 Scaling behind the backboard view
Available now ESRB rating: Kids to Adults
Basketball 2 players

Slam 'N Jam '96 Starring Magic and Kareem

By Johnny Ballgame

Saturn

If arcade-style, air-walking, alley-oop acrobatics is what you're looking for in a basketball game and you don't care about an NBA license, Slam 'N Jam's your game.

Standard options like Season and Playoff games are included, along with a franchise feature that enables you to play as your favorite player the entire game. Fantastic control will have you setting up plays and driving to the basket in no time.

Huge sprites, along with a wild assortment of dunks, bail out the otherwise-cartoony look, while the sound captures all the sneaker squeaks and ball bouncing of an authentic game of hoops.

Slam 'N Jam Kareem's the competition with its special brand of magic, providing the run-a-gun action Saturn fans dream of. ■



PRO TIP: Pass the ball inside to your center, and when the defense collapses, pass the ball back out for an open three.



PRO TIP: Use your fastest player to bring the ball up the court. Once you've beaten your man, press Turbo to weave in and out of the defense before driving in for a dunk or layup.

Slam 'N Jam '96 Starring Magic and Kareem by Crystal Dynamics



\$49.95 Scaling behind the backboard view
Available now ESRB rating: Kids to Adults
Basketball 2 players



HardBall 5

By Johnny Ballgame

PlayStation

If HardBall 5 for the PlayStation is what baseball games have come to, there should be another strike.

How a good Genesis and PC game could fall apart on the PlayStation is beyond comprehension, but somehow it happened. Fielders miss easy grounders, pop flies somehow drop for hits, and the placement of pitches is easy to judge because of the simplistic cursor,

making two-player games an unrealistic slogfest.

Grainy graphics and missing frames of animation during dives and jumps make the action frustrating, while the close-ups of players' faces



PRO TIP: Pitch the ball on the outside corner while changing speeds to keep the batter off balance.



PRO TIP: Aggressive base running will often lead to extra bases and runs. Steal whenever possible.

make the players look psycho instead of heroic. Rock versions of stadium PA music are annoying, while Al Michaels is often late on his announcing.

Playing a couple of innings of HardBall will have you singing "Take me out of this ballpark." ■



\$59.95 2 players
Available now ESRB rating: Kids to Adults
Baseball

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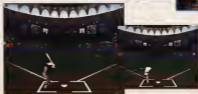
MVP Baseball '96

PlayStation Saturn

Data East's tackling 32-bit sports with the help of BlueSky Software, the creator of the stellar World Series games. MVP Baseball's fixings include drafts, fantasy leagues, a complete selection of modes, all the major-league players and stadiums, and commentary by the famous Bill King, voice of the Oakland A's. Graphically, MVP showcases the same large, up-close billing view that became 'World Series' trademark, as well as detailed, ultra-realistic motion-captured animations. Until hands-on gaming time is possible, BlueSky's proven baseball expertise positions MVP as an early favorite.—*Air Hendrix*

Developed by BlueSky Software
Published by Data East
Available July

70% COMPLETE



Triple Play Baseball '97

PlayStation Genesis PC CD

After a strong showing on the Genesis last year, Triple Play's headed for the PlayStation with all the big-league teams, players, and stadiums. Gamers can also run drafts and create or trade players to set up custom teams. Motion-captured animations are complemented by nifty camera angles that switch to the fielder's perspective to line up on the ball. EA's striving for gameplay that blends slugfest action with a challenging strategic element, so keep your eye on this ball.—*Air Hendrix*



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by EA Sports
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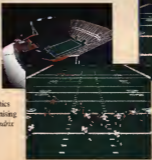
80% COMPLETE



MVP College Football '96

PlayStation Saturn

Data East's also taking on college football, and it has all 110 Division I schools on its side. Along with the usual array of modes, MVP College Football sports a unique Season mode that drops you into the role of athletic director, drafting recruits, hiring and firing coaches, and developing your school's play style. An enormous playbook designed by Tom Walsh, 3D stadiums, skills drills, and sharp motion-captured graphics round out this promising prospect.—*Air Hendrix*



Developed by BlueSky Software
Published by Data East
Available September

50% COMPLETE

SPORTS INSIDER PREVIEWS



MLB Pennant Race

PlayStation

With three spectacular sports games under its belt, Sony hits the major-league diamond for another crack at glory.

Pennant Race delivers authentic players, teams, uniforms, and stadiums backed up by sharp motion-captured graphics and play calling by Jerry Coleman. Strategic infield and outfield positioning, free agents, players that you can create, and eight views round out a full batting order of modes and stats.—*Air Hendrix*

Developed and published by Sony
Available May

70% COMPLETE



NBA Action

Saturn

Taking aim at the Saturn sports drought, Sega unleashes some much-needed hoops action. NBA Action supplies real-life players and teams replete with offensive and defensive plays, a create-a-player option, signature moves for star players, alley-oops, tomahawk jams, and no-look, behind-the-back, and touch passes. Commentary by Marv Albert and saucy camera angles keep you in the game.—*Air Hendrix*

Developed by Gray Matter
Published by Sega Sports
Available June

60% COMPLETE

Other Hot E3 Sports Games

Beyond what we've shown you above, the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) will showcase these other unannounced sports games. No pictures were available at press time because most of the games aren't due out for months.

Of particular interest, EA Sports is working on a top-secret soccer-cue racer, *Pericle Rising*, starring Roger Federer along with other pro drivers. Sega's upcoming *a World Series* sequel for the Saturn, and Tecmo junkies will be delighted to learn that *Tecmo Super Bowl* is going 32-bit.—*Air Hendrix*



U.S. Gold's entering the fray with a line of 32-bit Olympic titles.



- S-DeathWish* (Virgin Interactive Entertainment) PlayStation, Saturn, N2
- 3D Baseball* (Crystal Dynamics) PlayStation, Saturn
- Aaron vs. Ruth: All-Time Superstars* (Midway) PlayStation, PC
- ABC's College Football* (OverTime Sports) PlayStation, PC
- ABC's Monday Night Football* (OverTime Sports) PlayStation, PC
- Adidas Power Soccer* (Playgroup) PlayStation
- Demarcus II: Golf the World* (Midway) PlayStation, PC
- FFA '96* (EA Sports) Nintendo 64, Genesis
- Football '96* (Sport Accolade) PlayStation
- Formula One World Championship* (Playgroup) PlayStation
- Jack Nicklaus Golden Bear Edition* (Sport Accolade) PlayStation, Saturn
- Madden '97* (EA Sports) PlayStation, Saturn, Genesis, PC
- Major League Soccer* (BMG Interactive) PlayStation, Saturn, PC
- NCAA Final Four Basketball '97* (Midway) PlayStation, PC
- NCAA Football: Saturday Showdown* (Midway) PlayStation, PC
- NHL '97* (EA Sports) PlayStation, Saturn, Genesis, PC
- NHL: Powerplay '96* (Virgin Interactive Entertainment) PlayStation, Saturn
- Olympic Basketball* (U.S. Gold & Panasonic) PlayStation, Saturn, 3DO
- Olympic Soccer* (U.S. Gold & Panasonic) PlayStation, Saturn, 3DO
- Olympic Summer Games* (U.S. Gold & Panasonic) PlayStation, Saturn, 3DO
- Pericle Racing* (EA Sports) PlayStation, Saturn, PC
- Tecmo Super Bowl* (Tecmo) PlayStation, Saturn
- Tecmo World Golf* (Tecmo) PlayStation
- The Show* (Virgin Interactive Entertainment) PlayStation, Saturn
- VR Baseball* (VR Sports) PlayStation, Saturn, PC
- VR Golf* (VR Sports) PlayStation, Saturn, PC
- World Series Baseball 2* (Sega Sports) Saturn

ROLE-PLAYER'S REALM

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Lufia II: Rise of the Sinistrals

By Sir Scary Larry

Lufia II: Rise of the Sinistrals is coming to a SNES near you, and although it pales somewhat next to Super Mario RPG, it's still a good, solid outing.

Maxim Overdrive

Maxim is back fighting monsters again. You still basically build up your levels through combat, but now you can purchase spells, and any party member can equip them (ex-



PROTIP: The guard is sitting on the switch.

cept Guy). And although you buy different, more powerful weapons in every shop you happen upon, sometimes arming yourself with the most powerful weapon isn't always to your advantage.

The reason? Certain weapons contain an IP power, which allows you to attack enemies (usually bosses) with a huge hit, providing your IP meter is



PROTIP: You must trigger the switch by entering at the lower bottom of the carpet (where the enemy is sitting). If you accidentally trigger it, walk back to the white blocks and try again.

charged (your IP meter is charged every time you're hit during battle). IP powers are specific to a certain enemy (some enemies are weaker against thunder weapons, for example), and armor also has certain healing IP powers.

In an interesting Zelda like turn, Lufia II has an enormous amount of puzzles. Triggering switches, detonating bombs, and piecing together bridges are all part of the joy of this game. And borrowing the Espers ideology from Final Fantasy III, Lufia II also utilizes



PROTIP: When you find recharge areas, go back outside the room and continually fight enemies to build up your levels.

Capsule Monsters - monsters that help you in your quest.

The control is menu based, and fans of Shining Force will immediately recognize the cross-shaped battle menu. Equipping your fighters is a lengthy process because of the IP factor, but most enemies are easily done in. You can also escape from almost any scenario.

Sinis-stroller

The graphics are not the best for RPGs. Nowhere near the quality of the last great RPG (Super Mario) or the one before it (Chrono Trigger), Lufia definitely falls in the Zelda category here as well. Even the



PROTIP: You can also hack away the stones on the walls to seek out hidden entrances.



PROTIP: When fighting the bosses, make sure your IP meter is full. To charge it, fight smaller enemies before you take on the boss.



PROTIP: Here's the quick-fix answer to the puzzle in the castle. Look carefully.

spells are pretty tame, and they borrow heavily from Chrono Trigger.

The sounds are efficient, but not memorable. Sword swinging, standard enemy music, and tepid battle music all chip in, but nothing stands out. You need to pay attention to the sounds to help solve some puzzles though, so don't put on the headphones at the get-go.

Quest for Hire

Lufia II won't make you leap for joy, but it's an interesting diversion. Finished playing Super Mario RPG? Play Lufia II until something better comes along. Although forgettable, it's not regrettable. ☐



PROTIP: Look for suspicious cracks in the wall (like this one in the Alutze Cave), which are hidden hallways.

Lufia II: Rise of the Sinistrals
By Makouma

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28 megs
Available June
EPG
ESRB rating: Kids to Adults

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1 Hot new PC game (Date)

2 Rob Lowe stars in

4 Gus's favorite delicacy

SUPER MARIO RPG

We're back with some more tips for Super Mario RPG! This month, Role-Player's Realm takes you into the sewers and around Base Town for more Mario-style RPG action.

By Scary Larry



Shyguys have taken over the Mushroom Kingdom! When you return after fighting Croo, you find that the town has been overrun. To fight the Shyguys, use the hammer and Mallow's lightning attack. Mallow has little effect on them with his bare hands.



You can also go back to the vault in the palace and load on the items in the chests.



From the palace vault, go to the main chamber for the showdown with Mack the Knife.

Mack the Knife



Mack's one tough customer. Nail him with Mario's fireball, then attack the Shyguys with Mallow's thunderbolt. Don't worry when Mack takes off. He'll be back on the next turn.



You now have the game's first star! Take it and head to the Kero Sewers.



Kero Sewers



The first thing you need to do in Kero Sewers is save your game. Then find the button with the large green exclamation point to drain the sewers.



Sweet 'n' Sewer

Big Boo



Pure water does the trick.



Regular hits - don't waste Flower Power.

Goby



Hobgoblin



Pure water takes him out.

Pendorets

There's only one, and it's tough. Use regular hits only.



Beet Funk



Mallow's thunder should do these guys in.

Shadow



Pure water

The button is on the way to the boss, Belome. Beware, his mouth will eat Mallow, and it won't spit him out until halfway through the battle. Use Mario's super jump and Mallow's thunderbolt attack when possible, and with some patience, you'll have him down. Keep plenty of pure water, honey syrup, and mushrooms handy.



Now head into the next section and seek out Frogfucius! This wise and warty guru has advice for your journey, and some interesting things to say about Mallow.



After leaving Frogfucius, go to the left and visit the Alto Juice Bar and Frog Coin Emporium.

Frog Coin Emporium



Puts enemies to sleep

Raises allies' defenses in battle

Raises allies' battle power

Raises party's defensive power

Raises party's attacking power

Frog Alto Juice Bar



Party recovers 30 HP

Party recovers 80 HP



Toadofsky



It's too difficult to explain musical scales, and how they relate to Toadofsky, so here's the solution.

The River Runs Wild



After defeating Belome, hit the switch and you'll find yourself in the Midas River. Swim toward the coins. (The green coins are the most important), and if you see a cave, swim toward it.



The caves aren't just a "Small World" ride through the Mushroom Kingdom. You can find power-ups here if you choose the right path.



You'll be deposited into the Barrel Jump section after the Midas River. Time the jumps on the barrels carefully and you'll score tons of coins. Jump well ahead of any when you see other barrels, or you'll change course.



Now it's off to Rose Way, then Rose Town!



In Rose Town, stop off at the shop and get Mario some new clothes (Mallow, too). Also equip yourself with the True Form Pin, which prevents you from being turned into a scarecrow or a mushroom. Grab the Wake Up Pin for Mallow so he won't fall asleep during Mute or Sleep spells.



That's all for this month! Next month, we'll see a magical doll named Gena, an enemy named Bowyer, and the moles of the Village People! Er, no, the Village of the Mole People! Stay tuned!

Enemies Around Rose Town

Crooks



These little thieves start off with a massive 10- to 15-point hit! Hit them back with Mallow's thunder and a few whacks from Mario's hammer.

Lakitu



Lakitu's just a cat for bad guys.

Wizards



These tough little guys also know some magic spells. Knock them out with regular hits.

Snapdragons



Snapdragons go down with a few hits.

Wesgays



Use Mallow's thunder and Mario's jump to do in these little wesgays.

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Nintendo - Virtual Boy

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Tom was flying high with his Virtual Boy

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IRON MAN™ AND X-O MANOWAR

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MAKING METAL Over a year in the making and nearing its final stages, Marvel Comics' IRON MAN and Valiant Comic's X-O MANOWAR appear in HEAVY METAL, one of Acclaim's most ambitious video game endeavors to date. By utilizing the full capabilities of their Motion Capture Studio (the same studio used in the making of the Batman Forever video game, and other games such as Frank Thomas Big Hurt Baseball and Alien Trilogy), Acclaim is bringing IRON MAN and X-O MANOWAR's comic book universes to revolutionary digital life and bringing the metal titans together for the first time.

Located in their Glen Cove, NY headquarters, the Motion Capture Studio is the jewel in the crown of Acclaim's technological empire. The black rubber stage with its four high-resolution, black-and-white cameras was the scene for the human modeling of HEAVY METAL'S punching, kicking, running, flying, and jumping movements. Captured on film via reflective sensors on actors' black rubber suits, hand-drawn comic art, by veteran artists Bart Sears and Dave Johnson, was wrapped around

the digital framework of the fighting movements. The end result is movement so lifelike, so fluid, you'll be running for cover. The same treatment was applied to YELLOW JACKET, BLACKOUT, ABSORBING MAN, GLADIATOR, the SPOILER ALIENS and a galaxy of other villains.

Through the use of completely rendered CGI and SGI computer graphics, both the characters and backgrounds have a highly-detailed, 3-dimensional appearance. HEAVY METAL takes this revolutionary technology to previously unreachable levels of realism. You'll never look at video games the same way again.



SPARKS WILL FLY Out of all this technology comes the meat of any self-respecting video game — the gameplay! From the small but riveting demo that I played, I can tell you that IRON MAN / X-O MANOWAR: HEAVY METAL delivers. You'll get to rampage your way through seven levels ranging from the R&D lab of Stark Industries to the South American rain forest and the New York subway (not to mention Armin Zola's living



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Configuration



To configure the game, simultaneously press Start and Select during play. This is the character inventory screen.

Audio Cues

Audio cues are critical—especially when you enter a room and can't see what's in there, such as your last, or for this, key sounds and what they signify.

Tapping and pointing: Drops
Drumming or scratching: Zombies
Snapping fingers: Enemies
Very quick tapping: Traps

Differences Between Chris and Jill

Note: Chris has a different walkthrough.

Jill Valentine



Chris carries more items than Chris, and her lock-picking ability means she doesn't have to carry extra keys in her inventory.

Chris Redfield



Is stronger than Jill and doesn't get hurt as easily. He also heals quicker.

Other Characters

Barry

Appears frequently if you're playing as Jill and assists her.



Rebecca Chambers

Barry team member and a newcomer to the S.T.A.R.S. team; she helps out Chris in his game. You briefly assume her identity twice.



Wesker

Another fellow S.T.A.R.S. member. Appears occasionally, but doesn't offer much help.



Herb Combinations

Be sure to read the Botany Book for more details.

Green Herbs



Restores some health.

Blue Herbs



Used by itself, this cures you if you're poisoned. Mix the Blue Herb with a Green Herb and you can also restore some health if you're poisoned.

Red Herbs



When mixed with a Green herb, Red Herbs can fully restore health.

Weapons

Combat Knife



Better than nothing, the knife slices through spider webs.

Beretta M92FS Pistol



Basically a push-shooter, the pistol will knock down zombies temporarily, but they'll get up again. However, if you put several rounds into them, they go down and stay down. This automatic pistol uses a clip of 15 9mm rounds.

Chris scores big with this macabre offering of strategy, action, and horror. The ProStrategy Guide walks you through the game as Jill. While this guide doesn't include every DETAIL of the game, players who want to DISCOVER the game for themselves should STOP reading NOW! Those of you still with us, hold onto your souls as we PLUNGE into the heart of Resident Evil!

Colt Python .357 Magnum



Big-bang pistol. Can blow off heads with a single shot. Also effective on the Hunter, at close range. The Colt uses a chamber of six Magnum rounds, and is the most powerful pistol in the game.

Bazooka



Can be loaded with acid, flame, or exploding shells. Carries a maximum of six rounds. The bazooka is only in Jill's game.

Remington M870 Shotgun

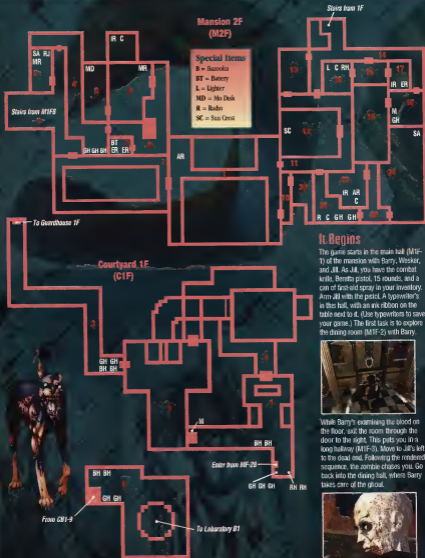


Another big-bang weapon. The pump shotgun carries a maximum of seven shots, and is ideal against zombies, because it can blow off their heads with one shot. Like the other weapons, it is most effective at close range.

Flamethrower



The flamethrower shows up only in Chris's game. At close range, it fires enemies to a crisp. However, it uses the flamethrower fuel rapidly and takes a little time to reach full flame. Once the fuel is used up, the flamethrower must be discarded because it can't be reloaded.





the piano, push the shelf aside, and get the music notes. Go back to the piano and play the music. A door opens up, revealing a hidden room. Enter, and swap the wooden emblem for the gold one. Go back to the dining hall and put the gold emblem in the wall where the wooden one was. The grandfather clock moves and reveals the Red Shield Mansion Key.



Now return to the main hall and go up the stairs, then down again. Barry departs. Before he leaves, he gives you the lock pick.



You're on your own.

Home Alone



From the main hall, go back into the dining room. Grab the wooden emblem off the wall at the far end and go through the door to Jill's right. This is the hallway where you found the first zombie (M1F-3). Go back to where the zombie was sitting and get the Beretta clip. Then go to the other end of the hall where the double doors and the single door are. Use the lock pick to open the single red door.



Inside (M1F-5) is a piano. Go around the corner to the right of



Move fast in this hallway (M1F-15). Run down the first stretch, then turn to Jill's left and make for the door. Why? Two dogs crash through the windows. If you're bitten or mauled, get the Great Herb in the next room (M1F-19).

In this next stretch forget about the red door to Jill's right. You can't open it until later. The next door leads to a bathroom, but nothing's inside. At the end of this carving hallway are two doors. Go through them. Two zombies are lurking in this room (M1F-23). Avoid them and quickly go to the first door to Jill's right.



This entrance puts you in another hallway (M1F-25). Only one zombie's hiding here. Shoot it, then go down to the room to the right.



You enter a room (M1F-24) with a typewriter and a chest in the corner. You can save your game here. Two clips are inside the chest. Take them both out and combine them in your inventory and put the combat knife in the chest. Find the chemical bag and take it, too.



When you exit the storage room, climb the stairs. Two zombies are at the top (M2F-14). Blast them. Go to the right and through the door.



When you enter this hallway, you'll encounter two zombies. Blast them, then go to Jill's right and through the door at the end of the hallway. This leads to a library where you'll find the Botany Book. Get the book and exit the room through the door you came in. Turn to Jill's left and go down the hallway. When you turn the corner, you'll run into another zombie. Gun it down and go to the door at the end.

"This Hall Is Dangerous!"



You meet Barry here (M2F-1). After some chatter, he gives you acid rounds for the bazooka.



After Barry leaves, go to the other door on the same wall as the one you entered the room through. You'll see a long hallway (M2F-10).

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Go to the door at the end and walk onto the balcony (M2F-2V). Fellow S.T.A.R.S. team member Forrest is here – or what's left of him.



By his side is a bazooka. Get the bazooka (it comes loaded with explosive rounds) and leave the balcony fast – crows will show up. Go back to the main hall where you met Barry and go to the double doors on the other side.



This is the balcony of the dining room (M2F-2). There's a statue to the left. Blast the zombie near the statue and push the statue off the ledge to the dining room below.



Go back down to the dining room and get the blue jewel out of the statue wreckage. Return to the dining room balcony and enter the door at the far right.

This room (M2F-3) has two zombies in it and a staircase.



Shoot the zombies and go downstairs. Three more zombies are at the bottom, but more important is a save room (M1F-6).



An ink ribbon's on the bed. Go back into the hallway (M1F-8) and run around the corner to Jill's right. There are two more zombies. To pass the first one, hug the wall to Jill's right. To pass the second one, hug the wall to Jill's left.



Go through the door straight ahead. Two more zombies are in this hall (M1F-6). Go down the hall to Jill's right and blast the zombie hiding in the recess.



Open the door in the recess. Inside (M1F-11) is a statue of a tiger. Put the blue jewel in the tiger's mouth and take the Wind Crest.



Exit the room and head to Jill's right. Turn the corner and go to the door at the end of the hall. Inside (M1F-12) is a fountain and a mutant plant. Put the chemical bag in the water pump by the door – it kills the plant!



Go behind the desk, plant and get the Silver Amour Mansion Key. There are also four Green Herbs and two Red ones. Backtrack to the room where you got the Wind Crest and go to the door across from the recess (M1F-7). Go to the desk, and have the bazooka handy. When you search the desk a zombie comes out of the closet behind you!



On the desk is the Keeper's Diary. There is also a box of shotgun shells in the closet and a clip on the bed. Go to the room (M1F-11) and get the broken shotgun off the shelf, along with a clip and the box of shotgun shells from inside the locked desk.

Return to M1F-19, and go to M1F-22, which leads to M1F-7. In the room, get the shotgun off the wall and swap it with the broken one.



Now go to M1F-18. Inside are several paintings with switches underneath. Crows are perched on the lights above, but don't shoot them.



Click the switches from youngest to oldest in this order:

1. "A Newborn Baby"
2. "An Infant"
3. "A Lively Boy"
4. "A Young Man"
5. "A Tired Middle-Aged Man"
6. "A Bold-Looking Old Man"

After pressing the switches, go to the picture at the end of the hall, read the inscription, and press the switch. The painting will fall off the wall and reveal the Star Crest.



After getting the crest, walk out of the room – don't shoot. If you fire, the crows will attack. Walk across the hall, down the narrow hall, and go through the door (M1F-27). A dog is outside. Teach him the equi-tarian Dog + Shotgun = Dead Dog.



Go down the corridor until you reach the door at the end. You'll see four holes in a board by the door. Put the two crests you found in the board. Now you can open the door that leads to M1F-21. There are two dogs here. Go around the corner to Jill's left and shoot the first dog.



There are also six Green Herbs here. The second dog attacks as you leave, but if you run to the door, you can avoid it.

All the Crests

Go back to the main hall and go upstairs to the second floor. Head to M2F-11, then to M2F-12. Inside are two statues, two floor vents, and a button in the middle of the floor.



Push the statues over the two vents, then press the button (if you don't cover the vents, the room fills with poison gas). If you press up while moving the statues (for instance, if you push one into a corner), exit the room and re-enter. When you press the button in the floor, the ghost on the display case in the back of the room will drop. Inside the case is the Sun Crest.

Next, go to M2F-15, which leads to M2F-16 and M2F-17. Walk into M2F-16, get the lighter off the

dresser and the clip in the corner. There is also a Red Herb in the room.

Go across the hall to 17. There is an ink ribbon hidden in the hanging shirt by the door, and a Researcher's Will on the desk. By the door is a bug chart. Press the switch on the chart and the fish tank at the corner drawer.



Push the fish tank to the right (away from the bookcase), and push the bookcase away from the door toward the fish tank. You'll find explosive bazooka rounds in the hutch in the wall. Then go to M2F-18 and use the lighter to light the fireplace. A map of the second floor appears.



Take the map. Also take the Green Herb in the room.

Richard and The Serum

Your next conquest is the snake. The snake is in room M2F-24, but first you must get the serum for fellow Bravo team member, Richard.



The serum is on the shelf in M1F-9. Get it and quickly return to Richard. However, it's too late for him. Before he dies, he gives you his radio. Also in this room are two Green Herbs. Go into the next room (M2F-22) and have the shotgun ready for the zombie down the hall to Jill's left.



Go to M2F-23 and use the lighter to light the candle on the table.



Push the shelf aside and go through the secret door. In the cabinet are acid rounds. You can also now see an ink ribbon on the table and a clip in the cabinet.

Go to M1F-24 and save the game. You're going after the snake next, and he's your toughest challenge so far. Take a can of first-aid spray with you and ditch the lighter. Head for M2F-24.

The Giant Snake



The snake won't attack until you're halfway in the room. When it comes out of the hole in the corner, lure it close to you by the door, then make a dash for the far corner of the room. The Moon Crest is behind the shirt

in the corner. After getting the crest, get out of the corner! If the snake traps you, you're finished. The best way to beat the snake is to avoid it. Don't try killing it now — you'll fight, and win, that battle later. Get the box of shotgun shells sitting on top of the barrels in the corner.



If the snake bites you, but you get out of the room and are poisoned, you'll pass out and come to in M1F-9. In either case, after the snake, head to M1F-9 or M1F-24, and get the shotgun and as many shells as you can. You're going to need them for what's ahead.

Before going any further, go to M1F-13 by the main hall. There is a clip on the table and shotgun shells in the desk around the corner.



A zombie is also waiting around the corner. In the next room (M1F-16) is still another zombie that crawls on the ground.



Take him out and get the two Green Herbs and the ink ribbon. Return to M1F-27 and reseat the last two crests. The door unlocks. Go into M1F-28 and push the steps against the shelf mounted on the wall. Climb up and get the crank.



The next area (C1F-1) is outside. Have the shotgun out and ready.

Outside Now

Dogs await you. There are also two Red and three Green Herbs to Jill's right (and two Blue Ones around the corner to her left). You're in a tight area, so the dogs are bunched together and you can inflict more damage when they attack.



With the dogs gone, try the radio. After the garbled message, get the map of the garden down the alley to Jill's left.



Go through the gate to the pool (C1F-4). Follow the walkway to the crank slot. Turn the crank in the slot until the water drains from the pool. Cross to the other side.



After climbing the stairs on the other side of the drained pool, turn to the left and run quickly; vipers drop from above as you move. Get to the elevator and take it down (to C1F-2).

When you reach the bottom (C1F-2), stay in the elevator shaft and get the shotgun ready — there are dogs here. Wait for one to get close and shoot it (if they don't

catch on, fire a shot). You get the other's attention. Blast him also when he gets close. Then head for the gate on the opposite side.



The next part (C1F-3) is all running or shooting. You'll run into dogs (and find two Blue Herbs and two Green Herbs just when you enter the alleyway). Shoot the dogs if you can afford the ammo; otherwise, chance it and run down the twisting alley to the door at the end.

Special Items

EB — Expo Boile
RB — Red Book

Guardhouse 1F (G1F)



Part 2

The Guardhouse

Congratulations! You made it to the Guardhouse (G1F-1). First, go to the statue by the door you just entered. Push it forward, then up to Jill's right, until she reaches the hallway to the right. Push the statue over the hole in the floor (if you don't, a terrace chokes her each time she walks past it).



Get the three Blue Herbs in the leaf and enter G1F-2. Put the herbs and the crank in the chest, then get the first-aid spray and exploding rounds off the shelf and put those into the chest. Save the game.

The Spiders

Make sure you have the bazooka loaded with acid rounds. Now go into G1F-3. There are two giant spiders in this room. When you enter, run into the far right corner (behind the table), and blast the two spiders when they charge. Don't let them get too close — they spit poison.



One of the spiders lets loose several little spiders when it dies. Kill these little pests by walking over them (or leave the room, then go back in). Go over to the pool table, read the numbers, and exit the room. Before you leave, grab the

clip on top of the barrel and the ink ribbon off the table.

Hornet's Nest

Now go to G1F-4. Two zombies await, so have the shotgun or bazooka ready.



Also in this room are a red book and a box of shotgun shells in the desk. In the bathroom (G1F-5), pull the plug on the bathtub and get the C. Room Key.



Head past the statue you pushed and go down the hallway at G1F-6 until you reach G1F-7. Enter the room, then run to the narrow hall to Jill's left. Run past the hornet's nest and get the key from the desk.



Turn around and exit the room the way you came. Go down to G1F-8, and get the shotgun ready. Before going in, get the three Green Herbs hidden behind the statue to the left of the door. Go into the bathroom (G1F-9), dispose of the zombie, and get the clip from the sink. Go back into the main room and get the map of the dormitory off the wall. There is also a Plant 42 Report on the bed and a box of shotgun shells in the locked desk. In the back of the room are two bookcases.



Push the bookcase on Jill's left to the back wall, then push the one on the right to the right. Climb down the ladder to Guardhouse B1.

Guardhouse B1 (GB1)



In the long hallway, shove the three crates down to the end of the hallway and push them over the water gap to make a bridge. Over the bridge are two Green Herbs.



When you cross the bridge, you'll be up to your shoulders in water. When you enter GB1-2, immediately go to Jill's right, and enter GB1-3. Take a look at the giant root and leave the room.



When you leave the room, run straight ahead. There are two doors



ahead of you. Run to the one on the left (GB1-4). Before you get to the door, a rendered sequence illustrates a shark in hot pursuit.



Just keep running to the door, and the shark should be no problem. In the room is a lever. Pull it. All the water drains from the room. Go to the switch by the door and press it.

This opens the room next door (GB1-5), which contains two boxes of shotgun shells, two clips, and another dormitory key. When you exit the room, you find the shark and two smaller ones flipping on the ground. You can shoot them or leave them to die.



Go back to the stairs.

The Nest

Go back to the room with the hornet's nest. Go into the room (G1F-10) almost across from the one through which you entered the room. A zombie is in the adjoining bathroom (G1F-11). Dispose of it, and get the flame rounds. Go back to the main room and get the ink ribbon in the locked desk. Go to the bookshelf and find the White Book.



It's the "V-Jolt" Report that reads with the Plant 42 Report. Swap the White Book for the Red Book you picked up earlier. When you do this, the shelf across from the bed moves and reveals a hidden door.

Chemistry 101



Don't go through the secret door just yet. Exit the room and go to the one across the hall (G1F-12).

This room has a combination on the door. Opening the door is just a matter of fooling with various button presses to make all the lights red. Inside, read the writing on the walls.



On one wall is written "1 + 2 = 3, 3 + 4 = 7, 2 + 4 = 6, 6 + 7 = 13, 13 + 3 = 16." On the other wall is written "Water = 1, Red = 2, Purple = 3, Green = 4." These writings are actually chemical combinations to make the "V-Jolt" formula as de-

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scribed in the "Y-Jolt" Report. To make the "Y-Jolt" formula, do the following.

1. Get the four empty bottles off the shelves, the sink, and the table.
2. Fill one bottle with water, one with UMB, No. 2. Combine the water and UMB, No. 2. You now have one bottle of NP-003.
3. Fill a bottle with UMB, No. 4. Combine it with the NP-003. You now have one bottle of UMB, No. 7.
4. Fill one bottle with UMB, No. 4 and one with UMB, No. 2. Combine the two. You have one bottle of Yellow-6.
5. Now combine the Yellow-6 with the UMB, No. 7. You now have UMB, No. 13.
6. Finally, make another solution of NP-003 and combine it with the UMB, No. 13. You now have a solution of "Y-Jolt"!

"The Root of the Problem"



Go back down to the room where you saw the giant roo (GB1-3). Use the solution of "Y-Jolt." The root will wither substantially. Now it's time to go after the plant. Return to the save room and get all your shotgun shells and the first-aid spray. You may want to save the game before taking on the plant. Then go back to GB1-10. Go through the secret door. Point up with the shotgun and shoot the plant.



Limit your shots to single bursts and don't stay in one place for too long — acid falls from the ceiling. Use the first-aid spray. When the plant is dead, go to the fireplace and get the Silver Helmet Mansion Key.



Upon exiting the room you meet up with Wesker. After a brief conversation, go back to the save room (G1F-2). Grab the bazooka and exploding rounds, along with some shotgun shells. Time to leave the guardhouse.

Part 3 The Hunted

When you leave the guardhouse, the dogs will be gone from the narrow stretch at C1F-3. When you reach M1F-23, a new menace will appear — the hunters! Shoot the first one introduced by the rendered sequence (you're facing it after the sequence). Then go to the first door to Jill's left (M1F-25).



Turn on the light at the desk and get the magnum rounds. There is also a book on the shelf.



Open the book while checking it in your inventory menu. Inside is the first Doom Medal, the Eagle Medal. Exit the room and go to the next door to the left. There's another hunter here.



You have time to prepare for this one. Use explosive rounds to kill it, then go to the save room. Outside is a note from Barry telling you he left a can of first-aid spray, shotgun shells, and acid rounds. Put the items in the chest and save the game.



Load up the acid rounds and go upstairs. At the top is a hunter to the left. Blast it. Head to the right and blast the hunter around the corner. Stock up on shells for the bazooka and health items. Time to go after the snake and kill it. Go to M2F-18. Open the door using the mansion key, and go to the piano in the corner. The snake will come out of the fireplace. First, the snake makes a hole in the ground.



When the snake slams its head on the ground and makes a hole, this

is your chance to get in a close shot. After you fire, run toward the door and blast it again. Use the acid rounds first, then the exploding or flame rounds. The more consecutive hits, the better.



The key is to keep moving and firing. Don't try a war of attrition — you'll lose. After the snake is dead, inspect the hole. Barry enters again. With the help of a rope, go down the hole.



When Barry goes to find another rope, press the switch on the tombstone, but don't go down the ladder. Instead go back to the hole and wait for Barry to drop another rope. Barry will then give you a Pass Number (this opens the door at M2F-4). Now you're ready to go down the hole, then the ladder. You're now in the basement.

Mansion B1
(MB1)

Nothing but long hallways and zombies here. Get the shotgun ready. Shoot the first zombie, then go around the corner and shoot the second one.



There is a box of shotgun shells around this corner as well. When you exit this room (and enter MB1-2), you hear a squishing sound. Two zombies are eating dinner in the corridor. Approach the zombies slowly and you can get their attention one at a time.



After taking them out, you'll get two Green Herbs. Go to the end of the hall, and go through the door (to MB1-3). You find yourself in a kitchen. Walk directly ahead and a rendered sequence shows a zombie coming down the stairs. Take the zombie out and go up the stairs.



At the top of the stairs are two double doors and a Green Herb in the recess next to them. Go back down the stairs and to the right of the door you initially entered the room through. There is a zombie on the ground, but you can avoid its grab by hugging the wall to Jill's right. Take the elevator up. At the top (M2F-6) are two zombies.



Use the shotgun and make them both headless. Then go into the storeroom around the corner from the elevator.



Inside (M2F-7) are a battery and two cartridges of exploding rounds. Exit the storeroom and go to Jill's left. Go down the hall to the door. Open the door and blast the zombie there. You'll also find two Green Herbs and one Blue Herb in this

room and a zombie having dinner. Be careful of this one, though. The meal is still alive, so getting close to draw the "meat" out isn't a good idea.



Instead, shoot the eater on the ground and draw him out that way. After blasting the walking zombie, go around the grounded one by passing to the extreme left. There is a locked door at the end of the hall, but getting rid of these two now saves you trouble later.



Go to the double doors by the elevator. Inside are a library and two zombies. The first one attacks when you enter. Introduce him to Mr. Shotgun. There is a nightstand on Jill's right with magnum rounds inside. Get the rounds, then turn to the left and go into the gap between the bookcases. When the camera switches angles you see a zombie walking around. Dispose of the zombie and get the scrapbook on the chair.



There is also a door in the shelves that leads to a room (M2F-8). In the room is a statue and a light switch. Press the switch and push the statue over the illuminated spot. A secret door opens. You'll find a No Disk inside.



Get the disk, go back to M2F-8, and push the bookcase away from the wall by where you shot the second zombie. You'll reveal a hidden door. Go into this hidden room and look out the window. You see a helicopter. In this same room are an ink ribbon and a clip.

Go back to M1F-24 and save the game. Now it's time to get the Cott Python. Go to the main hall via M1F-19 and M1F-15. The first part is the tricky one. At the end of these twisting corridors is a hunter that jumps out just before the bathroom (M1F-20), so have the bazooka ready.



In the next part, the dogs that crashed through the windows have been replaced by plant spiders. Just run past them. In the main hall, go upstairs. At the top, go into the door leading to the balcony over the dining room (M2F-2). Then are two hunters here now. Shoot the one down the corridor to Jill's right, and go in the door at the end.



There is one hunter in this room. Get in the open by the staircase as it approaches so you can get a clean shot. After killing the hunter, unlock the door near the staircase. Inside (M2F-5) are orders, magnum rounds, and shotgun shells. Before leaving the room, turn out

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the light. The switch is by the door) and push the ladder by the mounted deer's head. Climb the steps and get the red jewel.



Go down the steps and into the save room. Get some bazooka rounds (and save the game). Exit the room and take out the hunter under the stairs.



Walk slowly down the hall. There's another hunter by the pillar. Sneak up behind it and blast it.



Go to room M1F-6. When you enter the hall, go to Jill's right and get the bazooka handy for the hunter hiding in the recess down the hall to Jill's left.



Blast the hunter and go into the room with the tiger statue. At the tiger statue, put the red jewel in the tiger's other eye. The statue rotates, giving you the Colt Python.



Now, you must go back to the courtyard, and make sure you have the crank and the battery.

When you go to M1F-27, there is a hunter. Blast it.



Go back across the drained pool and take the lift down. At the bottom, go to the other lift. Put the battery in the slot and take the lift up. When you reach the top, walk around to the crank slot. Use the crank and the pool fills up. Now take the elevator down. Where the waterfall was running there is now a ladder leading down.



Go down the ladder.

Part 4:

Underground

Go through the door to Jill's right. Barry is waiting. Barry asks if you want to go with him. Let's say Jill says no, and Jill also says no to waiting for him.

When Barry walks away you hear a shot. Go to CB1-3 and get the first-aid spray and the explosive bazooka rounds. Then go to CB1-4, where you find wounded team member Enrico. After Enrico dies, hunters infiltrate the cave.



Get the clip off Enrico's body before leaving the room. On your way out of the room, get the crank that's on the ground. When you exit the room turn to Jill's left and run for the door in the next part (CB1-2), you'll find only one hunter.



Take him out and go for the door. This takes you to the room with the ladder and the typewriter (CB1-1). Barry is also there, almost dead.



Before he dies, Barry gives you a picture of his family (Barry's Pictures). After Barry passes on, go around the corner by the typewriter and use the crank. This makes a bridge you can cross to get to CB1-5. In this room, walk up to the giant boulder and walk away. The boulder will come loose! Turn around and run for the doorway where you entered the room. The boulder will crash through the wall.



Special Items

- CK - Combat Knife
- DB2 - Doan Book 2
- MD - No Dies



Be ready – a hunter is waiting behind the wall.



Kill the hunter, then go to where the boulder was stationed. You'll find flame-rounds in the wall. In the next room, CB1-6 is a giant spider.



Two flame rounds from the bazooka (or Colt) and the spider goes belly-up. After killing the spider, exit the room and enter it again, this way you don't have to cope with the little spiders that attack. In the room is a combat knife and an ink ribbon. Use the knife to clear the webs from the door. In the next room is also a save room. Go to the hall to Jill's left. Inside is a can of first-aid spray, a Blue Herb, and an ink ribbon. There is also a chest. When exiting the save room, you'll see viper snakes on the ground. Quickly run past them (their bite can poison you). Go to CB1-9, where there's another boulder. Before letting it loose, use the crank on the hole in the wall to the left.



Turn the crank three times, so the hole is on the left. Then jar the

boulder loose like before and take refuge in the recess of the new hole. Go to where the boulder was and get the map of Under Ground and the Mo Disk in the wall. Go into CB1-10 and push the statue toward the front of the room, about two steps past the crank hole in the wall. Use the crank to move the statue away from the slit, then use it again to move the wall back.



Push the statue onto the square to the right. A panel on the wall opens up with Doom Book 2 inside. Get the Wolf Medal out of the book. Then, take the lift in this area up: This takes you to the other part of Courtyard 1F. There are two Blue and two Green Herbs here. Take the Wolf and Eagle medals and put them in the matching emblems on the columns around the fountain.



The fountain will drain and reveal an elevator going down.



You're almost at the end.



Part 5 The Laboratory Laboratory B1 (LB1)



After taking the elevator, you're in a small room with a locked door at one end and a ladder leading down.

Laboratory B2 (LB2)



Special Items

MD = Mo Disk



Take the ladder down to B2 where you find a chest. Get the shotgun or Colt ready. Two zombies are in the next room. Bust them and go downstairs.





There are two zombies in this room. Introduce them to Mr. Coak. Then go into the room to the right of where you entered (LB3-5). Inside are bio crates and a staircase. Push the crates over the two floor vents, then push the stairs against the wall under the vent shaft.

A Red Herb and shogun shells are in the room. The air shaft takes you to LB3-3. Inside are magnum rounds and a Pass Code Output Machine. Use a Mio Disk and get Pass Code 02.



Exit the room.

Now go to LB3-4, and go into the save room at the end of the hall (LB3-6).



You find flame rounds, six ink ribbon, and Green and Blue Herbs. Save.

Leave the save room (and take a Mio Disk) and go to Jill's left. A power room is here. In the room, immediately go to Jill's right, then turn left. Turn on the power panel at the dead end.



There is also something new here: gremlins. These critters walk on the ceiling and hang their sharp talons down to claw you. Try to avoid them, but when they're on the ground, a bazooka round at close range usually does the trick. After turning on the power at the power panel, go to the next power room (LB3-8).



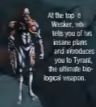
There are more gremlins here. When you first enter, run straight ahead to the dead end. There is a Pass Code Output Machine here. Get Pass Code 03, then backtrack and go to the left. The door to the last power room (LB3-9) is around the corner. There are no gremlins here, just switches. Press the power connection switch.



Get out of the power house. Go back to the save room and get the Beretta and all the ammo for it.



Then go to the elevator at the end of the hall opposite the power house. Turn it on and take it up.



At the top of Wesker, who tells you of his insane plans and introduces you to Tyrant, the ultimate biological weapon.



After Wesker gets his, you must fight Tyrant. Defeating Tyrant is rather easy. Tyrant moves slowly, so run ahead of it and pump off a few rounds when he's in range, then run away.



Eventually Tyrant dies.



Before leaving the room, unlock the door using the computer and get the lab key off Wesker's corpse. Now take the elevator back to LB3-4. Go back to the door in LB3-11 and enter the final pass codes. Be careful when going into LB3-1 because gremlins have now replaced the zombies.



After entering the final code, go to the end of the hall and use the lab key to free Chris from his prison.



Go back to B1 and through the emergency door. At the end of the hall, put the battery in the slot and take the elevator to the helicopter pad. When you leave the elevator, get the flare out of the box to the right. Use the flare, and wait for the chopper to arrive.



RESIDENT EVIL

WATCH OUT FOR War Gods

There's a new fighting game coming soon to arcades, and it looks like the best brawler yet! **By Bruised Lee**

War Gods from Midway represents the new high point in the evolution of fighting games. Its breakthrough gameplay, however, is as simple as 1-2-3D.

Throughout the 1990s, fighting games have been evolving toward real 3D fighting, from the flat cartoon graphics and linear fighting style of Street Fighter to the polygonal look and moving camera of Toshinden. Welcome to the true 3D world of War Gods.

SF II and MK: The Precursors



Confronting each other in Street Fighter II's basic 2D playing field, Ken blocks Ryu's jumping kick.

The road to War Gods' 3D fighting begins back in 1991 with Capcom's Street Fighter II, the first true fighting game. Despite the flat cartoony look, the gameplay had remarkable depth. Each character had a unique fighting style and a



In Mortal Kombat, the innovative block button left gamers free to use the controller to buffer their next move.

special set of moves and combos. Fighting took place on a standard 2D playing field, which allowed the characters

to move only left and right, and to jump within one line of the field without moving into the background. Holding the controller in the Away position put the characters in a defensive stance to block incoming moves.

In the wake of SF II's success, Midway unleashed Mortal Kombat on the world. Like SF II, MK's characters executed individual moves and combos on a 2D playing field, but the fighters were now digitized from film footage of live martial-arts experts and actors, creating a more realistic look.

Midway also took a different direction with its blocking system. Instead of holding the joystick in the Away position to block a move, players pressed a block button. SF II



Don't let VF's gorgeous 3D look fool you — you're not actually fighting in 3D.



purists hated the block button system, but it turned out to be critical to War Gods' 3D fighting design.

VF and Toshinden: From 2D to 3D

The next big jump along the path to the 3D fighting arena came in 1994 with the release of Sega's Virtua Fighter. VF's fast-moving polygonal fighters did indeed convey a dazzling 3D effect, but VF was still a 2D game. Although the playing field had 3D depth, the fighters remained unable to escape the 2D fighting line of SF II and MK. To give gamers the illusion of playing in 3D, multiple cam-

Fighting in a true 3D world, Pagan dodges CY-5's laser attack. When she lands, she will be on a separate playing field.

era angles changed the action when players performed moves or when fighters were knocked down.

Building on VF's 3D background engine, Toshinden took the technology one step further — or rather, one side-step further. In Toshinden players could freely sidestep



Sidestepping in Toshinden is sometimes more of a problem than a solution.

left or right to avoid incoming moves or projectiles. This advancement was very inventive, but fighters still fought on a 2D playing field.

Additionally, the SF blocking system posed a major problem for Toshinden's rotating cameras. Holding back on the joystick to block during a sidestep would often push characters in front of or behind the camera, thus making it almost impossible for players to know which way to block.

The War Gods World

In War Gods, Midway has knocked down the roadblocks to 3D fighting. They began with a block button, which a real

3D fighting game needs. Holding the joystick left or right to block works well only for 2D fighters, since in a 3D environment fighters are forced to use the joystick to move around several playing fields with multiple camera angles. Moreover, a block button eliminates the camera problems that plague Toshinden.

Next, Midway created the 3D button. The 3D button enables gamers to circle around the entire environment. Thus you can move any where onscreen at any given time. This unique control system is what makes War Gods the first true 3D fighting game.

Evading in 3D

PLAYING DEFENSIVELY IN 3D MODE, ANVA KIR DODGES TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE FOREGROUND AS ANVA'S LAUNCHES MULTIPLE PROJECTILES FROM THE BACKGROUND.



How to Fight in 3D

George Petro and Joe Linhoff are the game designers behind War Gods. We asked them to discuss the creation of their game and its hottest features.

GamePro: What were your goals for War Gods?

George Petro and Joe Linhoff: When we started designing War Gods, our primary goal was to create a 3D fighting game that actually allowed characters to fight in 3D. Although there are other 3D fighting games, we consider them "attract mode 3D." They have a 3D look, but when you start playing, you're still fighting in two dimensions. You can only move left and right; you can't move around the fighting arena. You can't launch projectiles in 3D, attack in 3D, or evade in 3D.

GP: So how is War Gods different?

Petro & Linhoff: Through the addition of the 3D but-

ton, we allow full 3D movement and combat. Although you can play War Gods as a two-dimensional game by simply not using the 3D button, you'll be in trouble if you run into an opponent who knows how to fight in 3D.

GP: How does the 3D button work?

Petro & Linhoff: The 3D button changes the movements

triggered by the joystick. By holding the 3D button and pushing up on the joystick, the fighter moves deeper into the arena, appearing farther away on the screen. By holding the 3D button and pulling down on the joystick, the fighter





moves back out, appearing closer on the screen. This allows entirely new perspectives on the fight and the arena.

Q: How do projectiles work in 3D?

Petro & Linhoff: Each of the fighters in War Gods has unique special moves and projectile attacks. These moves can be executed in 2D or 3D, but in 3D they have additional power. For example, Valka can throw an ax in 2D. If the same move is executed in 3D, she throws two axes out at different angles. The projec-

tiles become much more dangerous and difficult to evade when they are launched in 3D.

Q: How do you dodge attacks?

Petro & Linhoff: 3D attacks can be evaded or dodged, but you need to execute a 3D move. To dodge in 3D, hold down the 3D and block buttons, then move the joystick up or down.

These are just the basics of fighting in 3D using the 3D button. As players get deeper into the world of War Gods, they will learn to use the 3D button for more advanced combinations and skills, such as controlling the angle of attack after a teleport. After a little practice, you'll see how fighting in 3D opens up a whole new world. **E**



Caught in the 3D Action!

MAXIMUS THROWS HIS NET PROJECTILE FROM THE FOREGROUND INTO THE BACKGROUND FOR A SURPRISE ATTACK AGAINST ARVA KIO.



Evading on the Ground in 3D



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BEATING LUNAR

ETERNAL BLUE

Having trouble defeating the latest installment of Lunar? Never fear, this strategy guide will show you how to defeat Zophar so you can see the first ending. And then we guide you to the second (real) ending!

By Major Mike



Let the Battle Begin

You've made it to Zophar, where the real battle begins. Zophar's attacks are damaging but easily manageable. Use basic attacks rather than magic in the first round. Save the magic for the second round and be sure you have plenty of magic and health items saved for the final confrontation.



Fighting Zophar



Before fighting Zophar, give the Blue Dragon Crest to Jean and give the White Dragon Crest to Lemina. During this

battle, have Leo use the Flash Blade, have Lemina use the White Dragon Protect, have Hiro use the Poe Sword, have Jean use the Blue Dragon Vigor, and have Ronfar use the Rest Utany.



Zophar's Warning Signals

Ultra Vortex



When Zophar holds a halo over his head, the Ultra Vortex sucks in all party members and causes damage.

characters, everyone takes damage to a lesser degree.

Bad Dream



When Zophar holds a glowing ball in one hand, this attack launches a giant disco ball to the center of the screen, and Zophar then fires several laser shots that damage the entire party. He uses this as his first attack when you meet him.

Pain Pulse



The Pain Pulse occurs when Zophar holds a static ball in his hands. It selects one member of your party, picks them up, and assaults them with fireballs. Although it damages only one person severely, the outcome is usually death, if the pincers miss an individual



When you defeat Zophar, all is quiet. It's far from over, however. There's another, deadlier form of Zophar that must be defeated.

Master Zophar



Now it's you against Master Zophar. In the first part of this battle, Lucia finally comes to realize what being human really is. In this sequence, you can't harm Zophar and must endure his attacks. Zophar can damage you, though, especially with his group attack, the Plasma Shock.

There are also individual attacks, like the Spark Cannon, that you should watch out for. Have Ronfar use his Rest Litany to keep party members fresh during this brief battle. Keep feeding Ronfar Silver Light Icons when he runs low on magic.



After eight or nine rounds against Zophar, Lucia comes to her realization and the real battle begins. Before the final battle with Zophar, Lucia restores the health and magic of each party member.

Omni Zophar



Zophar has three attack points—his face and both arms. Focus



attacks on his face because that's where the damage counts. During this fight, have Lemina use the Pressure Cooker (first round only), have Hiro use the Poe Sword, have Jean use the Haduken, have Leo use the Flash Blade, and have Ronfar use the Rest Litany.



Omni Zophar's most damaging attack is the Hell Wave, which picks up an individual character and kills them by smashing them into the ground. Look for the telltale shadow on the ground. When a character falls under the shadow, either move them by attacking the face or defend that round—anything to get them off the shadow spot.

The End of Zophar



After defeating Omni Zophar, Lucia is freed. Zophar isn't finished yet, however. Now you fight a weakened Zophar using only Hiro and Lucia. Zophar isn't much of a challenge in this form and can be defeated in a few rounds.



Hiro is the only controllable fighter this round. Use the Poe Sword attack. Lucia and Hiro combine powers for the last, fatal blow.



The End?



When you reappear, talk to Nail. He gives you a letter from Luna telling you what to do about Lucia. Go into the building and find Lucia on the roof.



After talking to the members of your party, leave Proby with Nail. When you leave the village, the first ending will begin.



On the way to Gwyn's, Lucia will want to return to the Blue Tower.



In the tower, Lucia puts up a barrier between herself and Hiro. She announces she must return to the Blue Star.



Despite Hiro's pleas, Lucia bids him farewell.



Lucia exits, but leaves her pendant behind. Hiro retrieves it. On to the next adventure...

Epilogue



After the first ending, go back to the screen where you saved your games. You'll see a new entry, "Epilogue." Highlight it, and you can see the game's real ending.

Reunion Time!

Ronfar



You start back at Cwyn's house. The first party member you find is Ronfar, who is in the city of Racul. The easiest way to collect the party members is to use the city of Dalton as a reference point.

Lemina



Go northeast to Vane and find Lemina in the throne room.

Jean



From Vane, travel east until you reach Nota. Pass under the bridge at Nota, then travel north until you reach the Carnival. Jean is in the back.



Leo



From the Carnival, travel southeast until you reach the Mystic Ruins. Remember what a pain it was getting to the bottom? Now you must get to the top. Leo is at the very top after you use the teleporter.



Dragon Ruins



From the Mystic Ruins, go west back to Nota and under the bridge. Once you're past the city, go southeast, then south until you reach Dalton. Take Destiny on land at Dalton's port and head northeast until you reach the Dragon Ruins (where you started the game). Climb to the top room and get the Dragon Eye. Use the Dragon Wings to exit the building.



Ancient Tower



The next Dragon Eye lies in the Ancient Tower in the ice lands to the east. You need to exit the Destiny and travel north to find it.



The Eye is on the floor just below the top floor. The east

est way to navigate the tricky corridors is to go to the basement and then find the door to the top floor. Before you can get the Eye, you must fight a phantom sentry. To defeat him, have Ronfar use Rest Litany, Lemina use White Dragon Protect, Leo use Flash Blade, Jean use Blue Dragon Vigor, and Hiro use Poe Sword.



Doppelgangers



If you want a real challenge, go to the floor above and fight a party that is a duplicate of yours. The reward is the Shaman Staff for Lemina. You're so close to the end, however, it doesn't make any difference if you get the Staff. If you go for it, you can beat the doppelgangers by first taking out the alter-Ronfar so he can't heal the others. Work on taking out the alter-Hiro and alter-Jean next.

Star Tower



Once you get the other Dragon Eye, exit the building and return to Destiny. Go to Dalton,

then travel northeast toward Illusion Woods. When the Destiny can't go any further, leave and go north to the Star Tower. The tower has only a few floors, but you engage in battle every half-dozen steps or so. When you reach the sixth floor, there are two branches. Take the one on the right. When you enter a big, open room, save your game. Here, Hiro goes it alone and fights Star Dragon, whose fight pattern is similar to the sentry you met in the Ancient Tower.



The Star Dragon

Equip Hiro with two Star Lights and fill up the rest of his inventory with Dover Nuts. Also equip him with the Heal Ring that restores hit points every round.

Star Dragon's Warning Signs

Fortunately, you get to strike first in this battle. Also, Dragon always reveals his attack by his stance, which weighs in your favor.

Mile-High Attack



When Dragon stands with one arm out and the other behind his

Mile-High Attack. He jumps in the air and comes down with his sword. This does some damage, but you can survive two or three attacks before worrying about your hit points.

Aura Blast



Leaning away from you with his sword at a downward angle, Dragon is ready to do his Aura Blast, an energy-wave projectile. Like the Mile-High

Attack, this also does a fair share of damage.

Snake Attack



When Star spins his sword in both hands, don't bother attacking – it will be deflected. However, this is a great opportunity to use a Dover Nut or Star Light. He follows his defense with a wave that launches from his sword – but this doesn't always hit.

Slaughter Slice



When Dragon stands with one arm cocked toward his head as if he's saluting and his eyes are glowing, he's ready to do his Slaughter Slice. This two-hit attack drains over half your hit points, so use a Dover Nut if you need to before he strikes.

The End



After defeating Star Dragon, you bid everyone farewell, then go to the tall crystal at the end of the hall.



Back on the Blue Star, things are as they were at the beginning, with Lucia asleep.



Lucia is aroused by a tapping on her crystal shell. She awakens and finds Hiro clinging to the crystal, wearing her pendant.



Hiro and Lucia go outside and find the storm has stopped.



GamePro's War Room Tips To RETURN FIRE

for the
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Enter GamePro's top-secret War Room to learn the best tactics for victory in one of the most fascinating strategy games ever.

By Johnny Bellgame

GENERAL AND ONE-PLAYER STRATEGIES



This password accesses more than 100 one-player levels.

Use your tanks and ASVs to clear a path for your Humvee by taking out all enemies and gun turrets on the road between the flag and your bunker. If you send out the Humvee too early, it may be destroyed, and if you lose all your Humvees, you automatically lose the game.



The helicopter is the best reconnaissance vehicle. It covers a lot of space quickly and looks for possible flag sites. Try to destroy the tower at this point with your rockets so you can determine whether it's a decoy.

To travel faster, try to stay on the roads or the smoothest surface available. This tactic enables you to cover the greatest distance while expending the least amount of fuel.



Flying sideways in the helicopter uses no fuel.



Never try to turn around in the helicopter while you're under heavy fire. Instead, fly by the enemies, and when you're out of range, turn around. Then fly back, ready to go on the offensive.

When surrounded by enemy turrets, swing around to one of the edges or behind a group, and watch their missiles destroy each other.





When you find your reloading or fuel tent, take out all the targets around it, or they might destroy the tent before you're able to use it. Also, remember not to stay too long – if you do, drones will come looking for you.



If you're taking a lot of hits, get back to your bunker to regain full strength.

When you shoot an object with your helicopter's rocket, the next hit from any weapon will destroy the object.



Cut across shallow water to save time and fuel.



Use the helicopter to sweep mines for the Humvee.

If you place mines too close together, a chain reaction may occur when one detonates, and valuable mines may be wasted.



Run over all tents and destroy encampments before soldiers come out throwing grenades. As soon as you see a pack of soldiers, run them over before they strike you with explosives.



At the start of each game, check how many vehicles are allocated, and plan your strategy accordingly.



Your onscreen radar and bunker maps are invaluable tools for victory, so use them frequently. They let you know where you've been and where you need to go.

Use the enemy's sub to your advantage when another chopper's chasing you. Fly over the water and maneuver so the heat seeker finds the pursuit chopper rather than you.



RETURN FIRE

TWO-PLAYER STRATEGY



Use this code to access about 90 two-player levels.

The tank is the best vehicle for two-player combat. Learn to use the turret quickly so you can attack your opponent while dodging his fire. This way, even if you're being chased, you can still shoot behind you, making life difficult for even the best Return Fire players.



If your flag is captured, don't panic. Immediately go after your opponent and destroy their vehicle. Then switch to the Humvee and retrieve your flag. From here you have several options: You can stick the flag somewhere in the ocean, hide the flag on land and surround the area with mines, or place the flag in your bunker and it will be randomly placed in a new tower.



Never use the last rocket in the helicopter. You may need it to destroy an enemy mine placed on top of your bunker.



Place mines on top of and around your enemy's bunker, but don't place them on top of the bunker when he's inside, or they'll disappear when he comes out.



If the enemy's on top of your bunker doors when you exit, they'll be destroyed.



Destroy bridges between the enemy's current location and where they need to go. This limits the enemy's vehicle choice to the helicopter and Humvee, making it easier for you to control the game.



Besides retrieving the flag, another way to win is to destroy all your enemy's Humvees. Look at their screen to see where they are at all times. Set traps with mines, plan ambushes, and mount an all-out attack on their arsenal.



The best offense is often a good defense. Whenever an opponent comes into your territory, go after them and destroy their vehicle. Also, lay mines on bridges around your territory and make the enemy think twice before crossing.

Never let a severely damaged enemy return to their bunker. This is war: Hunt them down and finish them.



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ZERO



Type
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Throw

Attack Techniques

- Raid Elbow: Tap →, →, P
- Raid Slice Kick: Tap →, →, K
- Raid Knee Kick: Tap (↑ K)
- Raid Sole Butt: Tap (→ P K)
- Rising Palm: While rising from a crouch, tap (→ P)
- Middle Kick: While rising from a crouch, tap K
- Spinning Back Kick: While rising from a crouch, tap (← K)
- Toe Cutter: Tap (↖ K)
- Hammer Kick: Tap ←, →, K
- EXE Breaker: Tap ↓, →, P
- Double Spin Kick: Tap K, K

Throwing and Grappling Techniques

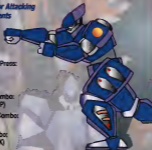
- One-Hand Throw: Tap (G P)
- Brain Buster: Tap ←, →, →, (G P)
- R.N.B.: When behind opponent, tap (G P)

Techniques for Attacking Fallen Opponents

- Heel Press: Tap (↓ K)
- Body Press: Tap (↑ P)
- Megaton Body Press: Hold (↑ P)

Combos

- Rising Palm Combo: Tap P, P, P, (→ P)
- Basic Pattern Combo: Tap P, P, K
- Spin Kick Combo: Tap P, P, P, (P K)



TRU



Type
Creature
Main Weapon
Moll
Sub-Weapon
Tail Needle

Attack Techniques

- Straight Claw: Tap (→ P)
- Side Claw: Tap (↘ P)
- Tail Upper: Tap ←, (↘ K)
- Four-Foot Kick: Tap →, →, P
- Side Chop: Tap ↓, ↓, (→ K)
- One-Side Kick: Tap →, →, K
- Buggy Roll: Tap →, ↓, ←, K

Throwing and Grappling Techniques

- Needle Throw: Tap (G P)
- T. Swing: Motion ← ↓ ↓ ↘ → (P K)

Techniques for Attacking Fallen Opponents

- Four-Foot Press: Tap (↓ K)
- Small Screw Press: Tap (↑ P)
- Large Screw Press: Hold (↑ P)

Combo

- Sleekster Combo: Tap K, K, (→ P), (→ P)



Controller Legend

- Guard = Button Triangle, Button Square
- Kick = Button Circle
- Punch = Button X
- () = Execute commands in parentheses simultaneously



The Basics

- Tap +, +, or tap →, → = Hop-step backwards or forward
- Tap →, hold → = Run toward opponent
- Tap ↓, ↓, G, or tap ↑, ↑, G = Sidestep around opponent

Recovery Moves

- Perform these moves when your fighter is hanging from the edge of the ring.
- Nothing pressed = Jump into the ring
- Tap ↑ = Mid-level attack upon returning to the ring
- Tap ↓ = Return to the ring without jumping

- Perform these moves when your fighter is rising from the ground.
- Nothing pressed = Rise
- Tap ↓ = Rise with a back flip
- Tap (↓ G) = Rise with a side flip
- Tap (↑ K) = Mid-level attack when rising
- Tap (↓ K) = Low-level attack when rising
- Tap K during a back flip = Back-flip attack when rising
- Tap K during a side flip = Side-flip attack when rising

WILD 3



Type
Soldier
Main Weapon
Knife
Sub-Weapon
Shotgun

Attack Techniques

Spin Punch:
Tap (→ P)
Jackknife:
Tap (↘ P)
Middle Gum:
Tap →, →, P
Break Gum:
Tap (P K)
Drop Kick:
Tap ↓, →, K
High Shot:
Tap ↓, →, P
Low Shot:
Tap ←, ↓, P
Swing Gum:
Tap ←, →, P
Low Kick:
Tap (↘ K)
Knee Kick:
Tap (→ K)
Tackle:
Tap ←, ←, (→ P)
Elbow:
Tap →, (← P)

Throwing and Grappling Technique

W Impact:
Tap (G P)

Techniques for Attacking Fallen Opponents

Finishing Shot:
Tap (↓ K)
Small Hip Dive:
Tap (↑ P)
Large Hip Dive:
Hold (↑ P)

Technique for Disabling an Opponent's Guard

Unlock Bash:
Tap ←, (G P)

Note: This move defeats a high guard.

Combos

Wild A Combo:
Tap P, P, K, K
Wild B Combo:
Tap (→ P), P, P

IG



Type
Bomba
Main Weapon
Nail
Sub-Weapon
Hoe

Attack Techniques

Killer Chop:
Tap ↓, →, P
Nail Smash:
Tap →, →, P
Priss Kick:
Tap →, →, K
Heel Kick:
Tap (P K)
High Kick:
Tap (↘ K)
Rewind Kick:
Tap (← K)
Straight Nail:
Tap (→ P)
Repleon:
Tap (↗ G)
Knee Kick:
Tap (→ K)
Middle Kick:
While rising from a crouch, tap K
Heel Cutter:
Tap ←, (→ K)
Cross Nail:
Tap ←, ↓, (→ P)

Throwing and Grappling Techniques

Escort Throw:
Tap (G P)
Priss Strangler:
Tap →, →, (G K)
Bloody Back:
When behind the opponent,
tap (G P)

Techniques for Attacking Fallen Opponents

Nail Chop:
Tap (↓ P)
Small Heel Press:
Tap (↑ P)
Large Heel Press:
Hold (↑ P)

Reversal Technique

Kick Compiler:
Tap (← G)



SONY PLAYSTATION

DIVE

MOVE LIST

CO3



Type
Judo Wrestler
Main Weapon
Karate
Sub-Weapon
Throw

Attack Techniques:

Rikudou:
Tap →, →, P
Ogoma:
Tap →, →, K
Tatrisukui:
Motion ↓ ↘ P
Ashizuri:
Tap (↘ K)
Tatamikusuzhi:
Tap →, →, →, P
Uwa Uradatami:
Tap (→ P)
Naka Uradatami:
Tap (↘ P)
Tatamigaeshi:
Tap (← P), (→ P)

Throwing and Grappling Techniques

Seinaga:
Tap (G P)
Tomoerage:
Tap (← G K)

Suneari:
Tap →, →, ↘, K
Kamaguroshi:
When behind the opponent,
tap (G P)
Oniguroshi:
When opponent is crouching,
tap (↓ P K)

Techniques for Attacking Fallen Opponents

Ache:
Tap (↓ P)
Kawanawari:
Tap (↑ P)
Ogawanawari:
Hold (↑ P)

Techniques for Disabling an Opponent's Guard

Morotebari:
Motion ↓ ↘ (G P)
Note: This defeats an opponent's low guard.
Karetebari:
Tap ←, (G P)
Note: This defeats an opponent's high guard.

Reversal Technique

Yeweragatama:
Tap (← G)
Note: This reverses high punches.

SONY PLAYSTATION MOVE LIST



HZREID



Type
Monster
Main Weapon
Nail
Sub-Weapon
Drill

Urtar Punch:
Tap (← P)

Note: This penetrates an opponent's low guard.

Throwing and Grappling Techniques

Crazy Drill:
Tap (G P)

Super Bad Throw:
When opponent is behind you, tap (G P)

Techniques for Attacking Fallen Opponents

Drill Press:
Tap (↓ K)

Small Hell Press:
Tap (↑ P)

Large Hell Press:
Hold (↑ P)

Techniques for Disabling an Opponent's Guard

Guard Crusher:
Tap (P K G)

Note: This defeats an opponent's high guard.

Combos

Happy Nail Combo:
Tap P, P, (↑ P), P

Abnormal Combo:
Tap (← K), (↑ K), P, P

Crazy Machine Combo:
Tap (→ P), (← P), P, P

Attack Techniques

Low Slab:
Tap (↘ P)

Killer Nail:
Tap (→ P)

Drill King:
Tap →, →, P

Backwards Kick:
Tap (← K)

Heel Hammer:
Tap (↓ K)

Bloody Chop:
Tap (→ P K)

Bad Slide:
Tap (P K)

Gaddem Drill:
Tap →, ↓, (P K)

Cool Kick:
Tap ←, (↘ K)

Dirty Upper:
While rising from a crouch, tap P

Step Back:
When opponent is behind you, hold G, tap ←, ←

DRAGO



Type
Dragon
Main Weapon
Tail
Sub-Weapon
Breath

Attack Techniques

Headbutt:
Tap (→ P)

Tail Back:
Tap →, →, K

Middle Kick:
Tap (↑ K)

Low Kick:
Tap (↘ K)

Tail Dive:
Tap (↑ K)

High Breath:
Tap →, →, P

Upper Breath:
Tap (↑ P)

Low Breath:
Tap ←, ↘, P

Mongolian Punch:
Tap ←, (→ P)

Shoulder Tilt:
Tap ←, ↓, →, K

Throwing and Grappling Techniques

Dragon Nip:
Tap (G P)

Hyper Headbutt:
Tap (↘ P)

Barbecue:
Tap ←, →, (G P K)

Techniques for Attacking Fallen Opponents

Chain Tilt:
Tap (↓ K), K, K

Tail Bomb:
Tap (↓ P K)

Combos

Tail-Back Combo:
Tap →, →, K, K

Rapid Nail Combo:
Tap P, →, P, P, ↓, K

CVGNUS



Type
Ninja
Main Weapon
Lightblade
Sub-Weapon
Ninpo

Attack Techniques

larger:
Tap (← P)

lalaluki:
Tap →, →, P

Shitwoozatou:
Tap (↘ P)

Shitahayate:
Tap (↘ K)

Ninahayzte:
Tap (→ K)

Genseki:
Tap ←, ←, K

Negarezuki:
While dashing, tap P

Jump Stab:
Tap (↑ P)

Ninpo Yashichi:
Tap (→ G)

Seibat:
Tap ←, →, (P K)

Shinkuagiri:
Tap →, →, (P K)

Ninpo Tokeimawari:
Tap ↓, ↓, ↓, (P K)

Throwing and Grappling Techniques

Ninpo Ookunazuchi:
Tap (G P)

Ninpo Tarutoshiki:
When behind the opponent, tap (G P)

Techniques for Attacking Fallen Opponents

Joubutsu:
Tap (↓ P)

Small Hayarie:
Tap (↑ P)

Large Hayarie:
Hold (↑ P)

Technique for Disabling an Opponent's Guard

Ninpo Gogogeshi:
Motion ↓ ↘ (G P)

Note: This defeats an opponent's high and low guard.

SAMURAI SHODOWN III

MOVE LIST

By Major Mike

Controller Legend



- K = Kick LS = Light Slash
- S = Slash MS = Medium Slash
- SS = Strong Slash

Tap → = Dash toward opponent

Tap ← = Retreat quickly from opponent

Simultaneously tap Light Slash and Medium Slash when close to opponent = Dodge Back Attack

Simultaneously tap Medium Slash and Strong Slash = Crouch Block Attack

Motion = Move the joystick in one smooth, continuous motion.

Tap = Tap the indicated buttons or directions in sequence.

() = Execute commands in parentheses simultaneously.

* = Designates a move that can only be done when your POW bar is maxed out and flashing.

+ = Designates a move that requires your weapon.

Simultaneously press Light Slash and Medium Slash = Sidestep attacks

Simultaneously press and hold Light Slash, Medium, and Hard Slash = Power up POW meter

Special Note: All techniques are described under the assumption that your character is facing to the right. If they're facing left, reverse any Toward and Away commands.

Haohmaru



Slash/
Chivalry
Moves



Bust/
Treachery
Moves

- Zankousen:
Motion → ↓ ↓ ← ← SS
- Secret Cyclone Slash:
Motion ↓ ↓ → S
- Secret Crescent Moon Slash:
Motion → ← ↓ ↓ S
- Shipuu Kogetsuzan:
In close, motion → ← ↓ ↓ S
- Secret Earthquake Slice:
Motion ← ↓ ↓ S
- Secret Flying Cyclone Slash:
During jump, motion ↓ ↓ → S
- Hisou Reshizanz:
During jump, motion ↓ ← ← SS
- *•Tenhaauijanzan:
Motion → ↓ ↓ → ↓ ↓ (LS MS)

- Secret Cyclone Homicide
Slash:
Motion ↓ ↓ → S
- Secret Crescent Moon Slash:
Motion → ← ↓ ↓ S
- Shipuu Kogetsuzan:
In close, motion → ↓ ↓ S
- Gouhar:
Motion → ↓ ↓ K
- Typhoon Wave:
Motion ↓ ↓ → K
- Serene Slice:
Motion ↓ ← ← ← SS
- *•Tenha Dankuu
Resuzanz:
Motion → ← ← ↓ ↓ → (SS K)



Kyoshiro Senryo



Slash/
Chivalry
Moves



Bust/
Treachery
Moves

- Twirling Flame:
Motion ↓ ↓ → S
- Kaiten Kyokubu Ten:
Motion → ↓ ↓ S
- Toad Plague:
Motion → ← ← ↓ ↓ ↓ → (LS SS)
- Tsunami Crunch:
Motion ↓ ↓ → S
- Kyoshiro Entbu:
Motion ↓ ↓ → ↓ ↓ → SS
- Smoldering Blood Pounce:
During jump, tap ↓, LS
- Choubijishi:
Motion → ↓ ↓ ← ← S
- *•Aragoto Kyoshiro Oni-no
Mai:
Motion → ← ← ↓ ↓ → (MS SS)

- Kaen Kyokubu En:
Motion ↓ ↓ → S
- Twisting Heavens:
Motion → ↓ ↓ S
- Eight-Coil Serpent:
Motion ↓ ← ← ← ← ← SS
- Kyoshiro Jy:
Motion ↓ ↓ → ↓ ↓ → SS
- Smoldering Blood Pounce:
During jump, Tap ↓, LS
- Lion Tail Blast:
Motion → ↓ ↓ ← ← S
- *•Aragoto Kyoshiro Oni-no
Mai:
Motion ↓ ↓ → ↓ ↓ → (MS SS)



Nakoruru



**Slash/
Chivalry
Moves**

Rela oh Chikiri:
In close, motion → ↓ ↘ K

***Annu Mutsube:**
Motion ← ↓ ↓ S

***Rela Mutsube:**
Motion ↓ ↘ → S

Kamui Risue:
Motion ← ↓ ↓ S

Hang onto Hawk:
Motion → ↘ ↓ ↘ ← K

Drop off Hawk:
While on Hawk, tap ↘ or ↓ or
←, K

Attack While on Hawk:
Tap S

Kamui Mutsube:
While hanging on hawk,
motion ↓ ↘ → SS

Rela Shiu:
Motion → ↘ ↓ ↘ ← LS

Shichikap Etu:
Motion → ↘ ↓ ↘ ← MS

Shichikap Ant:
Motion → ↘ ↓ ↘ ← SS

***Elesi Kamui Rimese:**
Motion → ↘ ↓ ↘ ← → ↘ ↓ ↘ ←
(LS MS)



**Bust/
Treachery
Moves**

Lela O Chikiri:
In close, motion → ↓ ↘ K

***Annu Mutsube:**
Motion ← ↓ ↓ S

***Rela Mutsube:**
Motion ↓ ↘ → S

Kamui Risue:
Motion ← ↓ ↓ S

Wolf Pounce:
Motion ↓ ↘ ← K

Get off Wolf:
While on Wolf, tap K

Myu Shikite:
While on Wolf, motion ← ↓ ↘ SS

***Annu Shikite:**
During Myu Shikite,
motion ← ↓ ↘ SS

Kanto Shikite:
While on Wolf, motion ↓ ↘ → SS

***Rela Shikite:**
During Kanto Shikite,
motion ↓ ↘ → SS

Imel Shikite:
During jump while on Wolf,
motion → ↓ ↘ SS

***Nupeki Kamui Shikite:**
Motion ← ↓ ↘ ↘ → ↓ ↘ (MS SS)



Shiro Tokisada Amakusa



**Slash/
Chivalry
Moves**

***Dumagatoki (forward):**
Motion ← ↓ ↘ → K

***Dumagatoki (backwards):**
Motion → ↘ ↓ ↘ ← K

***Holy Spirit Slicer:**
Motion ↓ ↘ → S

***Dark Destroyer:**
Motion → ← ↓ ↘ → SS

Note: While hovering in the air, tap
S to attack or K to cancel.

Judgment Blow:
Motion → ↘ ↓ SS

***Phoenix Flash:**
Tap ←, →, ←, →, S

***Shoukidan:**
Motion ← ↓ ← LS

***Kyoumeijutsujin:**
Motion ← → ↓ ↘ (MS SS)



**Bust/
Treachery
Moves**

***Forward Evil Hornet Gouge:**
Motion ← ↓ ↘ → K

***Backward Evil Hornet Gouge:**
Motion → ↘ ↓ ↘ ← K

***Underworld Lord Blast:**
Motion ↓ ↘ → any slash

***Dark Destroyer:**
Motion → ← ↓ ↘ → SS

Note: While hovering in the air, tap
S to attack or K to cancel.

Judgment Blow:
Motion → ↘ ↓ SS

***Invitation to Evil:**
Tap ←, →, ←, →, S

***Miasma Plasma:**
Motion ← ↓ ← LS

***Kyoumeijutsujin:**
Motion ← → ↓ ↘ (MS SS)



Genjuro Kibagami



**Slash/
Chivalry
Moves**

***Toha Kouyokuun:**
Motion → ↓ ↘ S

***Triple Death Hack:**
Motion ↓ ↘ → S

Note: You can repeat this move up
to three times consecutively

***Cherry Blossom Slice:**
Motion ↓ ↘ ← S

***Death Drops:**
In close, motion → ↓ ↘ SS

***Scarlet Slash:**
Motion → ↘ ↓ ↓ S

***Gokouzan:**
Motion → ← ↓ ↘ → (LS MS)



**Bust/
Treachery
Moves**

***Lightning Wings:**
Motion → ↓ ↘ S

***Death of 100 Demons:**
Tap →, ←, →, S

***Uraouka Ayame:**
Motion ↓ ↘ ← S

Note: Keep the button pressed
down and projectile won't
disappear.

***Three Heavens Death:**
Motion ↓ ↘ → S

Note: You can repeat this move up
to three times consecutively.

***Purple Sunset:**
Motion → ↘ ↓ ↓ S

***Ura Gokou:**
Motion → ← ↓ ↘ → (SS K)

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Cheat Mode

To enter the cheat mode, start a normal game, and pause it. Now, using Controller Two, press Button Δ , Button \square , Button \times , Button \circ , Button \circ , Button \circ . Now do the cheats below.

Advance to any inning: While in cheat mode, press Button \times , and the words "Let's go inning" will appear in the screen's upper left corner. Press \times to go to the desired inning (for example, press \times eight times at inning one to advance to the ninth inning).

Always hit a home run: In cheat mode, press Button L1, and you will hear "Home run." Press Start to unpause the game. Now, whenever you contact the ball, you hit a home run. To return to normal play, re-enter the cheat mode and press Button L1. You should hear the word "Safe."

CPU take control: While in cheat mode, press Button L2, then press Start to unpause the game. To regain control of your team, re-enter the cheat mode and press Button L2. You should hear the word "Safe."

Saturn

NHL All-Star Hockey

Bouncing Puck, Upside-Down Players, Big Players, Fat Midgets, and Centering Puck



Start a new game and during the player introductions, simultaneously press and hold X, Y, Z, L, and R. Then, during the playing of the national anthem, enter the following:

Bouncing puck: Simultaneously press X, Y, and R.

Upside-down players: Simultaneously press A, Y, and Z.

Big players: Simultaneously press L and R.

Fat midgets: Simultaneously press A and B.

Centering puck: Simultaneously press A and X.

Sega CD

Earthworm Jim: Special Edition

Cheat Codes



CONTINUE

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NO YES



Enter these button presses when the game is paused during a regular game. Do the button presses in parentheses simultaneously.

Various Cheats

Debug menu: Press (A B), C, C, A, A, B, B, (B C)
Skip current level: Press B, B, A, C, (A B), (A B), (A B)
Go to the end: Press (A C), (A C), (A C), A, B, C, B, A
Invincibility: Press (A B), (A B), C, A, Right, Right, Left, Right
Map view: Press (A B), C, C, C, A, B, B, B
Extra life: Press A, B, C, C, A, A, C, B
Restores energy: Press A, C, B, C, B, A, A, C
Restores ammo: Press A, B, C, B, C, A, C, C
Plasma gun: Press C, A, B, C, A, B, C, C
Homeing missiles: Press A, A, C, B, A, C, C
Extra continue: Press (A Right) (B Up), A, C, C, B, C, A

The Many Faces of Jim

Groochy Jim: Press A, A, A, A, A, A, B, C
Alio Jim: Press B, A, A, A, A, A, B, C
Redhead Jim: Press C, A, A, A, A, A, B, C
Bigmouth Jim: Press B, B, A, A, A, A, B, C
Funny Face Jim: Press B, C, A, A, A, A, B, C
DK Jim: Press (C D), B, A, A, A, A, B, C
Big Goggles Jim: Press A, B, A, A, A, B, C

Level Codes

Andy Asteroids? (1): Press A, Left, A, C, C, C, B, B
Psytron? Press C, B, Up, Down, Down, Right, Down, Right
What the Heck? Press A, Right, A, C, C, Left, Right, A
What the Heck (Snowman)? Press Right, Right, Right, A, C, Left, Right, B
What the Heck (Evil the Cat)? Press Up, Down, Right, C, C, Left, Right, B
Big Bruly: Press C, C, C, Left, Left, Left, Right, Right
Andy Asteroids? (2): Press C, Down, A, A, Down, B, B, Down
Down the Tubes: Press Up, Down, Left, Left, Up, Up, Down
Tube Race: Press Up, Up, Left, Left, Down, Left, Up, C
Andy Asteroids? (3): Press A, Down, Left, A, C, C, A, B
Snot a Problem, Round 1: Press C, B, C, Right, Right, Left, A, B
Snot a Problem, Round 2: Press Up, B, C, Down, Down, Down, A, C
Snot a Problem, Round 3: Press A, Up, C, Up, Up, Down, C, A
Andy Asteroids? (4): Press A, Down, A, A, C, C, A, B
Level 5 (Lab): Press A, B, B, Down, Right, Right, Left, Right
Level 5 (Falling Chicken): Press A, B, C, Up, Down, Down, Down, Right
Level 5 (Naked Worm): Press C, A, C, Left, Right, Up, Down, Right
Who Turned Out the Light? (1): Press (A C), B, Up, Left, Right, Left, Left
Who Turned Out the Light? (2): Press A, B, Up, B, Left, Right, C, Up
Who Turned Out the Light? (3): Press A, B, C, Up, Left, A, Right, Right
Who Turned Out the Light? (4): Press A, C, C, Up, Left, C, Right, Left, B
Who Turned Out the Light? (5): Press C, C, B, Up, Down, Left, Right, Right, Left
Andy Asteroids? (5): Press A, Left, A, C, C, Down, Up, A
For Pete's Sake! Press A, B, C, A, B, A, Down, Right
Andy Asteroids? (6): Press A, Right, A, A, Right, B, Up, A
Intestinal Distress! Press C, C, A, Right, Left, Right, B, B
Buttville (Helicopter): Press B, B, Down, Down, A, Right, Right, Down
Buttville (Gases): Press A, C, Left, Right, B, Left, Left, Down

3DO

**Return Fire:
Maps O' Death
Unlimited Vehicles and
Level Nine Password**



At the inventory screen, simultaneously press **Left Shift, Right Shift, Button A, Button C, and Down**. The code needs to be pressed for each category of vehicle. Press **Button C** to access the inventory screen while in the bunker.

Level Nine password (one-player mode): **Happy Face, Bear, Heart, Cup**

Level Nine password (two-player mode): **Butterfly, Bird, Bunny, Bear**

Note: Once Level Nine is unlocked, all levels are unlocked.

PlayStation

**PO'd
Stage Select**



At the main menu screen, simultaneously press **L1, L2, R1, R2, and Up**, then release them. Press **○** to start a new game. At the Difficulty screen, simultaneously press **L1, L2, R1, R2, and Down**, then release them. Pick a difficulty setting, and a level-select menu appears.

PlayStation

**ViewPoint
Stage Skip and Invincibility**



Enter these codes while the game is paused.
Stage skip: Press **□, ○, △, Right, Left, Down, R1, L2, R2, L1**.
Invincibility: Press **□, □, ○, ○, △, ×, □, Up, Up, Down, Down, L1, R1, Select**.

3DO

**Doom
Entire Map, All Items on
Map, Invincibility, and
All Weapons**



Enter the following codes while in map view (simultaneously press **Play and B**):

Entire map: Press **L, R, R, A, Left, Left, Up, A, C**.

All items on map: Press **L, R, Right, Up, B, B, Left, R**.

Invincibility: Press **Up, Right, A, B, A, Down, A, L, L**.

All weapons: Press **A, Left, A, B, A, Right, A, C, A**.

Saturn

**Last Gladiators: Digital Pinball
Hidden Pinball Table, Debug Menu, and Watch the Ending Credits**



Hidden pinball table: At the title screen, press **X, Y, Z, X, Y, Z, C, B, A, Up, Up, Start**. You'll be able to access a hidden pinball table that usually shows up at the end of the game.

Debug menu: At the title screen, press **Up, Up, Down, Down, Left, Right, Left, Right, X, B, Z, R, Start**.



PlayStation

Raiden Project

Mission Select



Select the Settings option, then choose the Difficulty option. Press and hold L1, L2, R1, and R2, and press Start. A Start Round screen appears.

Saturn

Shinobi Leglons

Level Select and One-Hit Wonder Mode



Level select: Start a game and pause it. Then press A, B, A, B, C. Two numbers will appear in the lower left corner. Now you can go to any stage in the game.

"One-hit wonder" mode: At the title screen, put the cursor on Game Start and press A, B, C, B, A, Start. You'll have no lives, and one hit will kill you.

Saturn

Sega Rally Championship

Race as the Hidden Car



Press X, Y, X, Y, X at the mode-select screen. Then pick Practice or Championship mode. At the car-select screen, keep pressing Down, and you can select a hidden car.

Saturn

Darius Gaiden

Very Easy and Abnormal Modes, Auto Rapid-Fire, and More Credits



Do the following tricks at the Game Start/Option screen.

Very easy and abnormal modes: Press and hold X, and press Z, C, L, B, Left, R, L. The Options menu now lists two new skill settings, Very Easy and Abnormal.

Auto rapid-fire mode: Press and hold B, and press Y, Right, Left, X, Z, L, and R.

Nine credits: Press X, A, L, R, Left, then press and hold L, and press X, C, Z, A, Right, Right.

Super NES

Toy Story

Invincibility and Stage Skip



Invincibility: In the first stage, go to the right until you come to the bouncing ball. Jump on the ball and bounce to the right and land on the bottom drawer of the chest. Press and hold Down until the star in the upper left corner starts spinning. You are now invincible.

Stage skip: After entering the invincibility code, pause the game and press Select while the game is paused. You'll skip to the next level.

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Pebble Beach Golf Links

Special Options Menu and Always a Crowd



Special options menu: Start a game, and **simultaneously press and hold Right, X, and Z. While still holding these buttons, press the Reset button.** When the game starts again, a secret menu will appear that allows you to watch all the movie clips from the game and access other options.

Always a crowd: Start a game, and **press and hold Down and B. While still holding these buttons, press Reset.** When the game starts again, a crowd will appear in every game mode, including practice mode.

Genesis

Earthworm Jim 2

Extra Lives and Ammo, Weapons, Level Warps, and More



Start a game, pause it, and enter the following:

Extra life: **Press A, B, C, C, C, A, A, B.**

Extra ammo: **Press C, B, B, A, C, B, A, A.**

Three-way gun: **Press C, C, C, C, A, A, A, C.**

Extra continues: **Press A, A, C, C, B, A, Left, Left.**

100% energy: **Press A, B, C, A, B, C, A, A.**

Plasma gun: **Press C, C, C, C, A, A, A, B.**

Bubble gun: **Press C, C, C, C, A, A, B, B.**

Money worms: **Press C, A, C, A, C, A, C, A.**

Warp to Lorenzo's Soil: **Press A, A, C, C, B, B, A, A.**

Warp to Puppy Love: **Press Left, Right, B, C, C, Left, Right, A.**

Warp to Inflated Head: **Press B, B, C, A, B, C, Left, Right.**

Warp to ISO 9000: **Press A, B, C, Right, Right, Right, Right, Right.**

PlayStation

Assault Rigs

All Weapons and Invincibility



Enter these codes during the game, but not while it is paused. Each cheat lasts only for the duration of the level.

All weapons: **Press Left, Right, Left, Left, Right, Left, Right, Right, Up, Down, Up, Up, Down, Up, Down, Down.**

Invincibility: **Press Left, X, Left, X, Left, Left, X, Right, X, Right, X, X.**

Super NES

Earthworm Jim 2

Extra Lives and Ammo, Weapons, Continues, and More

Extra Life: **Press Left, Select, Right, Select, Left, Select, Right, Select.**

Three-way gun: **Press X, X, X, X, A, A, X, Select.**

Plasma gun: **Press X, X, X, X, A, A, A, Select.**

Bubble gun: **Press X, X, X, X, A, B, A, Select.**

Money worms: **Press A, A, B, A, A, Y, B, Y.**

Extra continue: **Press A, Select, A, B, X, Y, X, Y.**

Extra ammo: **Press Select, X, X, X, X, X, X, Select.**

100% energy: **Press X, Select, X, B, X, Select, X, A.**

Warp to Puppy Love: **Press Down, Right, A, B, X, Left, Right, A.**

Warp to Inflated Head: **Press Up, Down, X, A, B, Y, Left, Right.**

Warp to Lorenzo's Soil: **Press A, X, Left, Right, X, Left, Right, Left.**

PlayStation (Game Shark)

Mortal Kombat 3

801c0c38 00a6

Unlimited energy (Player One)

Total Eclipse Turbo

8067D04 0003

Infinite plasma bombs

Defcon 5

800D53AC 0014

Infinite ammo

PlayStation

Agile Warrior

Debug info, Maximum Fuel and Armor, Invincibility, and More



Enter these cheats while the game is paused.

Debug info: Press Left, □, □, □, □, Up, △, △, △, Right, ○, Down, ×, L2, R2.

Maximum fuel and armor: Press Left, □, □, □, □, Up, △, △, △, Right, ○, Down, ×, △, △, △, ○.

Invincibility: Press Left, □, □, □, □, Up, △, △, △, Right, ○, Down, ×, △, △, △, □.

All missions available: Press Left, □, □, □, □, Up, △, △, △, Right, ○, Down, ×, △, △, △, Up, Up.

Summon B1 bombers (Mission 1 only): Press Left, □, □, □, □, Up, △, △, △, Right, ○, Down, ×, ×, ×, ×, ×, ×.

Enable ground crash: Press Left, □, □, □, □, Up, △, △, △, Right, ○, Down, ×, □, ×, ×, □.

Completely turn off display: Press Left, □, □, □, □, Up, △, △, △, Right, ○, Down, ×, R1 and L1 simultaneously.

Cheryl Marie Boudreau dance: Press Left, □, □, □, □, Up, △, △, △, Right, ○, Down, ×, Down, ×, Down, ×, Down, ×, Down, ×, Down, ×.

All weapons: Press Left, □, □, □, □, Up, △, △, △, Right, ○, Down, ×, R1, R1, R1, R1, L1, L1, L1, L1, R2, R2, R2, R2, L2, L2, L2, L2.

All missions complete: Press Left, □, □, □, □, Up, △, △, △, Right, ○, Down, ×, Select, ×, ×, ×, Select, △, △, △, Select, ×, ×, ×.

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Saturn (Game Shark)

Virtua Fighter 2

First, enter the master code

#6000914	C305	
#6002800	0000	Master code
16000032	0762	Infinite time
16000038	0010	
1600001A	0002	Play under water

Sega Rally

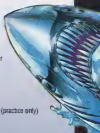
First, enter the master code.

#6000914	C305	
#6002800	0000	Master code
16040018	0003	Select Lakeside (practice only)

Corps Killer

First, enter the master code.

#6000914	C305	
#60002800	0000	Master code
16050D0E	0043	Infinite datura bullets



Super NES

Nosferatu

Stage Select, Maximize Health Meter, And Maximum Power Crystals



Stage select: Select the Configuration mode and highlight "Exit." Press L, L, R, R, R, L, L, L. Press Up or Down to go to any stage.

Maximize health meter: During a game, do a Spinning Back Kick by simultaneously pressing Away and Y, and pause the game. Then press Up, X, Right, A, Down, B, Left, Y.

Maximum power crystals: Anytime during play, pause the game and press Up, X, Right, A, Down, B, Left, Y.

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