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Pikachu bounces back for more monster mayhem

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We promise every game has been tested by our expert players. They tell you what they really think and won't score a game high they wouldn't want to play themselves...

How they score

0-44Real rubbish45-64Still not worth playing65-79Nothing too special80-89Pretty good, but not
exactly great90-100Amazing game you
must play!

must play:

Awesome

Our Awesome award is only given to games we love and think you really must play. It's only ever given to games that score over 90%.

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Game Info





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Pokémon Trading Card Game Reviews

Card king

- t's time to sharpen up your duelling skills with the Pokémon crew as Pikachu and his pals get set to transform your world once again.
- Based on the huge Wizards of the Coast smash, Pokémon Trading Card Game sees you in a quest to get hold of the four Legendary Cards.
- Build up your decks and polish your fighting tactics as you battle it out across eight Clubs before the final challenge at the Pokémon Dome.

With the option to trade and fight with other Pokémaniacs too, this monster game is more electrifying than a Pikachu Thundershock. Let's check it out...



 Build up your deck and attack like a true Master to get the four Legendary Cards.
You'll need to get your hiking boots on and tour each Club to get the eight Medals.



THIS IS THE FIRE CLUB. WHERE GUYS WITH A BURNING PASSION FOR POKENON_

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Take to the table and become king of the card sharks as Pokémon fever deals an ace on your Game Boy.



COLOR Reviews Pokémon Trading Card Game

Legendary journey

Just like the Pokémon quests, the Trading Card Game features a top story which really sucks you into the adventure.

Ronald, one of your friends from your neighbourhood, has heard that the four Grand Masters are looking for someone to inherit the four Legendary Pokémon Cards.

Only by winning all eight Master Medals will you be able to challenge the Masters. Do this and you'll then have the chance to continue the legend by claiming the Legendary Cards as your own.



Pokémon pros

As you travel between the eight different Clubs you'll meet many cool characters along the way.

Some will ask you for a duel, while others offer handy advice. And don't forget to check out the bookcases for useful information. There are loads of people to talk to, so let's meet <u>the crew...</u>



He's the game's researcher and knows everything about the Pokémon Trading Cards. Check his e-mails on the game's PCs for some beaut advice.

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Sam works at Dr Mason's laboratory and he's the first person you get to battle, even if it's only a practice duel. Turn to him for help at any time.

Packed with energy

Fans of the Wizards of the Coast cards will know how the game works, but there's a tutorial mode to help you out if you don't. Each side is dealt seven cards and the aim of the game is to win all the prizes in the middle of the table by wiping out your rival's

Pokémon. Sounds easy so far, doesn't it? You must start with Basic Pokémon, only later can you evolve

them, and to attack you must attach Energy Cards to your monsters. Snap up all the prizes and you'll be given extra cards which will enable you to make the ultimate Pokémon Trading Card deck.



LOOKS The eight Clubs look smart and the complex battles are made easier thanks to neat animations.



He calls himself a friend, but he wants to get his mitts on the Legendary Cards first, the rotter. You'll have to fight him from time to time, too.



This bizarre man makes an appearance in some Clubs. Make sure you've got a good deck as you can duel his Pokémon if you find him.

Build the best

At the start, Dr Mason will offer you a deck from Charmander and Friends, Bulbasaur and Friends or Squirtle and Friends. They are great to use at the beginning but, if you're planning on fighting the four Grand Masters, you'll need to build your own deck

by winning duels and earning cards. Each Pokemon pack must contain 60 cards, with no more than four of the same Types in each one. Don't forget to include Trainer Cards, too. These juicy types will enable you to swap any useless cards and could decide a nail biting battle.



At the start of the game, brain box scientist, Dr Mason, will give you the choice of three decks. Ah, doesn't Squirtle look cute!



Trainer Cards are life savers. You'll need plenty of these to win the game. Get Professor Oak and you can deal yourself a new set of seven cards.

A day at the Dome

After you've defeated the eight Club Masters and been rewarded with each Medal, you'll get the chance to take on the four top dogs.

The Grand Masters hang out at the Pokémon Dome, and you'll need all your skill, cunning and more than just a spot of luck to defeat these experts.

If you can trash 'em all, the four Legendary Cards await you, so make sure you have an impressive deck or be prepared to get wiped out.

In the middle of the world is Pokémon Dome, the magical place where the Grand Masters play.



Time to get chummy

If you and a mate own a Game Boy Color, then get set to use the Infra Red signal to trade decks and cards.

In addition, you can use the mode to activate a cool option in the game called Card Pop! By using this smart link up, both players will get a new card and

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enable you to expand your awesome collection.

Make sure you go on a search for other gamers as well 'cos each time you Card Pop! you'll get a new card

every time.

No need to attach your Game Boys with link cables, just hook 'em up with the Infra Red signal and trade!



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SOUNDS A friendly ditty plays along during the game which is better than most Pokémon offerings.





Looney Tunes Collector Martian Revenge!



By **Infogrames** Price **£24.99** Game Link ✓ Infra Red ✓ Game Boy × Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about Marvin the Martian wants to get even in the sequel to Martian Alert. Daffy Duck's become a star and you've got to travel across Earth to find all your Looney Tunes buddies. Link up for some top games, too. We think With a host of different characters and loads of new areas to explore, fans of the original will drool over this tasty sequel. It might be more of the same, but Martian Revenge! is a welcome alternative to Pokémon.



Gulp! Marvin doesn't look too happy, does he? Better help the alien get down to Earth Daffy Duck's really made a name for himself since the first game. He embarrassed Marvin on TV and now the martian wants his own back.





▲ Nasty aliens are at work up in the space station, so use your ray gun to pop them off one by one. Looks like that one's a gonner!



▲ Speedy Gonzales is another one of the game's awesome new characters. He can scoot past baddies in a cloud of dust. Out of my way, stinky gringo.



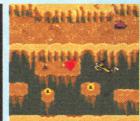
▲ To fire up Marvin's UFO, you need to get his cute doggy sidekick, K-9, and grab the four saucer batteries, just like the one in the middle here.



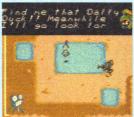
▲ The game is packed with some wicked cut scenes, making it look like a proper Looney Tunes cartoon.



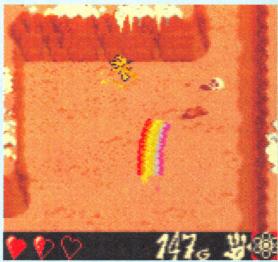
A Now Daffy's a superstar he hates being disturbed. Keep your finger on the trigger and get blasting.



▲ It's a long way down, K-9! Use the friendly mutt's jumping skills to collect all the coins.



A Martian is on hand to give you plenty of advice should you reach a dead end. Listen carefully, now!



▲ Look out for the little leprechaun's magic rainbow 'cos if you step into it, it will transport you to faraway corners of each level.

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Woody Woodpecker Racing

By **Konami** Price **£24.99** Game Link ✓ Infra Red ✓ Game Boy × Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about The looniest birdbrain of them all gets the go kart treatment. Race against Wally Walrus, Chilly Willy, Smedley and the rest of the gang. Ride the wild tracks, from giant highways to manic golf courses.

We think It's not as good as Mickey's Racing Adventure and there's nothing new that spices up the cartoon racing genre. It's a tough cookie to crack and the speed is suspect at times, too. Good, but uninspiring.



Use the ramps and jumps to get up and over the holes in the road. You'd better not look down, Woody!



The wooden bridge is very narrow, so keep clear of your opponents or they will shunt you into the water.

You'll need a huge leap to make it over the river. The Jungle track is full of pitfalls. Get a good line or you'll be washed downstream.



Ride over the boxes to grab a power up to send your rivals spinning.



Jungle Book

keep up your speed.

By Ubi Soft Price £24.99 Game Link 🗙 Infra Red 🗶 Game Boy 🗶 Game Boy Color 🗸

What it's about Lead Mowgli in a perilous trek with Baghera and the jungle crew. Unlock the hidden routes and battle wild animals to get the man cub to the village before it's too late.

We think Platformers are two a penny on Game Boy, and this is a run of the mill effort. Graphically it's cool and the mini games are fun, but it doesn't offer anything new. Get DK Country instead.



The movie at the beginning of the game looks totally mint and it's just like the classic Disney film.



Keep an eye on the wild animals as you run through the tall grass. Leap on his head, Mowgli!



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Chicken Run

By THQ Price £24.99 Game Link 🗙 Infra Red 🗙 Game Boy 🗶 Game Boy Color 🗸

What it's about Join Ginger and Rocky in the puzzler based on the hit flick. Guide your buddies past the Tweedy's ferocious guard dogs whilst staying away from the giant pie machine.

We think Chicken Run was a summer sizzler, but this is a bit of a winter turkey. The puzzles will have you hooked, but ropey graphics ruin what could have been a good spin off from the film.



The alarm will go off if the magic eyes spot you, so you'd better place a mirror in front of them.



Wait for the dogs to fall asleep before you sneak past or they'll start barking.



🔺 Mac's on hand to give you some guidance on the level ahead, so listen to the crazy inventor.



the cardboard boxes to turn off the glaring searchlights.

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David Mirra Freestyle BMX

By Acclaim Price £24.99 Game Link × Infra Red × Game Boy × Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about Pedal power scoots onto your GB Color with this action packed stunt and race BMX sim. Cycle your way through woods and schoolyards using ramp tricks for mega high scores galore. We think The stages look half decent and the biker animation is good. Unfortunately, the levels feel too enclosed to build up speed or see where the next track or hazard is up ahead.

pedal like crazy to jump over the track. Speed up for a super

You'll

long leap.

need to



▲ The trick list is pretty impressive and, if you learn them well, you'll become a BMX star overnight.



▲ The bridge might not be the usual place for BMX stunts, but in Dave Mirra Freestyle BMX, anything is possible. Great wheelie, dude!

Buffy the Vampire Slayer

By THQ Price £24.99 Game Link × Infra Red × Game Boy × Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about There's something up at Sunnydale and Buffy's on a mission to find out what it is. Help everyone's fave vampire slayer to battle ghouls and drive a stake through their hearts. We think The TV series is a hoot, but this is appaling. It isn't scary and the gameplay is awful. Easily one of the worst Game Boy Color titles ever and a contender for the bargain bin crown.



▲ Something sinister is going down in Sunnydale and it's up to young lass Buffy to sort it out.

The cemetery is totally overrun by nasty spirits.



As soon as the ghouls are flat out, just bend down and drive a stake through them.



The number one vampire slayer has got a top range of moves at her disposal. Have that, evil one!





In addition to doing more tricks than Paul Daniels, you must collect every spray paint can before the time runs out



GAME SCORE

The Grinch

By **Konami** Price **£24.99** Game Link × Infra Red × Game Boy × Game Boy Color ✓

What it's about It's Christmas in Who-Ville, but the Grinch doesn't like it. Negotiate the mazes and use your stealth to nick presents without the Whos seeing, and end their festivities once and for all. We think The Grinch is a great character and you'll need all your stealth skills from games like Metal Gear Solid in this clever title. Not a great looker, but simple and very addictive.

80%



▲ The evil green beast known as the Grinch wants to stop Christmas cheer once and for all.

 The Grinch can even crawl across the floor to enter secret rooms and grab extra time.
If you're spotted you'll be charged at, so keep on the move.



▲ You'll have to play a mean game of hide and seek if you want to nick all the Whos' presents.







MTV Sports Pure Ride

By **THQ** Price **£24.99** Game Link × Infra Red × Game Boy × Game Boy Color ✓



▲ Down on the Slalom course there are flags everywhere, so weave round them carefully. Try not to hit them 'cos if you do you'll go over. ▼ You're up against the clock on the mountain trails, so make sure you don't make a mistake when you're performing a neat trick.



What it's about First there was skateboarding, now the MTV Sports bandwagon hits the mountain slopes. Grab your snowboard as you ollie your way to become king of the hills.

We think Extreme sports games are tricky to recreate on your portable pal, but this is a really nice try. The speed is sluggish in places, but the range of options and tricks makes this slope sim ice cool.

 When you jump into the air, make sure you pull a few stunts to increase your score.
You'll need to hold
to get a tighter turn on the sharp icy bends.





Supercross Freestyle

By **Infogrames** Price **£24.99** Game Link 🗙 Infra Red 🗙 Game Boy 🗙 Game Boy Color 🖌

What it's about Hop on Honda and kick start your Kawasaki in this clever dirt bike sim. Use your power ups to rocket to the front in Arcade or pull tricks like a stuntman in Freestyle.

We think A good turn of speed and some slick controls make this a top notch two wheeler that wipes the floor with other motorbike speedsters. Definitely worth a look.



In Freestyle mode, you must remember and repeat the button combos before you land on the other side.



▲ Supercross races will see riders come off all over the place so steer well clear of their bikes.



 Feel the need for speed? Get down to the grid in Arcade mode and grab those super power ups.
You've only got three laps to get to the front, so hit full throttle and grip those handlebars.



Monkey Puncher

What it's about Your father has been kidnapped by the Saru Group. Use your animal loving talents to be the best Monkey Trainer in town and save your Pa.



A Be nice to your ape, or he'll sink his teeth in!

We think Monkey Puncher won't be everyone's cup of tea, but it's well worth persevering with. A totally off the wall title.



Robot Wars



with your clever creation.

What it's about The BBC2 series comes to life as you build a robot, then battle your foes. The game ends in a fight to the death in the scary War Zone.

We think Building your own robot could have been loads better and the events don't quite, recreate the atmosphere of the show.



Uno

What it's about The crazy card game hits your portable pal. Link up with a friend or take on 12 different computer rivals in fun variations and themes.



▲ Uno's a game that even your Dad could play.

We think Great for long car journeys but it by no means blows you away. Not ground breaking, but then it is just a card game.



Xena Warrior Princess



What it's about The hardest sword wielding babe gets the GB treatment. Hack your way to the ultimate contest that will decide the fate of the world.

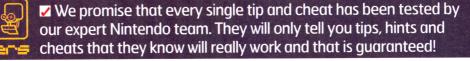
Xena's one hard TV babe, but this is puny!

We think Xena Warrior Princess is a real cop out. The worlds look dull and the questing action is monotonous to say the least.



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It's the hottest platformer to blast onto your micro machine in yonks! And we've got some exclusive hints and tips to help you in your jungle quest against King K. Rool and his barmy army.



Expresso honus

Grab the Expresso Token in Jungle Hijinxs. Hit START and press SELECT to exit. Then you should re enter the level. Repeat 'til you have three Tokens and enter the Bonus Area. Easy!



Become a trigger happy

military man with these sharp shooting tips.

Good hunting, soldier.

If you've come to a total dead end and you've not managed to complete the mission, pause and check the radar. The remaining enemies will then be highlighted.



pinned down by shell fire, take out the superscouts first. Your enemy's fire is a lot less accurate without them.



Enemy soldiers can't shoot when they are wading through water, so give them the bullet when they swim your way. Pretty sneaky, huh?

Entire enemy platoons can usually be found lurking in huts. Blow them up before they can get out, saving on both men and firepower.



Sticker packs Look out for green Bananas as Sticker Packs are nearby. On Stop & Go Station, go in the right hollow by the N token for a Sticker Pack.



Kong Country, use your monkey magic to bounce on eight Kremlings in a row without hitting the ground.

If you crave more 1UPs in Donkey

Extra lives

🔺 Extra time When you are running short of time

on Funky Fishing, hook the Croctopi to add a few more seconds to the timer. Better get fishing, Nintendoids!



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Now you can play the Wizards of the Coast game on your handheld. And we've got some ace cheats to help you in your quest to get the Legendary Pokémon Cards...

We reckon Turok 3's the best game in the blaster series! And now you can skip around the Lost Land with these level codes.



Unlimited lives

Want to blast your way through the Lost Land without any problems? Now you can! Enter FJVHDCK on Password screen for all the lives you'll ever need!



🔺 Easy level skip Enter the password SDFLMSF if you want to skip to level two, DVLFDZM for level three, VFDSGPD for level four and CSDJKFD for level five.



Time to sink a putt

It's one of the hottest Game Boy sports sims available. With these sensational tips you're sure to be at the top of the leaderboard in no time at all.

Get 300 Experience Points Find Sherry in the north of Tiny Tots course, Azalea on the right of Palm Club green and Joe in west of Raven Woods for a top score!



To turn your ball whacker

before choosing a golfer.

into a left hander, hit SELEON



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They're the hottest sellers on the high street and we've got some explosive tips for you to try. Check 'em out...

Mario Bros. uper



To view the superb fireworks display that ends the levels, your time should end with a one, three or six. If it ends with any other number, you won't be able to see it. Boo!

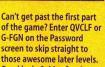
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You can unlock every single level on the world map just by entering the code CH5G4mS1jD on the Password screen. Now you can go and get Mr Dark.



Good luck, Spidey fans!

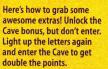
Pokémon

In Celadon City's Game Corner, keep hitting 🕢 while you are walking around to were there, did you?

Pokémon Pinball



collect some hidden coins. Bet you didn't know they



Quick flick! >>> Win some Chicken Run videos in Blag Fest, p16



Drop into one of the Clubs and read your new e-mails from Dr Mason. Each 2b time you do this you'll get hold of a

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EMERGY! ENERGY!

ENERGY CARDS ARE NERY IMPORTANT!

EACH PLAYER WILL DRAW 7 CARDS.

Booster Pack. Level 9 Slowpoke

Booster

Pack

Make a duelling deck from 59 Energy cards and a Basic Pokémon. Give your unused Energy cards to the Fire Club boy and say 'Yes'

Unlimited Energy cards Keep fighting Sam at Dr Mason's lab to get two Booster Packs full of wicked

Energy cards. Once you've got these little beauties, no one will be able to stop you!

Game Boy Test Kit out your Game Boy with cool add ons

lt's pretty nippy, but this cool GB kit is sure to warm your cockles...

Organise your Game Boy ' collection and be stylish too with this cool gizmo.



of the best

Take our advice and you'll never buy a dud. We only recommend the very best!

Cannon Fodder

A Brilliant war sim that features a whopping 72 different combat zones.

Spiderman

E 100 ► Peter Parker stars in this Solder adventure, set i

A More ace critter adventuring,

super Spidey adventure, set in New York. Pokémon Yellow

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cool kit, it's got bigger buttons, a joystick, speakers and a magnifier. Radical!

Expand the fun with this

● Gamers' Pak ● £19.99 ● InterAct

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A Hold the lovely Joanna Dark in your hand. Nuff said.

Trading Card Game

▲ GB version of the Wizards of the Coast Poké card game. Great fun.

Perfect Dark

Game Boy Test



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We promise to bring you the best information on the Game Boy and GB Color. We tell you all the news before anyone else and all of our stories are guaranteed 100% correction Nintendo.

Play as your faves

Game Info By: Nintendo Type: Sports sim Release: February

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Ace adventure

Unlock N64 secrets

Super sports sim

Azza and his pals might have taken the N64 by storm, but just wait until you see the ace GB Color title Nintendo has served up.

Just like in the superb Mario Golf, Mario Tennis will see you learn your trade in the cool Story mode. This time though it takes place in a sprawling tennis academy. Here, your job is to beat challengers, win tournaments and compete in fun mini games to rack up your high score.

As an added bonus, if you unlock the hidden players in the portable game, you'll be able to play them on the N64 version by using the Transfer Pak. How awesome is that! Let's take a look...





A The tennis academy is where you'll practice your skills to perfection. You also get to take part in some ace tournaments on your way to the top of the circuit.

All your favourite tennis stars (rom the Nintendo world are here to play, including new recruit Waluigi. Nice one, Yoshil Looks like he's missed it.

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We think....

Mario Golf was a classic and we've got high hopes for this tennis sim. With secrets to unlock and top notch playability, this could be a smash hit.

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Can't wait for Christmas? Then see if you can land yourself some loot with these top compos...

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How to win (1) Write your answer on a postca

 Write your answer on a postcard or on the back of a sealed down envelope.
On one side, write the answer to the compo, your name, age and home address.
On the other side, mark it with the compo name and our address: Nintendo Official Magazine, EMAP Active, Angel House, 338-346 Goswell Road, London, EC1V 70P.
Lick a stamp, stick it on your entry and post it. Good luck, Nintendoids.

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1 Ghouls and ghosts

Buffy the Vampire Slayer is coming to town this month, and we've got some ace goodie bags thanks to THQ, Titan Books and Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment. Five readers will win a Season 4 boxset, the game and a bundle of graphic novels.

Q What traditionally kills vampires? (A) A stake through the heart (B) Rice pudding (C) Prunes for breakfast

3 Have a natter

We're so impressed with Datel's awesome World Port that we've decided to give five of you lucky Nintendoids another chance to win one. Just think, you could be e-mailing your buddies through your Game Boy if your name is pulled out of the hat...

Q What does e-mail stand for? (A) Excellent Mail (B) Electronic Mail (C) Eggy Mail

2 Feathery fun

Our hats go off to the gang at Pathé Distribution Ltd, 'cos they've given us five copies of the hilarious animation flick Chicken Run to give away. So if you want to watch the plasticine antics of Rocky, Ginger and Fowler, just have a pop at this teaser...

Q Who are the evil farm owners in Chicken Run? (A) The Fowlers (B) The Tweedys (C) The Battersbys

4 Light 'em up

Perfect for playing under the duvet after you've gone to bed, the Bone Light is a wicked piece of kit for your Game Boy. Thanks to our friends at Mad Catz we've got five fun peripherals to win, so pull on your thinking caps and give this a go...

Q Can you tell us which bone wielding Pokémon Cubone evolves into? (A) Muk (B) Machop (C) Marowak

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