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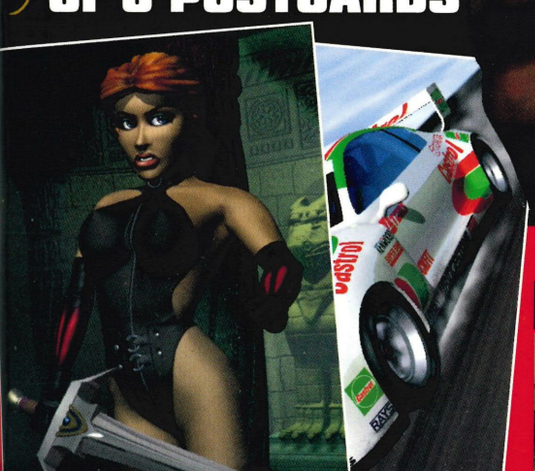
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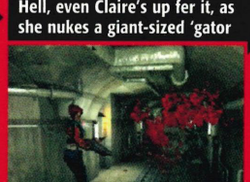
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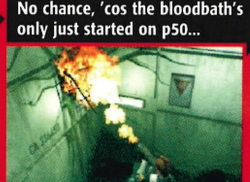
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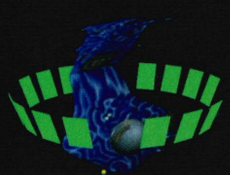
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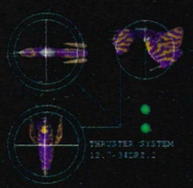
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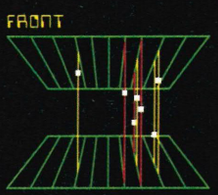
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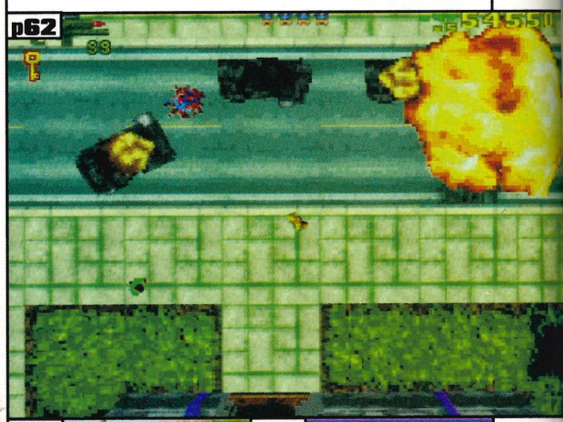
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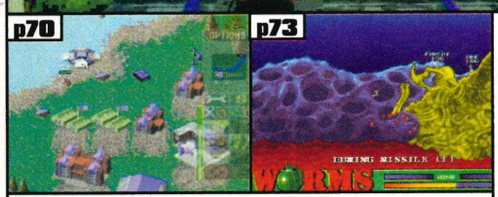
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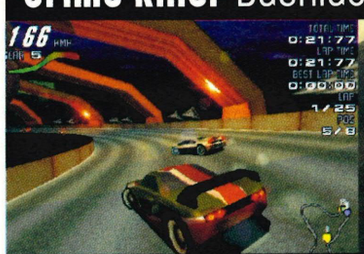
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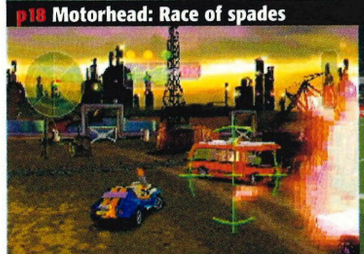
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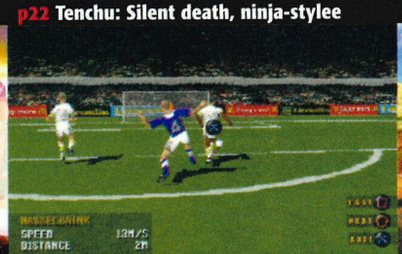
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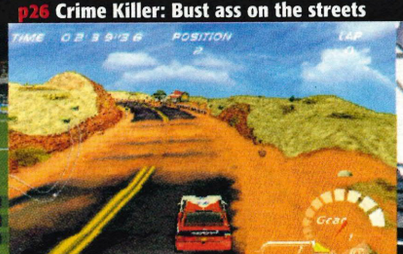
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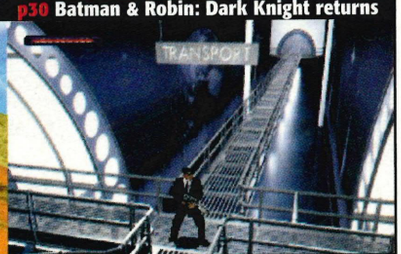
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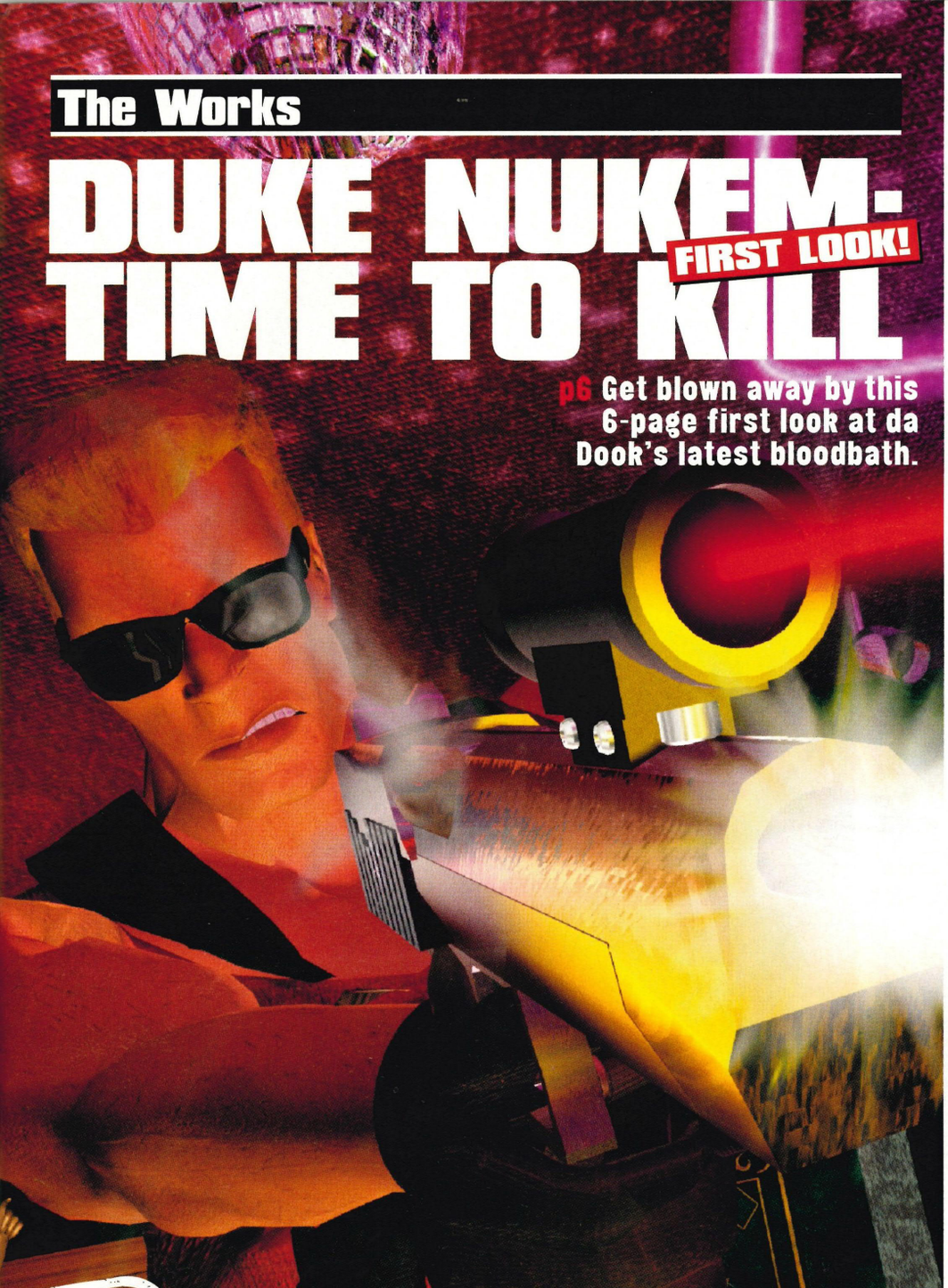
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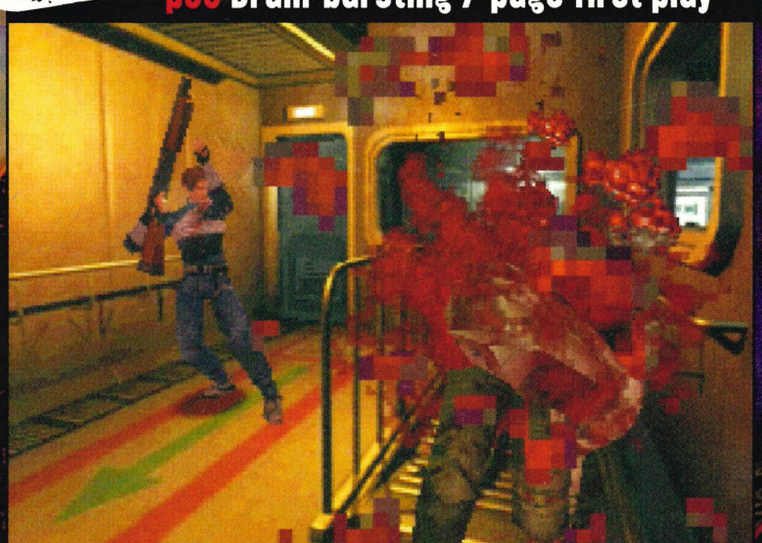
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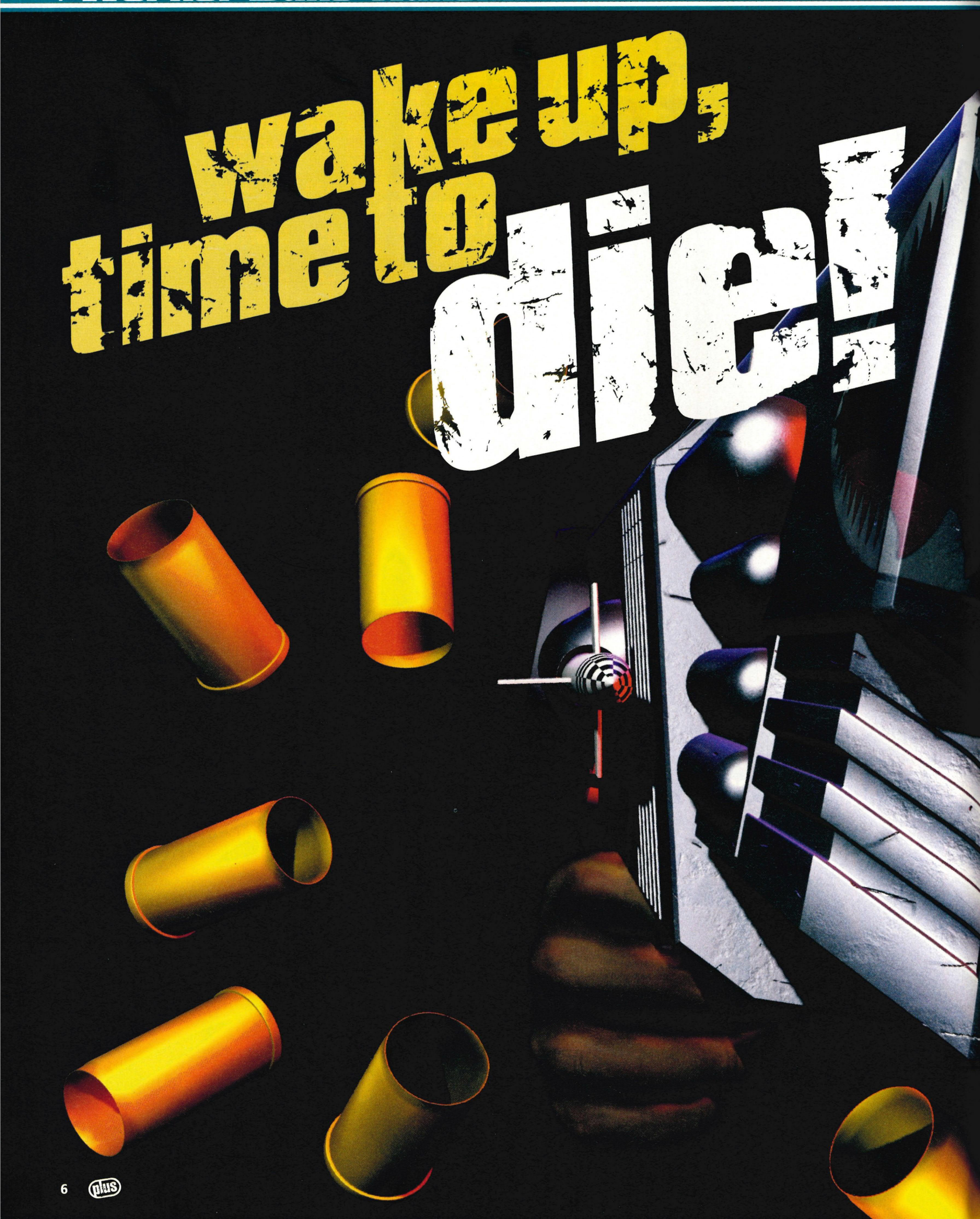
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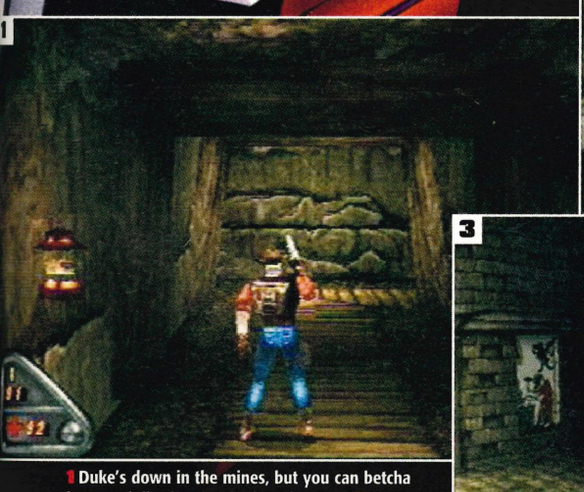

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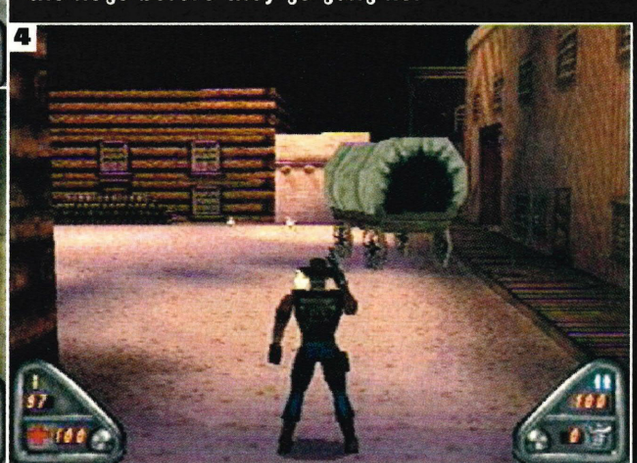
Bigger muscles than a Russian weightlifter, more guns than the US Army and one-liners tackier than wet paint. Grab yer flak jacket 'cos Duke Nukem's back in town...











1 Duke's down in the mines, but you can betcha bottom dollar he ain't looking for gold **2** Since the levels are 3D it's dead easy to fall off a ledge and kick the bucket. Bah **3** 'Psst. See that rug? It'll be worth loads by now so nick it' **4** If the going gets too tough, go hide in that wagon

The wise-cracking killer king returns to yer screens, ready to rack the body count up into the millions. Y'see, the Pig Cops are being a pain in the arse once more, nipping through time and notching up some serious kills across four time zones. Duke's gotta get back there and stop the hogs before they go gung ho.

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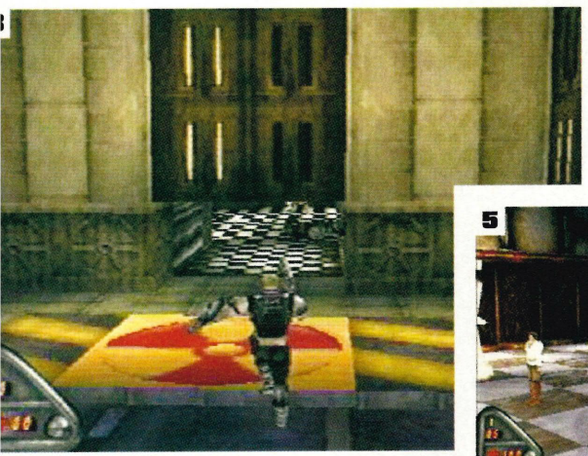
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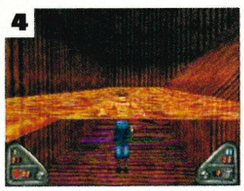
Gameplay

Forget the other Duke Nukem game 'cos Time to Kill is completely different. It's more of an adventure game, a bit like Tomb Raider. Duke's viewed from behind and jogs about the 3D levels, gun in hand. 'Course, there's still plenty of shootin' to be done, so don't worry. But there's also a whole load of puzzles to strain yer brain along the way.













1 Gasp! Duke Nukem holsters his gun for a bit of puzzle-solving **2** Having only just learnt to jump, the Duke plummets to his death **3** Running, jumping, shooting. Simple stuff, but it all adds up to bollock-gripping gameplay **4** Yellow water? Duke! Use the outhouse, scumbag! **5** Nukem's just a pawn in a giant game of life. Or maybe he just likes porn... **6** Which way now? Can't decide? Shoot summat then!

plus

We'd like to say...

Duke Nukem meets Tomb Raider. Sounds like a great idea, huh? From what we've seen it's gonna be a corker, but then a lot can happen in the six months it will take to get Time to Kill on the shelves.

The stuff you see here is only a taster of what to expect. In the final game there'll be loads of new and cool weapons, nifty lighting effects and tons of levels you can run riot in. Sounds good to us.

What we like

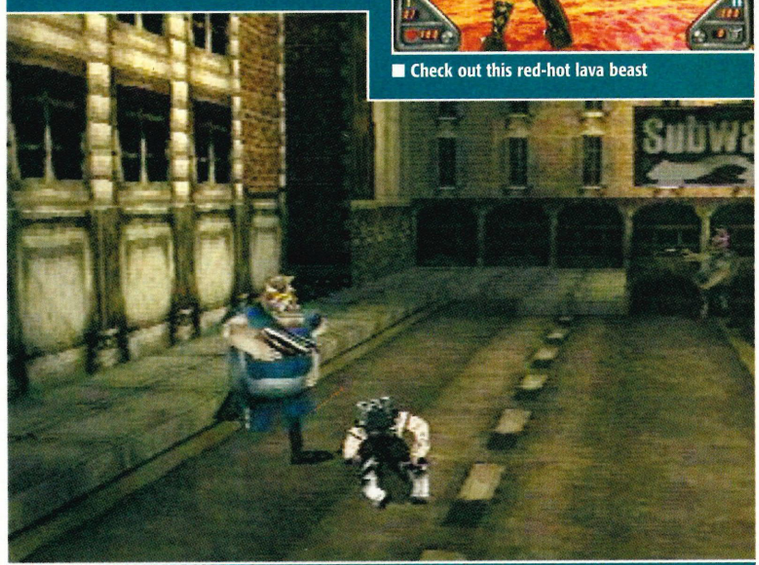
Full-on 3D head-poppin'!

The thing we didn't like about the first Duke Nukem game was the fact that the enemies were all as flat as a schoolgirl's chest.

Well, it's all change here daddio, 'cos everything in Duke Nukem: Time to Kill is in gorgeous 3D and boy, does it look better for it.



■ Check out this red-hot lava beast



■ All the characters look pretty nifty, including the Pig Cops in 3D for the first time

Time zones

Wanna know why Duke's back? Here's the lowdown: the Pig Cops, caned by Duke in the last game, wanna get their own back so they've created a time machine, causing havoc across the centuries. Duke's gotta go through to four different eras – modern, Roman, medieval and the Wild West – and wipe out the hogs before they destroy us humies.







1 Medieval England: haunted by Pig Cop knights and psycho chickens **2** Back in the now, LARD are policing the streets, looking to bust Duke's ass **3** Duke draws his shooters for a showdown

'Nuke some pig cops!'

Graphics

It's difficult to say what Duke Nukem: Time to Kill's gonna look like 'cos it's early days – things are a bit bare at the mo but trust us, it'll get a whole lot better. Lighting will be used to make some really great-looking levels, but the enemies are the thing we're most looking forward too. Nuking a 3D Pig Cop? Sounds like a right crack!

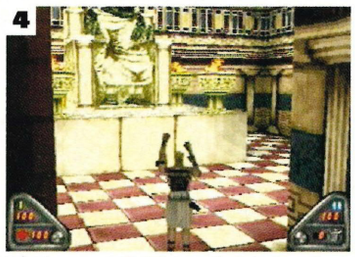




■ It's Nukem. Of course there are go-go girls!







1 LA looks so scummy you can almost smell the shit in the sewers 2 Lighting effects look really great, even though the game's six months from completion 3 Some of the locations are small, others are e-bloody-normous 4 Duke's obviously excited about the fact that he's in 3D

Weapons

What good's a Duke game without weapons? It ain't good at all! No worries 'cos there's stacks of 'em in Time to Kill. The weapons Nukem's got change depending on the time zone he's in, so he's left with six-shooters in the Wild West and a blunderbuss-style shotgun in the medieval era. The Dook occasionally cheats though, whipping out his Pulse cannon for a taste of futuristic ass kicking.



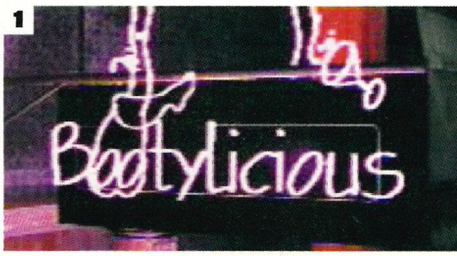




1 Outta ammo? Don't matter 'cos Duke's a kung fu fighting king! 2 Phaser guns aplenty in the modern bit of Time to Kill 3 Weapons change depending on which time zone you're in

Intro

The Dook's taking a rest after cooking Pig Cop butt in the first game, when the space hogs strike again. Cutting short his R&R, Duke's back in the hotseat, guns locked and loaded and a coupla bikini-clad broads drooling over his every move...





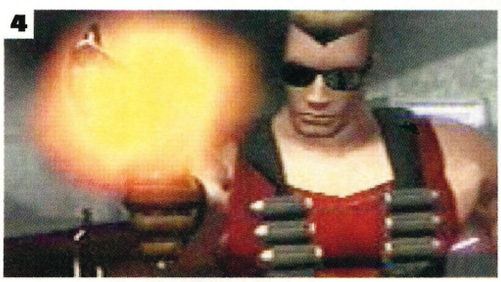


■ 'Hey Dooky, wanna play with my grenades?'

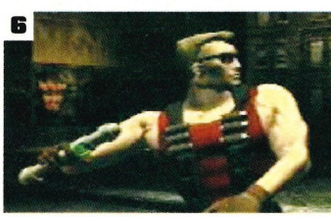


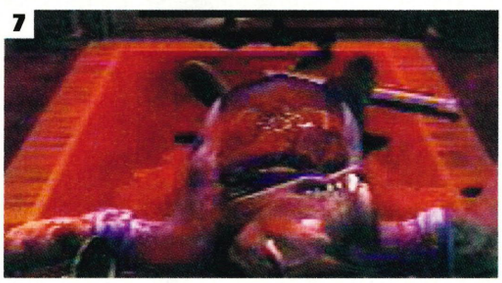
■ 'Baby, I'm always up for a bit of action!'

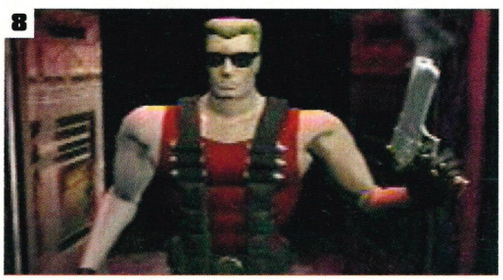






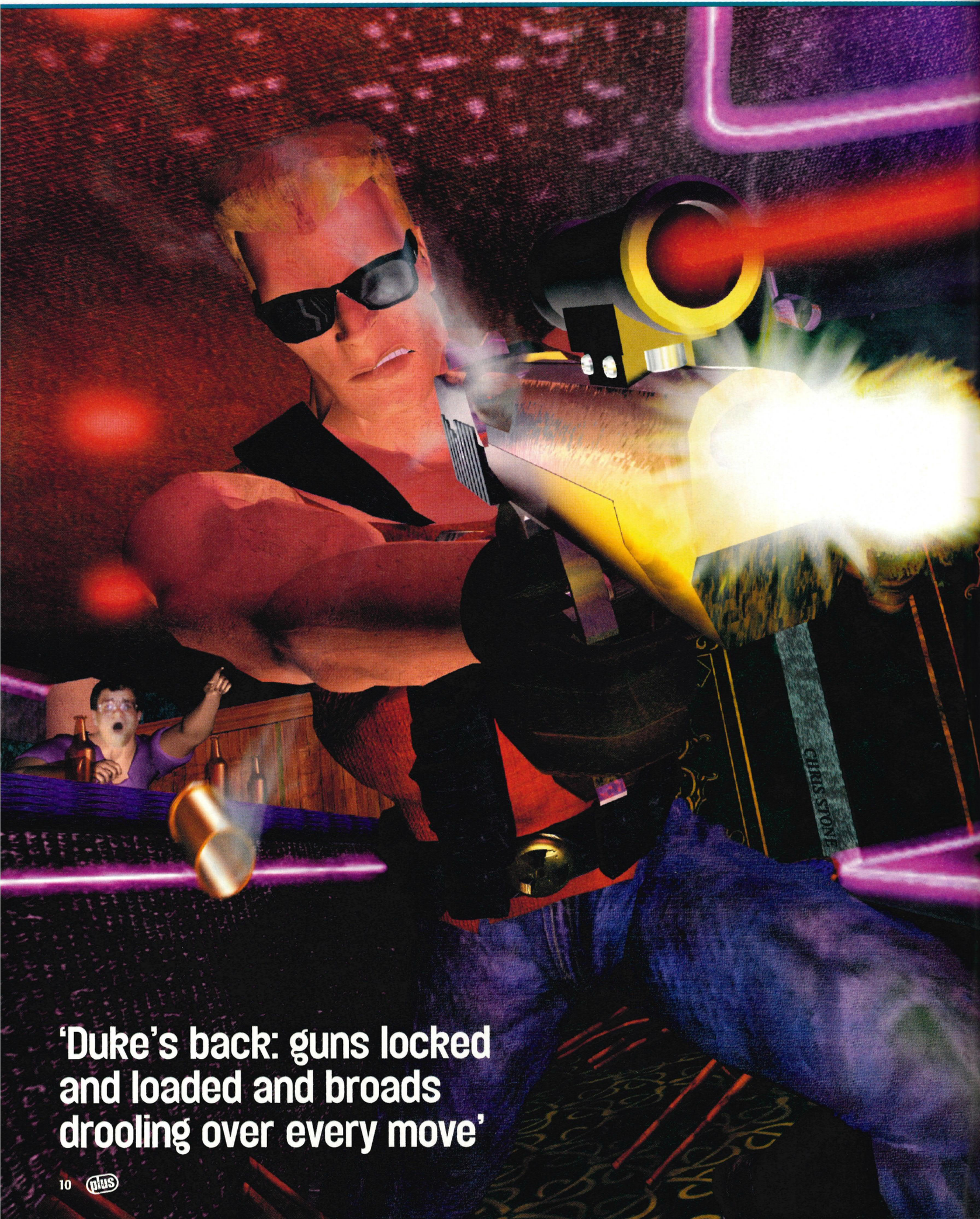






1 Welcome to Bootylicious, the place Duke's chosen to chill out after his last bloodbath 2 Inside, top beauties writhe up and down greasy poles (shudder) 3 But while Duke has a gawp at the foxy girls, a Pig Cop bursts in through the door 4 BASTAARRDD! Nukem shoots his load, right in the Pig Cop's ugly mush... 5 But the tooled-up psycho doesn't stop there! More lead is pumped... 6 Then a couple of grenades... 7 Before the hog copper is finally left to bleed to death on the carpet 8 He's dead already! Jeez Duke, ever heard of overkill?

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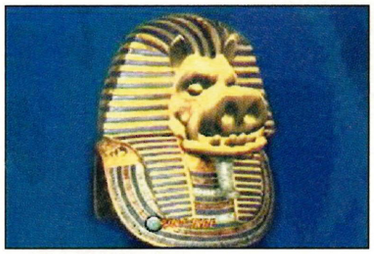


'Duke's back: guns locked and loaded and broads drooling over every move'

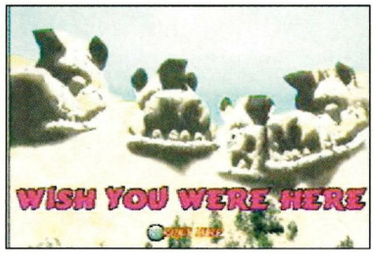
'Tons of weapons and loads of levels!'

Humour

Duke's always been one for cracking gags and humour's something that'll feature heavily in Time to Kill. The musclebound mauler comes out with one-liners every time he kicks alien ass, plus he's kitted out with fancy dress cossies so he looks at home in each time zone. For extra laffs there are the Pig Cop loading screens, and they're downright bizarre.



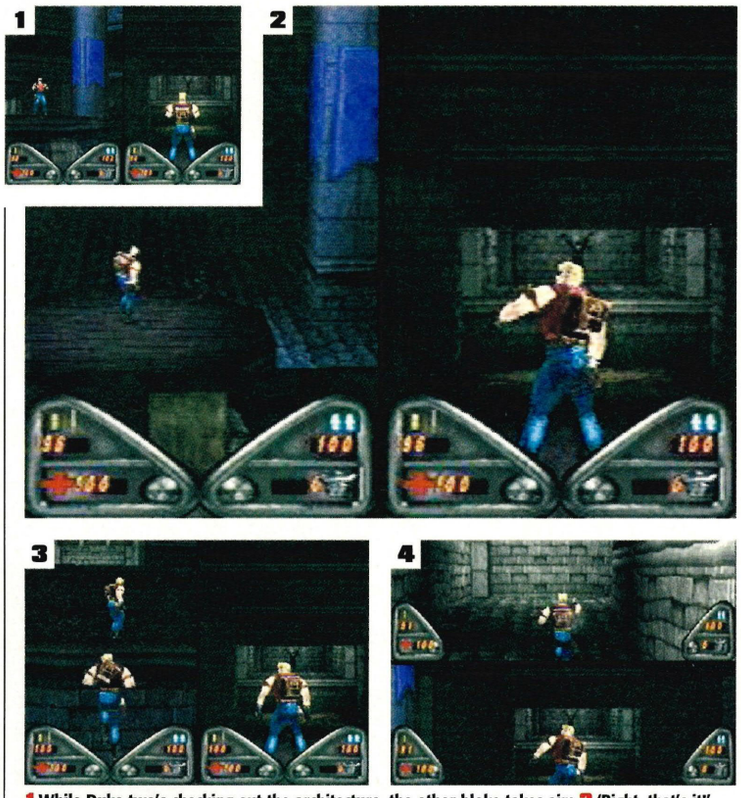
■ If Duke loses, Ancient Egypt'll be ruled by hog



■ Those goddamn Pig Cops get everywhere...

Multiplayer

Time to Kill's split-screen multiplayer mode allows two Dukes to... erm, duke it out against one another. It's pretty much like any other deathmatch game, legging it around to pick up the biggest weapon, then hunting down the other bloke and fragging their ass. If you've got game-hungry mates, this is gonna be a right laugh.



1 While Duke two's checking out the architecture, the other bloke takes aim 2 'Right, that's it!' 3 Duke creeps up on the other geeza 4 Split the screen horizontally or vertically, it's your choice

Enemies

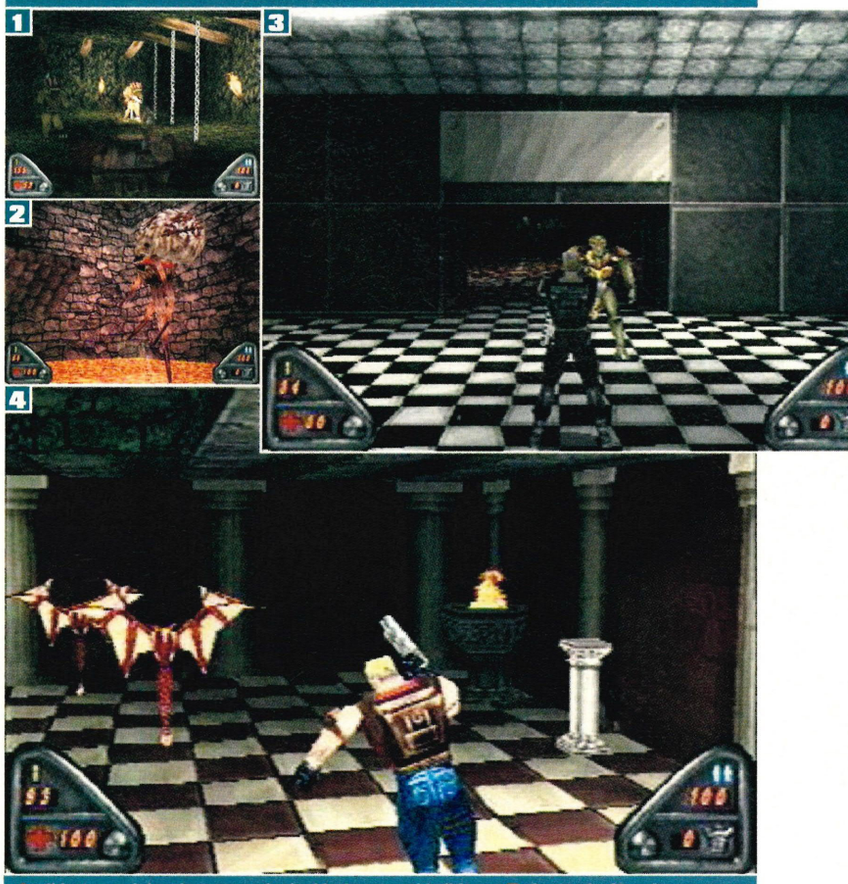
If you've played the first Duke Nukem you'll recognise loads of the bad asses in Time to Kill. The Pig Cops are everywhere and, like Duke, they change depending on what era they're running around in. The floating Octabrains are also back, gagging to suck on Dukey's grey matter. But it's the new faces you've gotta watch. Nukem's never seen these guys before, so who knows what they're capable of...



■ Duke's a law-breaker so bust this lard ass



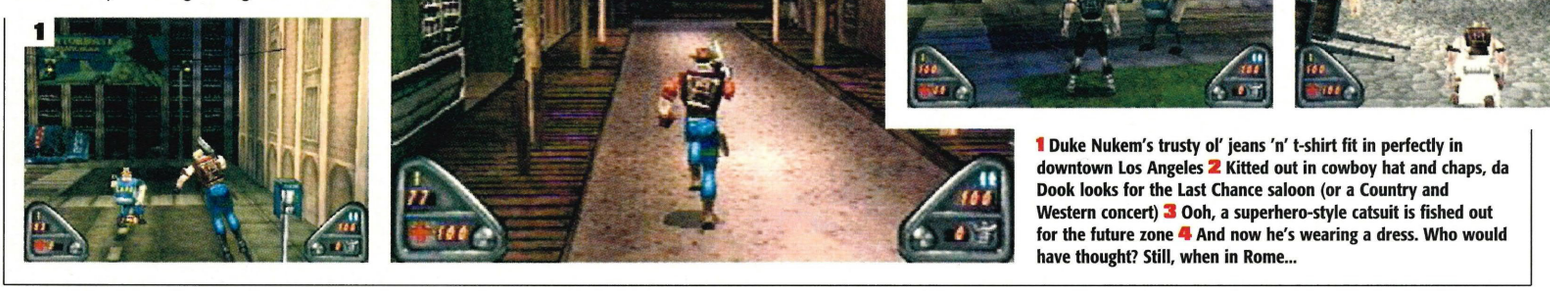
■ In the medieval zone Pig Cops carry swords



1 Wild West and the Pig Cops are back, this time as red indi-hams! 2 The Octabrain makes a guest appearance and boy does it look pissed 3 Duke deals with an alien invasion the only way he knows how. With his gun 4 Erk! Giant bat things with stingy tails. Muchos pain

Costumes

S'fair enough walking through Rome if you've gotta time capsule, but you're gonna stick out like a sore thumb wearing jeans and a battle vest. Luckily, Duke's wardrobe's got more variety than a pick 'n' mix counter, so he's always wearing the right clobber.



1 Duke Nukem's trusty ol' jeans 'n' t-shirt fit in perfectly in downtown Los Angeles 2 Kitted out in cowboy hat and chaps, da Dook looks for the Last Chance saloon (or a Country and Western concert) 3 Ooh, a superhero-style catsuit is fished out for the future zone 4 And now he's wearing a dress. Who would have thought? Still, when in Rome...

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Chris, Cheshire: Draws ace pics of Lara in the buff. Accused of being a pervert by female readers, adored by male ones. Currently locked in war of words with Louise (see above).
Abigail: Sexy model featured in the mag.
Gary Clow: Bloke offended by swearing who's written to us three times. We banned him from buying the mag.
Arse: A word we use a lot. Offends Gary Clow.

CLEVER GIRL

What's all the fuss about FFVII? 70 hours of play? I don't think so! 50 hours of that's spent reading the damn thing. I know, I've got it! Roll on Tekken 3. Now that'll be a game to get to grips with. **And who says gals can't play games?**

Maria Ward

VEGETABLES

In response to Baldrick's letter **Bloke who reckoned he was a hamster** I am also a member of the rodent family and suffer similar problems, except my PlayStation works fine because I can control my sexual urges. Your response to his letter was a disgrace, you are just discriminating against size. But one day we'll all gang up on you and then you'll be sorry. By the way, I don't suppose you could shrink down the Lara Croft posters as I'm having a job fitting them in my cage.

Roland

PS You don't have Baldrick's address do you? I haven't had a good meal in ages.

PARMESAN CHEESE

I think Chris from Cheshire's pictures are ace. Tell Louise Meldrum to stick it! **No. We love Louise. Slag her off again and you're banned** I recently bought Destruction Derby 2 and I'm bored of it already. Print some more pics of Abigail and Lara. How about an Abigail poster? **How about you introduce the word 'please' to your vocabulary?**

Johnny Bravo

DON'T TOUCH THAT MANTELPIECE!

In Lara's basement amongst the treasures there is a statue of a green cat with a jewel set below its head. I have noticed this cat also appears in one of the levels in the original Tomb Raider. Is this just coincidence, decoration or pointless? Is there anything significant about it? I'd be grateful if you can shed any light on the subject, but it's not that important if you don't have time. **'Fraid there's no light shed this end but – hey! – what do other readers think?**

Ed Green, email fella

ASH ARE CRAP

Just a little tip for anybody suffering from the problem of their 'other half' getting upset with them for spending too long playing on their PlayStation. Simply buy a Nintendo 64 complete with Lylat Wars and rumble pak then get them to sit naked and place the controller between their legs and just crash into everything in sight. This is guaranteed to keep them very, very happy. **A good plan if you're an octopus. Otherwise we'd suggest the odd bouquet of flowers** Do I win a prize? **Funnily enough, no**

Simon Heywood, email geezer

TROPICAL FRUIT BUBBLICIOUS

Please rate all the racing games as soon as you can because many people here in Istanbul buy the PlayStation for racing games. For instance, I bought a racing game called Side by Side but I didn't see anything about it in the mag. **That's 'cos we've never heard of it**

Burak Asral, Istanbul, Turkey.

NOW WE'RE ANGRY

Hello! I read your mag as often as possible. And I am having a bit of problem with money. So if you have any PlayStation games lying around then please could you send me them? I know you must have one. **Oh yeah, and what do we get in return? Someone who reads us 'as often as possible'. Whoopee shit. Actually our games are neatly stacked and we ain't gonna send them to a fly-by-night like you. Here's one less money worry you've got: you're banned from buying the mag**

Thomas Beecroft

OUR JOB: TO MAKE YOUR DAY

Last issue I couldn't help but notice on a picture of your website there was a shot of Vanessa Demouy topless in the background. It was very small though, so could you print a bigger version of it somewhere in the mag? **Look to your right you lucky lad**

Will, on my own planet

ARE FRIENDS ELECTRIC?

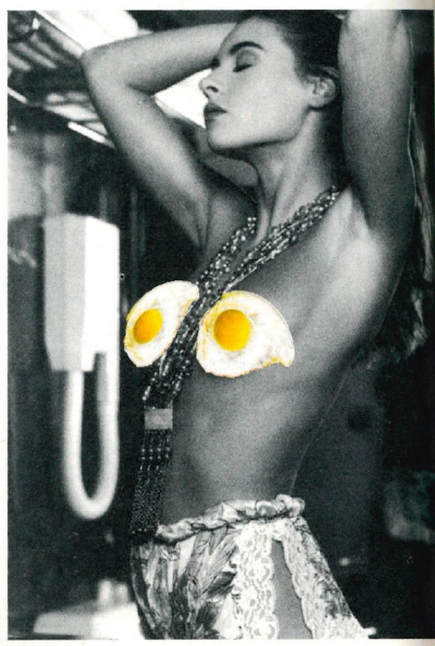
Any chance of printing a poster of Ab, the model from your 'Games are Better than Sex' feature? **We'll think about it**

David Williams, London

TURQUOISE PECK

I am currently going through Final Fantasy VII cold turkey and am desperate for something to fill the void. I find myself picking up coloured nuts in the streets and trying to hop on the back of passing poultry to make the trip to the shop quicker and safe from any large snake attacks. This has caused women to look at me in a different light and as a result my truncheon has become redundant **Are you a policeman then?** especially when I invite them back to my Gold Saucer to feed my pet lion who speaks and has a human grandfather. Can you please help me and tell me of any forthcoming Final Fantasy VII games, or of any good RPGs released soon. **Breath of Fire III, Alundra and Diablo are all on their way**

Michael, Dublin



■ Vanessa's new bra soon began to smell 'funny'

LITTLE POO

Why is Brian Little (shite Aston Villa manager) on the front cover of your March issue? Surely he didn't assist in the character movement on Tekken 3? If he did, I ain't playing it. All the kicks would hit the corner flag or end up in row Z of the Holte End. Tell me it isn't so. **And since you wrote this letter, Little's resigned. Coincidence? We think not**

Ron, Wootton

Print my bleedin' picture!

Lara lookalikes

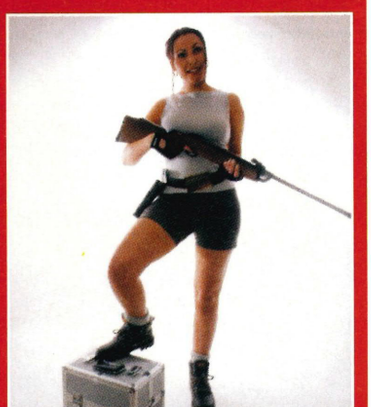
I've been told that I look more like Lara than Rhona Mitra does. I have sent you a picture but you'll have to ignore my bleached blonde hair.

Gina Martucci (Lara Croft) Lincolnshire

Friends have suggested with my coincidental surname, I should go forward as Lara's sister. And could you credit Chris Dollard who took the pictures. *Jo Croft, Farnborough*



■ Gina: Lara during her bleached hair years



■ Jo: same surname, different weaponry

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Designed for Microsoft Windows 95

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Oi! No!

Stuff we say no to...

Posters: People have written in asking for posters, saying they were pinched from the copy they bought. We reckon some of you were trying to pull a fast one, but for all the genuine cases we apologise. We have no more. Watch out for thieves in future. Keep 'em peeled.

Drawings: Yeah OK, so we printed Chris from Cheshire's drawings. But anything not up to that high standard ain't gonna get a sniff of our mag. Any drawings sent go to Jo, who has them stuck to the side of her desk. Christopher Newman's Lara is her favourite, she says.

PASS THE MIC

Are there any other budding Lara artists out there like Chris from Cheshire? If there are then what are you waiting for? Get some more of your artistic creations featuring the delightful Lara Croft featured in this great mag. **Whoa there. Holster those crayons. We ain't printing anything we don't like** AND ANOTHER THING... Why mention that new Lara model across the channel? There is only one TRUE Lara lookalike, the fabulous, beautiful, sexy Miss Rhona Mitra. **Rest your sphincter, we only printed her picture. And Vanessa's no pug either**

Ed, Wiltshire

Odds and ends

Other stuff in posties sack

Please send me £100 to get new games!

Simon Allgrove, Birdham

Tomb Raider 2 is one of the best games ever!

Brad, Chester

First things first...

Aaron Sturn, Eastbourne

And lastly...

Andy Moog, Coventry

I love my PlayStation!

Tammy Cove, London

How about a poster of Louise Meldrum, 'lady of leisure'?

Frank Howat, East Dene

Whoever runs this mag is a genius!

Melissa Szuszko, Keighley

I can't spell pervert!

Sam Robson, Guildford

We spent ages making nude pictures of Lara! (They're stuck to Jo's desk!)

Paul Banner, Alex Eaton, Mark Moody

I really like Jane Mcgarr, you fit babe (please leave that bit in)

Bruce Dickinson, Horsforth

I like Chris from Cheshire's pictures!

Phil Cox, Dumbarton

My mate's a right bleedin' nutter

Shalin Punn, email type

Gary Clow sounds like my gran!

Alex Cole, Worcs

A GLADIATOR WRITES

Louise feels she's pretty shit hot at games eh? You notice the majority of girls manage to whip their boyfriend's arses at Tekken 2, so what? We all know it's easy to pull off flukey moves, you yourself said so... 'Players wet behind the ears will slap all the buttons at once and fluke matches' **So that only referred to girls did it? Go out with a lot of moist-eared women do you?** There are a lot of good girl gamers out there, but please ladies, don't be smug with Tekken 2 victories, why not try a harder game? **Still bitter about being dumped by Ulrika, then?**

The Hunter, Renfrewshire.

DIFFICULT CHOICE

What would happen and what would you do if you had to choose between your girlfriend and your PlayStation? **The PlayStation would have to do the washing up**

Ian McAllan, Middlesex

WOTCHA GRANDAD!

I am a 55-year-old PlayStation fan **Do people still live that long?** A friend gave me a PlayStation as a retirement pressy, which I thought a bit odd. My intention was to sell it, but it came with Resident Evil, and that was the end of my social life. I now have over 30 games in my collection, all recommended by you. **Pleased to know you always abide by our recommendations. Did you know we also recommend sending us lager?** Anything that scores over 90% goes on my hit list.

Needless to say, I shall be subscribing to your swear-ridden magazine in due course. Incidentally, is there a cheat for undressing Tifa in Final Fantasy VII? **You need to find the Imasadanorak Materia. Works every time**

John Johnansen, Swansea

HEY CHRIS

I want to pick up on a few points Louise made in her letter. Firstly she calls me a pervert. I'm not a pervert. Perverts go around parks in overcoats that smell of piss, wearing shades and staring at girls all day. **That's a very detailed description you've given there** Whereas I go out with mates, watch TV, read a few magazines and comics and draw. All right, draw nude women, but that's not perverse is it? Drawing two turtles humping then wanking over it – that's perverted **You see, that had never occurred to us. Yet it had occurred to you. Hmm** If you're so interested with what women have to say about PlayStation, why don't you help Miss Meldrum and her merry band of pissed-up men-haters do their own magazine? **Interesting logic. Does that mean anything we write about, we then have to persuade the subjects to start up their own magazine?** I know you'll probably ban me for this **S'OK, we're not going to ban you** I've taken enough shite from her.

Chris, Cheshire.

CENTRAL HEATING FOR KIDS

Louise Meldrum is a top chick, and judging by her piccy in the March issue she's also quite hot. **Yes, that was a rather thick jumper she was wearing. She must have been baking** Her boyfriend's a lucky bugger! Oh, and Chris from Cheshire, grow up and get a dog or something!

Lew, Essex

MONKEY

I am a monkey from Cheshire **What is it with bleedin' Cheshire?** and I'd just like to say I was very offended by Gary Clow saying he, 'doesn't give a monkeys ...' So is he saying he has something against things covered in hair with big ears? Well, he better shut his mouth or I'll go round his house with my mate, Duke Nukem, and beat the 'monkey' out of him! I must go now as it's not easy typing with my feet. Seeya!

Monkey, Cheshire

PS Ban Louise Meldrum, her drawing is crap. **Watch it, or you'll be the one getting banned, boyo**

CJ AND THE BEAR

As a girly PlayStation fanatic, **Does that mean you're a girl, or a bit of a poncey PlayStation fanatic?** I bought your mag for the first time and I found it amusing, witty and down to earth. What more could somebody want? Well, how about you add some scantily-clad males, innuendoes and witty comments for us girls. **There are no boundaries here. All are welcome. And that bit about the washing up earlier. It was just a joke** Come on lads, there are girlies out there who like to play with their 'Stations too! **CJ, you are loved**

CJ, Surrey

class WE SO HORNY...

Two game girls here! **Wahey!** We just read your article on girls hating PlayStations 'cos the lads pay more attention to games than them. Well, that says it all. Obviously games are more stimulating. Personally, we think it's sad they're jealous of a games machine. Get a life girlies!

Kath: The PlayStation is as good as sex! My advice is: if you girls don't like it, then go out and get yourself a vibrator. Would you feel better if your man was in the pub every night, getting pissed and chatting up birds? At least when he's home playing games you know exactly where he is every night. So, turn the lights down low, switch the PlayStation on and have a good old head-to-head with your fella. It can be a fantastic sex aid! **Kath, we all love you. Can we have your babies?**

Sam: The PlayStation is top bollox! Much better than sitting in front of the telly with a cup of tea watching boring soaps. I'd rather be sat in front of the telly leaping about laughing and screaming in a mad frustration. So, after you just have to grab yer fella and shag 'im senseless! **Too right. And, er, could you send us some Polaroids?** And on a bonus side, all the frantic twiddling of the controller buttons strengthens your fingers for a firmer hold... **You're gonna get us in trouble here... But we love you too, Sam**

Not only are we PlayStation addicts but we run a computer games shop. So - hey - you can't get more devoted than that! Lads come to the shop and see two girls, then they get all cocky and know it all. But we sort them out, and they end up leaving with their tails between their legs, all humble like. But they keep coming back for more!

By the way, if you've got any gear hanging around that you don't want then we'd be pleased to take it off your hands! Just send them to the above address **We love you, but no**

Kath and Sam, Rhyl

We make PlayStation plus

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NEW CLEARASIL COMPLETE

HELPS STOP SPOTS BEFORE THEY START.

WITH TREATMENT CREAMS, YOU HAVE TO WAIT TILL THE SPOTS APPEAR BEFORE YOU GET RID OF THEM. DID YOU KNOW THAT, IN A CLINICAL STUDY RUN OVER AN EIGHT WEEK PERIOD, CLEARASIL COMPLETE HAS BEEN PROVEN FIVE TIMES BETTER THAN ORDINARY SOAP AT HELPING TO PREVENT FACIAL PUSTULES. AND WHAT'S MORE, YOUNG SIBLING, THE MANUFACTURER HAS FACILITATED THE USAGE OF SAID FACE-WASH BY PROVIDING AN INGENIOUS "PUMP-ACTION"-TYPE NOZZLE FOR THE DISPENSATION THEREOF

I WISH YOU'D NEVER STARTED.



WE DON'T WANT TO GO ON ABOUT IT, BUT NEW CLEARASIL COMPLETE HAS A DEEP-CLEANSING MICROBEAD FORMULA AND SPECIAL SPOT STUFF TO KILL THE BACTERIA THAT CAN LEAD TO UNWANTED ZITS.

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ALL YOU NEED TO HELP BEAT SPOTS!


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WHATEVER ELSE PUTS YOU

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THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU JUST CAN'T HIDE, CAN YOU? ● RATHER LIKE THAT BIG SPOT ON THE END OF YOUR NOSE ● WELL, THAT WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT, WITH NEW OXY 'ON THE SPOT'* ● BECAUSE 'ON THE SPOT' IS A BRAND NEW DIRECT ACTION TREATMENT, SPECIALLY FORMULATED TO HELP ELIMINATE SUDDEN EMBARRASSING SPOTS ● AND LET'S NOT FORGET, YOU CAN ALSO HELP PREVENT ANY FURTHER ERUPTIONS, AND END UP WITH VISIBLY CLEARER SKIN, BY REGULARLY CLEANING WITH OXY DAILY WASH ● IT'S ONLY A PITY THAT LIFE'S OTHER LITTLE EMBARRASSMENTS CAN'T BE SO EASILY DEALT WITH ●●● SPOTS? OXYCUTE 'EM WITH NEW OXY 'ON THE SPOT'.

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Congratulations, you have reached the Blab section. Here you'll find a blend of lovingly hand-crafted 'words' and 'pictures' used to tell you about the very best 'shit-kicking games'...

Motorhead

Don't worry, there's not a greasy-haired, overweight heavy metaller in sight...

Burn rubber. Emit noxious clouds of petrol fumes. Create loud noise. Yup, it's all the fun of the races. And this time, the races are going to be happening so fast your eyes'll water.

Motorhead is pure white-knuckle Jesus-it's-fast arcade action. Brains in neutral, motors in top gear, please...

Faster, pussycat

You're going to be behind the wheel of a super-fast sci-fi sportscar, ripping it up round eight well sexy race tracks.

And you're going to be doing it at speeds that hurt. Motorhead is the fastest PlayStation racing game ever. The question is: will you be able to handle it?

Fast

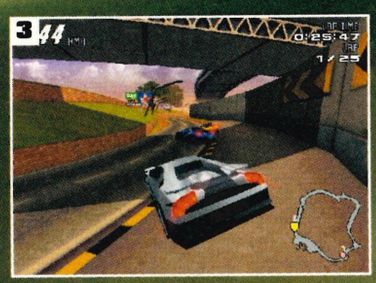
The guys who you race against are armed with well devious racing plans, so they'll be clever little bleeders. The bastards don't give up easy, either.

We've got racing challenge to beat the band in here, and with the game chucking nasty bends at you at really unhealthy speeds, your adrenalin count's gonna be reaching dangerous levels...

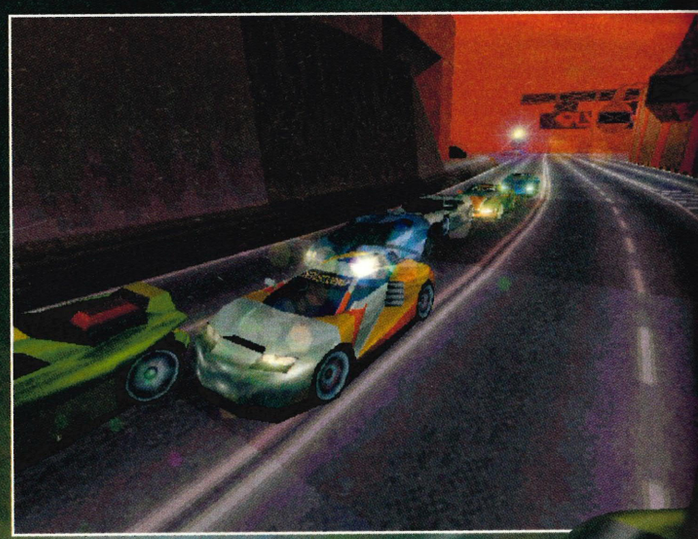
plus: This looks like it could be the best of the bunch when it comes to arcade racers. It's so fast it'll make your eyes bug out, it looks neat, and plays like a real peach. Mmm-mmm!











■ The gang are all toeing the racing line, bigstyle. Time to go up the outside lane, we reckon...

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'Motorhead is pure white knuckle, Jesus-it's-fast arcade action'









1 Scream if you want to go faster... **2** Arriba! Arriba! Andale! Andale! You won't see me for dust, Mr Gonzalez **3** Floor the pedal and you're in serious danger of disrupting the space-time continuum. This is one speedy mother **4** The open road... **5** Slip-slidin' away. Must learn to take those corners a bit better **6** Catching serious air's all part of the ride in Motorhead **7** The dark future's filled with motorway tunnels **8** Warp Factor Ten. Make it so...

■**OUT** APRIL ■**BY** GT ■**PLAYERS** 1-4
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

NBA Fastbreak 98

Getting fed up with basketball games? Us? Well, maybe just a tad...

Blokes with attitudes, tatts and stoopid haircuts run around trying to get a bouncy ball. But as soon as they get it they try and chuck it away. If the ball goes through a ring, everyone jumps around.

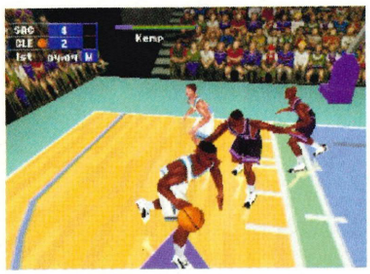
Beginners

NBA Fastbreak 98 is yer bread and butter basketball sim, with a few touches that should make it nice and easy to get into. Rather than flashy camera angles that zoom all over, views are simple and you can always see exactly what's going on.

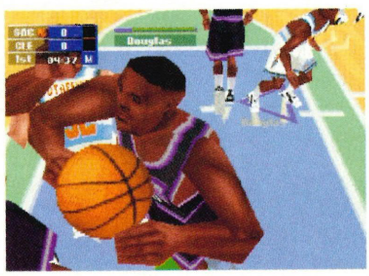
Professionals

On a more advanced level, you can set up special plays or try out different styles. Stars can also make special moves depending where they are on the court.

***plus** Big sexy graphics and fluid gameplay so far, but do you really want to play basketball on yer PlayStation?*



■ **Big, bouncy, bootiful graphics**



■ **Up close, players look frighteningly realistic**



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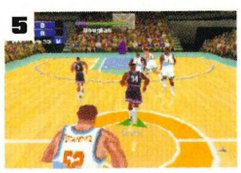
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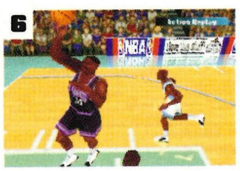
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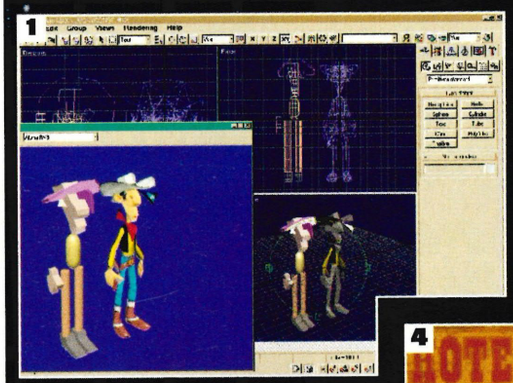
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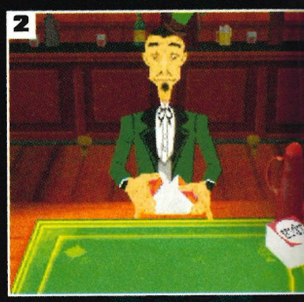
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1 Tweaking number 2's groin didn't put him off the shot **2** Five men go courting. Lock up yer daughters **3** Potapenko tips one in **4** Could you use this view? **5** Push up boys **6** An unchallenged slam dunk

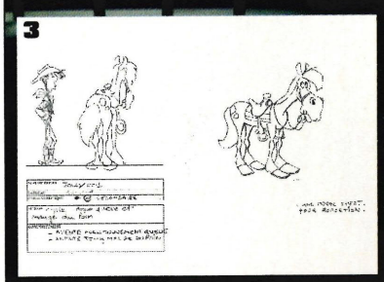
■**OUT** APRIL ■**BY** OCEAN ■**PLAYERS** 1
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD



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Lucky Luke

This game ain't big enough for the two of us. It's one player only y'see...

Lucky Luke was a French cartoon character famous for having a fag drooping from his mush. Right-thinking people decided this presented the wrong image to kids and made him give up the weed. Now nobody cares who the hell he is. It's a funny old world.

What's the point?

You play has-been Mr Luke, armed with a six-shooter and dynamite. You can shoot, run, jump and ride horses.

A dangerous criminal gang called the Daltons have escaped from prison and you've gotta track 'em down and round 'em up. Maybe even head them off at the pass, eh?

On the level

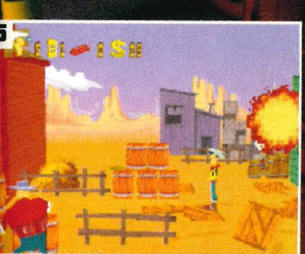
One cool thing about Lucky Luke is the way levels keep changing. Platform action in a Western town will be followed by a section on horseback chasing a runaway train. There are boss blokes to deal with too, but our favourite is the mine cart ride.

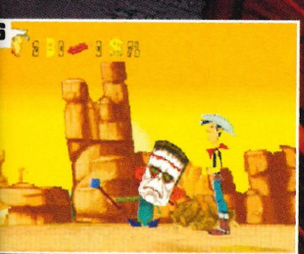
***plus** Not one of the year's biggest releases, but Lucky Luke should at least have variety.*



■ Fat guard sleeping. With a tash like that he's just asking for trouble









1 If you programmed games you'd spend days staring at things like this **2** Draw. No! I meant a card y'dingbat **3** Lucky Luke was designed using an Etch-A-Sketch **4** Shoot that bloke in the hotel window **5** Watch out for sticks of jelly: they wobble **6** Indian Medicine man look heap big like Frankenstein **7** Test yer choppa

■**OUT** APRIL ■**BY** GT ■**PLAYERS** 1-2
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

Dead Ball Zone

At last, a decent futuristic sports game. About bloody time too...

The crowd are roaring for blood as the metallic ball drops from the sky. An opponent gets to it first, but you catch up with him fast. Your knee connects with his soft jewels and suddenly he's yakking up green stuff. Stop gawping, grab the ball and put your team in front.

Don't play fair

Dead Ball Zone isn't for the easily offended. It's a sports game, but not in today's safe terms. Ultra-violence is a key part of winning. That, and just a little skill with a ball. It's a cross between five-a-side football and handball and it's played by the kind of people who eat their grannies then use skinny babies to pick their teeth.

Wipe 'em out

Punching and diving tackles are the standard methods of tackling. Simple button combos also give you the bonus of nasty-looking headbutts and solid knees to the groin. If you're really cool you'll be able to pull off a Tekken-like power drop. Top for maiming are the weapons. Chainsaw someone's head off, blow up a whole group of players or simply pop a cap into enemies.



■ Special sections cause the ball to deflect

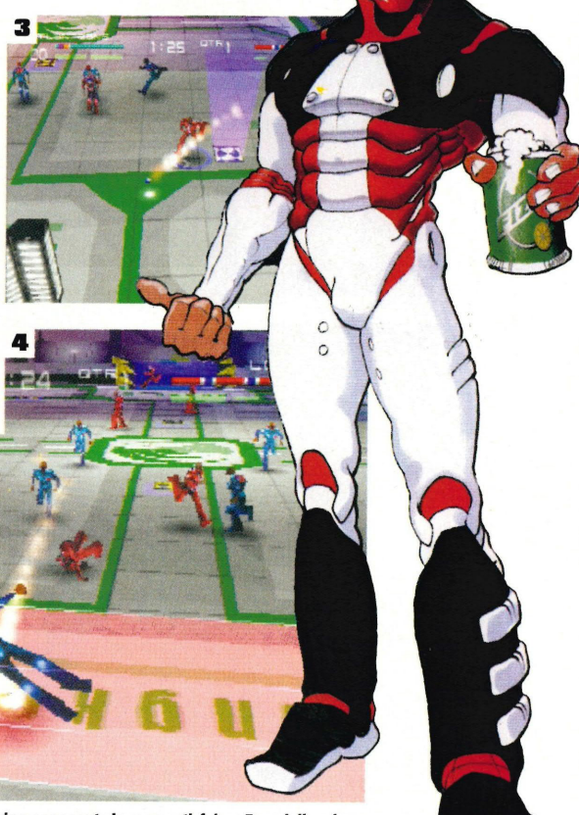


■ Goalmouth bundles. Take out his legs

***plus** Very, very playable at this stage, especially against a bunch of mates.*







1 That shot is about to go in **2** Decking opponents is sooo satisfying. Especially when the blood flows **3** Gameplay is manic. You'll find yourself totally flacked after a heavy sesh **4** There's loads of ways to score goals. Jump shots, rebounds, swerves...

■ **OUT** JULY ■ **BY** SONY ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

Tenchu

Tomb Raider with ninjas and much, much more violence. That's a lot more...

Ah, the life of a paid assassin. Most of the day to yourself, then slit a victim's throat as he sleeps. Or how about the cool weapons, better gadgets than Batman, and the way you get to wear black and look menacing? If you fancy a bit of that, take a look at Tenchu.

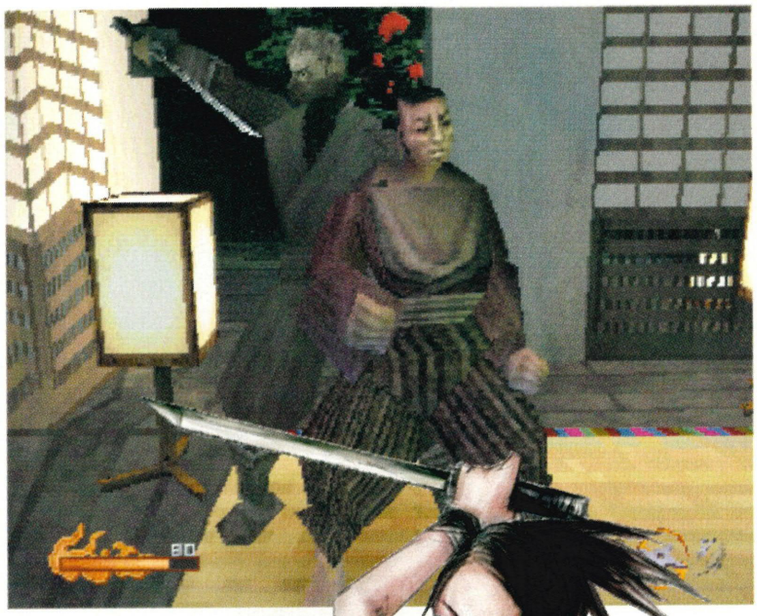
Name of the game

It's all about killing, basically. Mind you, there's more than one way to create a corpse. You've arrived in the right area, what do you do? Run around killing everyone and making a scene, or climb a wall, run along the rooftops, drop silently down next to your target and slice him before he screams?

Gore blimey

Death is a messy affair in Tenchu. Engaging an enemy in swordplay means you'll have to keep hacking into limbs to get a result, and when they eventually die blood spurts out of them in fountains. Get up close and pull off a special and you can ram yer sword straight through them. Or try chucking a bomb at baddies and watching 'em split apart.

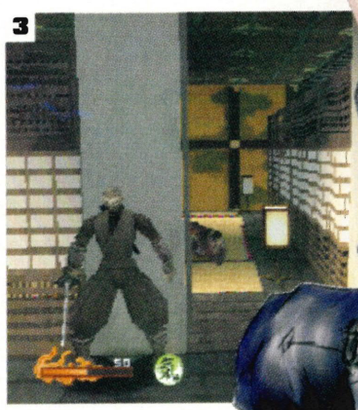
plus We want to be playing the finished version of Tenchu now 'cos from what we've seen it's flippin' amazing.



■ Sneak up behind enemies and slit their throats. It's an ancient art you know











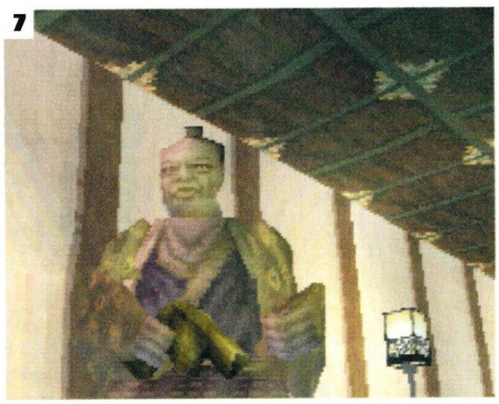
■ Get up close to your foe and you'll see how detailed and realistic they all look. This one seems a little bored, though...



■ Ninja shops: a bit on the grotty side but stocked with sharp and dangerous items









1 Kill and watch blood splatter **2** Take on several enemies at once **3** Creep to avoid detection **4** Dogs are rabid... **5** Slice 'em as they jump **6** Watch for scum hiding **7** Ugly but armed with a gun **8** Smoke 'em out

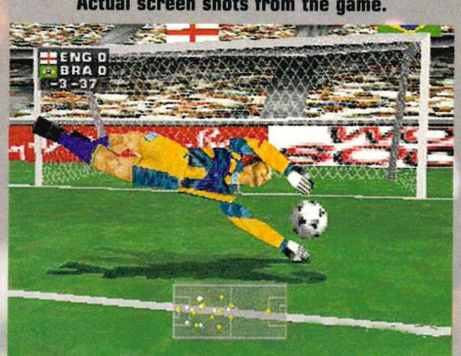
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■ **OUT** APRIL ■ **BY** GROLIER ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Xenocracy

Keep the peace in the solar system. By killing people.

Man spends centuries refining the ultra-complex technologies needed to conquer space. And what do the first blokes out there do? They turn on each other and laser all that expensive technology into space dust, of course. No amount of technology can stop blokes being vicious little shits. Hooray!

Space is the place

Xenocracy's gonna be a space-based blaster with big-ass weaponed-up spacecraft slogging it out not only in the dark depths of the void but also over the surfaces of some quite tasty-looking planets.

Organic

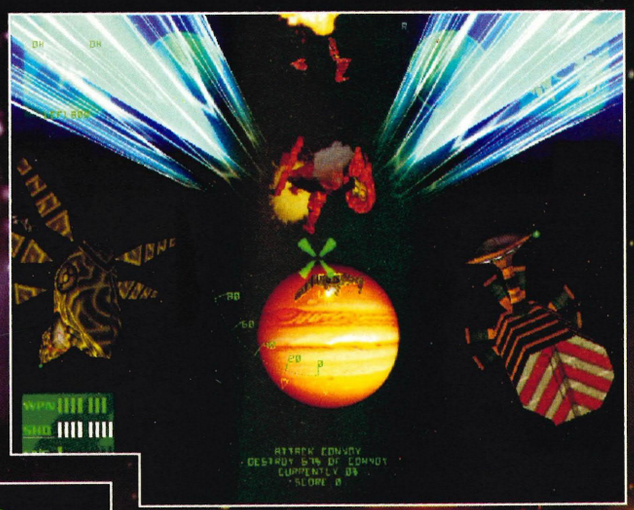
Xenocracy's gonna be packed with organic spacecraft. But that doesn't mean they're low in calories, high in life-giving fibre and made according to vegan principles. Oh no, in fact what it means is that they look all kind of alive and insecty and sinister. And we get to see them kick the living shit out of each other. Wicked.

We love war. We love space war most of all, but we're not sure whether Xenocracy'll be the real shit space-combat-wise. We'll keep you informed...









■ Stay on target... stay on target... And other Star Wars clichés...



1 My, what a lovely grey planet **2** A ship doing a creditable Klingon warbird impersonation **3** A metal thing **4** Let 'em fry! **5** Insecty spaceship gets it in the ass **6** Ka-boom!



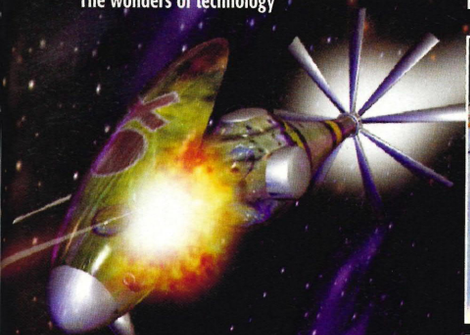




■ Bolts of yellow stuff cause large-scale hurtage. The wonders of technology

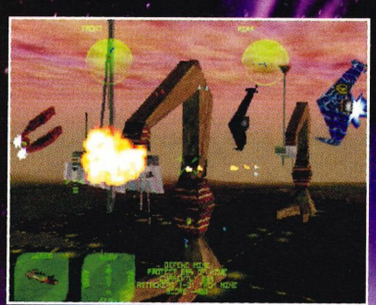


■ What a horrible building. Time to give it both barrels, we reckon





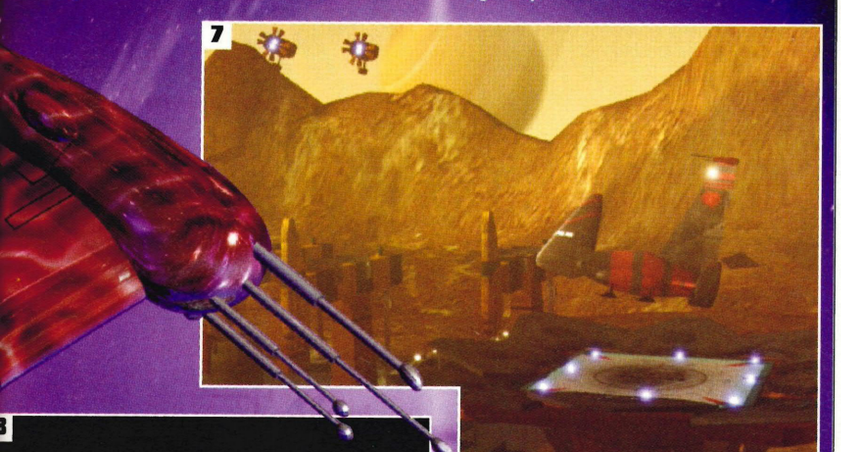
■ Radar dishes have always been good for target practice. Bullseye!



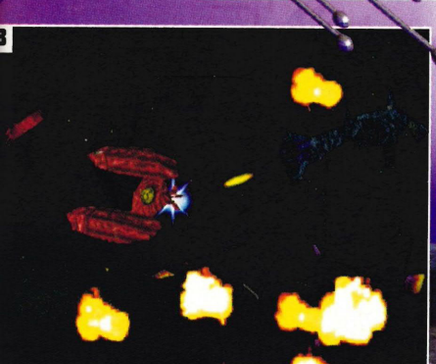
■ Odd lamp-post-y thing gets a faceful of laser-guided death....



■ Gulp down my righteous laser fire, bastard pig dog lackeys of the alien overlords!



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7 An interplanetary battle station at peace. How tranquil 8 That's more like it. Laser fire. Explosive decompression. Death! 9 He sets his blasters to 'deep fry'...

■ **OUT** MAY ■ **BY** GREMLIN ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

Actua Tennis

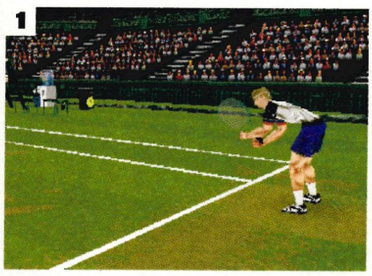
Hmmm, Tennis. Girls in white skirts stuffing balls into over-sized pants. We like.

Football games come in batches of about ten. And as for ice hockey and basketball, if one is released 20 more follow. So it's with hesitation we announce a new tennis title. Run! Here come the rest.

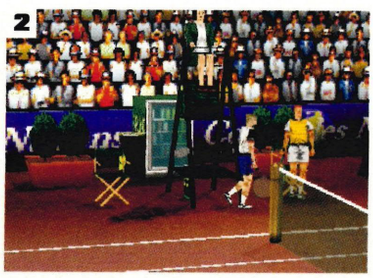
Smarty pants

To be fair, Actua Tennis looks pretty smart and it's crammed with features. Lifelike players, modelled on real stars, smash it out on a proper 3D court; Barry Davies and Sue Barker natter about your performance while stuffing down strawberries and cream. The game's got professional and amateur tournaments and even realistic-looking umpires, linesmen and ball boys to chuck rackets at.

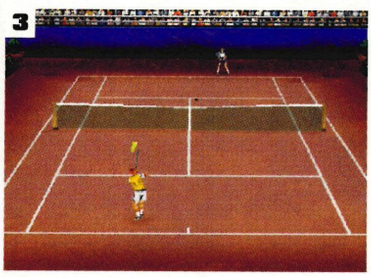
***plus** Tennis is never pant-wetting to look at, but with the Actua label attached, it's bound to play well.*



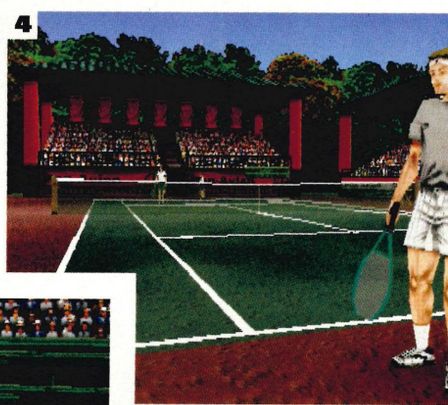
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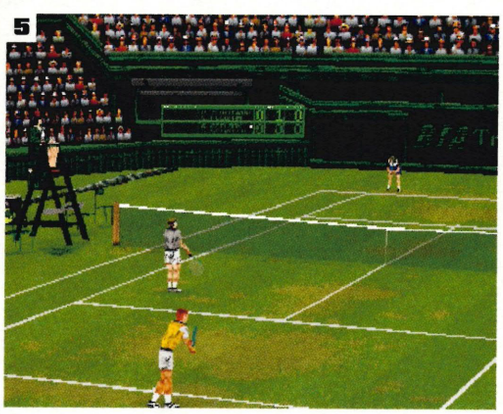
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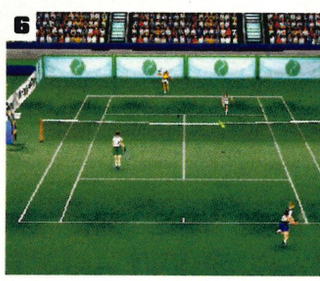
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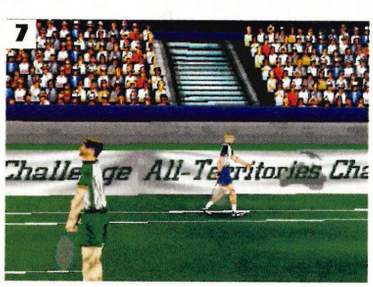
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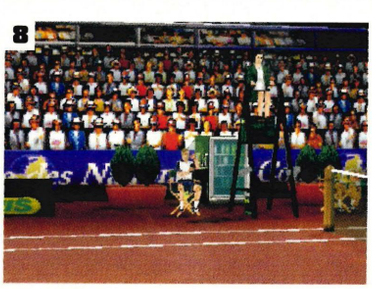
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1 Bend over and take it like a man 2 Attention to detail: there's even a drinks machine 3 Play on all kinds of court 4 Headbands. How very 80s 5 Doubles on Wimbledon's Centre Court... 6 And in school grounds 7 Imagine turning up at a match wearing the same kit 8 And rest...

■ **OUT** APRIL ■ **BY** INTERPLAY ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

Crime Killer

Bust some crims without leaving the safety of your armoured vehicle

Not many games are set in the future. And not many cast you as some kind of super cop chasing armed criminals in a futuristic mota. Oh they do? Well that's that intro buggered then innit?

We want speed

You've already got the plot. Jump into your futuristic copmobile and chase down the lawbreakers before giving them a taste of steel justice. So far, so predictable. Exactly what can Crime Killer bring to the party...?

Well, speed for one thing. Even though the version we've seen doesn't exactly look that good, it runs at a fair old pace. Especially when you choose the inside view (which we all do, obviously. 'Cos we're hardcore).

We'll take yours today, honey...

And that's not all. Crime Killer doesn't just give you a car to play with. You also get a motorbike and even a plane on other levels. While the car is more slippery than a fish in baby oil, the plane handles like a dream and the motorbike gives you the chance to pull some cracking wheelies.

Outside! You and me! Now!

Crime Killer also has a two-player option. You and a mate go head-to-head on the streets and pummel the shit out of each other. This part of the game's looking a bit ropey at the mo but, like the rest of it, there's work to be done so we'll reserve judgement.

Crime Killer still has a way to go before it's finished, but what we've seen promises fast, furious arcade action.



■ Oops. Look like you've run into a spot of bother in yer plane...



■ Everything's dark and murky in the future



■ As well as crims, there's loadsa civvies around



■ You can, of course, kill the civilians. Like this



■ Targets let you know who to kill



■ You can do some wicked turns on yer bike

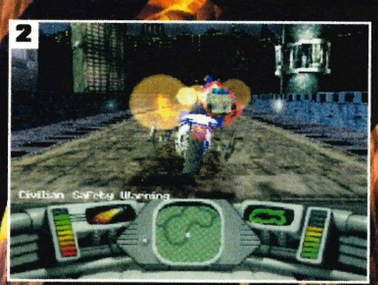


■ Smashing through barriers is a rare old pleasure

'Chase down some perps and give 'em a taste of steel justice'

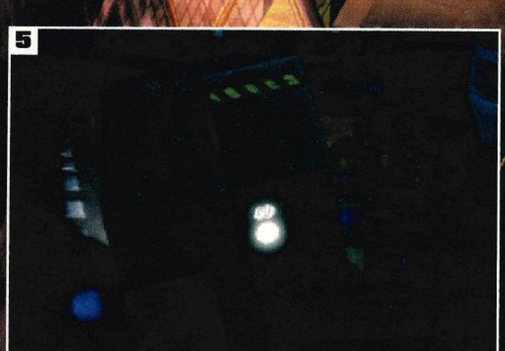


As seen from the ejector seat point of view



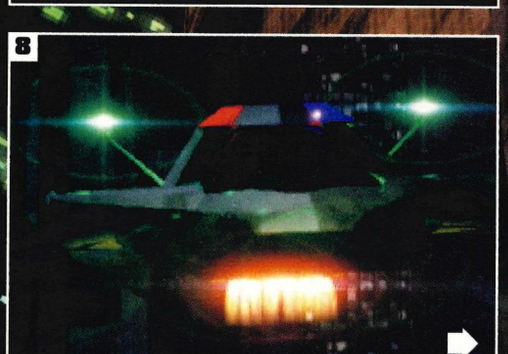


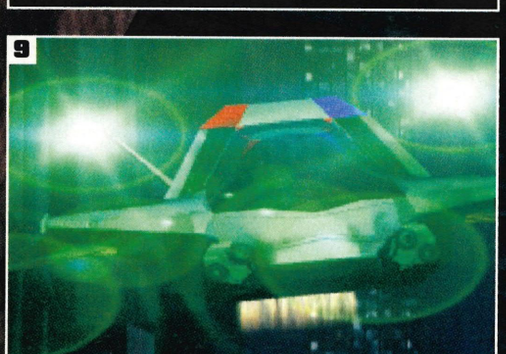










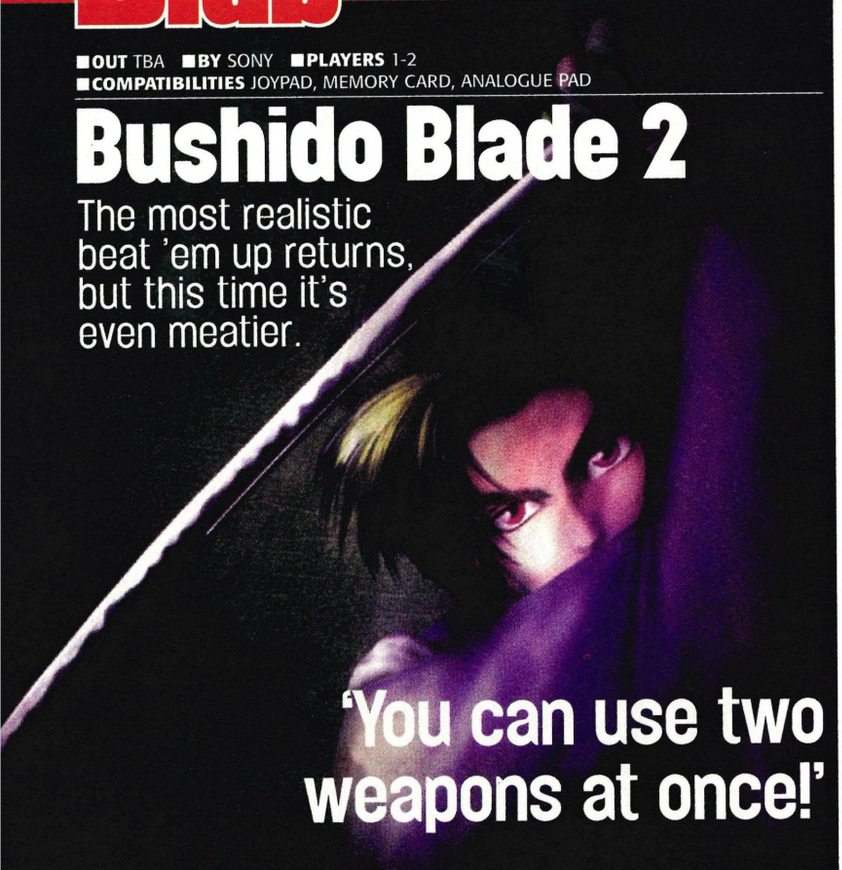


1 Your dashboard tells you all you need to know 2 The bike you use is pretty nifty 3 Oops. Be careful not to smoke innocents or you'll fail the mission (to say nothing of being plagued by a guilty conscience for the rest of your life) 4 Movie sequences set the scene 5 Which is, erm, pretty dark 6 Except for this bit 7 The cops have some shit-hot hardware 8 Like this 9 Check those headlights

■**OUT** TBA ■**BY** SONY ■**PLAYERS** 1-2
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

Bushido Blade 2

The most realistic beat 'em up returns, but this time it's even meatier.



'You can use two weapons at once!'

We had high hopes for the original Bushido Blade, but somewhere between the Japanese and British versions, the game lost its charm. It became awkward and slow and never hit the spot. However, the second instalment could put things right.

More weapons

An early demo of Bushido Blade 2 has arrived from Japan, and bugger us with a broken bottle if it ain't top class. It seems fighters can now use two weapons at once. This makes defending easier and you can also do double the damage with special lunging attacks.

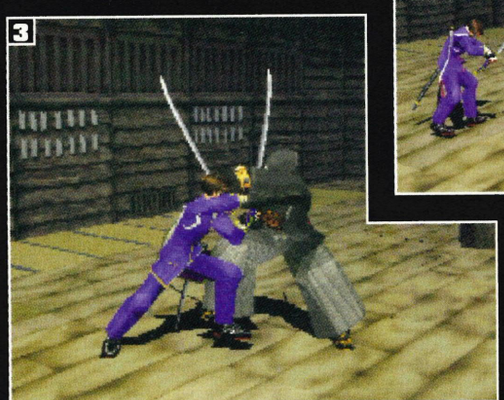
Smooth

From what we've seen the programmers have been making all kinds of tweaks to the gameplay. Action is more fluid and may be a little quicker. Moves seem easier to pull off, combinations have been pumped right up and you don't die so quickly. All in all this could be a real winner.

***plus** Bushido Blade 2 looks like the original but is much more playable.*









1 A standard lunging attack leaves blue trails **2** Blocking makes yer sword glow with orange light **3** Players can now grapple close-up **4** Moves are still realistic, but battles last a little longer

■**OUT** APRIL ■**BY** DIGISOFT ■**PLAYERS** 1
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Scum

Be a neighbour from Hell. Send your neighbours TO hell...

The gargling death rattles of kids and pets are gonna be music to your ears in Scum. You take the part of Shane, a deranged skinhead who's social climbing in his circle of psycho friends. And that's bad news for anything that walks...

Feels like murder

Scum uses real-life video footage throughout, and it'll be digitised pictures of real pets and people you'll be aiming baseball bats, knives and sharpened knitting kneedles at. Geysers of blood will douse the screen as you stab and gut your victims!

Thrills! Kills!

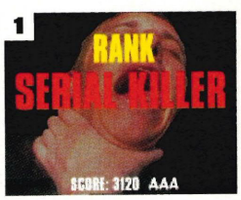
Motion capture ensures the convulsions and dying twitches are super-realistic, and samples give a real feel of bones snapping and flesh tearing. Way groovy!

***plus** This pulse-pumping, puppy-pulping killathon looks like it's the real shit. This is gonna be one of the best games ever...*





■ Stressed out? Bored? Why not tie down some geezer and put your DIY skills to good use. On the sucka's head. Watch it crack like an egg









1 Psycho it up bigtime, and you'll move up the rankings **2** Girl meet hammer. Yummy **3** 'Have you met my mate Stanley?' **4** Once you tire of Stanley knives and shit, just whip out the trusty Uzi. Goretastic!

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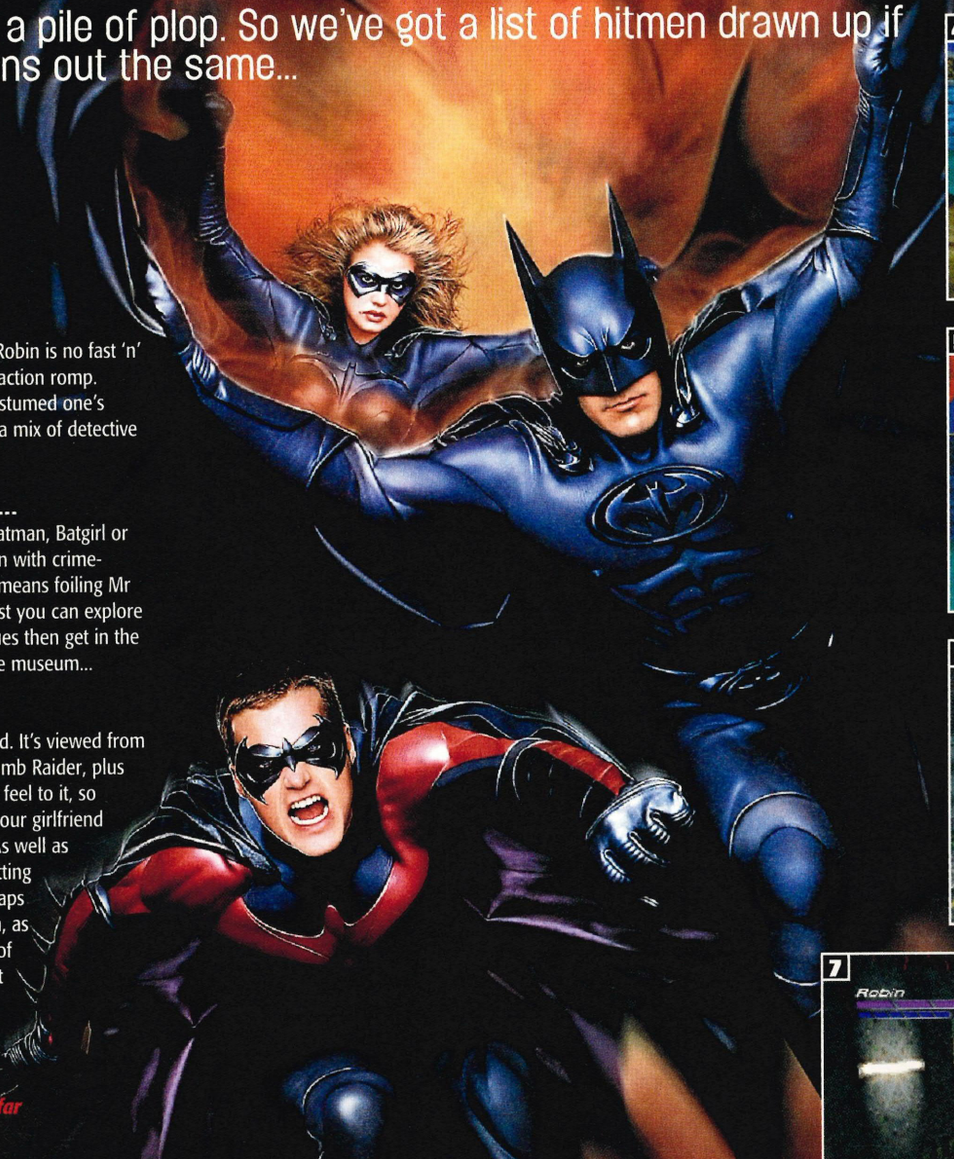
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■ **OUT** MAY ■ **BY** ACCLAIM ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Batman & Robin

The film was a pile of plop. So we've got a list of hitmen drawn up if the game turns out the same...



Take note: Batman & Robin is no fast 'n' furious, fists-a-flying action romp. Instead, the pervy-costumed one's latest videogame outing is a mix of detective work and adventure.

A Freeze is coming...

Who you gonna play as: Batman, Batgirl or Robin? Pick one then get on with crime-solving, which in this case means foiling Mr Freeze's dastardly plan. First you can explore the batcave, inspect the clues then get in the Batmobile and go off to the museum...

Moody bitch

Batman & Robin looks good. It's viewed from the same perspective as Tomb Raider, plus it's got a dark atmospheric feel to it, so this baby's moodier than your girlfriend during Match of the Day. As well as exploring locations and getting clues, you also get into scraps against Freeze's henchmen, as well as saving the citizens of Gotham City from rampant punkoid muggers.

***plus** There's a lot of work still to be done, but what we've seen so far looks pretty darn good.*











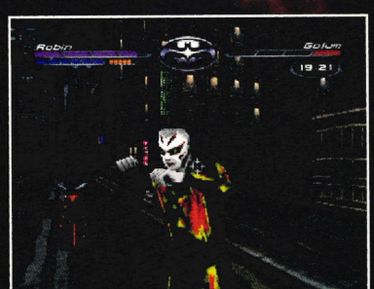




1 Robin gets set to bosh a mugger **2** Batman himself. Looking good there, Bats **3** The Batcave is reproduced perfectly **4** Ready, set... **5** That's right, Batman flies. Well, drifts downwards **6** You can drive the Batmobile **7** Holy arachnid, Batman!



■ Sadly, there's no 'shag' combo



■ You'll meet plenty of bad boys on your travels



■ You can change into Batman, Robin or Batgirl



■ Camera angles in the game are cool and give it a chance to show off some nifty graphics. The main characters look especially good







■ You're given clues to help you find Mr Freeze. The first batch will deliver you to the museum. Who you gonna meet there, huh?











1 This is what you see when you wanna get in your motor. It's impressive 2 Batgirl in big hair shocker 3 That hairdresser deserved to die 4 Time to meet Freeze 5 'God I'm desperate for a slash' 6 Told you the characters are looking good 7 Twat Freeze's henchmen on your way to cane the icy one himself

■**OUT** MAY ■**BY** OCEAN ■**PLAYERS** 1
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

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Breath of Fire III

Dragons, magic and Japan English. Must be another RPG...

OK, so when you compare Breath of Fire III to Final Fantasy VII it doesn't look so hot. But give it a chance. We've played this adventure a fair bit and trust us, it's shaping up pretty well.

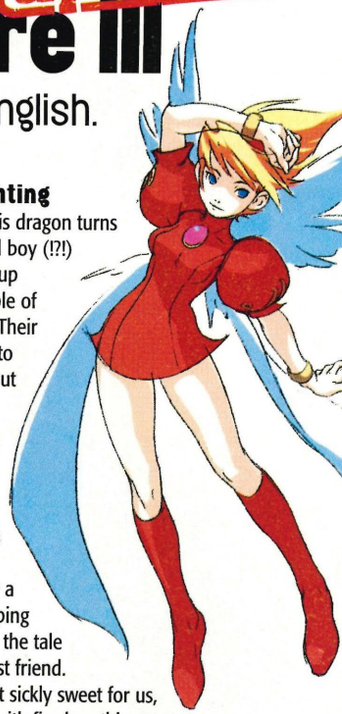
Who you?

Breath of Fire III follows all the standard RPG rules, so from the beginning you've got very little idea what's going on. But wait. Deep in a mountain miners discover an ancient dragon buried within crystal. They detonate the rock and guess what? The beast comes alive. Better still, you take over as the dragon!



Fire fighting

Anyway, this dragon turns into a small boy (!?!) and teams up with a couple of other kids. Their first task is to find food, but this leads them to a load of trouble. Cue fights with hoards of nasties, followed by a wood chopping contest and the tale of a long-lost friend. Sounds a bit sickly sweet for us, but battles with fire-breathing dragons should make up for the cuteness.



***plus** Despite being wordy and looking more basic than a Skoda factory, Breath of Fire III should be a class adventure.*



■ Taking on monsters when you're this weak is stupid. Expect to restart Breath of Fire III several times







1 A giant parrot attacks our fearless group of heroes 2 Wood chopping for Mr B. It's a sub-game and you've got to avoid taking yer friend's arm off 3 Too much talkin', not enough action 4 A map of the world 5 Watch out, there's a Scotsman about

■OUT JUNE ■BY SONY ■PLAYERS 1 ■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Klonoa: Door to Phantomile

Get your fingers out of yer throat, remove that bucket – this cutesy platformer looks good.

Klonoa looks cute. Jeepers, this game mainlines cute. It'll put labrador puppies and kittens out of business. But that's no good reason to hate it if it plays well, and early signs show Klonoa could be a hot contender for platformer of the year.

Clever girl...

Klonoa isn't a 3D platform affair. Instead it's 2D with knobs on, which means you move in a straight line but the game's clever enough to make you think you're not.

Runny, jumpy thing

Your little character has three things he's really good at: running, jumping and punching. Using punch you can pick up the enemies and either chuck them or bounce on them to reach high places. He's also fairly good at flying, but only a trainee in this department. It's more of a hover, really – but handy for staying out of trouble.

Platform heaven

Naturally, Klonoa's got everything that makes platform games cool. Lotsa stuff to pick up, loads of obstacles to avoid and huge bosses at the end of levels. Should be cool...

plus OK, so it looks like a kiddy game, but we reckon this is gonna be one super-fun, super-good-looking platformer.





















■ The boss man takes a bit of killing



■ The boss'll try to smoke you with, er, rings

1 Pick up enemies using the punch button 2 You need to explore different parts of each level to complete them 3 Moving platforms get you to high-up places 4 Now isn't that just the cutest? 5 Levels look detailed and gorgeous. This is one impressive waterfall 6 Bounce on the guy you've picked up to reach the gems 7 Some of the levels have great-looking weather effects. Here you're stuck in the rain 8 Told you the graphics look nice. This is an in-game shot 9 There's the usual load of platforms to jump on 10 Enemies explode in a burst of stars. Mmm, nice...

'So cute it'll put Labrador puppies out of business'



■ Yeah OK, so it looks a bit pukey...



■ Our lickle hero gets to ride a rollercoaster



■ All sorts of weird creatures wanna cane Klonoa



■ Klonoa's got a bit of a spring in his step



■ Metal man'll try to turn you into worm bait

■ **OUT** MAY ■ **BY** ACTIVISION ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Vigilante 8

Cars and guns. Two of our favourite things. And you'll find 'em both in this baby.

Racing games are all the same, right? You cross the line first, you get to stand at the top of the winners' podium. But what if you were the only car left? Hell, there could be only one winner and that's you! That's the beauty of Vigilante 8: it doesn't matter how fast you drive, it's all down to how big your guns are.

Gang bangs

You're a gang member, belonging to either the Vigilantes or the Coyotes. You've gotta pick a V8 muscle car, strap on a couple of rocket launchers and a machine gun, then hit the combat arenas.

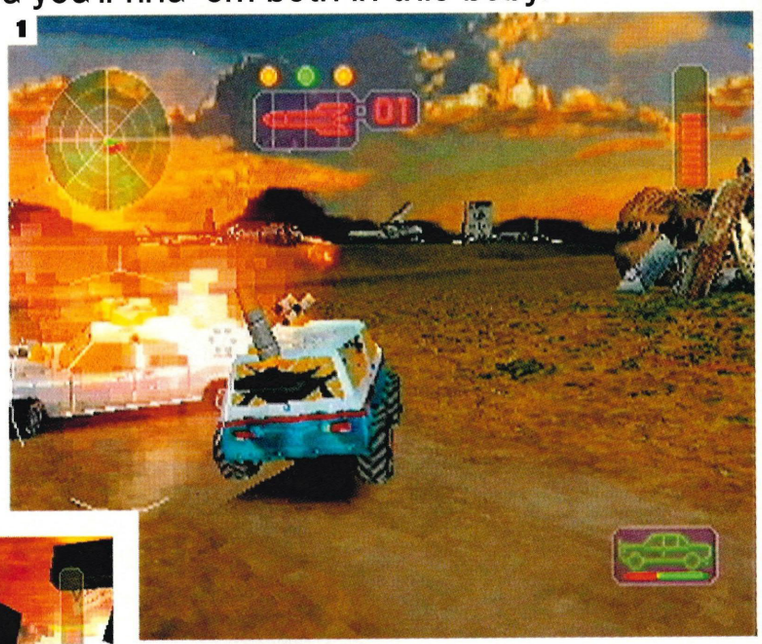
Y'see, Vigilante 8's all about surviving, by running over power-ups to keep your car intact and grabbing monster weapons then using 'em to wipe out the bad guys.

Car wars

There are seven other cars to watch out for. Or, if you're playing the two-player split-screen game, it'll be your mate prowling the 12 arenas, looking for the next roadkill. Each driver has their own special weapon and fantastic 70s-style theme tune, as well as a bit of background info which explains why they're after yo ass.

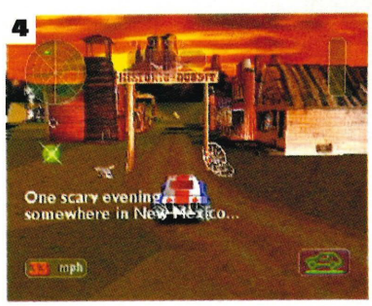
But sod it, 'cos you're gonna get 'em first. Switch to the car-mounted mortar, blow your way through the scenery and bombard the bastards with explosives. Now that's what we call dangerous driving...

***plus** Looks great but plays even better. Yeah, it's early but we reckon Vigilante 8 is gonna wipe the floor with the competition. Watch out Twisted Metal!*

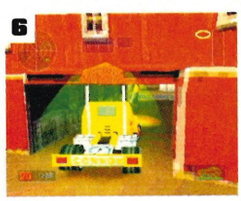


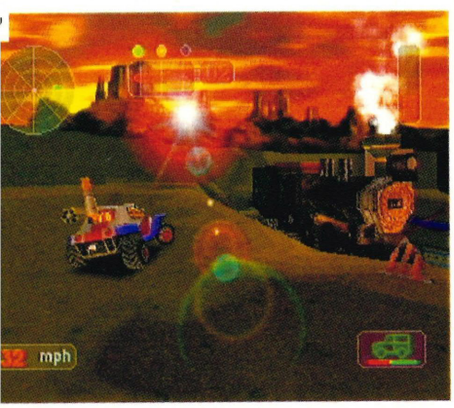






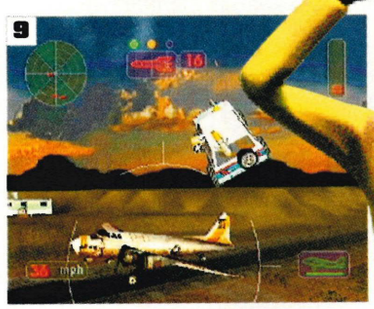




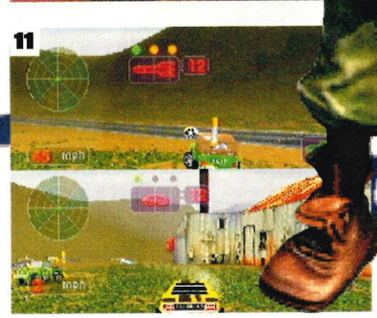




➡ 'Fer Chrissakes, I know I left me car keys around here somewhere...'







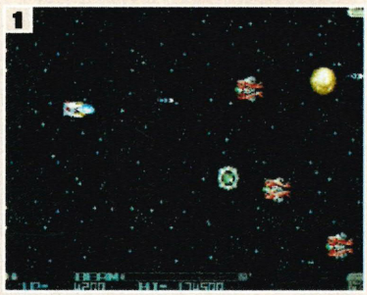
1 The mortar's a great weapon for crushing cars **2** This is what happens if you put too much air in yer tyres. It's bad news **3** 'That's MY parking space!' **4** Ooh, scary... **5** 'ave some! **6** It's no good hiding in there **7** Great flares, buddy **8** Torch them schoolies! **9** Caution: Low-flying hatchbacks **10** Nice hits **11** The two-player game's well cool

■**OUT** TBA ■**BY** IREM ■**PLAYERS** 1 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

R-Types

Blast off. Strike the evil empire. Yes indeedy.

Retro computer games. Blah, blah. Shillings, blah, blah. Rationing, blah, blah. Yeah, enough with the retro games, granddad. Anyone mentions how much they like Jet Set Willy and we smack 'em. But then along comes an oldie that really is one of the greats – R-Type. And this has two classic R-Type games on one disc.



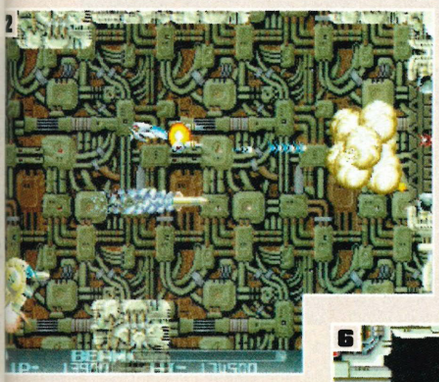
He's mad for it, R-Kid

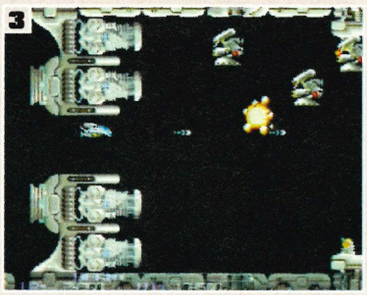
The chin-stroking intellectual element of this game is not large. You just crank up your little spaceship and hold that fire button. Death doesn't take small bites in R-Type. It takes ten-course gourmet feasts. We love it...

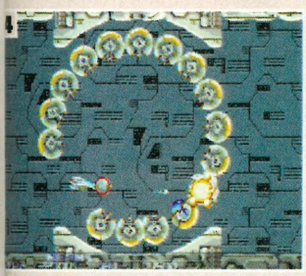
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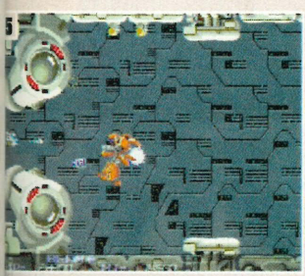
Guns. Bigger guns. Then stupidly big guns. Cool. Ludicrously powerful weaponry's the name of the game here: pick up a couple of power-ups and you'll be pumping hot death in the sort of volumes that could kill countries. Tasty. We loved this game first time round. And we still love it.

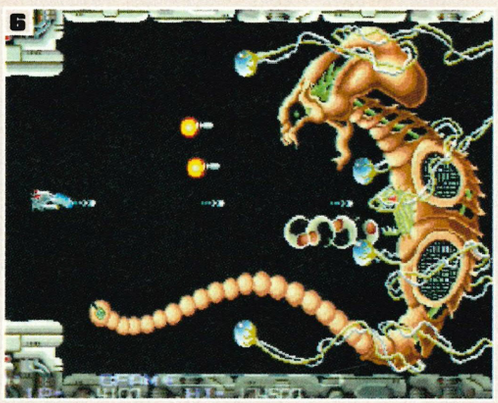
***plus** Wang, dang sweet poontang. This is one of the all-time greatest. It's criminal not to own it.*

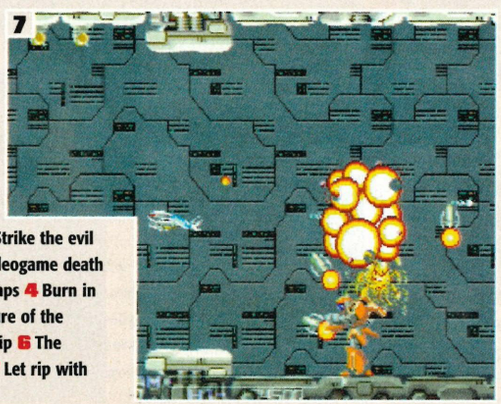












1 Be two-dimensional. Kill things. Strike the evil Bydo empire, badass! **2** Eat 80s videogame death y'muthas **3** Death takes large chomps **4** Burn in Hell, you Bydo bastards **5** The future of the universe rests on this little spaceship **6** The coolest boss of all time, or what? **7** Let rip with those evil weapons



■ **OUT** APRIL ■ **BY** GREMLIN ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Premier Manager 98

Famous footy manager Bill Shankly once said, 'Football's not a matter of life and death. It's far more important than that.' Now's the time to find out what he meant...

Premier Manager 98 ain't another footy game. Oh no, it's far more important than that. What this game does is to up the stakes, putting you in charge of a whole squad over the course of a season. And that means as much - if not more - off-field action as there is on.

Up to you

There's not a lot to see in Premier Manager 98. The nearest you'll get to stunning graphics are the highlight replays of matches you've just played. But that's not the point: this is noggin-stretching stuff, not a finger-bashing frenzy. Pick your squad from supremely accurate player data, negotiate contracts, send scouts out looking for fresh talent. Everything Alex Ferguson does you can do too – except moan to the ref about injury time.

'Everything Alex Ferguson does you can do – except moan to the ref about injury time'

Do I not like that...

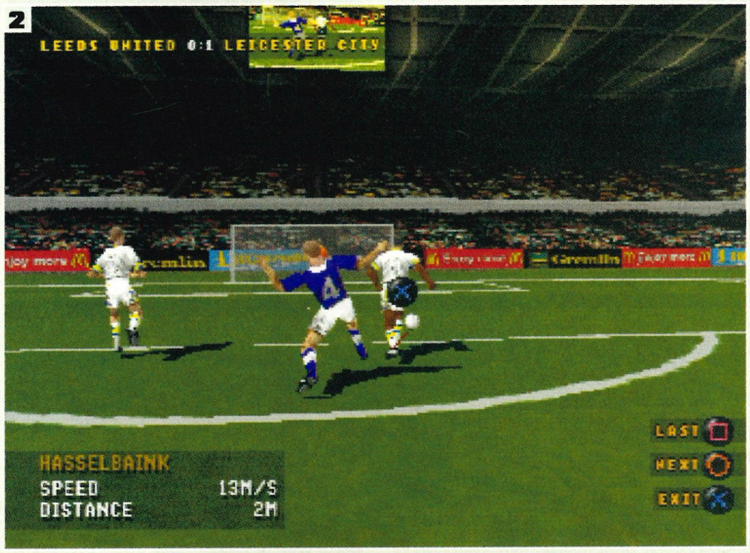
The game has two modes. You can either control any team in the league (choose from 92 English clubs as well as European and South American sides) or start yourself out on a fully-fledged career by taking control of a 3rd Division side and moving through the ranks. Using a series of menu screens, you have to keep your players happy with contracts, make sure they're fit through training and when they're ready, chuck 'em into a game...

plus If you don't like footy, forget it. Everyone else'll be spending a lot of time mumbling formations in their sleep.

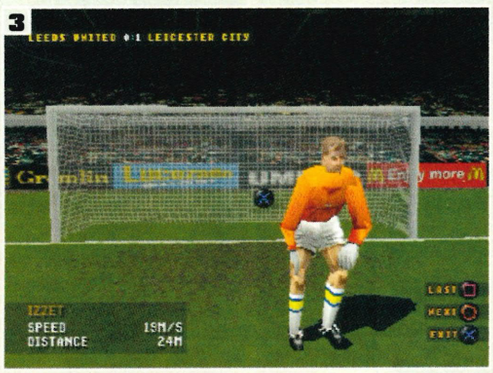
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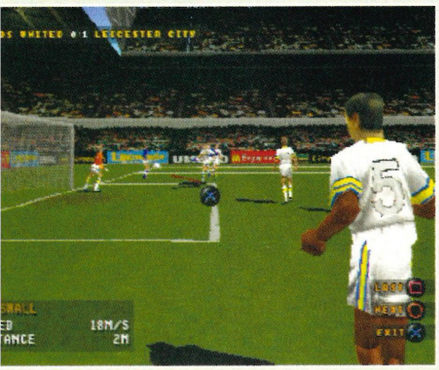




■ The game's info is used to compute realistic matches. Except here. Leicester woulda won...



■ This is the actual screen you see while matches are playing

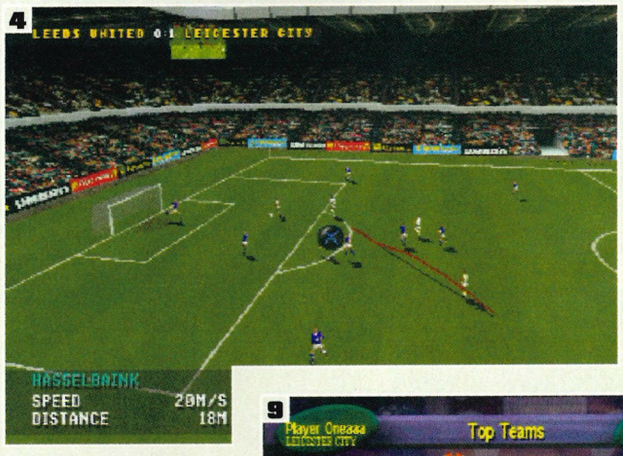


■ As usual, Leeds lose at home to mighty City

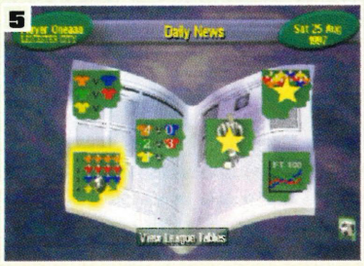


■ Suss out the opposition then choose the right match tactics

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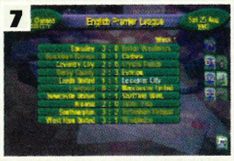
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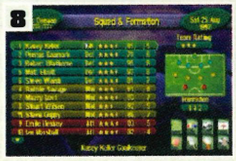
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1 The main menu. It's decision time **2** You don't get to see whole matches, but you can watch highlights **3** Like this penalty **4** Replays use the Actua Soccer 2 system with correct strips and commentary **5** The newspaper screen allows you to check up on top strikers, league status etc. **6** Yep, you control the purse strings too **7** Check out the league table **8** Who'll make your squad? **9** Handy for transfer tips

■**OUT** JUNE ■**BY** SONY ■**PLAYERS** 1-2 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Bust A Move: Dance and Rhythm Action

Think you got the moves? Prove it, Travolta...

It's a dance off. Lights are flashin', beats pumpin'. Stay cool, listen to the rhythm and smoke this sucka with yer dance style. This is a whole new kind of game, and you're gonna go mad for it.

Simple

The idea's simple. Go head-to-head on the dancefloor. Push button combos in time to a beat to pull off amazing moves. Bash out a string of combos and you'll really start strutting. The best groover in the house wins.

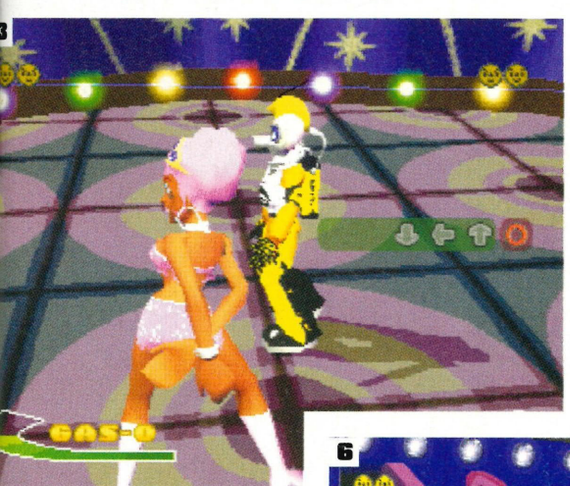
Style

There's a posse of street kids to play with. Techno, hip-hop, trance, soul, disco – all yer styles are catered for and the moves that go with each are quality. This is already out in Japan but will be improved before it's released here.

plus *So cool it burns, but like PaRappa the Rapper it may lack long-term appeal.*



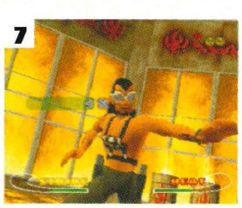






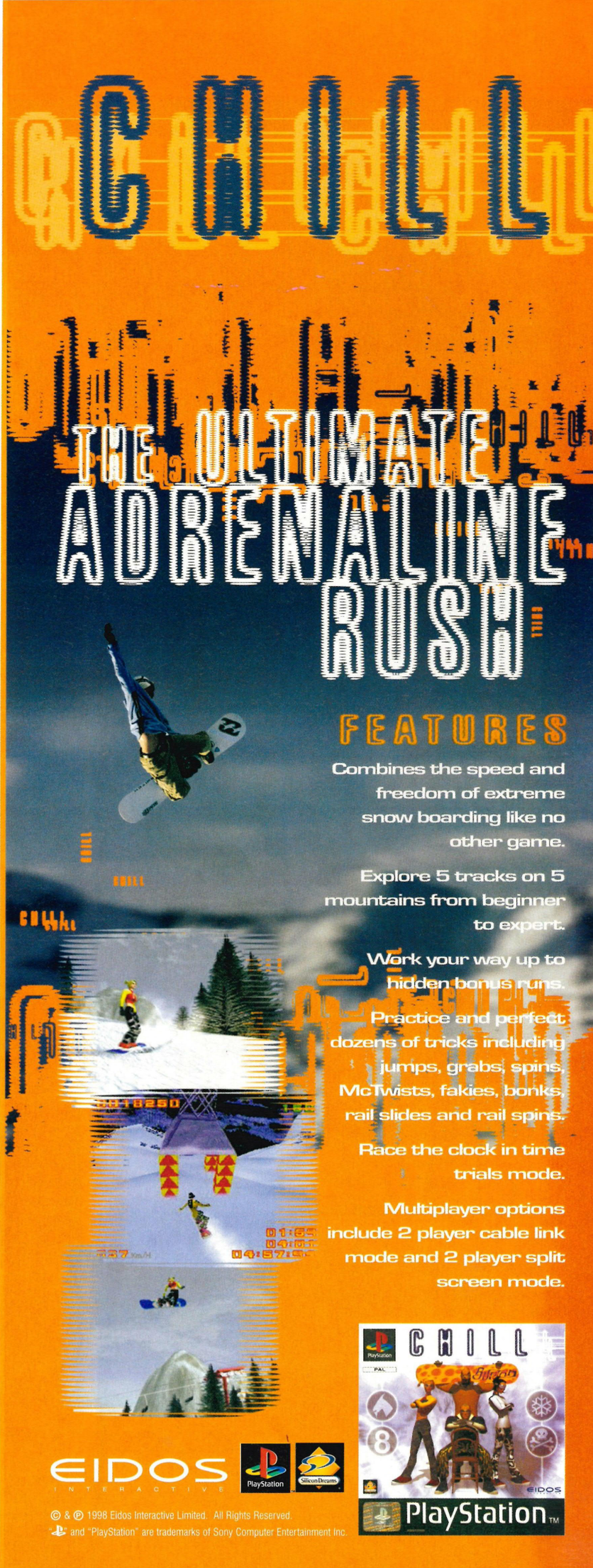








1 Look at me. I'm a dog **2** Frida pulls off a five-sequence combo **3** Chick with candyfloss hair in bondage shock **4** Kelly shows off in her skintight baby costume **5** Dr X's experiments with mutant cats were going according to plan **6** Some of the dance moves are amazing. Shorty knows some of the coolest **7** Our man Trike is a heavy drinker **8** Put together a bunch of steps and freeze yer foe



■ **OUT** MAY ■ **BY** EUROPRESS ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Tommi Makinen Rally

Bored with burnin' rubber? Go off-road and let's churn some dirt!

Tommi Makinen. Sounds like a Swedish porn star, but this guy's a bit hot with his gearstick as well, 'cos he's won the World Rally championship for the past two years and now he's gonna kick some ass in this virtual mud buster. Reckon you're good enough to go up against the best?

Dirty drivin'

Have a gander at these graphics. Pretty tasty, huh? Yup, Tommi Makinen Rally looks the business, with super-sharp visuals which look even better when they're moving. Jump in one of nine motas which all handle like the real thing, and floor it around mud tracks dirtier than a diarrhoea sufferer's stench trench.

Do it yerself

Tommi's got tons of other stuff to check out too. Just look at the tracks, all 60 of 'em, from the grim countryside of Wales to Alaskan icelands. There's even talk of a track editor where you can create your own, then test 'em out. Whether you'll need a degree in landscape gardening to build a decent course remains to be seen. Hopefully not, otherwise we'll all end up driving 'round a basic oval with bugger all scenery and sticks for trees.

plus It's a bit of a late starter 'cos V-Rally's already burnin' it up, but Tommi might just have the oomph to overtake. Wait and see...

'Floor it around mud tracks dirtier than a diarrhoea sufferer's stench trench'

NEWS SHORTS

We tell you what we know

We don't mess about here. When we know something, the first thing we do is tell you. And here's a few tasters of stuff you'll be playing soon.

All the games, all the news. The gang's all here. It may be a while before anyone gets their hands on this stuff, but we'll tell you how things are shaping up so you'll know what to expect before our reviewers get to work.

■ Dead or Alive

Quality pics of this 'ard as nails beat 'em up have just reached us. By the looks of things this could be a true Tekken 3 rival, with sex-on-a-stick graphics and very cool moves. Oh, we almost forgot to mention that girl characters have fantastically jiggly assets. Hubba hubba. We'll bring you a sneak preview soon, so stay with us.



■ Dead or Alive: fighting game with foxy chicks

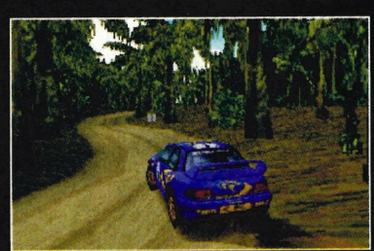
■ F1 98

It's true, a third instalment of the Formula 1 series is on the way. Psygnosis is again on the case and promising this version won't be a rehash of the other two.

At the heart of F1 98 will beat a brand new game engine and there'll be a host of new features. When we hear more you'll be the first to know.

■ The Contract

We like the sound of this one. The Contract is an action adventure set in the criminal underworld. Your family has been wiped out by Mob warfare and it's time to get even and bring some honour to your name. Out towards the end of the year, The Contract is said to have a movie feel about it. Will it be you or them propping up a flyover?



■ Colin McRae: tasty-looking off-road racer

■ Colin McRae Rally

From the people who brought you TOCA comes another pant-soiling racer. Expect super-realistic models of all the real cars, nuttah handling and courses that'll cause patches to appear in yer pants. A playable version is on its way to us and we'll check it out next month.



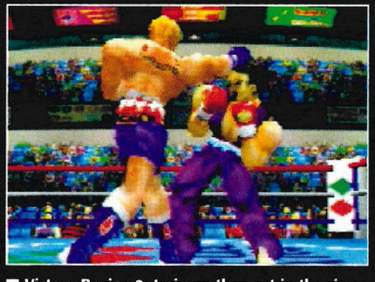
1 Watch out for ice on the snow levels 2 The mountain bits are well rocky 3 Try sticking to the road, mate 4 Where's the road gone?

...weather effects, huh?

■ Apparently England's always this grim

■ Victory Boxing 2

Now nearing completion in Japan, Victory Boxing 2 should hit UK shops by summer. Apparently it's kind of a cross between a fighting simulation and a Tamagotchi. Your virtual contestant needs all your attentions and develops his own special moves, techniques and style. It's unclear at this stage if you'll have to clean up his shit or stick needles in him...



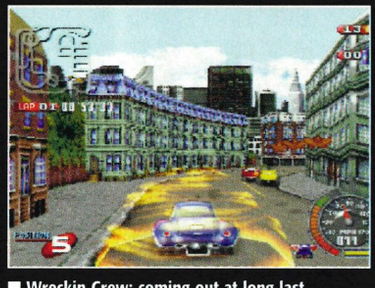
■ Victory Boxing 2: train up then get in the ring

■ GUNTU

Watch out for this game. Not long out in Japan, we've had a chance to play this pile of steaming stuff and boy it looks bad. You're behind enemy lines in WWII. Shoot your way through units of German infantrymen and tanks using a G-Con45 lightgun. If you see it in shops, run fast, run like the wind.

■ Wreckin Crew

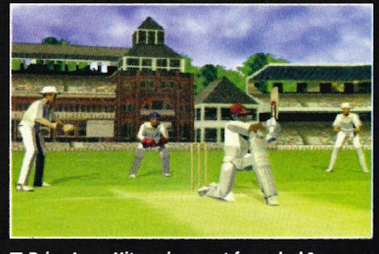
After a development period of more than a year, we've seen an almost finished version of Wreckin Crew. In case you've forgotten, the game is an arcade racer with wacky graphics. It seems the extra time has been well spent 'cos Wreckin Crew is really shaping into a classic. A May release is on the cards, so we'll bring you a review next issue.



■ Wreckin Crew: coming out at long last

■ Brian Lara Cricket 98

Last month we told you Brian Lara was coming to the PlayStation, this month we bring you a shot of the game. It's a 3D extravaganza, if you can use that word to describe cricket. Players are modelled on real stars and there's 240 of 'em to check out. You can bat, bowl and field in individual matches, World Cup competitions, Test Series, Test Season, Knockout and World Series tournaments. More than a few hours of fun then.



■ Brian Lara: Hits a six or out for a duck?

Blab

■**OUT** MAY ■**BY** SONY ■**PLAYERS** 1-2
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Cardinal Syn

Time to make some cocky bastid bleed...

The Age of Myth. When every young man about town was toting enormous steel weapons and hitting other young men until they were spitting blood and shattered teeth. Or at least that's the way it seems to be in Cardinal Syn...

Hurt me bad

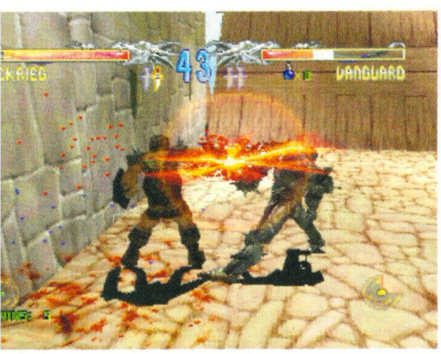
This is 100 per cent proof sword and sorcery beat 'em up action. We've got a gang of sword-toting lads who can pull off loadsa chop 'n' slice moves. And when yer chop don't suit, you can pick up tasty power-ups.

Eat my fireballs

And if that doesn't seem to reach the levels of severe pain Sir desires, please inspect the big blistering balls of magical death that each of the fighters can hurl.

And that's not even mentioning the fat-ass boss monsters...

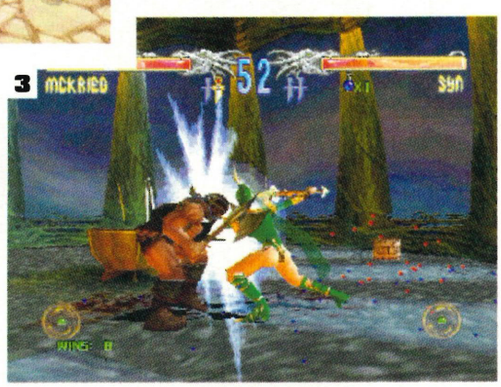
plus Dead nice to look at, but it's all looking a bit easy-peasy at the minute. Hopefully they'll turn up the hardometer for the final version. Whatever happens, we'll keep you posted...





■ This game looks the business...







1 Oof! that hurt **2** This bastid's like Big Bird from Sesame Street gone bad **3** Fighting games are like life: here a woman smacks a bloke in the nads **4** Bad Big Bird was cast out from 'The Street'

■**OUT** APRIL ■**BY** GREMLIN ■**PLAYERS** 1
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Men in Black

The only men able to wear shades in daylight and not look a prat.

You can live almost entirely on Men in Black products. You can eat Men in Black cakes, wear Men in Black clothes and shades, read the Men in Black comic. And soon you'll be able to play the game...

Back in black

Aliens! They're eating our brains! What, again? Yup. And you're Earth's Only Hope, the unfazeable Will Smith, adventuring it up in third person through 200 locations with a staggering assortment of sci-fi weaponry.

Tommy Lee Jones!

You'll get to play the ultra-cool Tommy Lee Jones as well, with movie cutscenes moving the plot along as you discover more and more of the bug-eyed filth's dastardly plans...

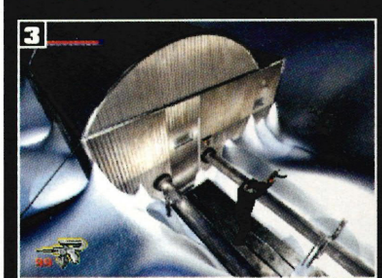
plus Film tie-ins can be a load of old horseshit, but this is looking interesting. We'll keep you posted...

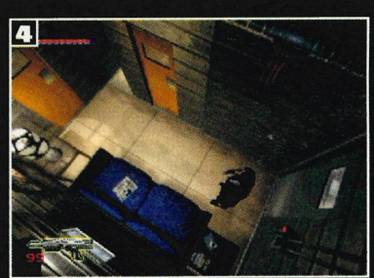


■ The game promises action, puzzle-solving and exploration









1 The detailed locations are typically high-tech using the same gadgets as the film **2** Take the Will Smith role and go exploring **3** The game aims to reflect the mood and humour of the film **4** Could be a little puzzle in here for you to solve... **5** Naturally you get an awesome arsenal of weapons

VR3000

Due out in a couple of months, this futuristic racer is looking pretty tasty.

Graphics are smart as you like and car handling is top notch, but what pulls our chain the most are the tracks, 'cos they're mad as a fish. Zipping across the game's undulating landscapes is like sailing a cross channel ferry into the eye of a storm at 100 mph – sick-making, scary but still very thrilling.



■ VR3000: seriously weird tracks

X-Men Vs Street Fighter: Ex Edition

Just around the corner is a conversion of the X-Men Vs Street Fighter arcade beat 'em up. Sounds cool, but see that Ex Edition that's been added to the title? That's a bit of bad news for PlayStation owners...

See, one of the charms of the coin-op was that you could join forces with a mate and produce super moves, but not on the PlayStation. Bugger.

Mr Domino

That's right, a game called Mr Domino. We know, we know: silly name, but so far it looks a scream. You play Mr, or as it happens Mrs, Domino and you lay a series of dominoes as you run around a course.

Once the dominoes are in position, start 'em tumblin' and set off secrets and bonuses to pump up yer score. Expect a release in the UK around summertime.



■ Power Soccer 98: major overhauls

Power Soccer 98

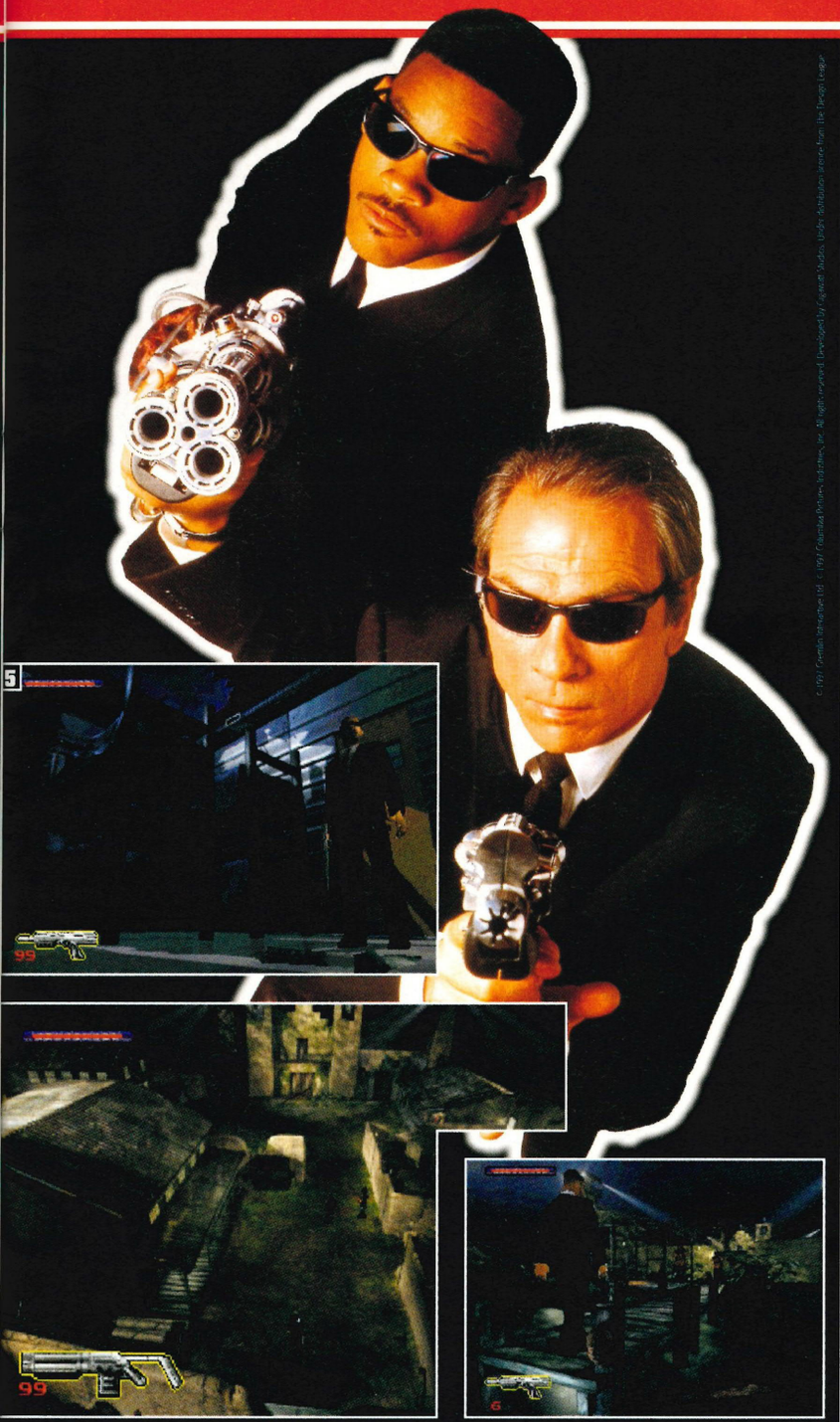
Just when you thought it was safe to go back to your videogame shop, out pops another footy game.

Traditionally the Power Soccer range hasn't scored well, but this version has had some major overhauls and could be a serious contender. Expect more tasty titbits closer to the summer release date.

Blast Radius

Mindless death and destruction – it's what your PlayStation was made for. Blast Radius is a no-holds-barred 3D blaster packed full of cool special effects.

Out in May, it'll feature 31 missions, four ships to fly, 32 different kinds of enemy and about 20 weapons. We're dying to test out the two-player deathmatch mode.



■ The game will be a new adventure for the MiB

■ Yup, it's got that 'Resident Evil' feel

■**OUT** MAY ■**BY** HUDSONSOFT ■**PLAYERS** 1-4
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MULTITAP

Bomberman World

Ban the bomb? Errr... we'll keep ours, thanks!

Plant bombs! Explode things! Blow up people! And you haven't even got a legitimate political goal to justify waging your relentless campaign of terror. But that's OK. You're cute and small: being extremely violent's quite endearing...

Une beaume?

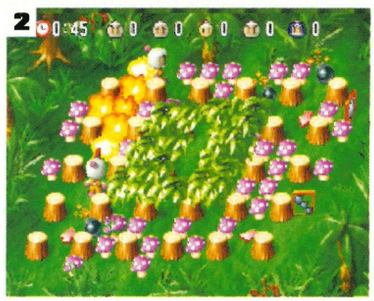
You're gonna take the part of a little geezer with a big head and a big bad bag o' bombs. You get dropped into a maze with loadsa monsters. Guess what you have to do? Yup. It's boomtime.

Bomb the bass. Tards.

If monsters don't suit, why not chuck lumps of fizzing death at up to three mates? With bombs forming chain reactions, and with you picking up bombs and bonuses left and right, this looks like it could be multiplayer central...

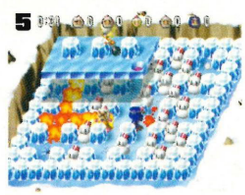
***plus** Bless Bomberman's little explosive socks. We're hopeful this is going to be a winner. More news as it happens.*



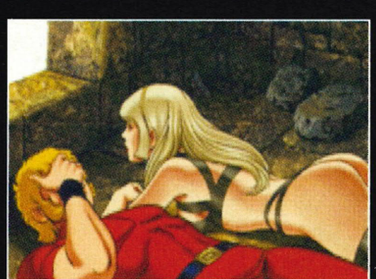








1 Eat my Semtex, ya bigheaded bastids **2** Bags o' bonuses! Snaffle 'em **3** Blow up scenery for fun and profit **4** Ahh... so that's what 'smithereens' look like **5** Boom, boom as Basil Brush used to say



■ Cobra the Psychogun: like you'd hide yer eyes

Cobra The Psychogun

Not a game but a comic, and a pervy one at that. It's Japanese so we've got no idea what's going on, but it stars a babe in a thong. She spends most of the time with her back to you, so you can imagine the benefits. So far, no plans to do this in the UK, but who knows...?

ODT

Save the world Or Die Trying (ODT). It's a 3D action adventure in which you play one of three heroes out to find a cure for an epidemic. On the way to getting help your ship crash-lands on top of a tower.

Can your team fix the craft and get on with the mission? Never mind that, what are those strange noises coming from the tower? You'll have to wait until Crimbo to find out.

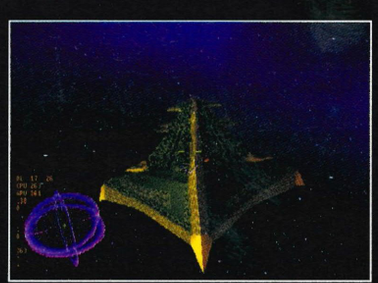
PFA Soccer Manager

We've been waiting for years for a decent football management game and all of a sudden a bunch of 'em are jostling for our attention. PFA Soccer Manager is the latest and could be worth a look as it boasts teams from the Premiership right down to the GM Vauxhall Conference.

Our one concern is the word 'soccer'. It's bloody football, all right?

Colony Wars Vendetta

Vendetta takes over where the original Colony Wars left off, only this time you're battling for the opposition. You're a pilot for the Navy,



■ Colony Wars Vendetta: mind-blowing

battling against the league and seeking revenge. Missions are set to be more complex, craft upgradable, more weapons will be available and two spanking new solar systems are to be added.

Although the first Colony Wars was stunning, expect the new instalment, out in November, to blow your mind.

NCAA Basketball

Watch more than just the balls bounce in basketball. NCAA is the first basketball game to include women and it stars female player of the year Kate Starbird.

If she lives up to her surname we could be in for some serious action. We think NCAA is likely to be more of a marketing ploy than a seriously playable title but at least someone is trying something different.

Play in yer pocket

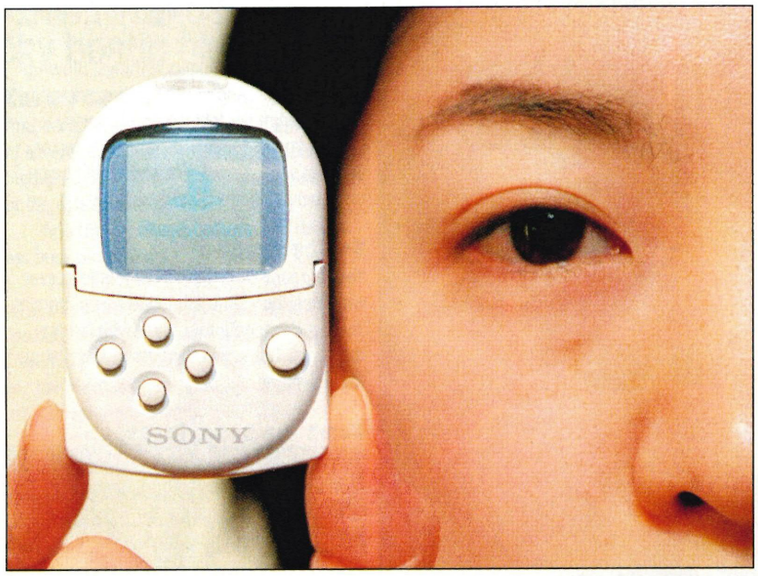
Personal Digital Assistant announced for PlayStation...

Sony has announced the launch of new a gizmo aimed at letting you play games on the move.

The gadget - called a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) - has a tiny black and white screen (about Tamagotchi size), speaker and buttons and will fit into the PlayStation memory card slot. The idea is that you will be able to load games into the PDA from the PlayStation and play them – Game Boy-style – anywhere you like.

It's not yet known what games will be available but sources have suggested the machine might be capable of downloading a 'small section' of a game to play. This makes sense since info from the PDA could later be uploaded back into the PlayStation.

This same two-way function also allows you to link with other gizmos. Oh, and there'll be some personal organiser -style functions on it, too. No price or release date have been set, but the device will be available in Japan by the end of the year.



■ One of the first piccies of the new PlayStation Personal Digital Assistant

COOL BOARDERS 2 ADVERT BANNED

A controversial advert for Cool Boarders 2, which pictured a handwritten note saying 'Powder, my body yells, aches for powder', has been pulled. Sony said no link to drugs was intended, but after around 40 complaints and hints from the Advertising Standard Authority saying the ad could be banned, it was ditched.

TEKKEN 3 WALKS

The forthcoming Tekken 3 will include a new section where characters wander along taking on more than one character at a time. Force mode kicks in while you wait to reach the final boss. The screen moves left and right and in come the Tekken Multitudes. All enemies have to be beaten before you can move on.





Pay less, get less

New deals not all they seem

PlayStations for as little as £99. Surely too good to be true? Well, yes. Tesco is selling unofficially-imported packs for under £100, but you don't get a second controller, memory card or RF (normal TV) connector for yer moolah.

Add up the cost of the extras you'll need and you'd be paying £151.97, which is £21.98 more than the official Sony value pack which includes all basic goodies.

Tesco has taken the step of selling specially-imported machines in their stores after Sony refused official permission.

TESCO

■ Rebel, rebel...

Stars on the game

Actors do voiceovers

TV and film stars are lining up to do voiceovers for PlayStation games. Carry On regular and cad Leslie Phillips will become the voice of Gex in Gex 3D. Believe it or not, the lizard will give 500 lines of dialogue realistically thanks to 12 virtual bones in his mouth and another five in his tongue.

Meanwhile the voice of BBC football Tony Gubba has done the commentary for the next instalment of International Superstar Soccer.



■ Leslie Phillips: well, hello

plus Recommends

We demand you buy these games...

TEKKEN 2 PLATINUM

Scored 95%, issue 31

If you ain't got this bash bonanza already, you really oughtn't be our friend. We'll give you one last chance: buy it now - it's only £20, for Christ's sake.

DEATHTRAP DUNGEON

Scored 90%, issue 31

Shameless geekery, but this is a right bundle of Conan-esque laffs.



Fantasy fighter

Kelly Brook in tight leathers

World-class model Kelly Brook has been playing the part of Red Lotus from Deathtrap Dungeon. She appeared at a photoshoot looking saucier than a tanker-load of HP and you can get your mitts on a giant signed photo in our Blag on p44.





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Release Dates

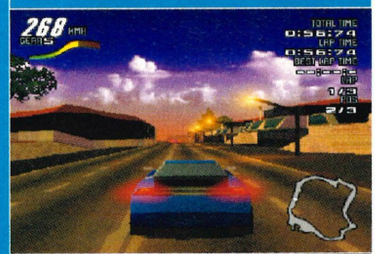
Want to know what's coming out and when? Here you are then, a complete list of release dates. But listen: don't go running to the shop, find the game's slipped and then call us all angry. It happens. All the time. And it's not our fault.

RELEASED	REVIEWED
13 MARCH	
Adidas Power Soccer: Platinum	60% Jan 98
Chill	
Crash Bandicoot: Platinum	86% Apr 98
Porsche Challenge: Platinum	80% May 97
20 MARCH	
Circuit Breakers	
Gex 2: Enter the Gecko	
Snow Racer	
27 MARCH	
Ayrton Senna Kart Racing 2	
Blasto	
Deathtrap Dungeon	90% Apr 98
Indy 500	
Midway Arcade Greatest Hits 2	
NBA Fastbreak	
NBA Pro 98	40% Apr 98
NHL Face Off 98	65% Mar 98
One	83% Feb 98
Rascal	
Star Wars: Masters of Teras Kasi	
StreetFighter Collection	87% Jan 98
Super Pang	
Tomb Raider: Platinum	92% Aug 96
Triple Play 98	
VR Sports Powerboat Racing	
3 APRIL	
Diablo	
Jet Rider 2	30% Mar 98
Need for Speed 3	
Newman Hass Racing	75% Apr 98
Reboot	83% Apr 98
Road Rash: New Generation	
Theme Hospital	84% Mar 98
Warhammer 2: Dark Omen	83% Mar 98
10 APRIL	
Command & Conquer: Platinum	91% Dec 96
Formula One: Platinum	93% Aug 96
NBA Hangtime	72% Jan 98

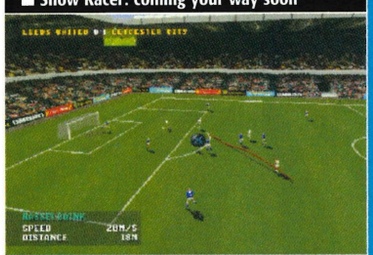
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NHL Open Ice	65% Mar 98
San Francisco Rush	
Three Lions: England's Glory	
17 APRIL	
Pitfall 3D: Beyond the Jungle	84% Apr 98
Premier Manager '98	
Vs	
24 APRIL	
Alundra	
Command & Conquer: Red Alert Retaliation	
Lucky Luke	
Men in Black	
Motorhead	
Spawn	
1 MAY	
Batman & Robin	
Cardynal Syn	
Crime Killer	
N2O	
Vivid Racing	
8 MAY	
Colin McRae Rally	
Forsaken	
Gran Turismo	
Kick Off 98	
Klonoa	
Medievil	
Vigilante 8	
World League Soccer 98	
15 MAY	
Breath of Fire 3	
Doom: Platinum	92% Dec 95
Ghost in the Shell	
Kula World	
Mortal Kombat Trilogy: Platinum	90% Nov 96
Resident Evil 2	95% Apr 98
Supercross	
UEFA Soccer	



■ Snow Racer: coming your way soon



■ Motorhead: fast, my friends. Very fast



■ Premier Manager 98: long wait. Worth it



■ Klonoa: cute and on its way

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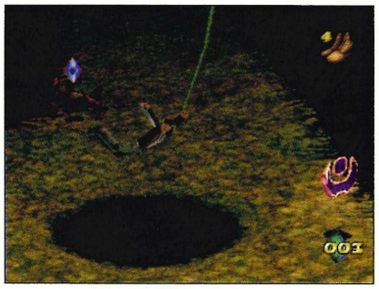
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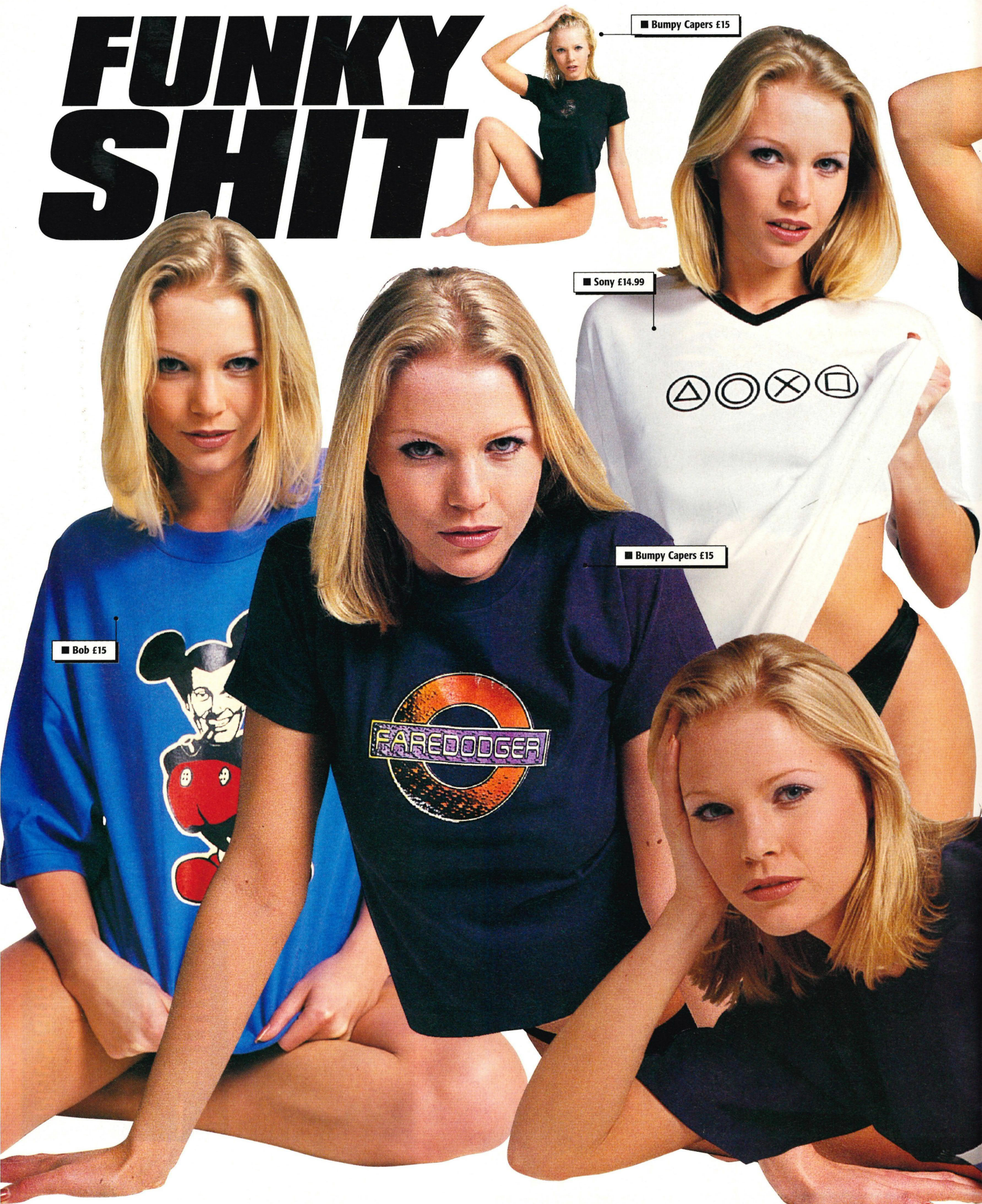


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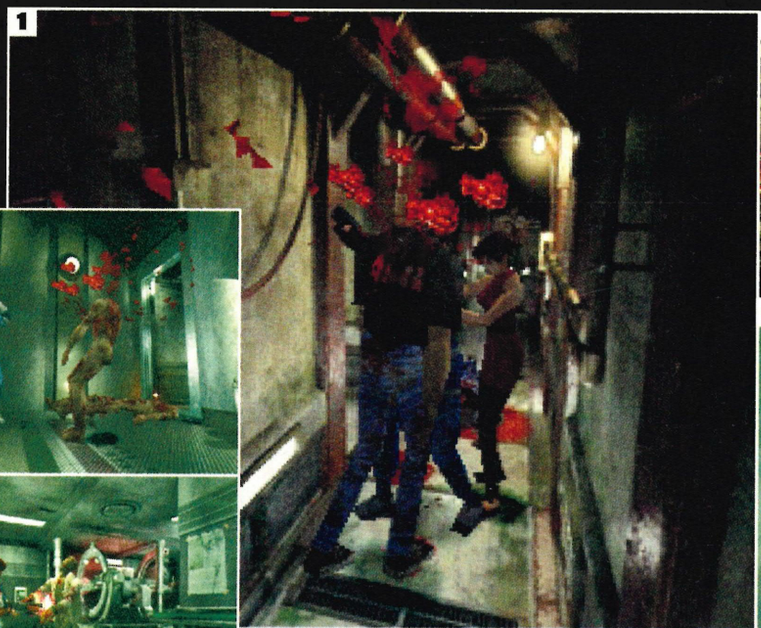


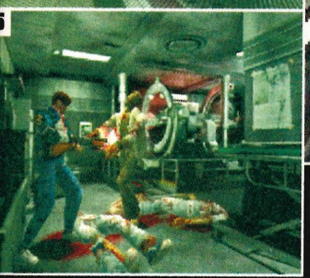
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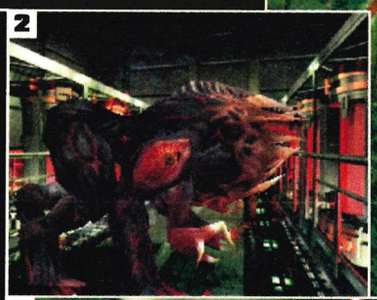
Dead Good

Rotting flesh hanging from corpses, heads bursting like pus-filled spots and blood flowing like claret at a wine tasting party. Sounds hellish but really it's divine...

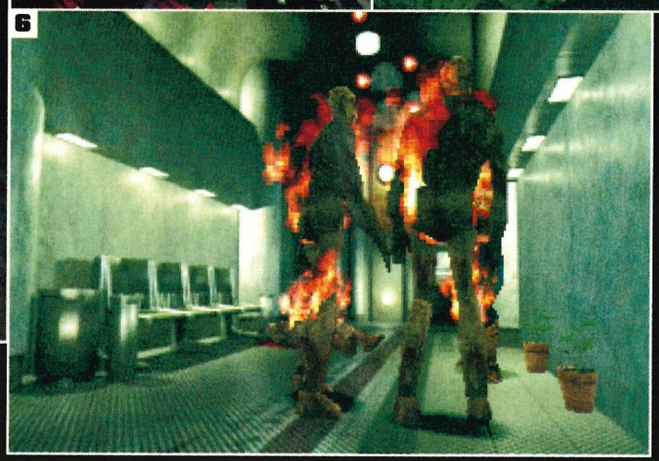
The first Resident Evil grabbed you by the scrotum and hung you upside down till you bled to death. We're talking a real shit-kicking game here. Could it get any better? Oh yes. Resident Evil 2's here at last. It's been a long wait but it's well worth it. This zombie-killing, gun-toting, flesh-scoffing epic comes on two blood-stained discs and it knows where you live...











1 This'll blow yer brain. With a high-powered shotgun... **2** There's shit-scary beasts to face **3** As well as loadsa atmospheric locations to explore **4** The undead advance **5** The body count keeps on growing **6** Christ. Are you ready for this?

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The Works: Resident Evil 2

What we like

The autopsy room

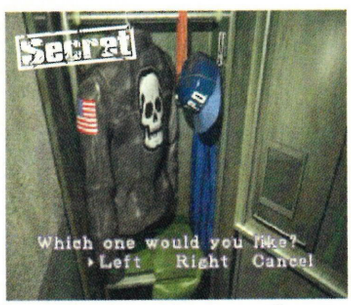
OK. This is Resident Evil 2. You blow arms, legs and heads off zombies. Chuck in an autopsy room and what could the programmers dream up? It's quite simple really: another excuse for gratuitous violence and bloodshed! We like!



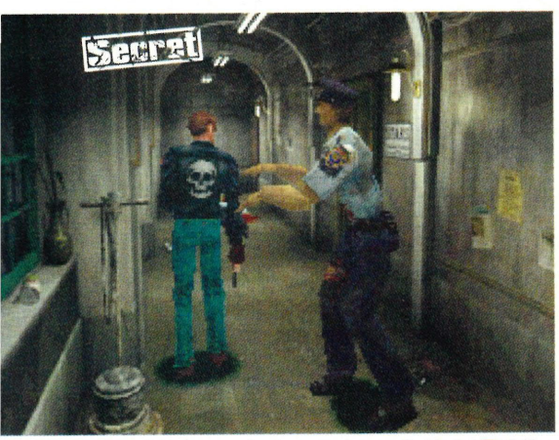
1 Just when you thought the room was safe, zombies are coming out of the wall **2** And from all corners of the room! **3** Get some space and cock that grenade launcher **4** Eat this, zombie scum! See those chunks of brain fly **5** And piss your pants as zombies stagger about helplessly!

Hidden costumes

Both characters have a hidden change of outfit stashed away. So, if you fancy glamming Claire up with a crop top and funky flame jacket then try this out: start a game on normal mode and get to the police station without picking anything up – not a single ammo round, herb... nuthin'. When you get to the cop shop, take the lower path and a new zombie will be walking around. Pump him full of lead and search the body to get a special key. Take it to the dark room and use it on the cabinet to get the cossies...



■ Leon's wardrobe. He's got two outfits







1 Careful Leon, you don't wanna mess up that jacket **2** Stubborn bloodstains can be a real bitch to get out of your designer togs **3** Drool... Claire looks pretty damn foxy in her new get-up

Check this out!

Check out these screenshots. If this isn't the coolest thing you've ever seen, then you're obviously some sort of dickhead. And how do you wreak this kind of hyper-gore? Simply aim the shotgun, pump and fire, then watch as the zombie loses the plot completely.

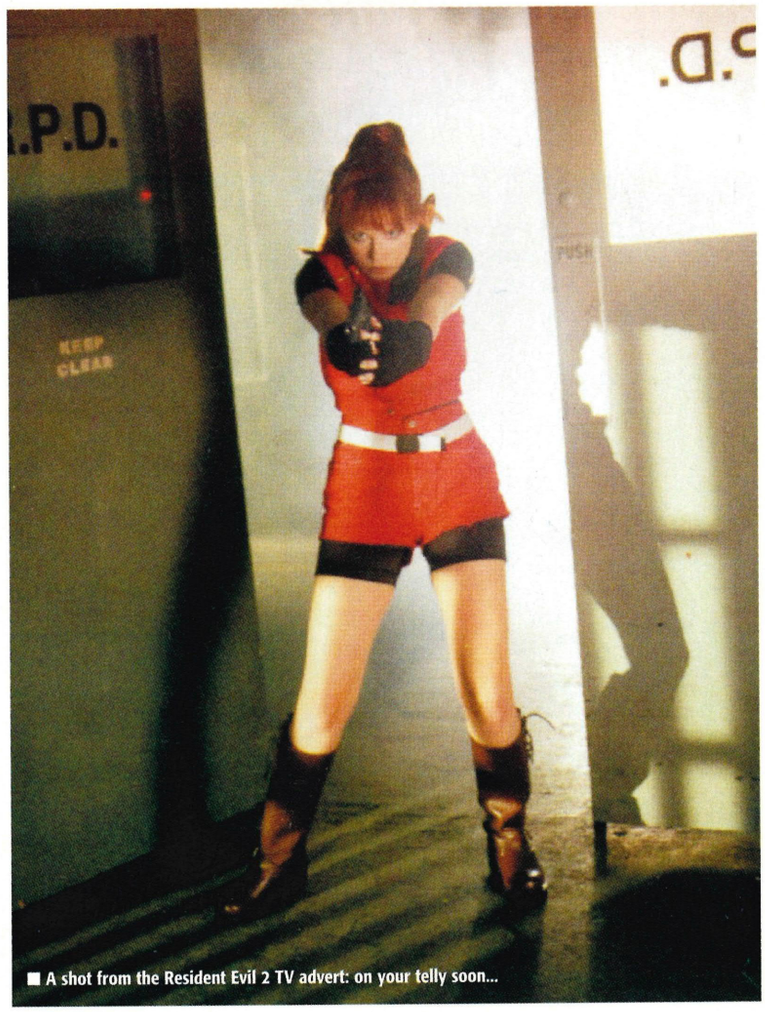








1 BOOM! Look at that sucka squirm as he gets a gutful of lead **2** Hold on! This is one tough bugger! **3** Gross! The legs are still walking and the torso is heading for your ankles **4** You ponce! One well-aimed bullet to the zombie's head and he hits the deck like a sack of shite



■ A shot from the Resident Evil 2 TV advert: on your telly soon...

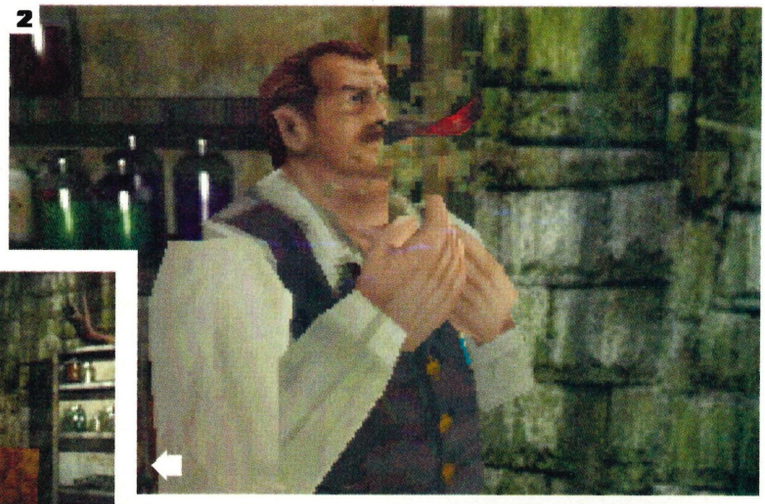
'See those chunks of brain fly!'

Once upon a time...

On top of the trouser-tenting video sequences, Res Evil 2 has loads of in-game link scenes which explain the plot and characters' background.

As you get deeper into the game, it turns out the city is full of bent coppers and secret human guinea pigs! And there's nothing more satisfying than watching the bastards get their just desserts.



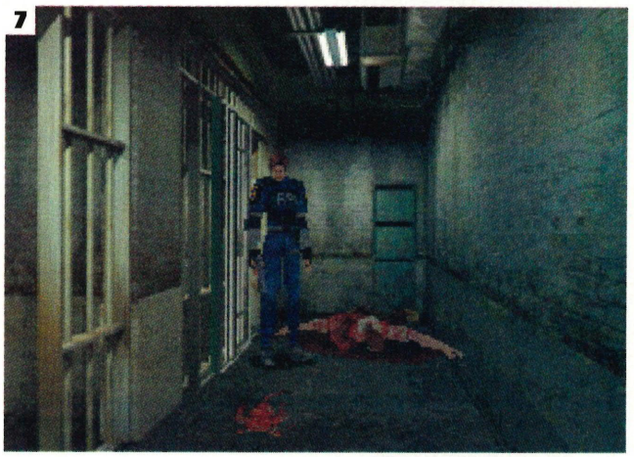








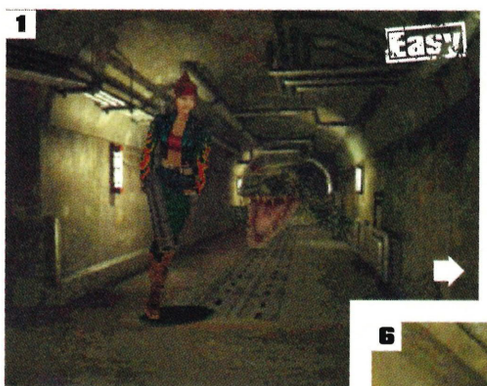


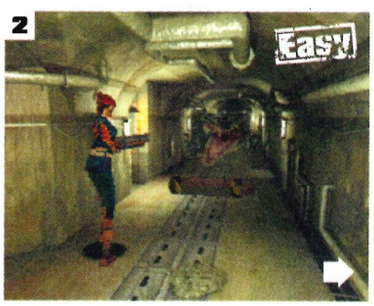


1 Chief Irons is the git at the heart of the T-virus leak 2 Sadly for him his plans backfire 3 Then he gets it. Infected with the virus, it's see ya later, fat boy 4 Within minutes the disease has grown. Cue gore galore as it splits him in two! 5 Leon never meets the Chief. Instead, a slimy reporter from the local rag ends up with a lot more than the story 6 Namely a giant-sized bug that busts through his chest... 7 Then scuttles off. Leon doesn't even bat an eyelid

You'll shit your pants!

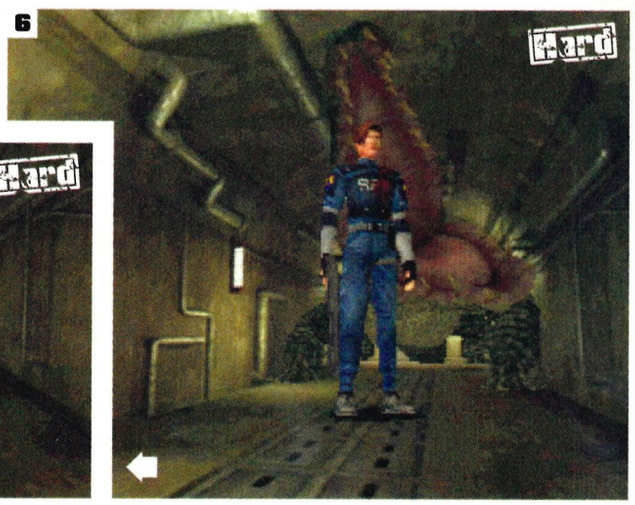
One of the best baddies in the game is this bleedin' great alligator! Mutated by the T-Virus, it's hungry for your soft, juicy flesh. But Leon and Claire ain't gonna give in that easily. There's two ways to bag him: easy and hard. Which one are you gonna go for? Check these shots, then make your choice...







■ **It might look like we're giving a lot away here. But nothing prepares you for this beast!**









1 The croc rears its ugly mug and Claire dumps in her knickers, then does a runner... 2 All the way back to the gas cylinder on the wall. Pop it out... 3 Then shoot the canister and watch brains splatter the walls 4 Alternatively try this: Leon's nibbled by the 'gators gnashers 5 But he stands and fights. A shotgun blast sends blood spewing from its gob 6 The croc doesn't give in 7 Shitloads of shells later and the 'gator does a runner

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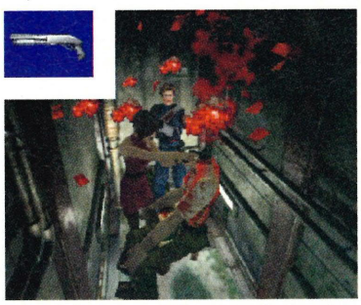
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'This game pisses all over the original in every way'

■ The advert's directed by George Romero. Not heard of him? Get a life...

Hello my little chums

Guns. Glocks. Holopoints. Call them what you like, but at the end of the day, death-dealing hardware is what Res Evil 2 is all about. You tool up and blast some zombie butt into the middle of next week. And has this game got some serious weaponry or what? Step into our armoury. Does Sir see anything that takes his fancy?



■ Leon's first capper is the most reliable and can blow heads off in seconds



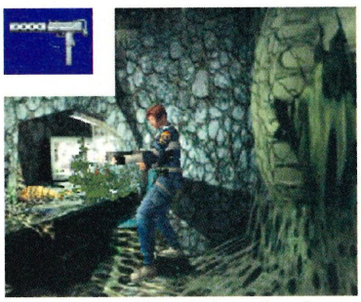
■ Again, one Magnum shot is all it takes to pop the heads of the undead



■ Claire's shotgun. The acid rounds melt into opponents. You can even hear their skin sizzle!



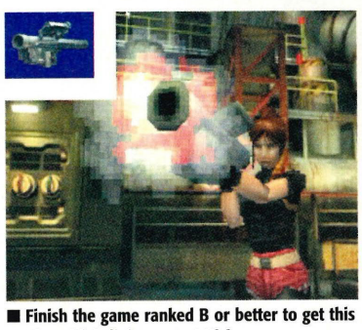
■ Burn baby burn! Torch those fools with this hefty piece of kit



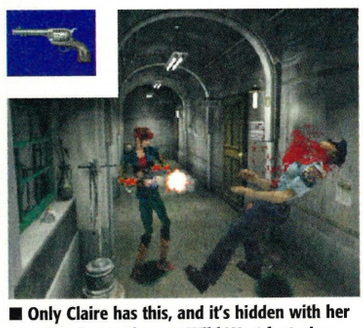
■ Ultra cool rapid-firer which rips through enemies like a knife through butter



■ Eat voltage sucka! The Sparkshot fries saps who get too close



■ Finish the game ranked B or better to get this mutha with infinite ammo! Kick ass



■ Only Claire has this, and it's hidden with her secret costume. Live out Wild West fantasies

'Tool up and blast zombie butt!'

plus

We'd like to say...

At first, Res 2 seems quite short. It ain't. It's got some of the most pant-soiling action you'll ever get in a videogame and pisses all over the original in every way possible. The graphics are smarter, the sound better and it plays like a dream. Just wait till you get that pump-action in your hands and see zombies' heads rolling along the floor... That's when you know it's a classic.

Clear the area

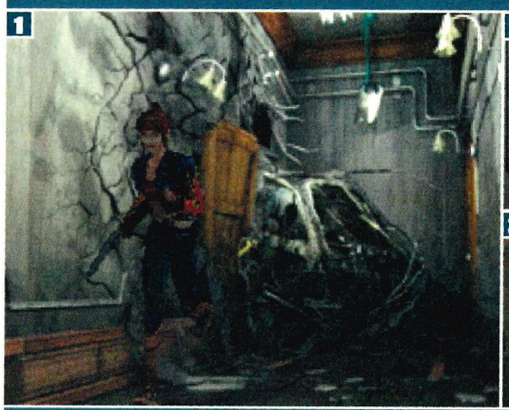
Once you've finished the game with Leon, you can do it all again with Claire! But while this starts off a bit boring, you soon discover almost an entirely new game! With Claire you not only have different weapons, but new items to find, new rooms to explore and tons of new puzzles. So don't be bitchin' it's too short, OK?



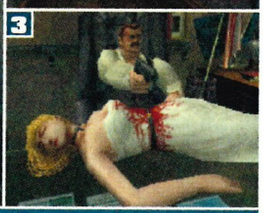
■ First pick the lock to the explosives cabinet and rob yourself some plastic



■ Next find the detonator and combine the two together in the menu screen



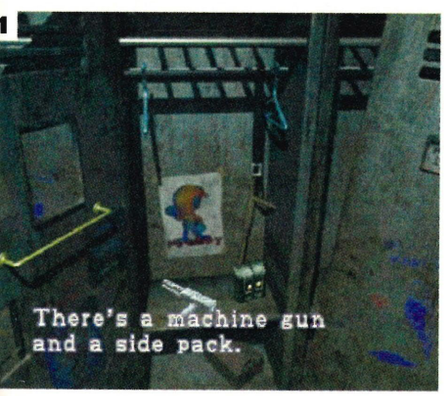




1 Plant the bomb and get the hell out! 2 The quarterback is toast! The doorway is clear... 3 And Chief Irons is waiting to spill the beans (and, later on, his guts!)

What's the difference?

There are four initial versions of Resident Evil 2 to play through: each character has two scenarios. Finish the game with Leon first, for example, and you get a save point at the start of the second scenario for Claire. You begin in a new part of town and all of the items are in different places. Then you do the same, but with Claire first. And then there are the secrets... There's a lot here to explore.

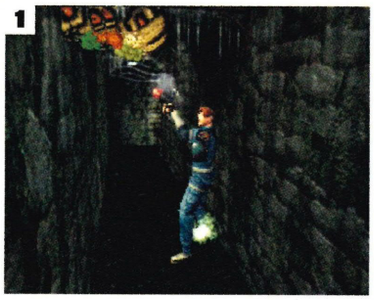




1 If you take both of these they'll have disappeared when Claire reaches this room 2 Don't take anything for granted. Some monsters are in different locations, too

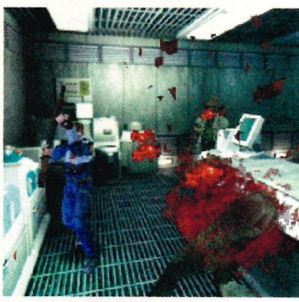
Weapon attachments

The three main weapons Leon gets his grubby mitts on also have attachments hidden throughout the game. Once you've found the shotgun parts, you have the best goddamn gun in the whole game! Nothing has prepared you for this...

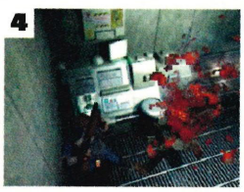


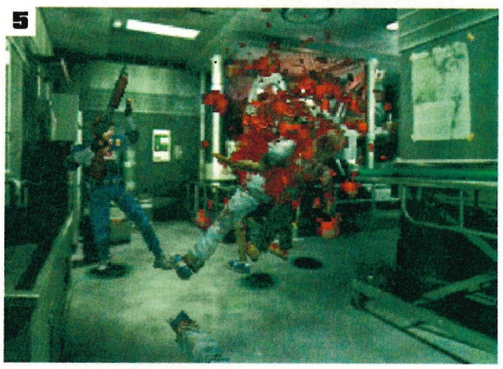






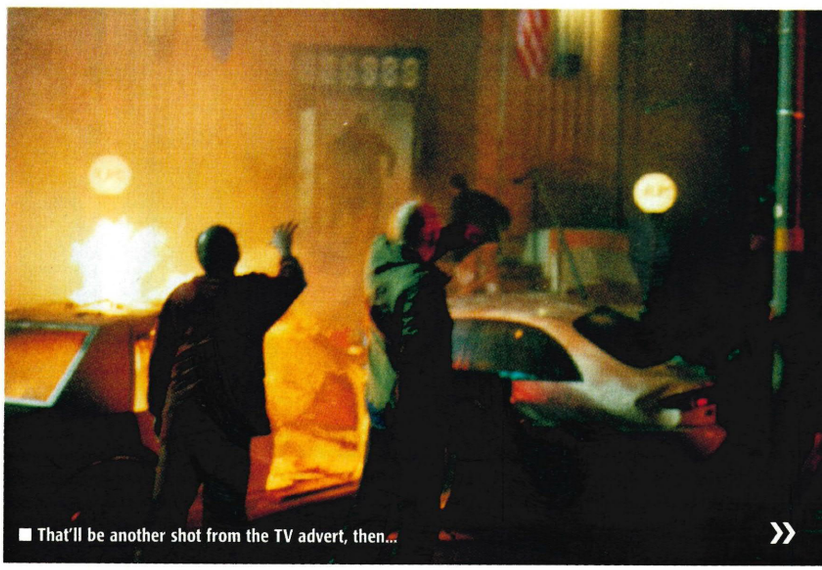
■ Chunk their heads if they get too close for comfort...







1 The handgun extra adds a shoulder rest and lets you fire off three shots at a time 2 The Magnum version takes ages to reload but takes out heads in style 3 The shotgun attachment. Great for knee-capping... 4 Taking off zombie arms and heads... 5 Or even an entire group. Check out the blood and bits of brain! 6 And that's what's left after just one shot. See you in hell, freak



■ That'll be another shot from the TV advert, then...

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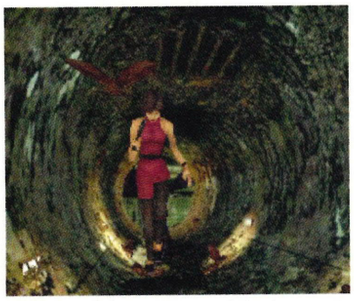
Look what the cat dragged in

You know it's got zombies and dogs in it. Any mag can print pics of those. But what about the real monsters, the ones that send trickles of turd dribbling down your bum cheeks? Have a butchers at some of these guys and make sure the bog roll is handy.



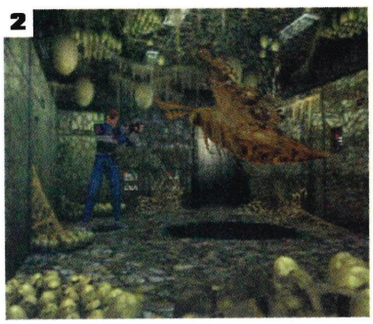


■ This the second type of Licker: harder to kill



■ These roaches are a waste of time: run past

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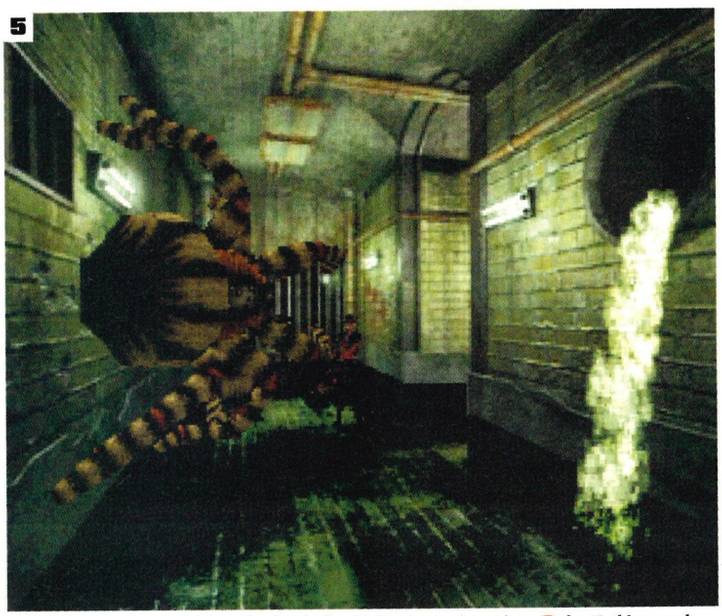




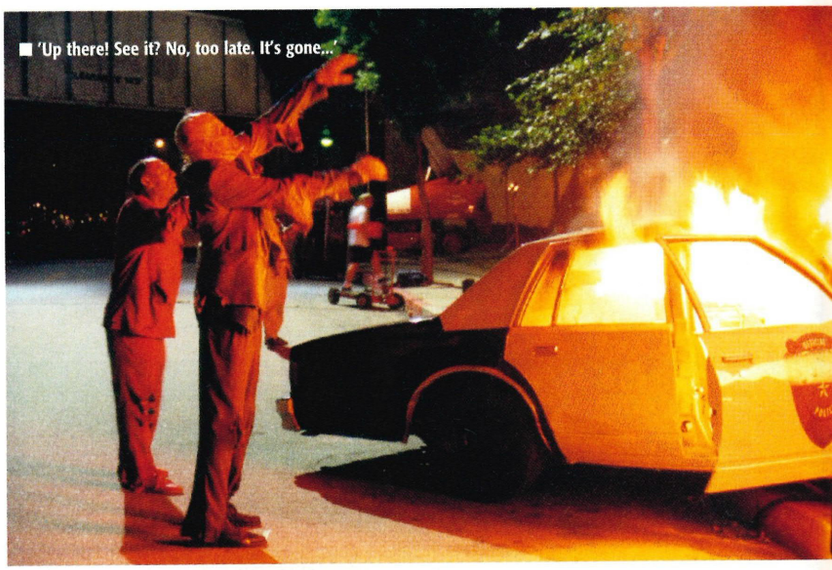
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1 There are two types of Licker. The first is the skinless freak shown here 2 The Moth's a weak-assed enemy. Three or four Magnum shots and you're sorted 3 Don't water the plants... fill 'em with shotgun rounds! 4 The killer shrubs gob acid so keep your distance, and the tentacles lash around even when they're dead 5 Always found in pairs, these buggers. Use the flamethrower



■ 'Up there! See it? No, too late. It's gone...'

Secret stuff

This is secret stuff so you might wanna skip this bit. We've shown you costumes and Claire's secret weapon, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. There's a hidden game to find! We won't reveal much but you either play as a SWAT guy or a lump of tofu. Weird.

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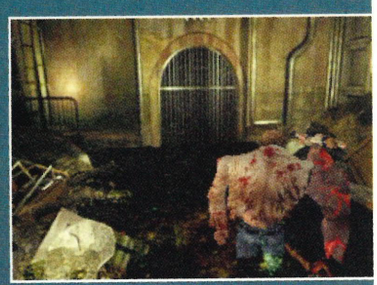
1 Hunk's a member of Umbrella's SWAT team and you get to play as him! 2 He starts in the sewers and has to escape with the T-Virus

The ultimate bad ass

As the game unfolds, you bump into the Tyrant character and its various mutations all too frequently. Whether it's the self-inflicted T-Virus-ridden William Birkin, or the genetically deformed monsters, one thing's certain: death.



■ The first big boss you meet...



■ A variation of William. Does loadsa damage



■ Another version of big Willy!



■ Guess who? The claw'll mince you in seconds

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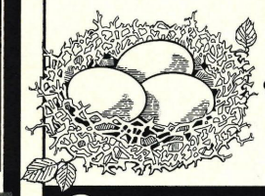
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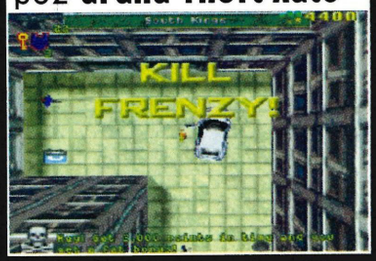
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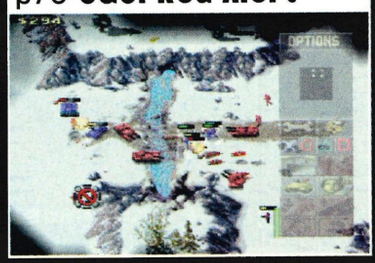
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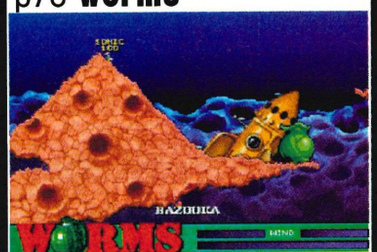
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■ Worms tipped by our resident bloke who has sex with himself (which is what worms do)

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Grand Theft Auto

'Ban this sick game!' is what the tabloids said. 'Play this sick game!' is what we said. And just to prove how irresponsible we are, here's a guide to the whole shooting match...



PRICE	£39.99
COMPANY	BMG
REVIEWED	JANUARY 1998
SCORE	90%
VERDICT	AN ULTRA-VIOLENT JOYRIDE

Grand Theft Auto: basic hints!

GETTING CASH

Run to the Hare Krishnas, the loons in orange who chant. Beat up their leader, the guy in front, and they will follow you about. When you tire of them, kill them all for a shitload of points. In Liberty City you can sell stolen cars at the docks. After selling a couple of cars the guy there gets mad and won't take any more.

The trick is to use the rocket launcher to blow up the car just as the crane takes it. You still get the money and this way you can keep bringing in cars, and rake in the dollars! Shoot cops with the flamethrower for an extra 3,000 points. Line up as many cars as you can, and blow up the first one in the line. All the other cars should explode as a result, giving you many, many dollars. Steal a cop car and run over the cop for 7,000 points. In San Andreas, go to Northeast Richman. There's a car there. Get into it and drive forward. You'll jump over a large body of water, and get an insane stunt bonus









1 Make the Krazy Krishna mob follow you about... **2** Then kill the bald, chanting loonies! **3** Toasty cop... Hey, I can smell cooking bacon! **4** Grab this car and get that stunt bonus

COP DODGIN'

If you're being chased by cops on foot, run up a bridge and shoot them from there. Their bullets will go under the bridge and miss you! You can also jump over cars. The cops can't, and have to make a detour, costing time. If you feel like wasting pigs, run backwards and shoot them. Dodging bullets is easier this way.

An easy way to destroy cop cars is to get into a massive vehicle, like a coach. Let them smash into the back of you and they'll explode. If being followed by a cop car, stop. When the cop gets out, mow him down!







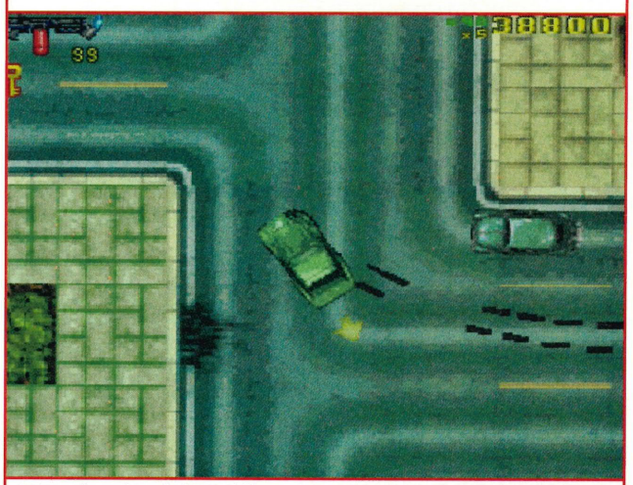
1 Get to the bridges for safety **2** Jump over cars to fool the dumb cops. They can't do the same **3** Let the law smash their cars into your truck. They'll blow up. Hurrah!

MEAN WHEELIN'

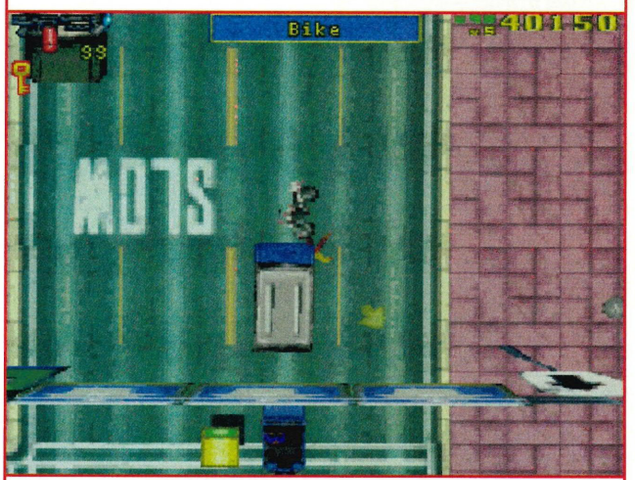
The classic handbrake turn has been the saviour of many a criminal in a tight spot. If you're in a fast car, say a sports car, use the brake when turning to get around corners quickly. You don't have to take the turn wide and save valuable time.

To emergency stop, like if you need to get outta your car really quickly, press brake and reverse at the same time. This tends not to work at low speeds.

When on a bike, without a weapon drawn, keep the attack button held down as you ride. If you get knocked off, you'll land on your feet and keep running. It can make the difference between being busted and getting away...



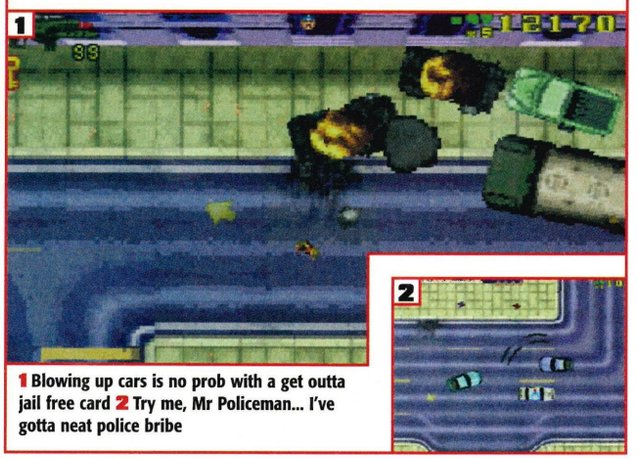
■ In cool car chase fashion, skid round the corners



■ Hold down attack, and you'll walk after falling off

P...P...PICK-UP POWER

We tell you about the weapons over the next few pages. Below is a description of what the other cool pick-ups do. **Score multiplier**: increases the score. The more you get, the more your score rockets up. Makes it possible to finish the levels quicker. **Get outta jail free**: fairly obvious. If you get busted, you walk free. **Speed up**: makes you run faster than an olympic athlete pumped up on steroids. great for dodging the cops. **Police bribe**: if you get busted, this lets you keep your weapons and score multiplier.



1 Blowing up cars is no prob with a get outta jail free card **2** Try me, Mr Policeman... I've gotta neat police bribe

Liberty City

HOW TO DO THE SECRET BIKE JUMP

In Liberty City, get yourself a bike. By 'get' we mean 'steal from innocent person'. If you can find one, the superbike is better for what's ahead. Go to Law Island, then down the right side of the bridge that leads north, towards Island View. Take the small road on the right, and you'll find a ramp. Use it to jump to an island with all manner of neat pick-ups.



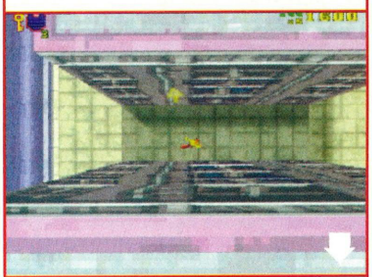




1 Go along the bridge at south Brix... **2** Steal a bike (a superbike if you can)... **3** And jump to the secret island!

HOW TO GET THE HEIST ALMIGHTY KILL FRENZIES

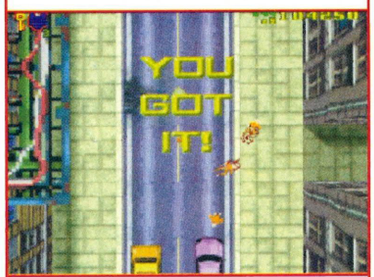
Heist Almighty frenzies are marked in yellow on the map. This gives you an idea how to get them. You'll find one in Southeast Telburg, before you enter Brocklyn. You must go in the alley between two buildings. There lies the machine gun frenzy.



■ Nip down the lane. Not for a piss, though...



■ The frenzy crate is waiting for you



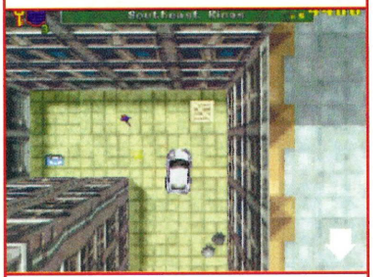
■ Kill as many as you can for a hefty bonus

HOW TO GET THE GANGSTA BANG KILL FRENZIES

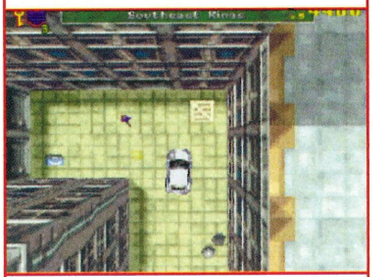
Gangsta Bang frenzies are marked in white. This is an example of how they're hidden. If you get to Southeast island city, you'll find a square building block before the road ends. Go in the alley between buildings for the machine gun frenzy.



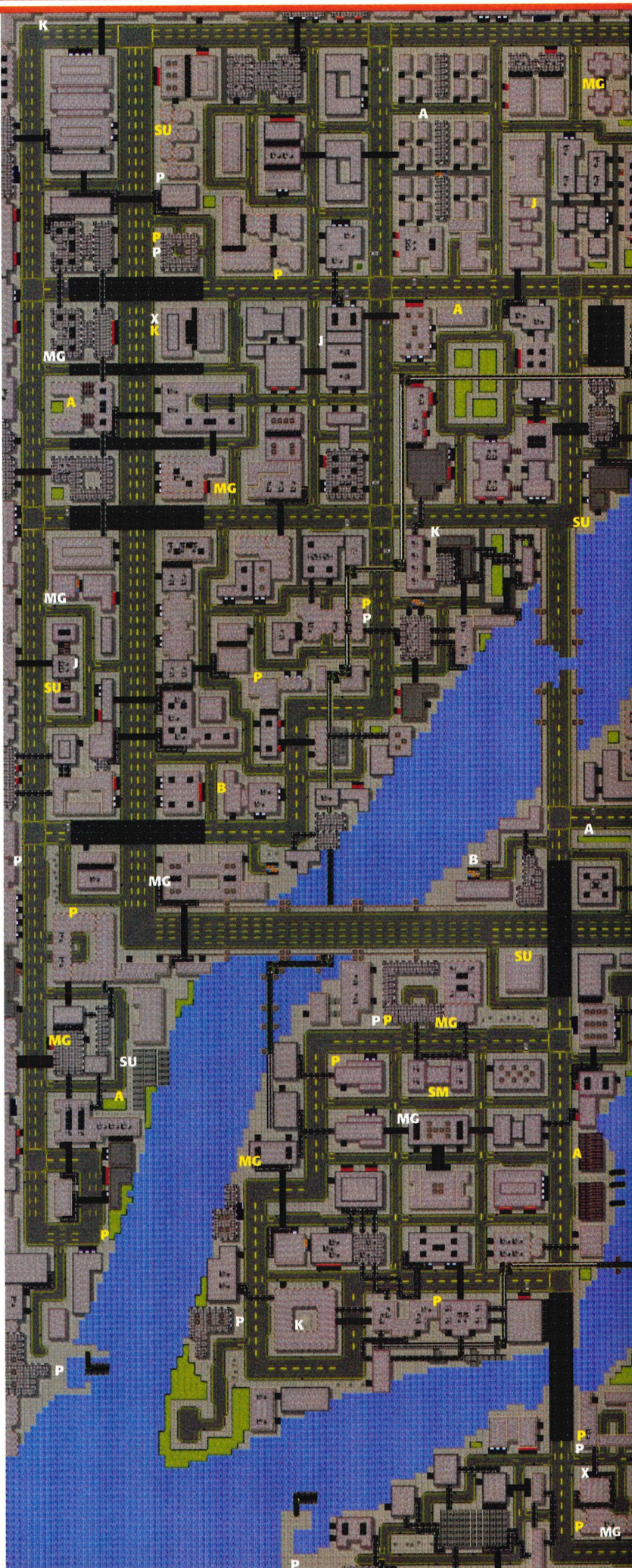
■ This gap in the buildings seems dull, but..



■ Explore inside and you'll find a frenzy crate



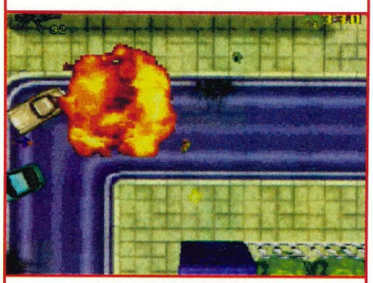
■ Now go out and kill some innocent people





MACHINE GUN

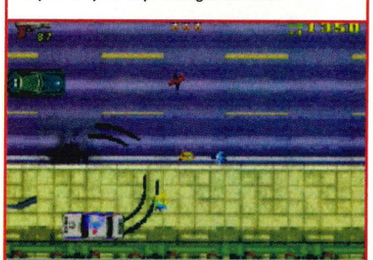
This is the ideal weapon for taking down bigger groups of people. If the cops are on your tail, this'll stop them. It's also good for getting pedestrians out of your way. It has a tendency to blow up cars, so watch where you shoot.



■ The machine gun blows up cars

PISTOL

The pistol will always be in a crate near where you start. You may spit upon it, but it'll save your ass on more than one occasion. It's trusty and always good for blowing away idiot pedestrians in your way. Or cops who get too close.



■ The pistol: good for killing pedestrians

SCORE MULTIPLIER

The game works by making you get a target score to finish the level. Getting those points can take an age. Unless you can find a way to multiply them, that is. The score multiplier does just that. The more you get, the more times your score increases. You can get up to nine.



■ You get loadsa points with a multiplier for every illegal act. Go for it!

KEY	
P	PISTOL
MG	MACHINE GUN
A	ARMOUR
SU	SPEED-UP
B	POLICE BRIBE
J	GET OUT OF JAIL FREE
X	EXTRA LIFE
SM	SCORE MULTIPLIER
R	ROCKET LAUNCHER
K	KILL FRENZIES
S	GET THE BIKE HERE. USE IT TO JUMP ACROSS TO THE SMALL ISLANDS. THERE ARE VARIOUS ITEMS AND A REPLACEMENT BIKE IN CASE YOU TRASH THE FIRST ONE

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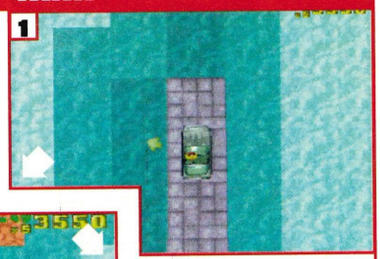
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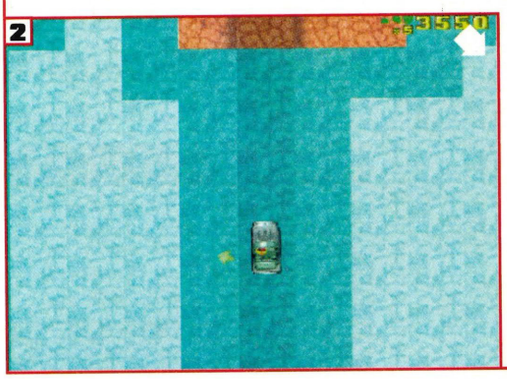
San Andreas

GETTING A SHITKICKIN' TANK

See that island on the map, south of Woodside, that you can't seem to get to? Well, now you can 'cos we found out how! Go to northeast Sunview and find the path that leads over the water. You may have noticed that it stops suddenly.

At the end of the path is an invisible path, taking you to the island where you can get your mitts on the tank.



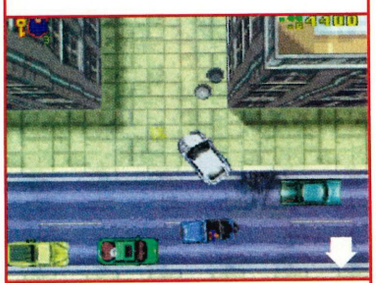




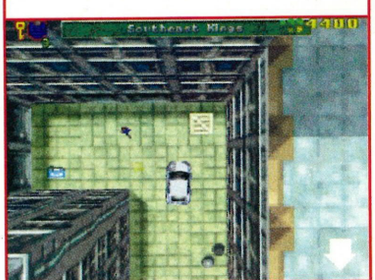
1 You think the path ends here? **2** Well, it don't. There's an invisible path **3** Get the tank as your reward

GETTING THE MANDARIN MAYHEM KILL FRENZY

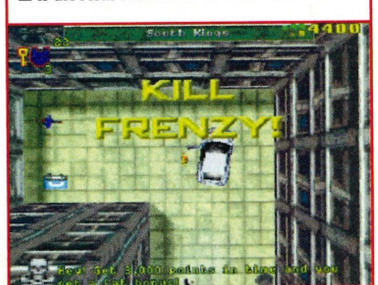
The Jesus bus kill frenzy is cool (it's yellow ont he map). Here's how to get it. In Southeast Chinatown is a building block edging onto Sailors Wharf and Market. It's between the houses. Now take the Jesus bus. It's very slow, though, so be prepared to leg it if the filth gets too close.



■ Down between the houses



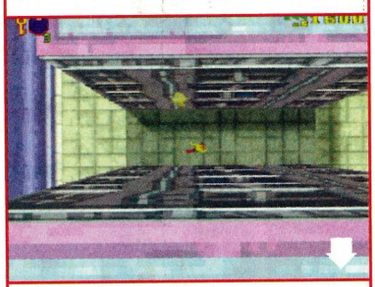
■ Is the Jesus bus and an armour crate



■ Drive them nuns on the ride of their lives

HOW TO GET THE TEQUILLA SLAMMER KILL FRENZY

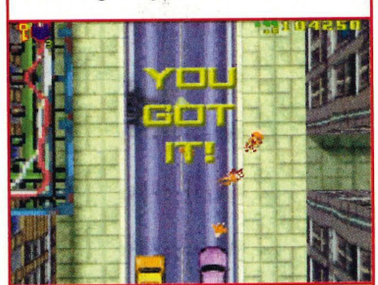
Shown as whiter on the map, the first is in East Sailors Wharf, at the end of a pier, past the docks. That's a flamethrower frenzy. The second, a model car frenzy, is at West Woodside, up from the cop shop. Between buildings is a love wagon. Get into it to start the frenzy.



■ Get the flame frenzy from the pier



■ Love wagon: hop in to start model car frenzy



■ Get the speedy model cars to wreak havoc





FLAMETHROWER

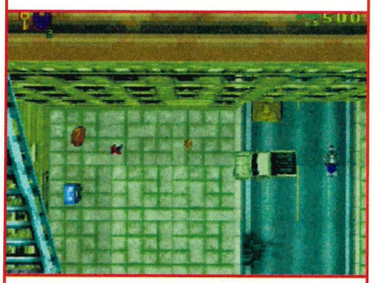
If you can get this toasty little beauty, killing will be easy. It only has a limited range, but packs a helluva punch. Great for taking out groups of people and cars. Get near a cop car and blow it to hell. Be careful, though. If a car explodes too near to you, you'll get wasted.



■ Go on a flame-grilled killing spree

POLICE BRIBE

Inspector Morse. Fat old Tosh from The Bill. The blokes in Heartbeat. You can't bribe these geezers. The police in Grand Theft Auto, however, will gladly take your dirty cash. What's in it for you? If you get busted, you keep all your weapons and your score multiplier. Now that can't be bad.

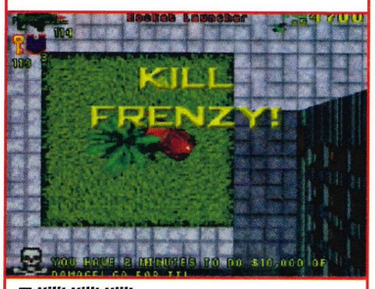


■ See that coin? That's the bribe pick-up.

KILL FRENZIES

There are a load of various freznies in this game. In the streets of the cities, you'll find machine gun, flame thrower, rocket launcher, model car and the Jesus bus kill frenzies – all big fun and all bring cool goodies.

Once you've got a frenzy, kill a certain number of people in the given time. If you succeed, you'll reap the big rewards.



■ Kill! Kill! Kill!

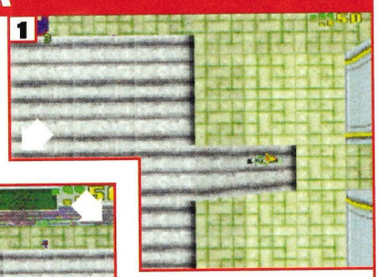
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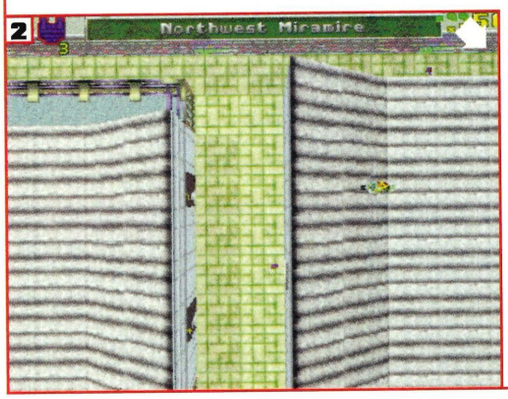
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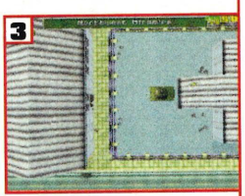
GETTING ANOTHER TANK

Firstly, get up to north Miramire. For this you'll need a bike, so make sure you have one. There are some ramps in the area. If you approach them with enough speed, you'll go onto a roof.

Keep going and you'll jump to a second roof, with another tank on.



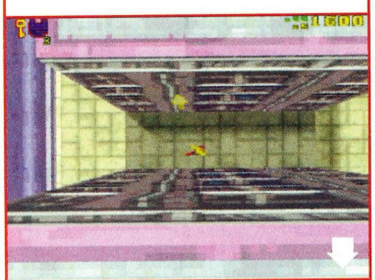




1 When you see ramps you're in the right place **2** Drive on up... **3** And over to the tank

HOW TO GET THE RASTA BLASTA KILL FRENZY

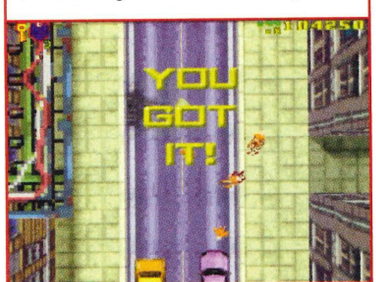
These are indicated by the yellow letter 'K' on the map. There's an easy-to-reach model car frenzy at East Miramire. Find the top block of buildings, just before you enter Vice Shores. There you'll find a jeep just waiting for you. The frenzy is yours and it's time to pick up points.



■ Who just leaves these jeeps lying around?



■ Who thought Scalectrix was so dangerous?



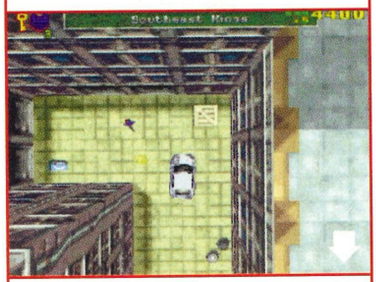
■ That looked like it really hurt

HOW TO GET THE BENT COP BLUES KILL FRENZY

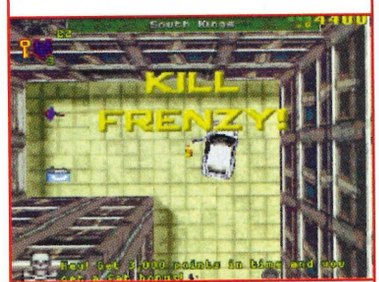
The model car frenzies are the most fun. (They're white on the map). There's an easy to get frenzy in Northeast Richman heights. Find the block of buildings the rail line runs past and, on the main road that links Felicity and Richman heights, in amongst the middle block is the frenzy crate.



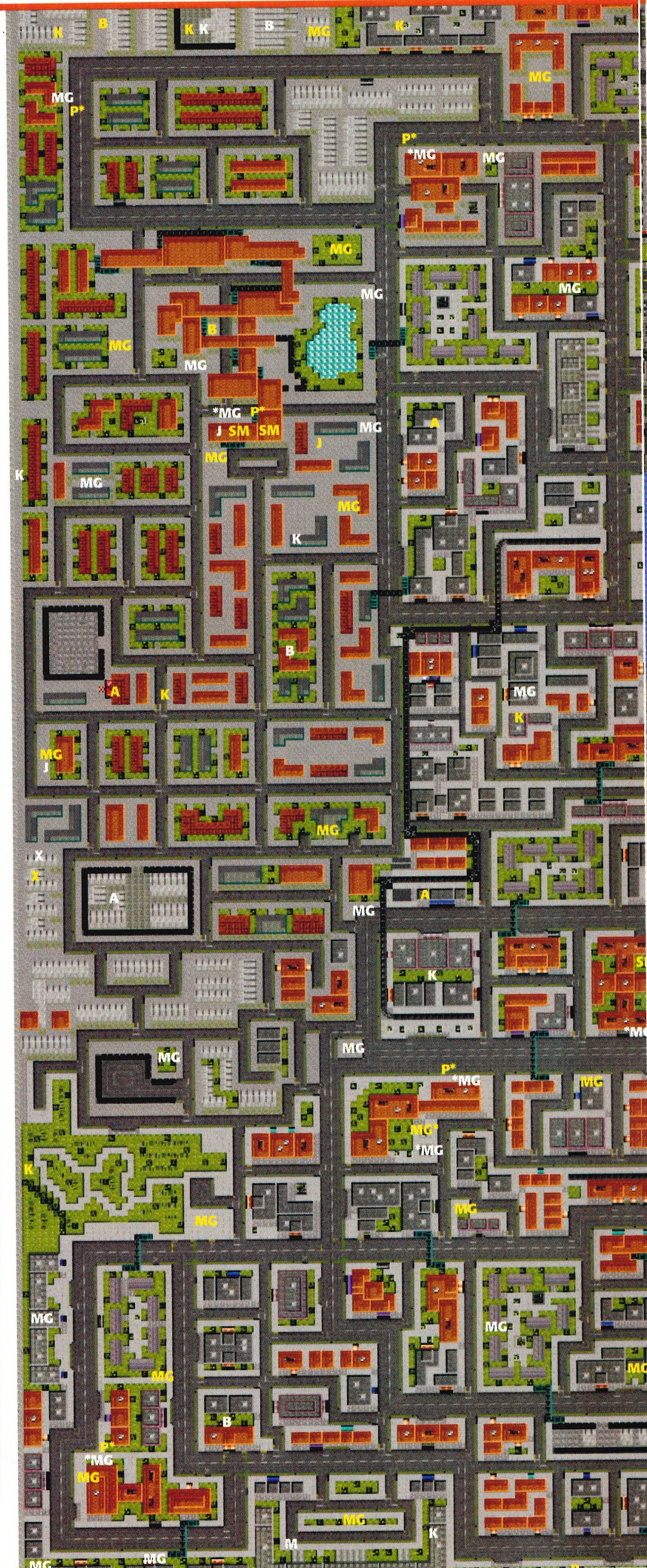
■ Get into the van, start up the model cars

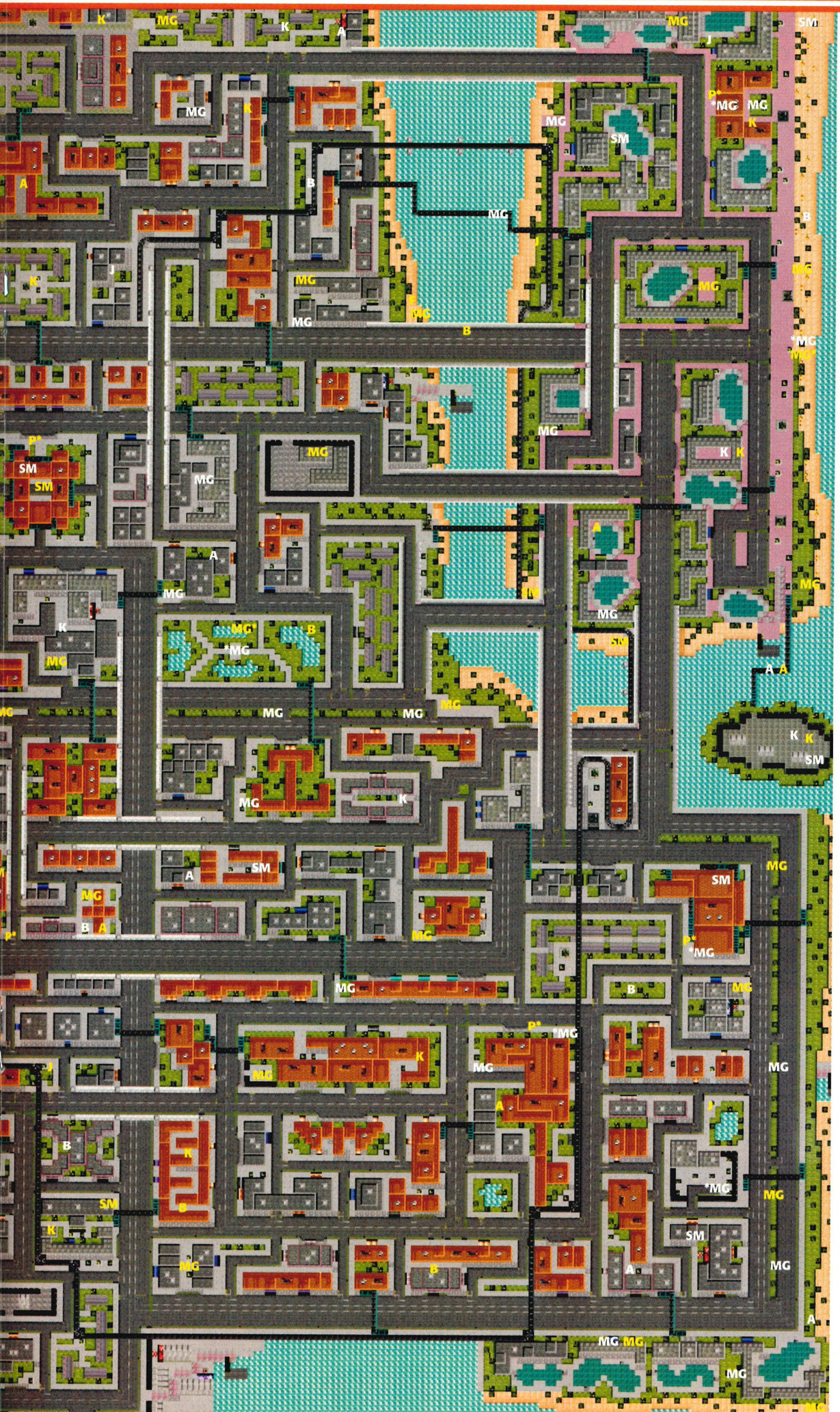


■ Put the model car near a normal car...



■ And detonate the car. Boom!




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COMMAND & CONQUER: RED ALERT

This month we guide you through the Allied missions. Kick some commie ass! Next month the Soviets...

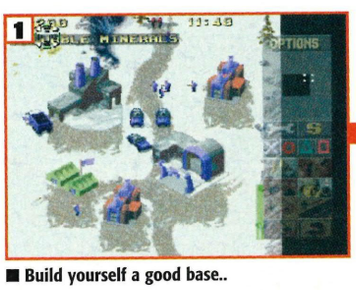
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COMPANY	VIRGIN
REVIEWED	DECEMBER 97
SCORE	93%
VERDICT	STRATEGIC MASTERPIECE

ALLIED MISSIONS

MISSION 2: [CODE] S9BX42YCCZ

You'll have all done mission 1, so on we go with mission 2. As soon as the mobile base trundles into the screen, build it to the construction yard. Build a power plant, barracks and refinery. You might want to bung a few defences around, like the pillboxes. When you think you've got enough muscle, move out for the kill. Head south, then west and you'll reach the Soviet construction yard. Shoot the barrels to start a chain reaction of explosions. In the yard, focus all firing on the main construction building, then take out the others.

With the camp in ruins, go to the northwest of the map. The convoy should arrive. If it fails to turn up, you'll have to seek out any remaining Soviets and kill 'em. The convoy is clear, and you're done.



■ Build yourself a good base..



■ Then trash the commie's base

MISSION 3: DWWJRI7B1

Keep Tanya alive at all costs. Edge forward, killing soldiers as they appear. Kill the lone soldier by the barrels, south of you. Don't shoot the barrels! The medic'll join you. Go west, watch your back for hidden soldiers. Get to the lake edge and go south. Make sure all your units are in one group. Take Tanya and use her to kill the transporter soldiers. Go south east and kill troops one at a time. Don't destroy barrels, there are team members there. Blow the barrels when they're out. Use the tank to get the construction yard down to critical energy and send in the engineer to capture it. Get Tanya to blow the prison and get the money. Build a power plant and barracks, then churn out foot troops. Make sure a medic is guarding Tanya, and go east. Kill the troops and blow the buildings. Head northeast and get Tanya to bomb the buildings there, blowing the barrels to waste the bridge.



■ Don't blow the barrels. The medic's in there



■ Same for these. There's a medic and engineer in the corner

MISSION 4: HXTFT6GOX

Mass produce troops and build like hell. Use the mine layer to drop mines all over the shop, especially at the top and bottom of your base. Also make sure you have some pillboxes and your ore-refiners are well guarded. Build a load of tanks and take 'em up northwest. Go slowly, destroying anything in your path. Go for the construction yard first, then the rest of the buildings. That should do it.



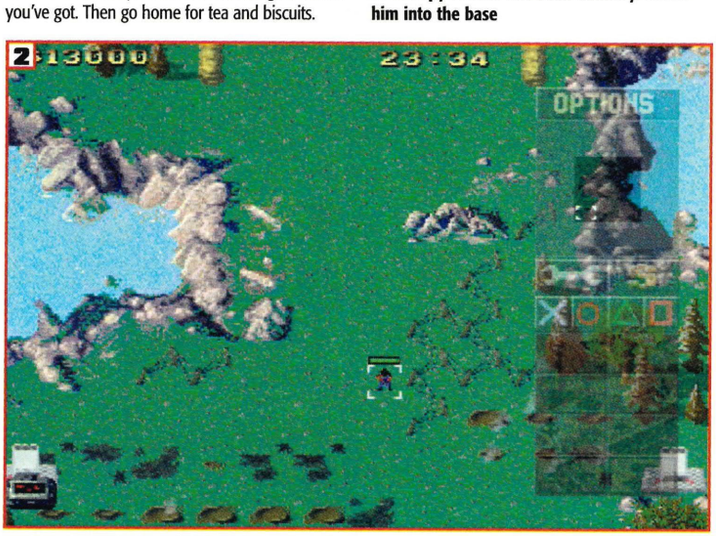
1 Watch out for aerial attacks. Build AA guns 2 The Soviet base is well guarded. Approach with caution 3 Gather together a massive army

MISSION 5: 8BOAWE1SM

Getting the spy into the base is easy. The dogs travel in patterns, so learn them and sneak past. Get the spy into the factory and drive on out to where Tanya is. Blow the prison, then take out all the SAMs. Demolish as many buildings as you can before getting in the chopper. Reinforcements will arrive by the lake. Use the tanks to drain most of the construction yard's energy, then get the engineer to take it over. Build your own base and harvest some ore. Make yourself some nice old V2 rockets. They're great for removing flamers and coils from far away. Then move in and give 'em all you've got. Then go home for tea and biscuits.



■ **The spy sounds like Sean Connery. Sneak him into the base**



■ **This mission lets you build V2 rockets. Cool for far-off violence**

MISSION 6: 17DCPX2Z8



■ **You'll need a crack troop of spies, troops and engineers to get into the control centre**



■ **Looks like a right old massacre. Or shopping in the January sales**

Right from the off, build the base in the usual way. Get tanks and rocket soldiers as Soviet tanks come at you real quick. Concentrate on gathering ore, then build spies and engineers.

Get the spy into the radar centre, to the south. He'll show you where all the Soviets are. Send a load of tanks south to capture the barracks, so you can build troops with Soviet skills. You can also knock up a shipyard. Keep the beachy area guarded to stop Soviet ships landing.

Fill several transporters with tanks and spies and go to the beach on the east, at the top. Land and attack the Soviet forces you find.

Send your trusty spies into the tech centre as you do this, and some others into the sub pen. Use the transporters to get reinforcements and take out the construction yard.

Make sure all the subs and Soviet units are destroyed and you'll have finished this mission. Now for the next one...

MISSION 7: 5X4VE013T

Attack the sub with your gunboats and attack the enemy on the land with the tanks when they land. Build your base near the ore field, to the east. Build it up as quickly as you can. Make sure you have AA guns, as the Soviets tend to attack with planes. Construct a group of tanks and kill the Soviets down to the southeast. If you can, capture the radar base and sell it. From here, destroy all the sub pens and the construction yard. Have as many tanks as possible for this deed. With the construction yard destroyed, the Soviets can't build any more sub pens. Another commie plot halted.



■ **Destroy the enemy submarine. Just like in Das Boot**

MISSION 8: 9BFVHE3TN

Get your destroyers to guard your power stations. Take the mobile construction yard into the actual base. It's safer there.

Get all your units safely in the base and make sure you have loadsa air defence. The Soviets attack by air a lot. Plenty of mines and pillboxes around the base are also highly recommended. Rocket soldiers round the coast is another good idea, to fend off the Soviet subs and ships. Keep doing this and you'll be fine and dandy. Just make sure the perimeter of the base is well guarded.



■ **Use destroyers to guard your convoy**



■ **Fend off Ruskies from all angles**

Instant Expert: Red Alert busted!

MISSION 9: K1RDONDMJ

First off, place a load of rocket launchers on the coast. They destroy any opposition coming your way. Now build spies, a transporter and some tanks. You'll need these for the trip. Bundle them all into the transporter and land at the beach, situated in the northeast of the map. Use the tanks to destroy the Soviet units and kill the doggies. Send the spy into the command centre and hide him somewhere in the base. Use your remaining units to kill any more Soviets. Get back to the transporter with Kosygin and back to base.



1 Bundle the tanks and spies into the transporters... **2** And land at the northeast beach. No time for sandcastles, though **3** Sneak your spy into the base. Mind the dogs, though

MISSION 10: BI830805V



Build up your base with a tech centre to get a satellite up and running. Build loadsa tanks and rocket soldiers. You'll need 'em for the direct assault on the Soviet base. Fortify your base with concrete walls, and make sure you have pillboxes scattered around. Send your mighty force right into the commie territory. Go for the coils first, then the construction yard and refinery. If they ain't got no money, they can't keep building stuff. The Soviet atomics will prepare for launch, so get an engineer into the command centre.



1 Get yourself a massive fleet **2** Then send them to kill for you. You live, they die. But that's war!

MISSION 11: X9FJHMFLD

Take a few rifle guys and a spy and move to the southwest. Make sure the rifle guys take out all the dogs before they die. Take the spy through the tank area, to the bottom where there are arrows. Tanya will be there. Blow the barrels in the room, then go west, up the corridor. Return to the storage bay where other troops are waiting. Take a medic, engineer and some rifle guys and make your way to trash all four computers. Keep Tanya and the rifle guys up front to deal with any Soviet units. The nearest computer is to the east of the storage area. The second is on the other side of the map. The third is guarded by two flamers. The forth is in the northeast corner, guarded.



■ Move the rifle guys and spies down



■ Watch out for Red attacks from the shadows

MISSION 12: 5RNZ2KIA4

Set up the construction yards where they are and build up an army. Go for the first Soviet base, on your side of the river. Try to get the coils before gunning for buildings and units. If you can, capture the construction yard. Now clear the middle island. Use V2 rockets from the Soviet yard to get the coils and destroyers to get the SAM units. Deal with the final base. Take out all the subs. If you don't have the sonar pulse, use groups of destroyers, or land units if they can reach the subs. You'll know when all the subs are gone, as the military convoy will turn up.

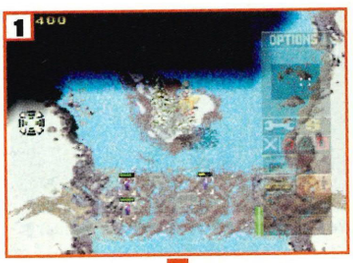


■ The base is built like a brick shit'ouse



■ The 'ard Soviet tanks are a nightmare

MISSION 13: D4IFL9Y73



It may be boring, but build up your base as per usual. A satellite is useful 'cos the Reds have two well-defended bases. A good tactic here is to take out the ore trucks and refineries. Without money, the Soviets can't churn out weapons. Any heavy artillery is good for this, but 'copters are the best. Send in tanks to take out the bases and engineers to capture the tech centres. Destroy the buildings.

1 Watch out for the coil by this bridge. It'll wipe out any units you send there **2** Send the spy ahead to scout out the base



MISSION 14: 9WT8EB77Z

You have two sets of troops to command here, at the top and bottom of the screen. We'll call the top unit A, the bottom B. Take the engineer from A and use him on the wall panel. It takes out the flamer. Move 2 east, shooting barrels. Carry on east. Move 1 east and deal with the units there. Run past the tanks and carry on east to a passage leading up.

Take an engineer and troops up the passage, wasting Soviets. Use the engineer on the panel to lay a charge. Go back down, then east again to the next panel. Lay the charge there.

Move 2 west, then south to another generator. Get the engineer to the generator for reinforcements. Take the whole lot of troops west, through a narrow passage. Get the energy crate in the corner. Carry on to the next generator room, killing troops and dogs. Get an engineer to the generator. Go east to a room with flamers in it. Send an engineer to the panels in the room to disable two of them. Now take the group east and meet up with 1. Go east through the small passage, destroying the generator. Go south and west, back to a room you've visited already. Head down, activating the panel in the wall. It makes the flamer toast the Soviets. Head to the bottom room, shooting the barrel to kill any Soviets. Activate both wall panels and put a charge on the generator. Go back to the square room and blow the two generators. Get all troops to the southeast passage. Send the spy into the bottom room, head west to the last generator and finish.







1 Two troops to control. A dream for the anally retentive 2 Always shoot barrels to make your life easier 3 Use terminals to deactivate flame turrets

MISSION 15: 5RNHUTAW7

Move Tanya and the other blokes down to avoid the exploding barrels, then up to dodge more flames. Use Tanya to kill any Soviets, keeping the thieves safe. Go west, dealing with Soviets. When you reach the water, head north, using Tanya to blow the power stations and the truck. Send the thieves into the silos to nab some cash, summoning a construction yard. Build it up, making sure that you hit the Soviet ore collecting trucks. Use the chronosphere on buildings. With all destroyed, you've restored democracy to the Western world.







1 Arghh! Fire! Welephant was right... 2 Send the manly Tanya in to blow the bases 3 When you finish, you get to see Stalin being suffocated. Charming

WORMS

Worms is a top multiplayer game, best enjoyed with mates and beers. If one of your mates is a smug git who beats you all the time, this guide is for you...

CHEATS 'N' CODES

How would you like unlimited banana bombs, sheep and miniguns? During the game, press pause, then enter ⊗ ■ ■ ⊗ ■ ■ ⊗ ■ ■ That should do it. You can generate your own landscape in Worms, giving you a new battleground every game. Try these codes for some cool landscapes: **33926, 70345, 4802043, 37637717, 223981979, 7373888390, 304768.**



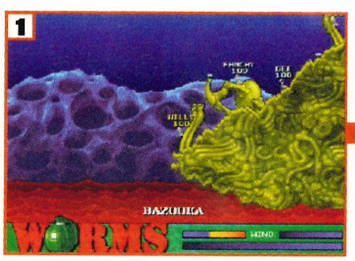
■ **This is landscape 70345. It's full of ice lollies. Pretty nice, huh?**

ASSUME THE POSITION

The position of the worms is crucial. If, when the game starts, you've got a worm on a cliff edge or near a mine, then move it away. Of course, if it's your opponent on the cliff edge, then kill him. If the landscape is a small island, there will be groups of worms together. If your opponent's worms are grouped together, then there's only one course of action: airstrike! Bomb your foe and take a few of 'em into the water. Another tip is to try and stay under ledges, to avoid missile and airstrike fire. Don't move out too far. Oh, and always grenade worms on a bridge. They'll fall into the water. Instant death!



■ **Always airstrike groups of enemy worms and drop them in the water...**



■ **Willy is foolishly on the edge...**



■ **A missile will blow him off the screen!**

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Instant Expert: Worms eaten!

MISSILE COMMAND

Taking out an enemy worm from a safe distance is the best way to do it. The cluster bomb is great for using as an airstrike. Lob it in the air so it detonates above the heads of the enemy. The cluster explosives will land all about them, doing a fair bit of damage. Good if the enemy is by mines or a cliff! Homing missiles are valuable, but they travel in a weird way. This often means they miss the intended target. Once the missile locks on to the target, it travels in a straight line to them. If the target is behind a rock, the missile normally hits the rock, not the worm. Best way is to fire the missile straight up at full strength. It normally hits from behind, so the enemy can't hide!



■ Enemies are grouped – cluster-airstrike!



■ The individual bombs scatter death



■ If the enemy is hidden from the front, make sure the homing missile hits 'em from behind

MINE YOUR STEP





Mines can be a real pisser, but also a help. They're not as powerful as dynamite, but they do pack a punch if you drop 'em by an enemy and scarper. The explosion will throw the enemy into the air, hopefully onto other mines or off the screen. Remember though, a mine will only explode if another worm is very near.

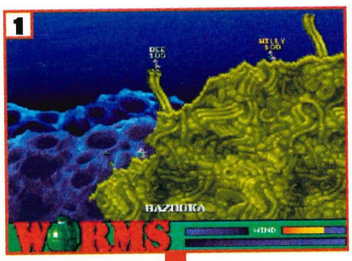
As the landscape is randomly generated, chances are there will be a worm or two near a load of mines. If an enemy is in such a position, then you have a chance to finish him off in one. Use a weapon to push him onto the mine, which will explode and push him onto another mine and possibly another. If luck is on your side, you can take out several enemies at once with this tactic.

1 Sonic is stuck near three mines. Mass-explosion antics are afoot **2** Use a weapon to to, erm, 'persuade' him right onto the set of mines. Instant death!

WINDY MILLER

The wind factor can be used to your advantage. This tip is really difficult to judge, but can really hack off your mate when it works!

If you can't reach the enemy by firing forward at them (You might be hiding under a tree, for example) then make sure the wind is blowing in the direction of that enemy. Then, fire your selected weapon, away from the enemy, into the wind. The wind will carry the weapon back over your head and, hopefully, right onto the unsuspecting enemy.







1 The worm in play wants to frag Willy with a missile from his hidey hole... **2** So he fires away from Willy, into the wind, which... **3** Carries the missile back, smack into him!

FEELING ROPEY

Don't ignore the humble ninja rope. It has more uses than a Swiss army knife. Time freezes when you use it, and you can use it to fall further without taking damage. Want to get somewhere only to find a mine in your way? Use the rope to swing on over it. Make sure you have enough momentum to make it, though.

Collecting weapon crates is also made a good deal easier with the rope. Latch onto the crate with the rope and hoist yourself onto it. Did you also know that if you fire the rope with enough power into the ground below you it acts as a pole vault?



■ The rope is a valuable tool for getting out-of-the-way crates

MR PUNCH

The fire punch and dragon ball are great tools for knocking an enemy off the screen. Or into mines. The fire punch is better for knocking your foe up into the air. Due to this it's better used if there is some rock between the enemy and the mines. Knock 'em over the rock onto the mines!

The dragon ball has more horizontal force. It knocks the enemy in a straight line for quite a distance. Ideal for pushing an enemy downhill onto mines, or off the screen.



■ Use the dragon punch to whack an enemy off the screen



■ The fire punch lifts enemies up and over, onto mines.

Q&A

Got a problem? Get advice

We've got stacks of hints, tips and moves. If you've got a problem, chances are we've got the solution: so write in with the free envelope on page 80

ABE'S ODDYSEE

Are there any cheats for Abe's Oddysee?
Chris Cook and Richard Johnson

plus Would a level select be of any assistance? But of course it would. While you're in the main menu hold R1, then press ↓ → ← → ● ■ ◉ ■ △ ◉ ■ → ←.

And if you fancy taking a peek at all the cinema bits out of the game, go to the main menu, hold R1 and press ↑ ← → ■ ◉ △ ■ → ← ↑ →. Who needs gaming skills when you've got us?

Platinum Players

Destruction Derby

I know it's an old game, but have you got any cheats for Destruction Derby?
Dave Wilson

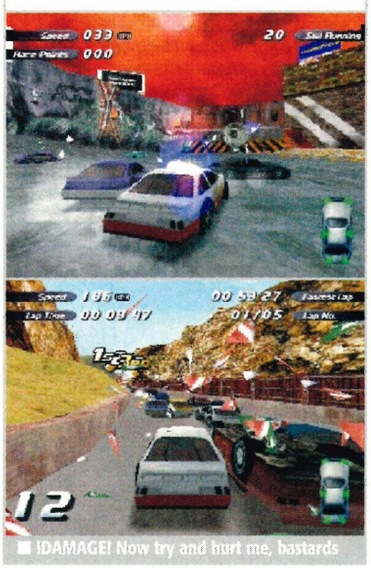
plus We're not going to tell you off for playing old games, y'know. Well, not usually. And it so happens we have got a couple of Destruction Derby cheats lying around...

To get the bonus team, press L1 ← ◉ at the piracy warning screen.

To get yourself an extra track – one set in a ruined monastery – just enter your name as REFLECT!

And to give yourself a bit of an advantage, enter your name as DERBYMAN. You'll start up with most of the other cars smoking. Indulge in a bit of passive smoking, then cane 'em. All too easy...

If that ain't advantage enough, enter your name as !DAMAGE! to make yourself totally invulnerable to any crunches or prangs. Who said life was fair?



■ !DAMAGE! Now try and hurt me, bastards

ACCUSATIONS

As you make the PlayStation games, why can't you produce the hardware that goes with the games like a golf club for Actua Golf? I know you say it costs too much, but it would make the game so much better. Cost should not matter because you make so much money on the games.
David Legg

plus You strange lad. We don't produce games. At least, we didn't last time we checked. Anyway, a quick poll round the office revealed the idea of a golf club for Actua Golf was in fact the worst idea for a peripheral any of us had ever heard. What next? A little plastic tank for Command and Conquer?

ALIEN TRILOGY

Any cheats for Alien Trilogy?
Diarmuid O'Gorman

plus Try this 'un for size. For a cheat menu that'll let you have infinite ammo, all the guns and the chance to start on any level, just type in the password 1G0TP1NK8C1DB00TS0N. Then watch those alien pigs dissolve in the hail of your righteous gunfire...

BROKEN SWORDS

I am stuck at the Glease Gallery in Broken Sword 2. Can you help me?
Craig Parker and Kevin O'Hara

plus Tricky one, innit? First, go and speak to the gendarme about his troubles, and when his head slumps nick his absinthe. Next, go and speak to fat boy in the gallery, and when he's told you to go away, wait till he's holding his glass up and pour a nip of absinthe into his glass. Do it twice and he'll collapse, and you can get to the back of the gallery...

COMMAND AND CONQUER

Can you give me all the cheats for Command and Conquer on the PlayStation?
James Foxley

plus You're the boss. These little beauties should have you committing war crimes with no effort. Hmmm, nice.

To get an instant $5,000, just pause the game and enter → ↓ ↓ L1 ← → ↓ ←.

To get an instant Ion Cannon strike, pause and enter: → ↓ ← ← ↓ → → ↓ ← ⊗ ■ △.

Or if that amount of firepower doesn't hit the spot, get yourself a super saucy nuclear strike by entering: → ↓ ← ← ↓ → → ↓ ← ⊗ ↑ ⊗. Radioactive death! Cool!

Also, to get to the covert missions on either disc, enter the password 'covertops'. Or if you fancy a crack at the secret mission on the GDI disc, just enter the password 'PATSUX'...

CRASH BANDICOOT

Got any cheats for Crash Bandicoot?
Adam Scarsbrook

plus Oh indeed we have. As a password, go for △ △ △ △ ⊗ ■ △ △ △ △ ■ ⊗ △ ◉ △ △ △ ◉ ■ △ ⊗. That should get you access to all levels and you'll have all the gems and both keys. That suit you?

CRASH 2

Are there any cheats for Crash Bandicoot 2?
Robert McDonald

plus For a bonus voodoo mask, hold ↑ and ◉ after losing a life until Crash moves again. You'll get one of those little feathery things that stops Crash getting hurt so bad. Useful, no?

DESTRUCTION DERBY

Have you any cheats for Destruction Derby 2?
Craig Read

plus If you want access to all the tracks without having to do troublesome things like winning, just type in your name as MACSrPOO. Simple.

DIE HARD TRILOGY

Can you give me some cheats for Die Hard 1 on Die Hard Trilogy?
Alun Philips

plus Pause the game, then enter any of these:
→ ↑ ↓ ■ = Total invincibility
→ ■ ↓ ◉ = A sackload of grenades
→ ■ ■ ↓ = Everybody piles on the pounds for 'Fat Mode'
↓ ■ △ ↓ = The villains float skywards when you plug 'em
◉ ◉ ■ ■ → = The pot plants shriek when you shoot them

Jurassic Park: The Lost World

Hammer the dinos with these beauties

Are there any cheats for Jurassic Park: The Lost World?
Steven Paul Sellars

plus Oh yes indeedy. Check these out, and then scythe your way though the game without breaking sweat.

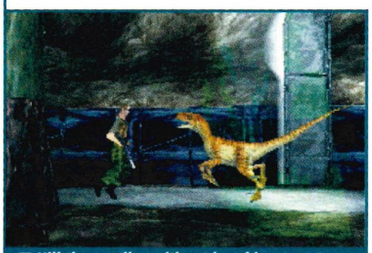
For a full level select enter the code: ■ ⊗ ◉ △ △ ⊗ ■ ◉ △ ◉ ⊗ ■. Now enter it again. And again. After three times, you should get a level select, and the option to view all the FMV sequences.

Play as a Hunter: Enter the password: ■ ⊗ ◉ △ ⊗ ◉ ■ △ ■ ⊗ ◉ ⊗. The game will start but the sound effects will be off. Now exit the game, fix the sounds in Options, and re-enter the code. All a bit fiddly, if you ask us, but easier than actually completing the game honestly...

Play as Human Prey: Enter the password: △ ⊗ △ ⊗ ◉ ⊗ ■ △ ⊗ ■ ◉ ⊗.

Play as the Raptor: Enter the password: ■ ⊗ ◉ △ ⊗ ◉ ■ △ ⊗ ■ ◉ ⊗.

Play as the Tyrannosaurus Rex: Enter the password: △ ■ ◉ ■ ⊗ △ △ ◉ ■ △ △ ⊗. The game will start but the sound effects will be off. Now exit the game, fix the sounds in Options, and re-enter the code. You should start up as the biggest, bad-assest carnivore the earth has ever seen. Who's the badman now?
Start with 59 lives:
At the Press Start screen press: △ ■ ◉ ■ ⊗ △ △ ◉ ■ △ ◉ ⊗ ◉.



■ Kill the reptiles without breaking sweat



■ Punch with the big boys...

Soviet Strike

Game, not industrial action

Are there any cheats for Soviet Strike?
Mark Sample

plus Is a bear a catholic? Does the Pope shit in the woods? There sure are cheats for Soviet Strike.

Just enter any of these little critters at the password screen for the following bonuses:

Type ANGRYLOCAL to make people follow you everywhere.

If you're feeling poncey, enter GHANDI to make natives worship your chopper. Worship your chopper! Snarf! Snarf!

To get a more powerful weapon, enter DAVEDITHER.

Or to get an even more powerful weapon, go for DRBENWAY.

If you can manage it without hanging your head in shame, enter IAMWOMAN to get infinite armour. Even the cheat codes mocking you there.

Or check out THEBIGBOYS for unlimited ammo, unlimited fuel and unlimited lives.

If that don't suit, hit MIDNIGHOIL to get infinite ammo, infinite fuel and an invincible chopper.

And if that's not enough cool bonuses for you, you truly must be the world's biggest ponce.



■ THEBIGBOYS: come get some, commie gits

Instant Expert: Your problems solved

Final Fantasy VII

Still at it?

How do I defeat Rubyweapon in Final Fantasy VII? Nothing I can do hurts him. Also what does a tissue do in Final Fantasy VII?
A Finlay

plus He is one tough bastard, isn't he? You need some hardcore elemental summoning spells to deal death to the ruby geeza. We called on our resident FFVII expert using a Summon Geek materia, and he says a useful pal to have when you take on Rubyweapon is the Phoenix, who'll simultaneously regenerate you and cane him. The tissue does nothing.

How on earth are you meant to kill the hard-as-shit boss Demon's Gate in the Temple of the Ancients in Final Fantasy VII?
Patrick Rees

plus Hard-as-shit? He's just a big nonce, if you ask us. It's just a matter of hitting him with the hardest stuff you got and keeping one of your lads pumping away on a Heal All materia. Should be no bother. And if you think Demon's Gate is hard-as-shit, you should take a peek at some of the real bad mothers later on in the game...

Is it true about the Final Fantasy VII Special Edition?
T.W.I.S.M. (strange name, mate...)

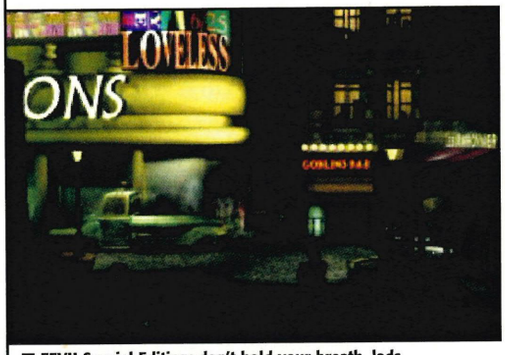
plus There are several versions of Final Fantasy VII doing the rounds, although it'll be hard to get your hands on the more obscure ones.

The 'Special Edition' is actually a Jap translation of the U.S. version of the game with a couple of knobs on.

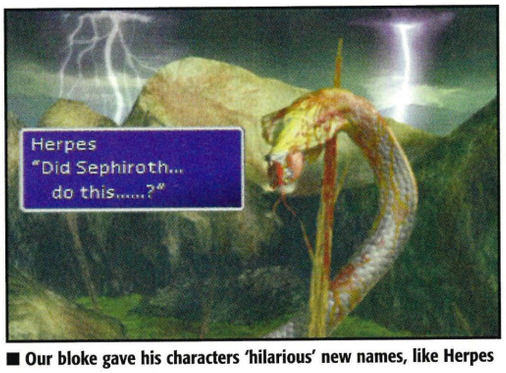
There's about six extra materia that you can use in the Special Edition and a couple of other bits, so don't hype yourself up for pants-wetting excitement and general role-playing overload...

I've just got past the Midgarsorm in Final Fantasy VII but I can't get into the mine after Sephiroth, and I don't know why. Tell me, what am I doing wrong?
Mike MacNamara

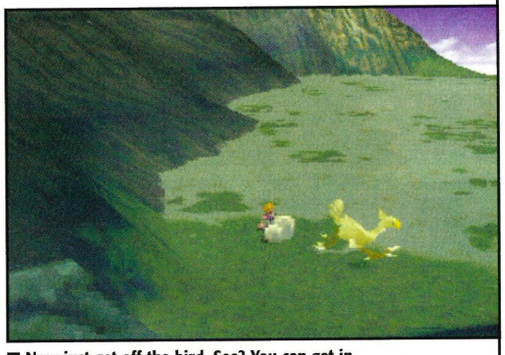
plus Cripes, how did you get this far? You just need to jump off your Chocobo, y'dingbat. Then you'll get into the mine no bother at all...



■ FFVII Special Edition: don't hold your breath, lads



■ Our bloke gave his characters 'hilarious' new names, like Herpes


■ Now just get off the bird. See? You can get in...

10 △'s, 4 ➡'s = Everyone turns into a skeleton ➡ ⬆ ⬇ ⬇ ● ➡ = You'll get unlimited ammo for your shotgun, and if you enter the code again, you'll get unlimited ammo for a load more weapons.

DUAL SHOCK

Will the import Dual Shock vibrating analogue pad work with English games? Are there any compatible games out there already?
Sean Hibbit

plus The Dual Shock pad won't work with any English games. And it's still up in the air as to whether the pad'll get a UK release...

FADE TO BLACK

Are there any cheats for Fade to Black?
Kingslea Gabbott

plus Mais oui. All you have to do is enter ■ △ ● ✕ ● △ on the password screen, leave the password screen, re-enter and re-type the code. Now type ■ ● ● ■ △ ✕ to get infinite shields. To be totally invincible type △ ✕ △ △ ■ ● . And for access to all the levels type ● ● △ ✕ ■ ■ .

We'd like to see...

Cheats we wish they'd make

plus Tomb Raider: a cheat to make Lara into a hairy-fingered cigar-smoking diesel dyke. OK then, we'd settle for a nude cheat. Or a bikini cheat. Hell, a wet t-shirt cheat would do.

plus Nude cheat for the Spice Girls game. Sad, we know. And while we're at it how about one for Pandemonium 2.

plus A cheat to create PaRappa the Gangsta Rapper. He'd be so much more appealing running through the lyrics of something like 'Cave Bitch', don'tcha reckon? And we'd respect the dope doggie so much more if we knew he'd shot several of his crack-dealing rivals dead...

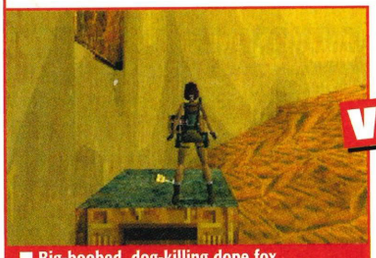
plus A cheat to make FIFA 98 good. Difficult to imagine, innit?

Choices, choices...

Should I buy Tomb Raider or Grand Theft Auto? *F Sole*

Tomb Raider: Big knockers... Check. Uzis.... Check. Underground dungeons... Check. We've got everything guaranteed to get you going in here. This is a rip-snorting key-finding/animal exterminating explore 'em up, and more than a year on, it's still one of the 'Station's finest. And that's not even mentioning the virtues of the lovely Ms Croft...

Grand Theft Auto: Fancy whooping it up as the kind of bad-ass gangsta who addresses his letters home 'Dear Mutha'? GTA is non stop car-thieving, cop-killing, drug-dealing action, and if any game's gonna turn you into an amoral murdering thief, this is the one. Highly recomended in other words: graphically this is an ugly duckling, but it goes like a bunny...


■ Big-boobed, dog-killing dope fox



■ Controversial, criminal-minded car capers

FIFA 98

Have you got any cheats for FIFA 98, like how to abuse the ref?
Mark Raynor

plus No, there's no cheats that let you hurl earfuls of abuse at the ref, sad to say. But if you're looking to get unsporting, why not type in L1 L2 ✕ ■ ✕ to get unlimited player attributes on the player edit screen. Handy, no?

GAMES WORKSHOP

Are there any plans to make any more Games Workshop games for the PlayStation after Dark Omen?
Kent Yeomans

plus Not that we know of, no. There was a version of Warhammer 40,000 coming out, but it was looking absolutely bollocks so they've canned it.

G-CON 45

Do you have to have an old PlayStation for the G-Con 45 to work?
Brett Rutter

plus Nope. Although new PlayStations don't have the little yellow hole in the back that the G-Con likes to slot into, you can get yourself a yellow slot by putting an AV Multi Out adaptor into the back of the PlayStation. Voila!

GETTING CHIPPY

I was thinking of getting a chip inserted into my PlayStation so I can play NTSC games. Is it worth it and are the games any cheaper?
Chris Smith

Independence Day

Loadsa codes for alien killing

I know it's not that good, but could I get some codes for Independence Day?
Ian Giles

plus You're not wrong there, Ian my son. Independence Day does score fairly high on the Pantometer, dunnit? But there are some halfway decent cheats for it, we're happy to say. Try these for size...

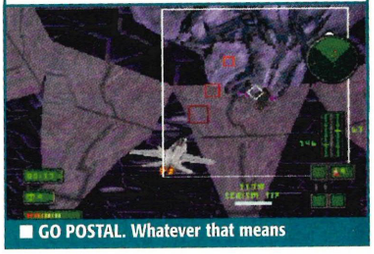
Before you start up entering the cheats, you've got to go to the options menu and enter your name as MR HAPPY. Exit to game select, and quickly punch in ⬅ ➡ ■ ● △ △ ⬇ . This'll get you a couple of cheat options and let you choose your plane.

If you wants more, go to the options menu and enter your name as GO POSTAL. Enter the code as above, and you'll get options for FAST RELOAD, DAMAGE BONUS and WEAPONS. You probably don't need us to tell you what these cheats'll do for you...

If those don't scratch that cheating itch, use the same code and enter FOX ROX as your name, to get a level select.

Alternatively, you can get yourself invincible by typing LIVE FREE before using the same code...

Finally, and most entertainingly, enter GODZILLA before you punch in the code, and you'll get a menu that'll let you blast civilians and your own wingman. Dead cool.


■ GO POSTAL. Whatever that means

Game cheat sites

Charlie don't surf

Yeah, yeah. We know. You haven't got access to the Net. But what we say to you is: pull your finger out and mosey on down to your local cyber-cafe, buy a cup of dubious cappuccino from some dreadlocked knob behind the counter, pull up a pew and check out these cheat sites:

http://www.gamesdomain.co.uk
http://www.segasages.com
http://www.vidgames.com
http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Vista/1289/Tips.html
http://www.game-revolution.com/games/codes/sony/sony-codes.htm
http://club.ib.be/georges.van.delft/delta/index.htm
http://www.geocities.com/TimesSquare/8814/



■ Choose yer cheats, you cheeky chappies

plus **Our advice is: steer well clear. Half the time, if you get your machine chipped the modification simply won't work, and sometimes it'll damage your PlayStation. Plus, if you've had it done, it'll automatically void your warranty. We reckon if you're really into the idea of import games, you should fork out the moolah for an import PlayStation. But if you're thinking economy, stay away from import stuff altogether, 'cos import games are liable to be about 20-25% more expensive than yer normal Brit ones. That's the price you pay for getting 'em a few months earlier than British games. Oh, and don't forget game instructions in Japanese will be incomprehensible gibberish.**

GRAND THEFT AUTO

Are there any cheats for Grand Theft Auto?
Lee Singleton

plus **C'mon. It's a game about being an amoral crim. Of course there are cheats. Type BSTARD as your name to get access to all the levels, loadsa money, and all weapons. If BSTARD isn't crude enough for you, try THESHIT to get access to all weapons and all cities, with the additional sweetener of infinite money and infinite lives. To clear those unwanted boys in blue out of the way of your criminal activities, just hit CHUFF. But if you just can't get enough of those filthy coppers, hit EATTHIS to get the pigs clustering round you like flies round shit. And finally, to simply load up your car with an obscene payload of weaponry, just type GROOVY.**

KING OF FIGHTERS 95

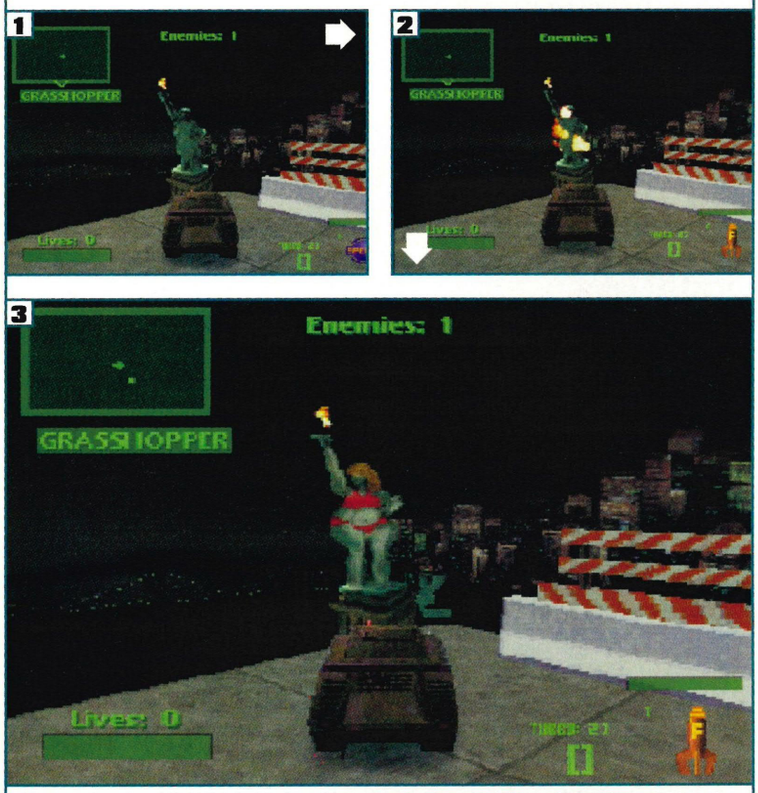
How do I get the secret characters on King of Fighters 95? **(A rental-only game we reviewed last month. Not that good).**
Nick Smith

Twisted Metal 2

More ways to cane the game

Got any cheats for Twisted Metal 2?
Marc Smith

plus **We showed y'all last month how to get at loadsa goodies on the Paris level, namely by pumping heavy ordnance into the Eiffel Tower till it falls over, then driving up the inside of it to get onto the rooftops. And here's another famous-landmark-related tip: pump everything you've got into the Statue of Liberty on the New York level. The first special weapon hit'll make the Statue cry, the second'll make her drop all those frumpish clothes and appear in a snazzy red bikini. A couple more shots and she'll expand into a huge fat biffa in a bikini. That useless enough for you?**



1 Be a real gent and light this lady's fag with your rocket launcher **2** Now forget the gent bit and get her to drop her togs... **3** Only to discover that under all that finery she's actually a great big biffa. Worth three precious rockets, or what?

plus **There's some involved way to get 'em by twatting your way through about forty fights and ten bosses. But that's too difficult to be of interest to us. The lazy bastard's way is to choose Team Play and pick 'YES' when asked if you want to edit the team. Then just hold ST and press Up and Circle, Then ➡ and ● then ▲ and ✕ then ▼ and ▲. If you manage to get it right, you should get the option to play as the bosses...**

LOADED

Have you got any cheats for Loaded?
Gary Thurlow

plus **Yup. Pause the game then hold down L1 and L2 for ten seconds. Then press: ▼ ➡ ● ⬅ ➡ ●. Your ammo bag'll miraculously refill.**

For extra lives, do the pause/L1/L2 bit, then hit: ⬅ ▼ ➡ ▲ ■ ✕ ●.

And if you fancy a sackload of free bombs, just do the whole pausing and holding buttons thang and press R1 R2 ✕ ▲ ■ ● R1 R2 ● ● ■. Hey presto! Baddie barbecue!

But if little cheats to get you through the everyday business of murdering people ain't enough, just pause it, L1/L2 it and hit ▲ ➡ ▼ ⬅ ▲ ● ✕ ■ ✕ ▲ ■ ● for a level select.

And if at any point you feel the devastation is slacking off a touch, hit ▼ ➡ ▼ ➡ ▲ and you'll crank up the killability of your boomstick a couple of notches...

LEGACY OF KAIN

I'm on the Temple in Blood Omen: Legacy of Kain, the bit where you get the Mist Transformation spell. The only problem is that I can't find it, please help!
Jonathan Lucas

plus **Once you've met up with the Oracle, just head south from his bit and use the axe to chop any trees in your way. Voila! The entrance to the House of Mist.**

LARA LARA LARA

Do you know the exploding Lara Croft cheat?
Ross McLelland

plus **Yup we do. There's been confusion about cheats for Tomb Raider 2. That's cos the cheats that went out on the reviewer's gold discs were different from the ones in the final version of the game. Here's the real deal: to get a level skip, simply light a flare then hold the sidestep button and press left, right, left, back forwards. Now let go of the sidestep button, turn round to the right three times and jump forward and flip by pressing the circle button as soon as you're off the ground. To get all the weapons and 5,000 ammo for each, just do exactly the same as the**

Final Doom

Level codes to go

Are there any cheats for Final Doom?
Barry Finch and Chris Mussard

plus **Barry and Chris, you have our deepest sympathies. You maybe bought Final Doom thinking it was some kind of ordinary game, only to discover it's teeth-grindingly, hair-falling-out-ly difficult? You poor bastard. Never mind. Those demons'll be laughing out the other side of their toothy faces when you flap this little list of level codes at 'em...**

THE MASTER LEVELS

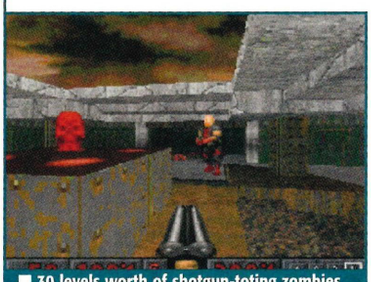
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LEVEL 9 NESSUS	**OSSHCWFVYW**
LEVEL 10 PARADOX	**HT!OVLXLDB**
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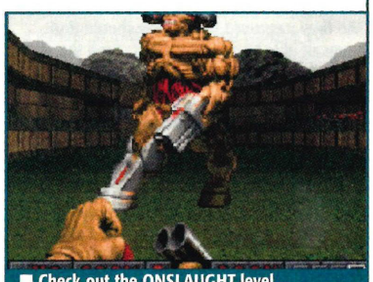
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LEVEL 16 WORMHOLE	**ZVBKT!O69!**
LEVEL 17 CRATER	**1CCTV9GQ!9**
LEVEL 18 NUKAGE PROCESS	**TM4OLJ2ZKJ**
LEVEL 19 DEEPEST REACHES	**HYY4GQ9GSQ**
LEVEL 20 PROCESS AREA	**!5NR4W7C20**
LEVEL 21 LUNAR MINING	**1FFGVZ1777**
LEVEL 22 QUARRY	**SN5YORKIGH**
LEVEL 23 BALLISTYX	**ZBBST6R89!**
LEVEL 24 HECK	**GK25JLV3LL**

THE PLUTONIA EXPERIMENT

LEVEL 25 CONGO	**G224SGYSNL**
LEVEL 26 AZTEC	**TR8WXJVNBD**
LEVEL 27 GHOST TOWN	**XBBRT67N8!**
LEVEL 28 BARON'S LAIR	**NGZ9HTCMMP**
LEVEL 29 DEATH DOMAIN	**OGGMO6W546**
LEVEL 30 ONSLAUGHT	**99SD40FYVW**


■ 30 levels worth of shotgun-toting zombies


■ Check out the ONSLAUGHT level...

Instant Expert: Your problems solved

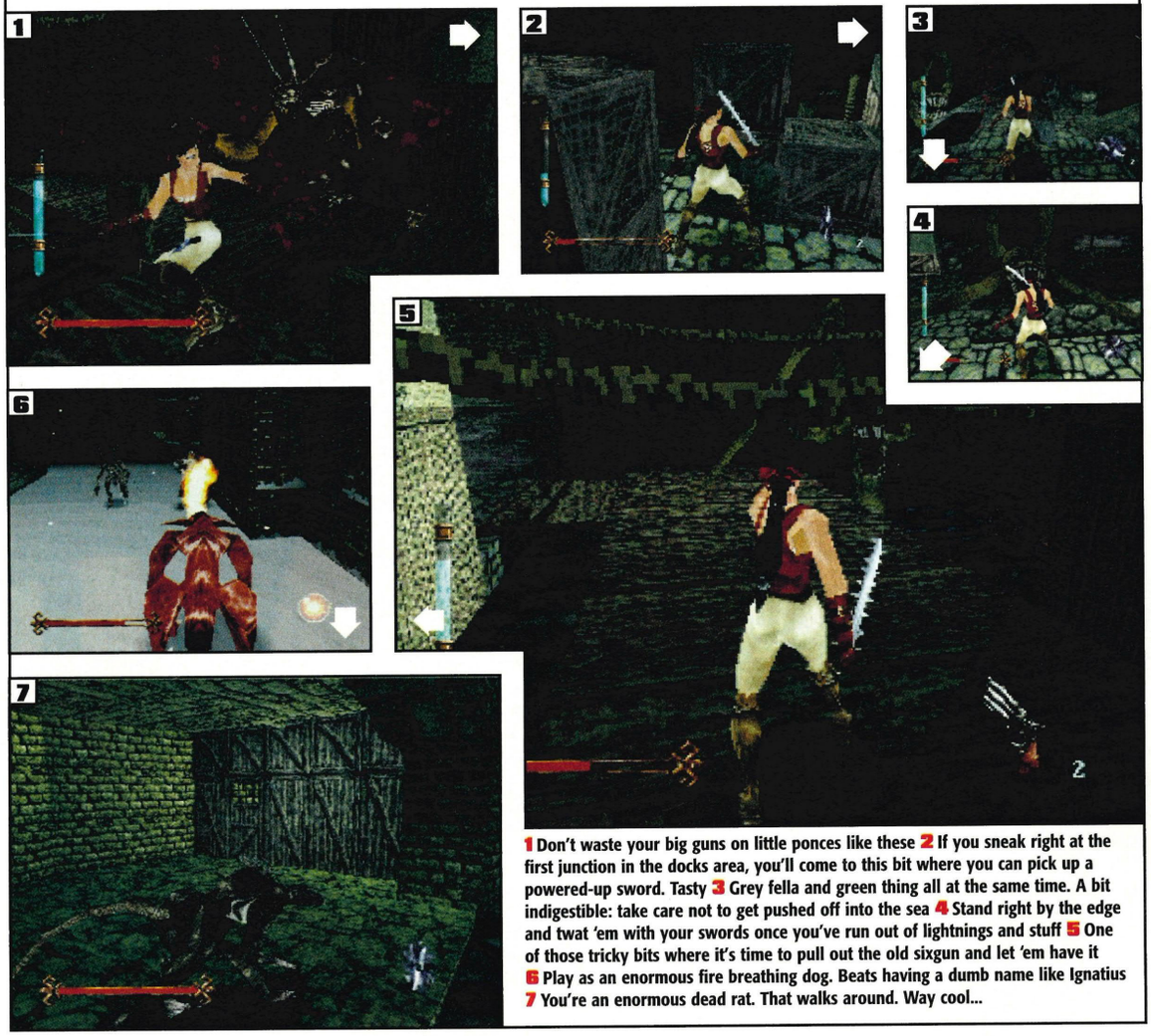
Nightmare Creatures

Creatures featured

Got any cheats for Nightmare Creatures?
Ashley Blackwell

I keep dying on the Queenhite Docks level of Nightmare Creatures. Can you help?
Jamie MacDonald

plus We're always pleased to help out fellow Nightmare Creatures fans in need. If using good honest fighting and raw courage doesn't appeal, just tap in this as a password ← ↑ △ ↓ ○ △ □ and ↓. You should get access to a cheat menu that'll let you play as a monster(!) and access any level with unlimited items and lives. Why suffer at the hands of the Sewer Snake when you could just skip the bastard out? Nice. But if you've got as far as Queenhite Docks, you might as well make a stab at doing it honestly. At least for now. Here's how. The secret of getting through the Queenhite Docks is to save up your means of killing the big green tentacle things. There's loads of bits on the level where you'll definitely need your guns or lightning blasts to get past the green geezers. And the way to save up your popguns? By swording the green bastards wherever possible, i.e. where there's a ledge at the edge of the water so you don't fall in. If you run up quick and chop 'em, you should be fine. Also, on this level you'll find yourself fighting the big grey bastards loads, sometimes at the same time as being harassed by the green things. The way to rid yourself of the grey boys is to drive them into edge of the water with ✕ ✕ ✕ combos. The way the triple ✕ combo finishes should mean that you don't fall in. Theoretically, anyway. And if you look below, we'll show you how to get a big spiky powered-up sword.



1 Don't waste your big guns on little ponces like these 2 If you sneak right at the first junction in the docks area, you'll come to this bit where you can pick up a powered-up sword. Tasty 3 Grey fella and green thing all at the same time. A bit indigestible: take care not to get pushed off into the sea 4 Stand right by the edge and twat 'em with your swords once you've run out of lightnings and stuff 5 One of those tricky bits where it's time to pull out the old sixgun and let 'em have it 6 Play as an enormous fire breathing dog. Beats having a dumb name like Ignatius 7 You're an enormous dead rat. That walks around. Way cool...

level skip, remembering to light a flare first, but jump backwards and flip at the end. And to get that Lara exploding cheat, do the same thing but only sidestep back then forward, spin three times, jump forward and roll. Boom!

PARAPPA

Got any cheats for Parappa the Rapper?
Ben Farmer

plus We do. But you've got to be a real canine Coolio to start with, or you're shit outta luck...

Whatcha gotta do is complete the first two levels with a 'Cool' rating, then enter this code. ✕ ✕ ✕ △ ○ △ □ □ → ← □ ✕. Now rap your way thru the next level, and enter ✕ □ △ ○ ✕ when you get to level 4. Now if you hold down R1 and tap ○, you'll cycle through different voices for your hip-hopping pooch. You can give him the voice from any of the characters from the game. Dope!!

PORSCHE CHALLENGE

How do you get to be the mystery driver on Porsche Challenge?
Stuart Cartwright

plus Shouldn't be too difficult. At the main menu press ↑ ← → SEL. And if you want to get a go behind the wheel of the black Porsche, just press → ○ ← ○ SEL at the main menu. We've got more cheats littering our lino, and we'll put them in next month.

PRICE DIFFERENCE

What is the difference between Resident Evil and Resident Evil Director's Cut?
Alan Auld

plus New camera angles and costumes.

RES EVIL

In Resident Evil, when you're in the computer room you have to use a password to open doors. What is the password?
Nick Kingston

plus Log on to the computer as JOHN. The first password is ADA. Now select floor B2 and enter the final password MOLE. You should find yourself able to open B3. Do it. Grab the slides, get out...

RIDGE RACER

Could you please tell me how to get the black car on Ridge Racer.
Daniel Parsons

plus It's simple enough. All you have to do is come first in any race where the black geezer shows his face...

SPECIAL OPS

When is Special Ops coming out? Is it any good?
Peter Hatherall

plus We reckon about June. And it is looking like it might be a tasty morsel, but we'll reserve judgement till we've seen the finished product...

SUPER METROID

Super Metroid was my favourite game on the SNES. Is there anything similar on the PlayStation?
Darren Turner

plus If you're looking for little two-dimensional men running back and forth and doing really funky stuff, the PlayStation's top 2D jumpathon is Castlevania.

TEKKEN 3

In Tekken 3 is the new boy Jin Kazama the son of the first Kazuya, or is he some other relation like a cousin?
Christopher Howells

plus Tekken 3's new super trouper is the product of a bit of a Kaz overload. He's the son of Jun Kazama and Kazuya out of Tekken 2. Yeah, we know. They didn't look too much like they were about to get it on when they were beating the shit out of each other in Tekken 2. But – hey – sexual chemistry's a weird thing, y'know...

TEST DRIVE 4

Got any cheats for Test Drive 4?
Jeff Woad

plus Yes we have. But they're all in last issue, Jeff me old son. And that's where they're staying. But just so you don't go home

Rapid Racer

Speedy cheats

Have you got any cheats for Rapid Racer?
Kevin Monk

plus We're glad you asked, Kevin, 'cos we've got sackloads of 'em which we're just aching to hand out to deserving readers like your good self...

To get all the boats just enter your name as " BOA". That's (space)BOA, by the way.

But if all the regular boats ain't enough for you, enter HURR for the Hurricane boat.

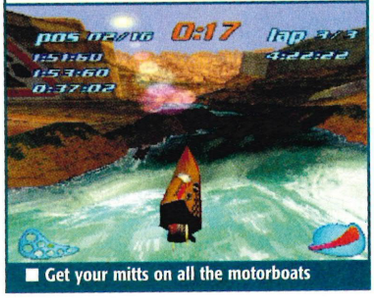
To unlock all the day tracks, enter your name as " DAY". That's (space) DAY again, in case you hadn't noticed.

Similarly, for the night tracks, just go for " NIT".

To get access to all the mirror tracks, enter your name as RRIM.

For the fractal tracks, go for FRAC.

And finally, for the games wackier-than-wacky duck cheat, just enter your name as ' QAK'. And yes, there was a space in there...



■ Get your mitts on all the motorboats

Cool Boarders 2

Beating the boarders

Have you got any cheats for Cool Boarders 2?
Kevin Monk

plus First, one of those oh-so-exciting 'clothing change' cheats. Except this one ain't a boring effort. It's much more disturbing than that. To get Irin and Cindy to change into a schoolgirl's outfit and leather gear respectively (yes, you did read that right), just highlight competition mode and press ↓ R1 ↑ R1 ↓ R2 ↑ R2 ↑ ↑ R1 ↓ ↓ R2.

The rest of these aren't really cheats as such, 'cos you'll have to be quite good at the game to get 'em (Doh!). Grit your teeth and brush up on all those stunts...

To get to play as the Alien 'all' you have to do is get 40.0 or better in the halfpipe. Alternatively, complete all 100 moves in Master mode in Onemake jump, then break all the records in Freeride mode.

To get the secret levels in Freestyle mode, beat the Tour Competition in Mirror mode and come in first place. This'll also let you play the Boss. To get the secret boards, you've got to choose a level where you know you can beat the record in any of the categories. Now choose a board where you want the special version, use that board to do a stunt without falling and you'll be the proud owner of the Special version. Radical.



■ Beat the whole competition for new boards

No such luck

Readers we couldn't help

Please can you give me cheats for Hexen?
Barry Grant

plus Sorry Barry no cheats for Hexen. You'll just have to stick to terrorising the residents of Brookside Close..

Are there any cheats for Psychic Force?
Ian Naughton

plus No. Sorry, but no.

Any cheats for Resident Evil?
Neil Carden

plus No, no, a thousand times no. Just play honestly why don'tcha?

emptyhanded here's how to get yourself a new motor: complete any track in second gear with checkpoints on. If you can manage this miracle driving, a nice, shiny new car'll be yours...

THUNDERHAWK 2

Have you got any cheats for Thunderhawk 2?
Jonathan Powell

plus No. Sorry 'bout that. How's about all the level codes instead?

Level 1 - PVH7CVEVEBDU441
Level 2 - 63G1SU4AAVTE5DQ
Level 3 - BFGPS1JUI7QE51Q
Level 4 - 4VHVS7TEQNDE4OA
Level 5 - BFF9S1FU7HUE49Q
Level 6 - URGPS1IA3BUE5QA
Level 7 - 93G5SD9UNGGE4OA
Level 8 - L3GG4406VOEE5R1

TOCA TOURING CAR

Have you got a cheat for the Lavaland on TOCA Touring Car?
Luke Brister and Gary Beard

plus Do we ever. To get the lava track, just enter the player name CMDISCO. And while we're on the subject, you might as well have a look at these as well...

Enter CMLOGRAV as a player name to get low gravity. Makes sense.

Enter XBOOSTME as a player name, and you'll get a faster car. Unfortunately, so will everyone else. Doh!

To make your opponents get disturbingly aggressive, enter CMMAYHEM.

To get revenge on them after you've done this, enter the password TANK, and you'll be able to pump hot lead vengeance at 'em by pressing the horn button.

And if you're looking to make the view go all Micro Machines, enter the player name CMMICRO.

And finally, a cheat that's absolutely no use whatsoever. Enter CMUPSIDE to get an upside down view...

TOMB RAIDER 3

I've heard there is a Tomb Raider 3 coming out. Is this true, and is Lara still the star?
Jack Lannigan

plus Work is in progress on Tomb Raider 3. And don't worry. Lara's been such a money spinner that we can't see the marketing executives sitting down and going, 'Nah, let's get rid of 'er. We'll make the star some spotty flat-chested trog, and we'll swap those trademark Uzis for a nice handbag.' We reckon Lara's job's pretty secure as long as Tomb Raider sequels keep the cash flooding into the coffers...

TOP GAMES

Please can you give me your ten top PlayStation games of all time?
Christopher Downes

plus Nae bother, son. We reckon you should take a gander at Time Crisis, Final Fantasy VII, Resident Evil, Tekken 2, V-Rally, Actua Soccer 2, Parappa the Rapper, WipEout 2097, Super Puzzle Fighter 2 and Tomb Raider.

That little lot covers big knockers, hip-hop, fast cars, zombies, guns, kung fu and demon summoning. All the things that should be occupying a healthy young mind, in fact.

So if you can get your hands on a few hundred quid you ought to head down to the shop and get these little gems, you'll be a morally healthier person. Tell all your mates we told you so.

WIPEOUT

Have you got any cheats for WipEout?
Jonathan Coldicutt

plus Try these babies for size. To jump straight to the hidden track Firestar without having to be any good at the game, just highlight One Player on the main menu and hold L1 R1 → ○ ● ST►. Then just hit the ⊗ button to select the option that appears.

Or if you fancy a top-notch motor, just go to One Player again, but this time hold L2 R2 ← SEL ST►. Again, press ⊗ to select the option that appears.

Also, with either WipEout, if the speed ever gets a bit much, you can make the game s-l-o-w down bigstyle by opening the lid of your PlayStation just as the camera's zooming into your ship.

Apparently, the way the games were written means that the 'Station'll keep trying to access the CD while you're racing, which means that your rocket-powered racer will take the course at a pretty sedate pace, making your job as driver a huge amount more interesting. And much more boring, of course, but then you can't have everything...

WHAT TO DO?

As a new PlayStation owner, I can buy only four from FFVII, G-Police, V-Rally, Tomb Raider 2, TOCA Touring Car, ISS Pro and Syndicate Wars. Which four would you recommend?
Del Kerr

plus Who is making you choose from out of such a limited list? What are their motives? It all sounds slightly sinister... Anyway, we reckon you should go for Final Fantasy VII, ISS Pro, V-Rally and Tomb Raider 2.

Pandemonium 2

Passwords frenzy

I have recently bought Pandemonium 2, and I'm really stuck on the Egg Egg level.
Robert Swinton

plus Can't give you any help there, we're afraid. But what we can give you is a soopah-doopah set of cheats that'll see you right all the way through the game. Ain't we the real shit?

For invincibility, enter NEVERDIE as a password.

For access to all the levels, enter GETACCES.

For better guns and stuff, enter the password MAKMYDAY.

To make everything go loads faster, enter the password SKATBORD...

To make everything go all psychedelic and weird enter the subtle password: ACIDDUDE.

And finally, to make everything in the game go all mutanty, enter the password GENETIC.



■ NEVERDIE: who's the badman?

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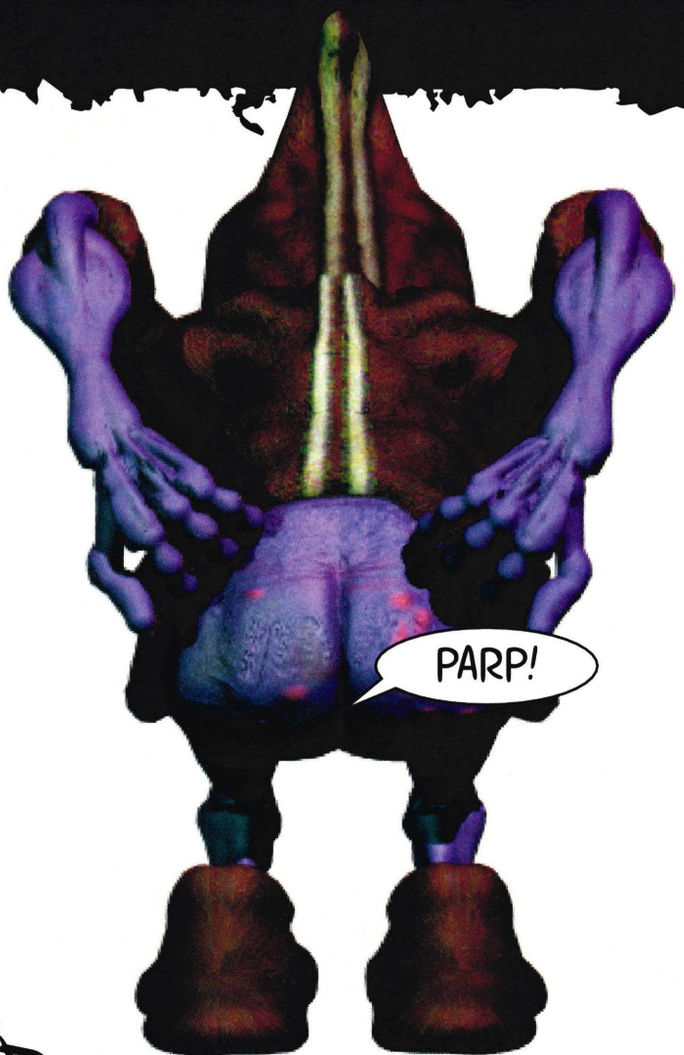
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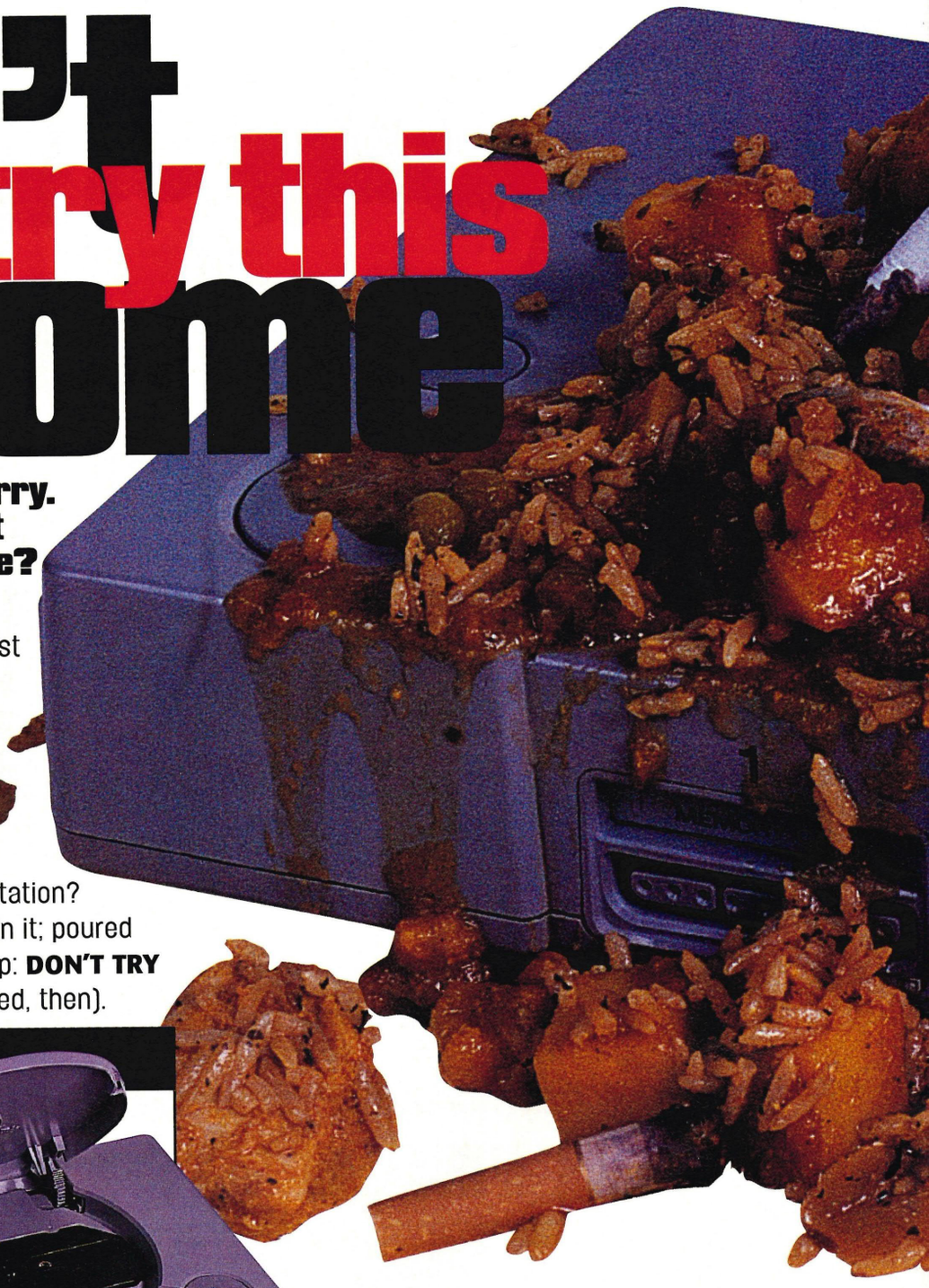
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Don't try this at home

A shattering fall. A tide of curry. A gutful of puke. What does it take to make a PlayStation die?

Our office resident clumsy twat does a mean line in dropping PlayStations. You'll just hear this bloody enormous crash and the goofy baboon'll have pulled a 'Station off his table and down onto the floor. But the weird thing is they never seem to suffer from their daily plunge. And that got us thinking. Just what do you have to do to kill a PlayStation? Like, what would happen if you spilt curry in it; poured beer on it; even worse things? But listen up: **DON'T TRY THIS YOURSELF. GOT IT!** (That's us covered, then).



EXPERIMENT 1

Fags

What you'll need: fags, a slob. Take the slob: position him near the 'Station. Give him a light. Stand back. We managed to find a 24-carat slob for this 'un. The kind of guy who thinks of the world as a giant ashtray. And we opened up the PlayStation to let him do his worst. It seemed to enjoy having fag ash dropped into its mouth about as much as we would. **Did it still work?** Yeah. We blew hard. Ash gone, and we're still playing Tomb Raider.



EXPERIMENT 2

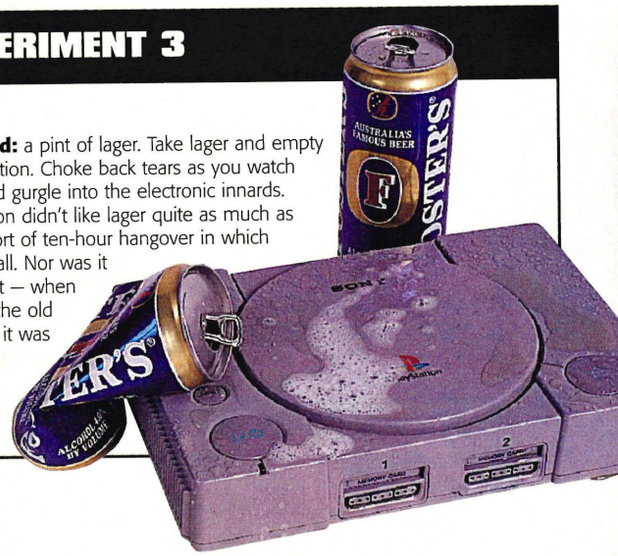
Death plunge

What you'll need: a floor. Courtesy of our office buffoon, we've watched PlayStations do all sorts of acrobatics. So we reckoned we'd check out what happened when a 'Station did a really extreme stunt. To help it do the Evel Knievel thang we chucked it at the ceiling and watched it come crashing down. **Did it still work?** No. It started up, but wouldn't play any actual games. Bah!

EXPERIMENT 3

Booze

What you'll need: a pint of lager. Take lager and empty it over the PlayStation. Choke back tears as you watch that precious liquid gurgle into the electronic innards. Obviously the 'Station didn't like lager quite as much as we do – it had a sort of ten-hour hangover in which it wouldn't work at all. Nor was it on – very important – when we tried. But once the old soak had dried out, it was as chipper as ever. **Did it still work?** Yes. In a kind of stoppy-starty way.



EXPERIMENT 4

Curry

What you'll need: greasy chunks of flesh suspended in a yellowy brown oily fluid. AKA curry. Empty said curry over PlayStation. The 'Station was gulping down the grease goodstyle: loads of that horrible yellow stuff sluiced down into the depths.

Did it still work? Who'd have thought? Yes. It freezes up for five seconds every now and then – but we still managed a go on Actua Soccer 2. On the plus side, there are none of those unpleasant aftereffects.



'Obviously the PlayStation doesn't like lager as much as we do: it had a sort of ten-hour hangover'

EXPERIMENT 5

Puke

What you'll need: someone with dicky guts. Fortunately, a bastard of a stomach bug was going round the office, so we got Alex to spew over the machine. Sick really does stink, doesn't it? But that didn't put off the PlayStation. Once we'd got Al to mop up his vom, including the dribble that had seeped inside, the 'Station wasn't in the best of health.

Did it still work? For a moment we thought yes. But our puked-on console ground to a halt at the Doom menu screen.

EXPERIMENT 6

'Station meet car

What you'll need: a large motor vehicle. Try and survive this, y'bastard! Enough with the fluids already: time to bring out the big guns. And guess what? Being run over really did settle the 'Station's hash. Game over, we reckon.

Did it still work? Car meet PlayStation. What do you think?

PREMIER MANAGER 98

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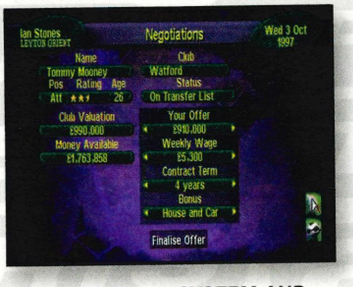
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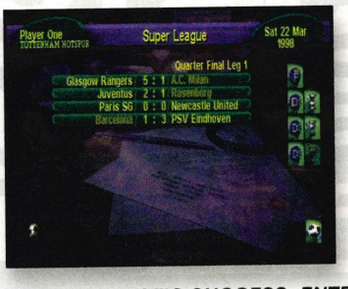
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Deathtrap Dungeon: we wouldn't run around a cold dungeon dresssed like this. But we're glad she did

HOW WE RATE STUFF

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51-60%	Just toss
61-70%	Only okay
71-80%	Good, not great
81-90%	Almost classic
91-100%	Essential play

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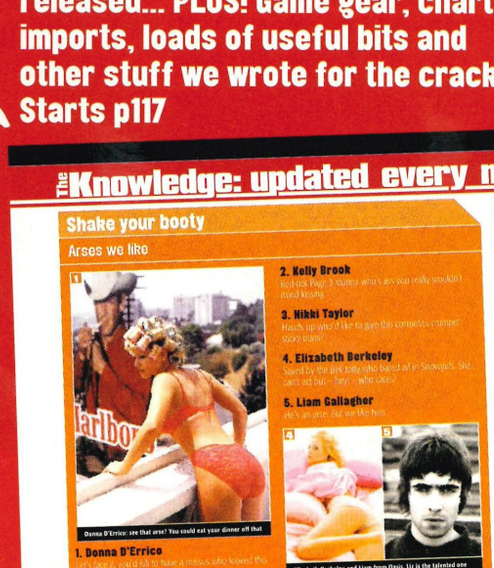
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DEATHTRAP DUNGEON

The little-known role of leather support bras in the age of legends...

In Days of Old, the upper classes sat around building dark underground dungeons bristling with monsters and traps. The lower classes (barbarians and such) would shoulder their longswords and head on in. Don't even try to understand...

What we like

Geek appeal

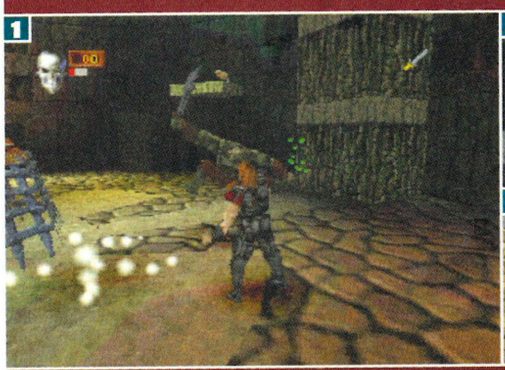
Ten geek points for every reader who knows where the idea for Deathtrap Dungeon comes from. It's out of those Fighting Fantasy books from a few years back. But the game ain't ashamed of how high it rates on the gimpometer: this is undiluted swords n' sorcery action, and for stoopid Dungeons and Dragons atmosphere, this is tops...



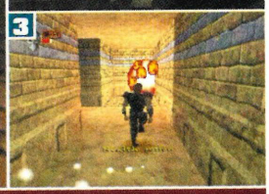
■ Don't be silly, of course there are goblins



■ The decor's the usual mad wizard chic







1 Big green blokes wander around ready to eat your sword 2 Fire pits: you've got to have them in any underground dungeon, ain'tcha? 3 This is a touch better than rolling dice, innit?

Dungeon deathtraps

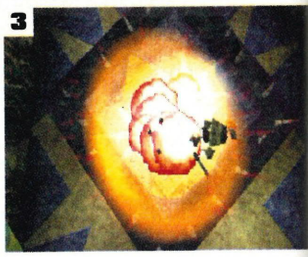
Mr and Mrs Deathtrap have been buying heavily from the Conan the Barbarian interior decoration catalogue, and picking up a few extras from the Indiana Jones dungeon furniture boutique. Spikes, shifting blocks, rotating walls, fire pits, levers, crushers. The gang's all here...

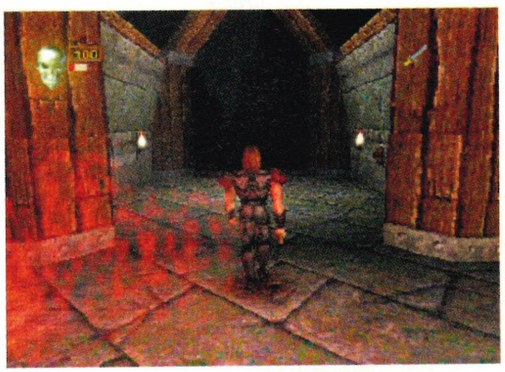




■ Tip the hapless jester into the blast of the flamethrower

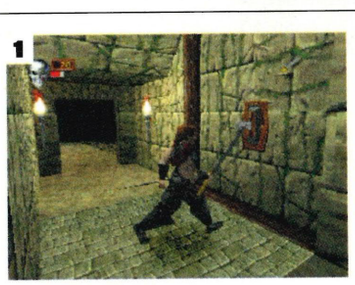


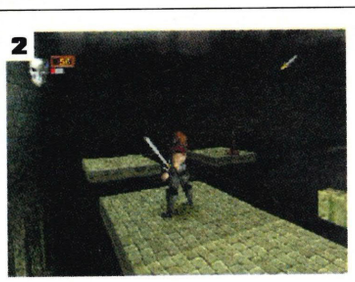




■ Time to give that a biiiig sideswerve, methinks...

1 The wise warrior stands back and waits for snakey bint to walk right under the crusher 2 Time to jump, big man. Or you're history. Cowardly warrior geezer runs from the ratmen... 3 That has got to hurt. Like, really badly hurt



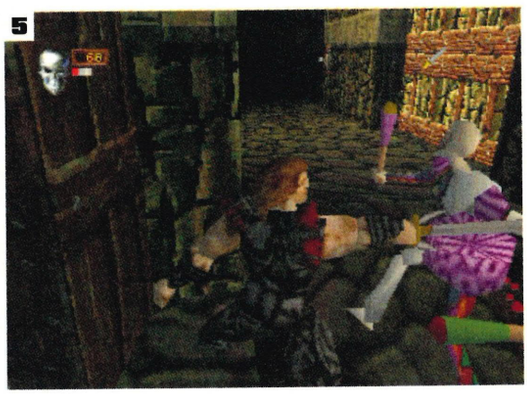


Gameplay

As an up-and-coming barbarian thug/thugess, you've got to head on into the dungeon and slink your way through tricks and traps in third-person perspective. Much of the game's devoted to finding your way round big puzzles: the rest's redding your sword with blood.



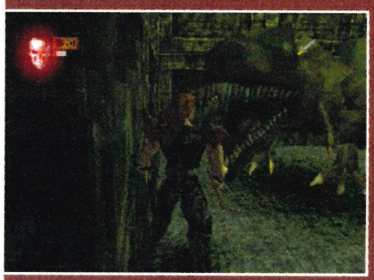




1 Mmm. Wonder what this little fella does? 2 Why can't I get at that bleedin' door? 3 Bollocks to working out the levers n' stuff. Just eat my sword 4 Thinking cap off, slaughtering cap on. You've got to be a versatile girly 5 Kill, kill. That's entertainment for ya!

Swords and... stuff

You wouldn't think it from the cut of your costume, but you can cram an awful lot of stuff in there. A lot of the game's about collecting the right items to get ahead and keep healthy, and you've got a massive inventory to fill with magic swords, magic potions and obscure bonuses like War Pigs. Get stuffing that backpack...



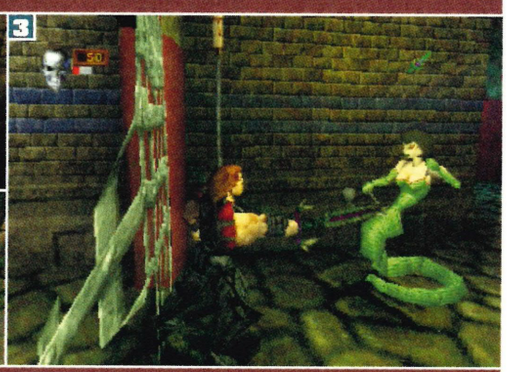
■ Time to whip out a bomb. Or something. Alternatively, time to die



■ Health Potion. These are your meat and drink. You just never get quite enough of 'em







1 No bonuses are gonna save you from a bastard trap like this 2 Bombs should be used with care 3 Venom Sword. This is essential for dealing with the annoying Snake Girls

...and sorcery

Even a barbarian like you can turn their hand to a bit of the old 'abracadabra' stuff. You'll be able to pick up scrolls with all sorts of spells on 'em, and being able to blast magical death at the flick of a wrist keeps combat fizzing along quite nicely. But be warned: some of the bad boys can rip off some nasty spells too...



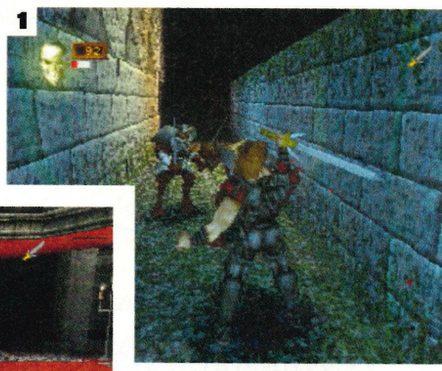
■ Keep yer peepers peeled for boxes of goodies



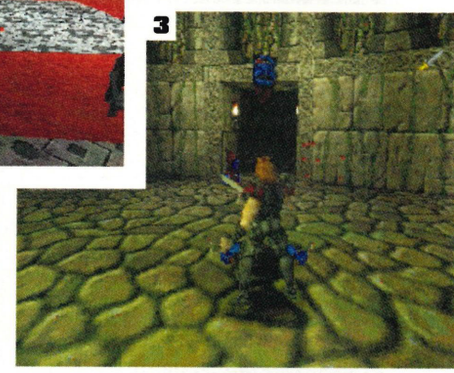
■ Eat the blast of my magical fire, y'bastid!

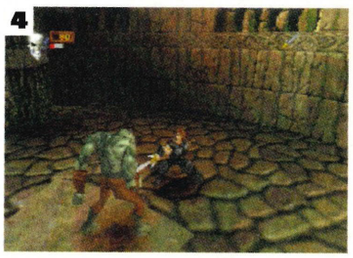
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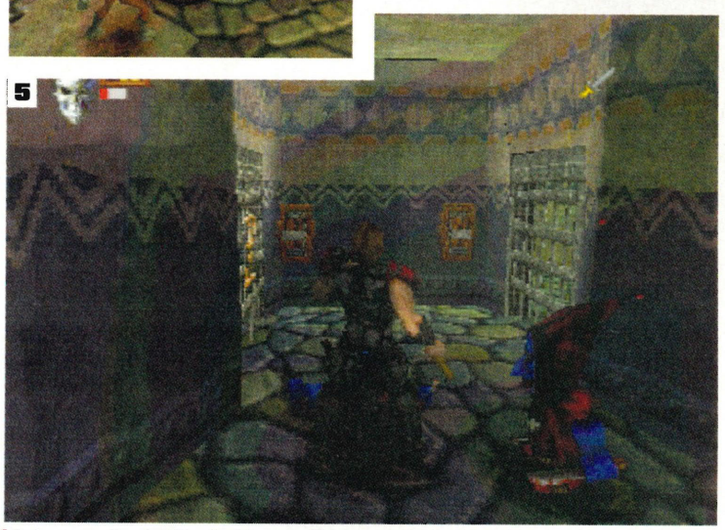
The one quibble with Deathtrap Dungeon is that the combat's just a touch limp. Once you've got out the right weapon to slice and dice whatever nasty's in your way, it's usually just a case of standing next to it and pummelling the ⊗ button till it's deaded. This ain't too exciting...











1 Serious swording, but it's all a bit samey 2 Run up to the bastids and treat 'em to your blade 3 Difficult to believe, but chopping off people's heads can get tiresome 4 Wanna be a full-on fencing-meister? Get ready to tap the same button loads... 5 Choppers out for some more action!

Baddies

We've got lotsa different flavours of bad lad and lass in here. Goblins make an appearance, and they're game little blue lads who bravely run up and poke you with a fork before you slice their heads off. At the other end of the scale we've got massive dragons and shit, and in between, everything from giant spiders to evil jesters...











1 Giant Rat. Ugh 2 Red dragon. Now that is one big boy 3 Orc. Birrova punk 4 Medusa. This fella's one of her earlier victims 5 You thought clowns were annoying. Now they've got swords

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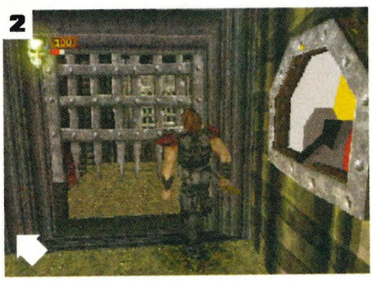
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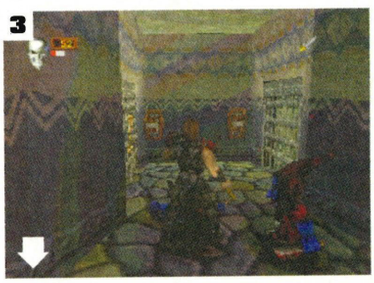
There's a girl with big udders in this 'un. And she can climb walls. That means for sure that there's gonna be nasty folks who say that this is just Tomb Raider in tights. But let's forget Lara: she ain't got a monopoly on climbing walls or having big tits (thank God). Deathtrap Dungeon can stand on its own as a fun game, easy peasy. We like it. OK?

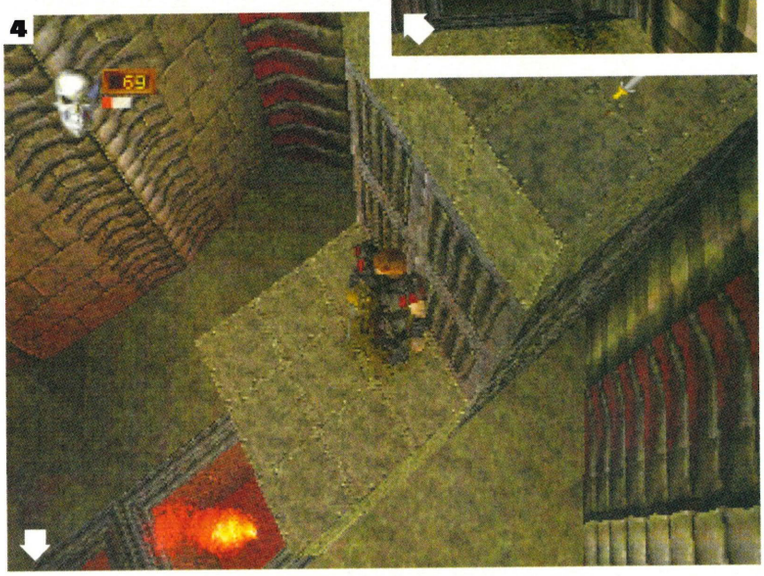
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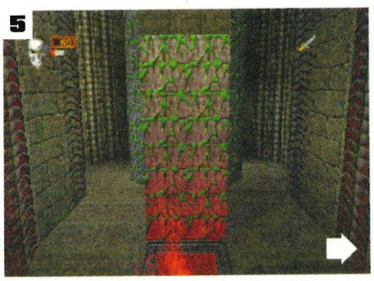
Here's big, lunkish barbarian thug Chaindog doing the moves on one of the early levels to give you a little taste of what the dungeon'll throw atcha. But be warned: this kinda stuff's just the hors d'oeuvres of Deathtrap Dungeon. The later levels are a whole lot more complicated.













1 Dodge the metal horse, head on in 2 When the dial hits red, you're toast 3 Best to leave that kind of thing behind you 4 Nasty hole 5 Too high to jump 6 Push the switch to make the jump a bit easier

A scantily-clad bird, buckets of blood and rock-solid gameplay: course you're gonna like this. Yes, combat's a bit simple, but otherwise: we like. A lot. **Rob**

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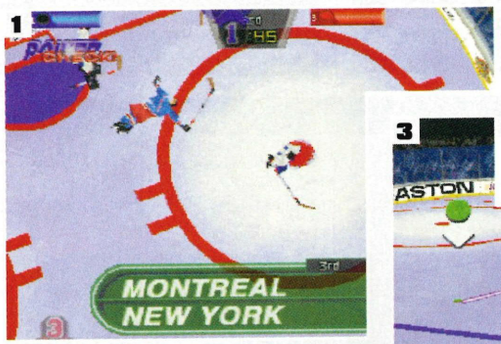
WAYNE GRETZKY'S 3D HOCKEY 98

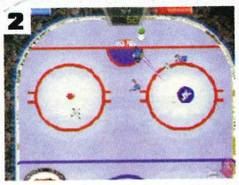
Trip 'em, stick 'em, slash 'em, slam 'em. Hockey's no walk in the park y'know...

World peace? An end to all suffering? No, what the world needs right now is another Ice Hockey Game. Take a look at the 300 or so titles released and about two don't involve a puck and stick. Well, that's a lie but you get the point.

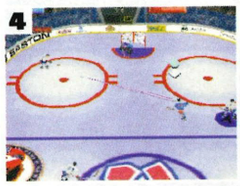
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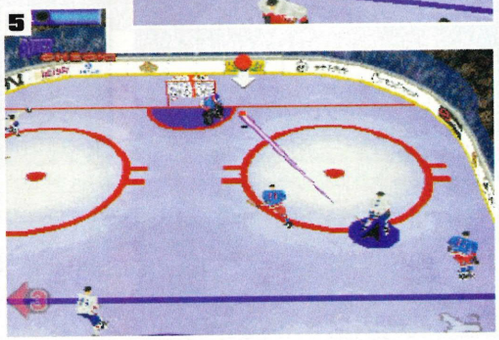
So you're spoilt for choice if you wanna play Ice Hockey on PlayStation, but hold on 'cos Wayne Gretzky 98 does things a little differently. It's arcade rather than simulation which means less messin' with stats and strategy and more hands-on action. It also means fewer options and abilities so you pays yer money and takes yer choice.











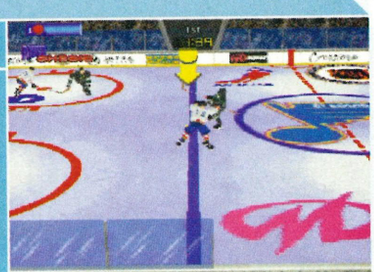
1 Low scoring, tight games are the norm 2 Overhead camera makes players difficult to spot 3 Streaking pucks: more arcade than simulation 4 Hit ● and ✕ together... 5 ...For a first time shot at goal

What we like

Battered

Subtlety doesn't play much of a part in Wayne Gretzky 98, to which we say cool.

Winning involves plenty of rough 'n' tumble, with the odd stick round a player's throat for good measure. Games get pretty heated and ugly, but always stop short of gloves-off scraps. Dam those whiners who want a clean image for the sport.

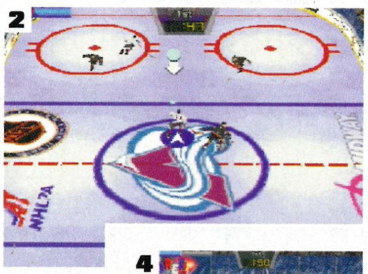


■ Cross-checking or a stick in the chest

Graphics

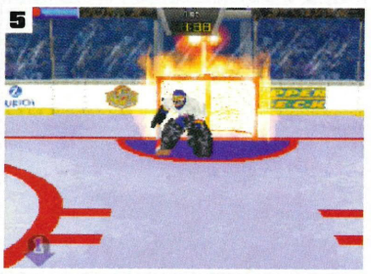
Wayne isn't as posh-looking as other hockey games. No reflections from the ice; squat and ugly players, no stadium details and objects are blocky up close. On the other hand the puck leaves glowing trails, speeding up causes players to go into hyper drive and slamming goals set netting alight. So the news ain't all bad.











1 Up close Wayne's a bit ugly **2** The rink looks bigger from a distance **3** Acid trails when you use speed! **4** Scoring celebrations resemble the Can Can **5** 'Shit! Me goal's on fire'

plus

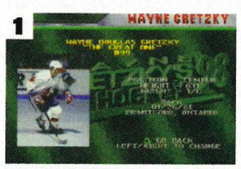
We'd like to say...

We've said it before and we'll say it again till we're blue in the face. There are too many Ice Hockey games on the PlayStation.

Stop it you programming sorts, unless you've really got an new slant on the sport (which is only big in America anyway). Wayne does try, bless its cotton socks, with an arcade feel, but it just ain't enough to get us turned on.

Back-slapping

Hands up who wants to know all about Wayne. No takers? Well if you did want to know everything there is to know about Wayne Douglas Gretzky, aka number 99, aka 'The Great One', this game would be tops. An option allows you to mull over all his achievements, but since no-one cares about him, it's a waste of time.







1 Our Wayne was born in Brantford, Ontario... **2** ...And was winner of the Lady Byng trophy. Daft or what? **3** More really exciting statistics. Oh, they're not exciting? We'd fallen asleep actually

Rent it Fast and furious hockey but lacking depth. Wayne Gretzky is OK for a couple of pissed-up sessions but won't last you long sober. **Jon**

PlayStation plus RATED 74%

■ **OUT** APRIL ■ **BY** KONAMI ■ **COSTS** £34.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-4
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MULTITAP

POY POY

Picking up objects and chucking 'em at your mates has never been so much fun.

If you ever sneaked into a building site when you were little, you'll love Poy Poy. Remember hurling rocks and sharp objects at the geek with a snotty nose? Well, now you can relive all those memories without keeping an eye out for yer parents.

What we like

Riot, we wanna riot

Playing Poy Poy is like being involved in a good-natured riot. Only without the overturned cars. Get some mates around for a sesh and it'll end up in a brawl. You won't feel intellectually stimulated by the experience but so bloody what, we live for mindless entertainment.



■ Grab power-ups before someone else does



■ Just go out there and cause havoc

Gameplay

Grab a power glove and jump into the arena of daft game show. The idea is to throw rocks, logs, bombs – anything that comes to hand – at other contestants. Collect bonuses for points, use power weapons for exotic attacks, avoid all manner of Doctor Who props. Be the last entrant standing and win greenbacks.





1 Pick up whatever you can and lob it at each other... **2** The winner is the last man standing

PlayStation plus RATED 83%

Poy Poy's got serious multiplayer laughs for hours on end. But only buy it if you've got up-for-it mates. You won't enjoy sitting through it on yer own. **Jon**

■ **OUT** APRIL ■ **BY** PSYGNOSIS ■ **COSTS** £44.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE JOYPAD

NEWMAN HAAS RACING

Sounds like Haagen Dasz. But it ain't as creamy. And you wouldn't lick it off yer bird.

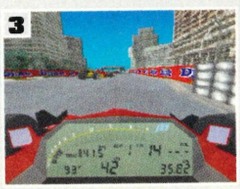
Indy Car racing - what's that all about? The drivers aren't as good as in Formula One; the cars aren't as cool; it's got silly rules; some of the circuits are oval and it's run by Yanks. Not a good start really...

Graphics

Grainy, dull and glitchy in places, Newman Haas is no Mona Lisa. Trees, buildings, even the tracks jump out of nowhere, making it feel like you're driving through fog. Out-of-car views are OK, but get inside and the cockpit looks like it fell out of the ugly tree and hit every branch on the way down.



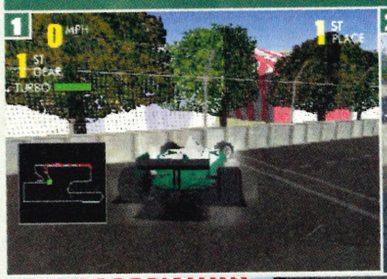




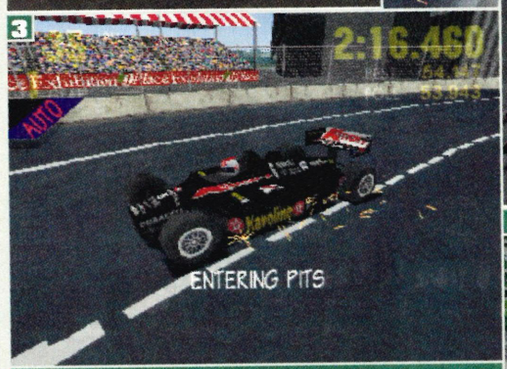
1 From outside the car looks OK... **2** Even if the circuits are a bit dull. Beautiful use of grey there dahlin' **3** Once you get inside... behold the power of PlayStation! (Note: this is sarcasm)

Handling

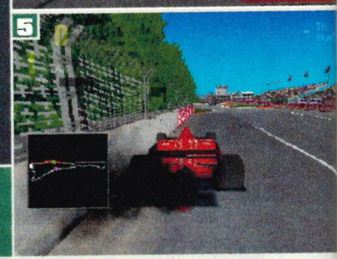
Responsiveness isn't in question. Flick a direction and you turn so quick you can almost feel the Gs. Braking and acceleration are the same story, but something's not quite right. The problem is you don't feel you're controlling a lump of metal and plastic, with springs and fins. There's no weight, or edginess, or blips of power. In short, handling is too perfect to be a real car.











1 Fast lefts or rights no problemo **2** Damage alters yer cars handling... **3** Get it to the pits... **4** For major repairs **5** Watch out. It is possible to blow an engine

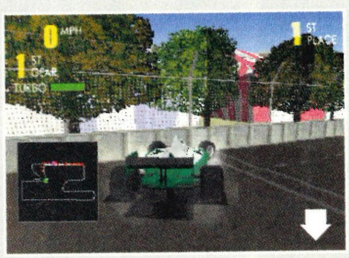
Competition

On default difficulty Newman Haas is way too easy. Play as rookie and you'll win a season in yer first sitting. Set to Pro or SuperStar and competition hots up nicely. Drivers battle hard and there's plenty of heavy knocks.

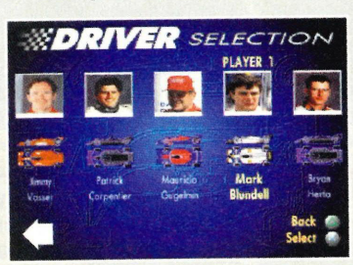
One problem: sometimes you can drive straight through other vehicles.



■ Still means nabbing pole position is pretty easy to get. Loadsa challenge there



■ Increasing difficulty settings...



■ And picking the really slow cars. The ones you actually have to pedal...

What we don't like

Cheap imitations

Newman Haas Racing is a second-rate spin-off. It's from Psygnosis, the people who brought both Formula One games to the PlayStation, and to be honest it's not as good as the first effort, let alone the second. So why bother? Surely people aren't that interested in Indy Car racing?



■ Formula 1 a year and a half ago



■ F1 97 brought the series bang up to date



■ Newman Haas - not as ace



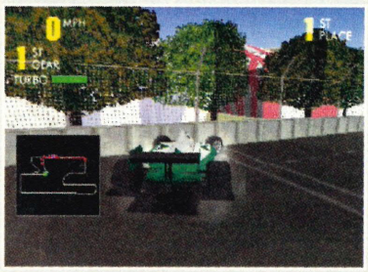
■ Hard on the brakes there



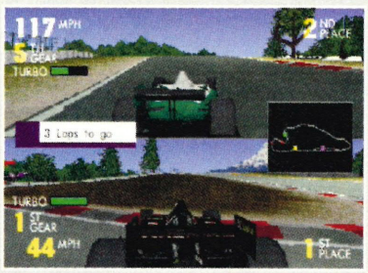
■ Isn't Indy Car interesting?

Two play

The split-screen in two-player mode means even more pop-up scenery (where the backgrounds build themselves as you drive along) – not good. On the other hand, Newman Haas is one of the few racers around where you get to race against more than just one mate. OK, so there's only six on the grid, but that's a step in the right direction as far as we're concerned.



■ Six competitors when you play against a mate. Not many can do that...



■ But pop-up features makes it difficult to spot corners until you're right on top of them

plus

We'd like to say...

Had Newman Haas come out alongside the first Formula 1 game, it would have been cool. You could have played the British GP, then moved into Indy Car. But it didn't, and a year-and-a-half has passed since. In that time top-notch racers have become things of pure beauty and Newman Haas simply can't keep up.

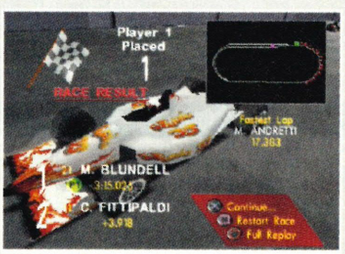
Tracks

The game has ten courses, with plenty of variety, to choose from. Twisting, narrow street circuits, flowing, purpose-built raceways and high-speed ovals. No doubt they're also accurately modelled from real life. The only drawback is it's possible to pick out cheating shortcuts on some of 'em.



■ Can't be bothered with chicanes...





■ Don't worry, take a short cut





1 Street circuits are tricky buggers. Avoid all those advertising hoardings 2 One of the more interesting courses 3 You gotta keep speed to the max along the straights

Once this would've been a good addition to any racing collection. But by today's standards it's just too rough around the edges. Get F1 97 or hold out for Gran Turismo. **Jon**

PlayStation plus

RATED 75%

■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** ACCLAIM ■ **COSTS** £49.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MOUSE, MEMORY CARD

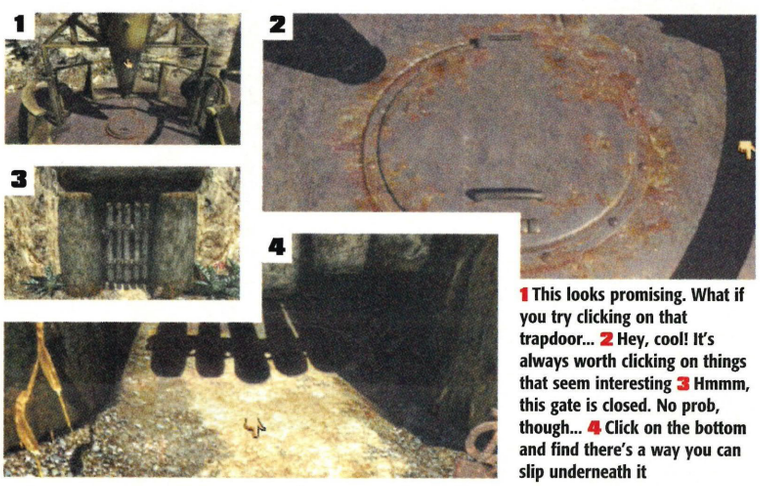
RIVEN

The most out-of-body experience you can get. Unless you're a floating brain.

Riven is a world on the edge. Bad bloke Gehn has kidnapped your mate's wife and threatens to destroy everything. Nobody else can be arsed to sort it out, so it's up to you. But how? Shoot everything? Nope. All you have to do is... think.

In control

Riven is an adventure game that works on two levels. First off, it's really easy to play. Secondly, despite the simple controls, it's a vast and deep game when you get into it. The way it works is that you have to suss out what to click on. Apart from obvious stuff, the cursor doesn't change to point out an important piece of scenery. You have to discover it yourself. Trying the cursor on everything is OK, but may get annoying for people who want a 'fast' adventure game.

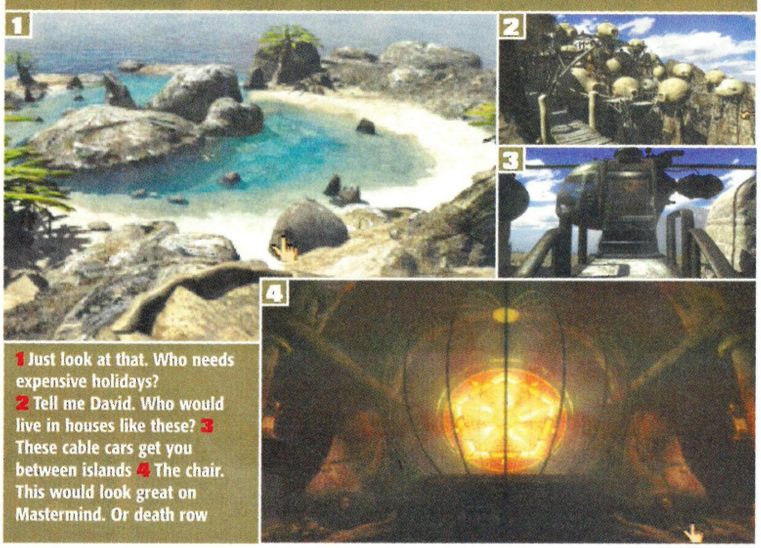


1 This looks promising. What if you try clicking on that trapdoor... 2 Hey, cool! It's always worth clicking on things that seem interesting 3 Hmmm, this gate is closed. No prob, though... 4 Click on the bottom and find there's a way you can slip underneath it

What we like

Goodbye social life!

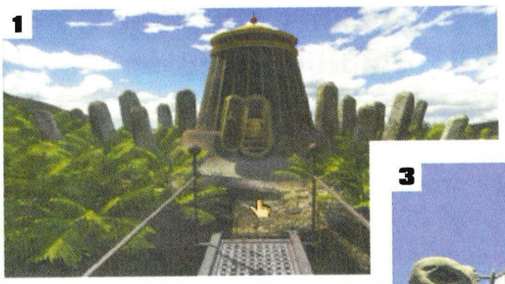
Riven is one of those games that draws you in without you realising it. You sit down for a quick bash and - whoosh! - hours have passed. The graphics and sound are both really absorbing. So much detail has gone into creating the game's world you really feel a part of it. Riven will hold you spellbound and make you miss dates, Match of the Day. And meals. But it's worth it.



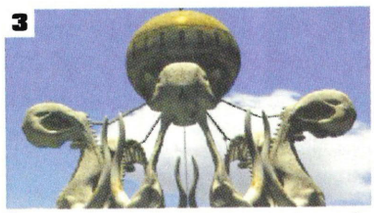
1 Just look at that. Who needs expensive holidays? 2 Tell me David. Who would live in houses like these? 3 These cable cars get you between islands 4 The chair. This would look great on Mastermind. Or death row

Easy on the eyes

In the game, you move between static screens that look stunning. Put away those porno mags 'cos Riven looks better. And it won't make you go blind. Imagine each screen being like a crystal clear photo of a bizarre fantasy world. The detail is immense and the video footage of people you meet plays on the screen like a film. It's that good. Locations are both weird and impressive, ranging from treetop huts to scary buildings and tunnels – the sheer variety will keep you playing just to see more of the game.









1 Almost every place in Riven looks cool. Even the bogs. Probably **2** Just walking round this huge world is relaxing enough **3** You don't see that in Bognor every day **4** Industrial areas look bleak and mucky. Bit like our office

plus

We'd like to say...

Riven won't appeal to everybody. If adventure games ain't really your thang, then it'll bore you. But if you're willing to make the effort you'll find a game that's so involving your pets may die of neglect. The sheer sense of exploration will keep you up way into the night. Just think of the hamster before you start playing, all right?

Real mind scramblers

To solve the puzzles in Riven, you have to work out what they are. More often than not you'll end up wandering about, clueless as a supermodel. Puzzles are smart, but often obscure – like the one about sounds made by wooden balls. Working out what you need to do, then solving the puzzle is really satisfying. But the game is frustrating since you can easily miss something important by failing to click on some small object. Patience boy!









1 How do you open the mouth of the idol? Try looking around **2** Redirect the water to power various odd machines **3** The sound these balls make is important. Somehow **4** Christ knows what you're supposed to do here **5** You have to rotate this room to find passages

This is clever and engrossing, with the thrill of exploring making a change from 70-hit combos or lap times. Riven is worth the effort but not for everybody. **Nick**

PlayStation plus

RATED 84%

■ **OUT** APRIL ■ **BY** EA ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

REBOOT

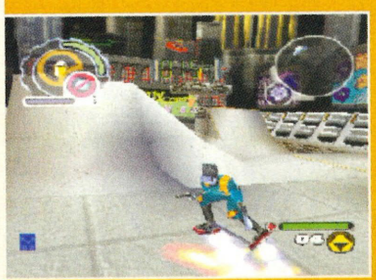
This is how it feels to ride a hover board...

Get yer sewing kit out 'cos it's your job to save your home from an evil robot by repairing rips in reality. Weird enough for you? No? Well, you also have to ride a hover board while you do it. Like, a small van would be too easy, right?

What we like

Air skating

Air boarding is cool. Initially, the controls feel a tad awkward and mushy, but once you've got to grips with the constant movement, it's a scream. You get a real floating sensation and making jumps is totally satisfying. No matter how far you fall, you never get hurt, which makes for fluid action.



■ Power up those air skates...



■ Let loose when you hit the lip...



■ Careful not to cook the controls midair



■ Time for a trick landing

Pros and cons

Reboot is a bit of a mixed package. On one hand it's top fun to mess around with as you get to grips with the hover boarding and pull off cool tricks.

But on the other hand, the game lacks serious gameplay to really draw you in. While some of the enemies are gruesome, others are about as scary as Blue Peter (mind you, Karen Keating in a bikini was scary). And the plot doesn't really have enough meat to keep you coming back.



■ The hover boarding is really cool



1 Worms with teeth – this is what we call a good enemy **2** Attack of the killer pedal bins – now this is what we call a shite enemy



Big bosses

If you're planning to save your electronic universe you'll have to dispatch eight big, bad momma bosses. Freaky women bots with too much make-up, giant floating guardians, a geeza in a Jim'll Fix It chair, gunships armed with lighting guns and plasma balls. The first you meet is a cinch, but they get much harder.



■ Chase a floating gunship...



■ Get too close and you'll feel lightning rods...







1 Keep blastin' with everything you've got... **2** Pick up goodies along the way... **3** It's up to you to decide the best way to take out this boss. We ain't gonna tell you

Gameplay

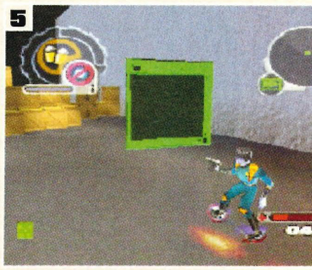
Zip around the insides of a computer on air skates. Edge along platforms, build up speed and go for mad jumps. Blast demented robots and patch circuitry rips before yer computer home melts. Reboot is a shooting, racing, platform hybrid.











1 Shoot Hi-fi speakers driving fork lift trucks **2** Negotiate narrow ledges to track down keys **3** Collect power-ups for your weapons or top-ups for your health **4** Repair shiny rips before reality is torn apart **5** Open an entrance and get the hell out

plus We'd like to say...

Reboot is one of the best games yet made for the analogue pad. Your board feels unstable at first, especially in tight spots, but getting to grips with the way it handles gives you a smug glow of satisfaction. Playing this game with a normal pad just ain't the same.

Small weapons

We all need big powerful guns. Life is no fun if you're stuck with a tiny weapon (arf arf), even if it can do serious damage. We like big explosions and jaw-dropping effects, but Reboot doesn't understand these basic facts of life. Sure it's got a range to choose from, but they just aren't meaty enough. Pah.









1 Standard ammo **2** Flame thrower **3** Rocket launcher **4** Alternatively pick up invincibility

Weird, wired world

Playing areas are pretty varied and it's a laugh just seeing what jumps you can do. On the other hand, the areas aren't that big and the graphics tend to be a touch on the rough side. Mind you, there's a solid 21 sections to get through, providing a good chunk of challenge for your bucks.



■ Play kicks off on the streets of Baudway



■ Next up, the city docks and factory section



■ Dealing death in the control centre of CitE. A bit like the power core in Event Horizon



■ Twisting roads suspended in the air. It's a long way down, so watch out

Rent it Reboot is like pulling the legs off a Daddy Longlegs. Good, clean fun for at least a couple of hours until you realise it's a bit limited. **Jon**

PlayStation plus RATED 83%

■**OUT** NOW ■**BY** MICROIDS ■**COSTS** 39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

THE LAST REPORT

It's an adventure cum puzzle game. Yay! But somebody went and forgot to include the adventure part. And the puzzles are shite. I'll get me coat...

You play Dan Singer, a reporter for Channel Z. There's a big conspiracy. Corruption, murder and drug running – that sort of thing. Your ex-bird knew something, but she's been murdered. Rather than go on the piss to celebrate though, our Dan decides solving puzzles is the best thing to do. Twat.

Gameplay

This ain't a game for those of you into ass-kickin' thrills, like putting Deep Heat on your bollocks. No, The Last Report is meant to be all atmosphere and suspense. Which would be fine as long as your idea of suspense involves constantly dying without warning. Yep, it gets annoying very quickly. After suddenly dying time and time again, you'll be sick of the game. Still, the cursor control system works fairly well, so playing it is easy enough.


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1 Icon-based gameplay. May sound dull, but it's easy to use **2** This is you dying for no good reason. You'll be seeing this a lot **3** Atmospheric movie scenes look cool. For a while

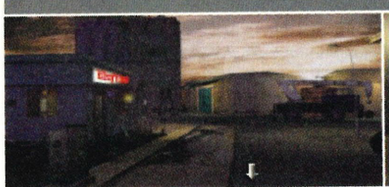
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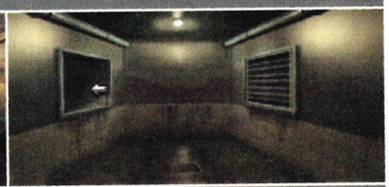
Why has this game been made? It's so depressingly 'average'. Did the programmers get all their ideas from repeats of Columbo? The Last Report is as gripping as Songs of Praise, with no motivation to play on. You end up not giving a toss if Dan dies, or if he finds his ex's killer. No thrills, no comedy, no game.

Graphics 'n' stuff

Make no mistake, The Last Report looks good. But half the screen is taken up with black bars. The cinema scenes between locations are impressive at first, but soon get irritating as you wander about. As for locations, there are very few. Not only that, but they're pretty naff, like a subway, docks and hospital. You can see those anywhere. In fact, the whole game is far too short. You can probably finish it in a day if you stick with it. Games like this should offer a lasting challenge, and this'll disappoint.



■ The docks. Sadly without women who 'perform' for cash

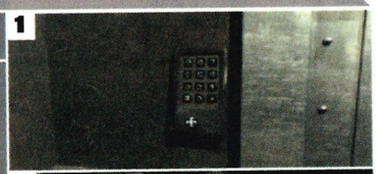


■ This is actually supposed to be a location. Can you believe that?

What we don't like

Where's the fun?

Every bit of this game is tedious. Spending an afternoon talking to your batty, dribbling Granny is more thrilling. The plot is as gripping as late night Open University and the locations are just as dull. At no point in the game are you in danger of cacking your smalls 'cos there's no tension. Although you might piss yourself laughing at Dan's girly voice.

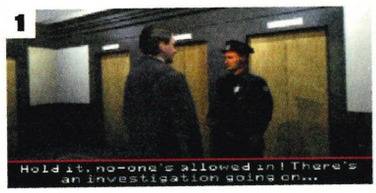

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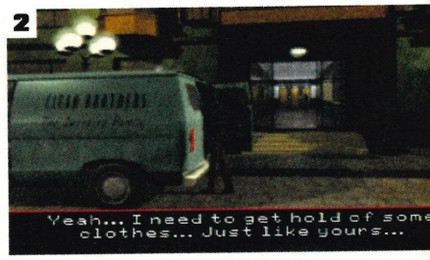
1 Find the combination for the keypad. If you can be arsed **2** Dan writes to his Mom. Huh?

Puzzlingly bad puzzles

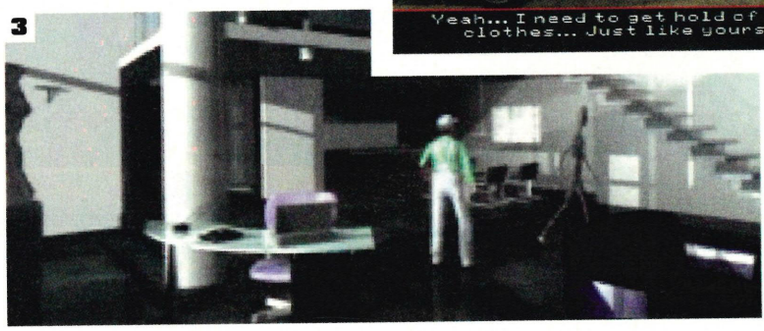
Discworld had odd puzzles. Broken Sword had clever puzzles. The Last Report has, er, shite puzzles. Finding a keycode to open a door is about as exciting as it gets. Or choosing the right line in a conversation. If you mess up, the game kills you. That's not clever, that's annoying. Brain teasers should be exciting and clever: these are dull.



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1 The rozzer won't let you into your ex's flat... Hmmm... **2** Buy some rags from this bloke, and... **3** Sneak in as the cleaner. Jeez, what a dull puzzle **4** How do you get in? Don't bother

This is just taking the piss. If you enjoy tedium, frustration and wasting your hard-earned, then get this. If you like fun, then avoid like an 80s hairstyle. Nick

PlayStation plus

RATED 35%

"the best-looking game this side of nude Baywatch netball"

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■ **OUT** APRIL ■ **BY** ACTIVISION ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

PITFALL 3D

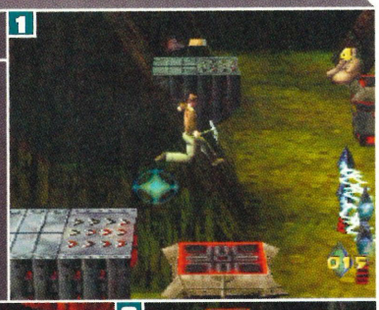
More holes than a Swiss cheese. And you've got to jump 'em all, big fella.

Pits. Big hot pits. But not a whiff of Sure Extra Dry. This is the world of Pitfall Harry, a man whose idea of fun is slipping on his Nike Airs for a bit of lava pit hurdling. Welcome to his platform hell...

What we like

He ain't cute. Hurray!

Pitfall Harry is a mean pickaxe-toting bastid. You'd have to be a twisted individual to call him cute. Yup, that's right. A platform hero without big eyes and cute ickle hands and feet. What a bleedin' relief. This pit-hurdling hero's actually got a quite normal sized body and the game doesn't look like an explosion in a pot pourri factory.









1 Wot no big eyes? Harry's a regular-looking guy 2 No chirpy Jap music here. We've got tuffnut commentary 3 Graphics look sweet and crisp and not pukey 4 Don't jump on heads. Use a pickaxe

Bosses

Most of the bad lads in Pitfall 3D are just kind of niggling small things that do their best to put you off your stride when you're trying a tricky vine swing.

But then – probably when you're least expecting it – along'll come a big huge mutha of an enemy to kill.

On your travels you'll find sub-bosses who deal out fairly major killage, then just occasionally you'll run into a boss so huge he'll really ruin your day...



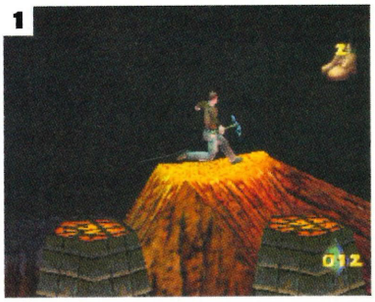




1 Can you spell bad bwoy? We knew you could 2 'I'm evil, evil, evil. My middle name is misery' 3 Look at the size of the worm then check out the size of the gun you get to kill it with

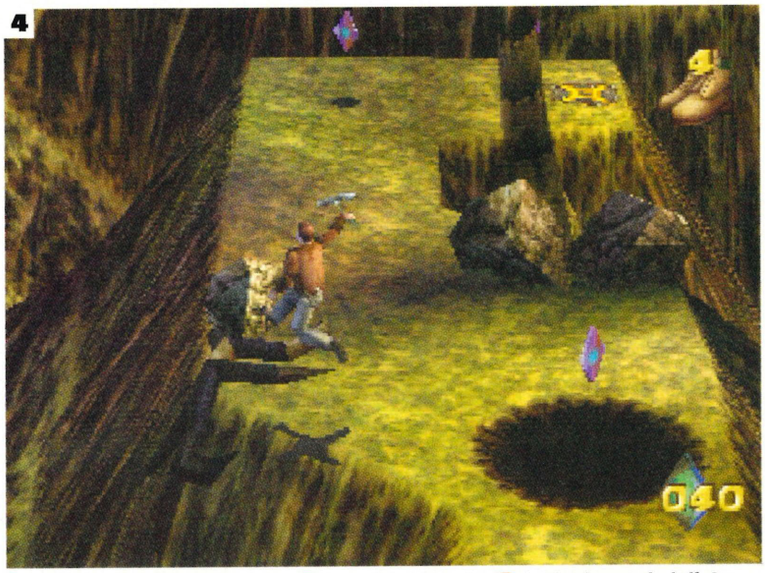
Holey moley

Mucho hole action is where it's at in Pitfall 3D. Platform fiends'll know what to expect here: you've got blocks that vanish, blocks that don't, floaty bits, things that hit you while you jump etc, etc, etc. In short, grim death is leering at you from every corner. Watch your step, Harry my son...









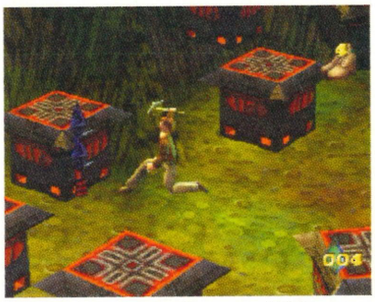
1 That really is quite a long way down... 2 Heavy duty block action 3 That is a jump and a half. Can our athletic hero make it? 4 Holes appear under Harry. No fair

Bruce

There's a Bruce loose aboot this hoose. Bruce Campbell to be precise, the lad who nuttaed it up big style in the Evil Dead films (and who's also doing the voiceover for Broken Helix). Here he's dishing out sarky comments left and right throughout...



■ 'Loser!'



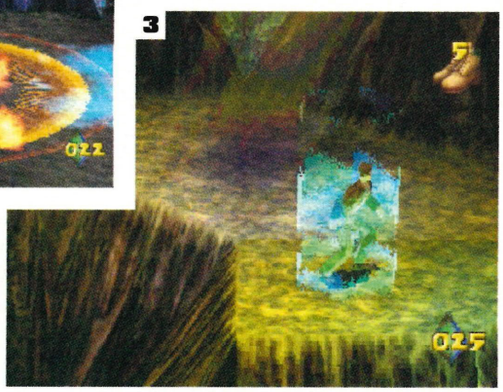
■ 'Wonder if I'll make this... aaaaaahhh!'

Collect bits

No platform hero would be happy without stupid little things scattered all over the shop for them to pick up. And by the looks of things, Pitfall Harry's going to be a happy chappie. A pocketful of crystals'll add up to a big health recharge when he next reaches a spinny blue thing, and other bonuses and special weapons can be kept for later...





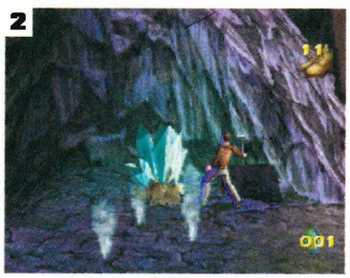


1 Special flashy thing. Eat my dust, bad guys! Also helps to impress the birds 2 Lots of strange bits about! Go ape! Collect 'em all! Jump for joy! 3 Bask in the blue thing. Watch that energy level climb then go clubbing all night

Weirdness

To start with, you're swinging on vines over fairly normal jungly kind of stuff. But pretty soon, the vines are your last link with normality: you're floating around over blue stuff and meeting big flying serpents and shit. The plot tries its best to explain this, but it's fighting a losing battle. Like most platform game plots, really.









1 Weirdness overload. Blue stuff makes you float 2 Weird rocks. Some of 'em fight you 3 'Rather odd taste in interior decoration, these chaps' 4 Thrills, spills. Harry's not troubled by vertigo...

Fights

Pitfall Harry ain't your regular platform ponce when it comes to a scrap. He's having none of bouncing cutely on people's heads: he deals death with a pickaxe. Rock solid. Combat here's usually a simple case of you running up to a geezer throwing stuff at you and pickaxing him hard, but it works well.



■ Butterfly meet pickaxe



■ The scorpion uses his tail to twat Harry







1 Rolling rock. And then it stands up. Kill! Kill! 2 Big fella spits fire atcha. Don't take him on, tough guy 3 And who's this ugly bastard?

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We'd like to say...

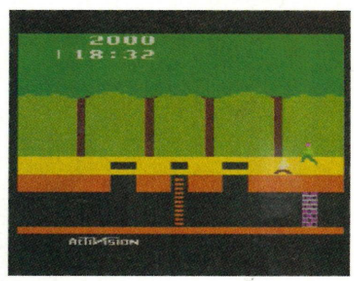
You usually have to tune up your brain a few notches to get your head round controlling a 3D platform geezer. But Harry's an absolute peach to control, even when you're fighting. The weirdness here might hurt your head, but controlling Mr Pitfall won't...

Good as new

This is the sequel to the 1982 game Pitfall. There's a version of the original on here, and it'll make you glad you live in 1998. Look at it. Blocky 2D graphics, shit-all gameplay. People who tell us retro games are better can stuff this right up their overly-tight rings...



■ It's 1982: you get shit like this to play...



■ And Duran Duran and Culture Club...

The lack of cuteness here is A Good Thing. And this is a well playable platformer that'll keep you doing that 'just one more go' thang for ages. A laugh and a half. Rob

PlayStation plus

RATED 84%

■**OUT** APRIL ■**BY** KONAMI ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-4 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MULTITAP

NBA PRO 98

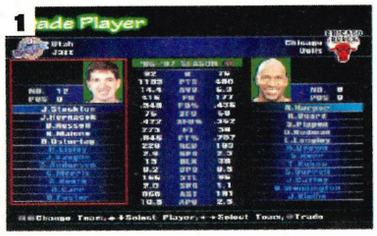
Hey, basketball fiends! Fancy wasting another £40?

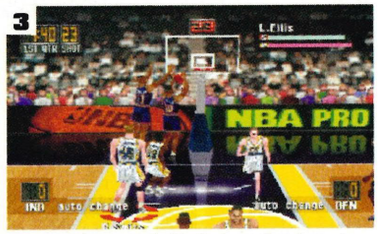
Somone's just sitting in a darkened cellar somewhere randomly making up NBA games. His fingers stab into a dictionary going 'NBA... Live... Jam... In the Zone... Pro!' It's time someone lifted the lid on this scam!

Options

There are enough options here to keep the most bug-eyed basketball basket-case happy. For a start, there's a management option, so with a flick of a switch you can bring up page after mind-numbing page of meaningless statistics for each player. Bore your friends rigid! Then have no friends left. Now that's adrenalin gaming.





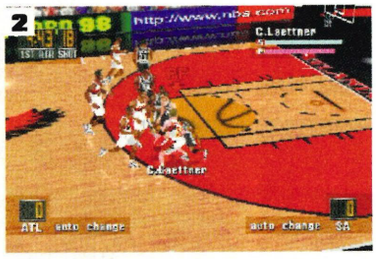


1 Jesus. You can probably find out the players' shoe sizes here 2 Management option. Just let me yawn for a second 3 And if you so desire, you can find out the players' entire histories. Yawn

Throw the dice

Ouch. A lot of the stuff in here seems to be down to the whim of the gods, especially if you're trying to nab the ball off someone. Too often tackling is just a question of stabbing at the right buttons and kind of hoping for the best, and whether or not you actually end up with the ball is out of your hands. Whatever happened to challenge? You need more skill for roulette than you do for this...





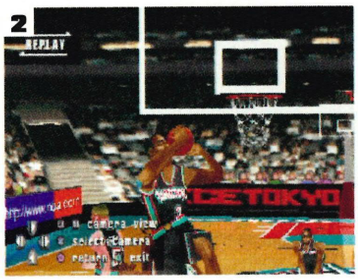


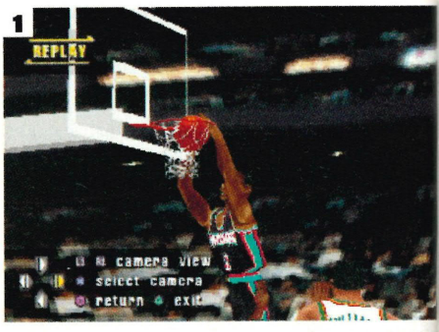
1 The controls are pure 100% pure bollix 2 Roll the dice, man, roll the dice 3 If it's odds you win. If it's evens I win. Either way if you paid for this, you lose. Who gives a toss?

Replays

Y'know that moment when your mate pulls off a flukey bastard goal on a footie game and he insists on watching the replay ten times?

Well, here you can really push the boat out: there's the option to rewind and even pause the replays from your joypad. And you might end up doing it a lot, since the action don't seem to make much sense at normal speed... Is this a good reason to buy this game. We think not.



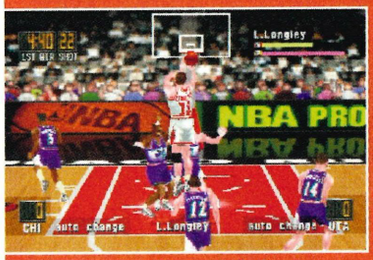




1 Watch the replay 2 Now watch it again! 3 Pausing replays adds even more irritation!

Gameplay

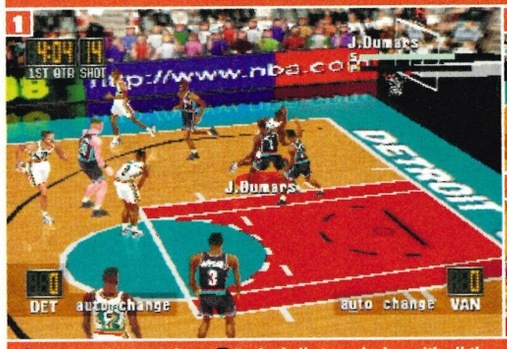
For those of us used to sports where players grimly slog it out over a soggy pitch about half a mile long, basketball games always seem fast. But this effort is at the slower end of the market. Your players are sluggish and chugging, and the gameplay doesn't seem to rocket back and forth like it really should.

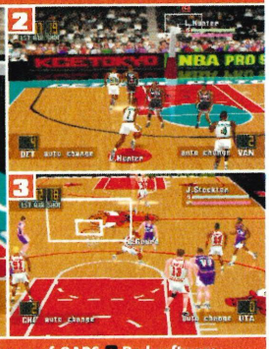


■ The players are big. But bollocks



■ Gameplay moves at a slow pace. Ugh! Ugh!



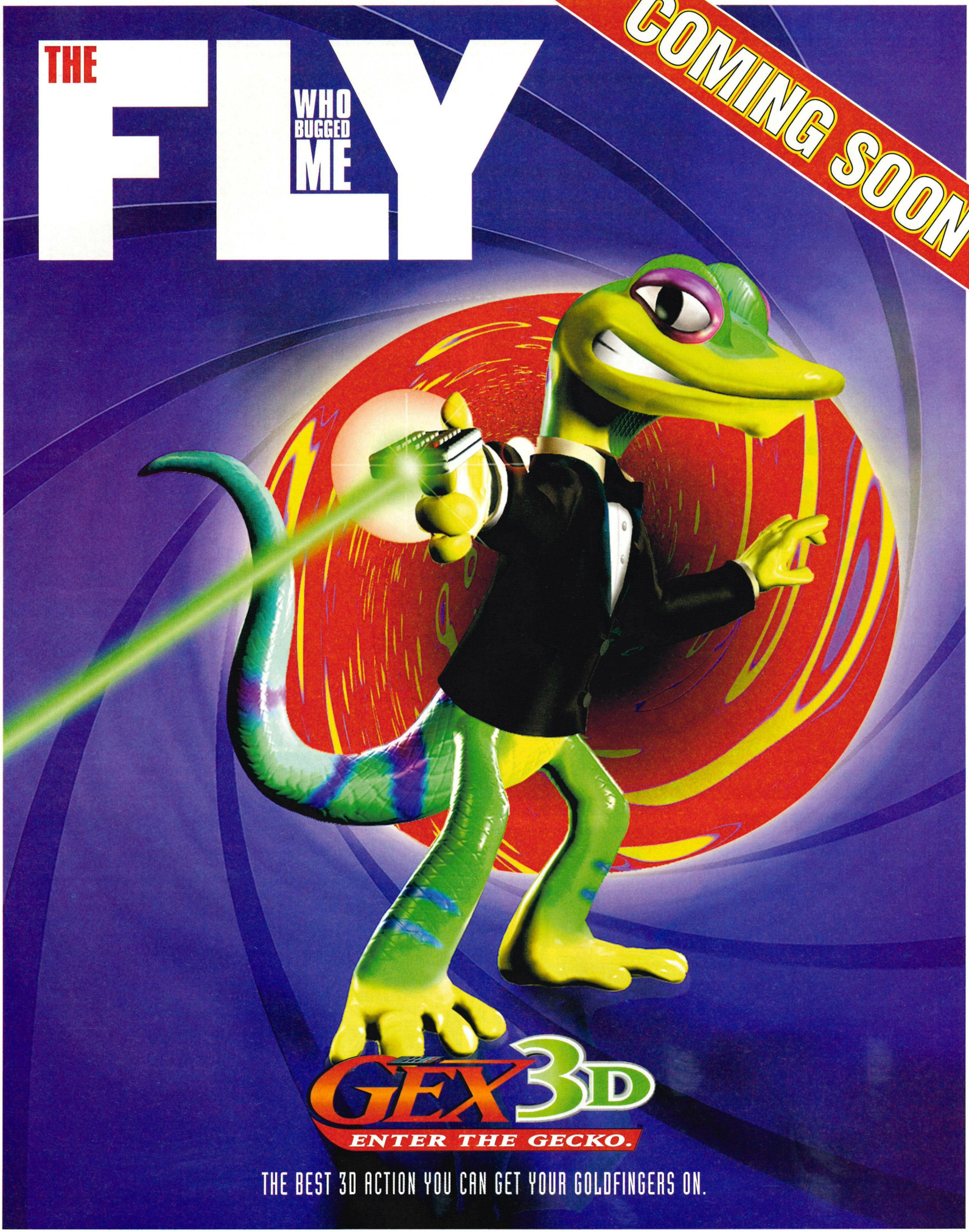


1 This is so boring it hurts 2 Basketball stars playing with all the pace of OAPS 3 Bad software company! Bad! Never do this again!

Slow and deadly. As in deadly boring. Bad basketball games give us migraines, and this lump of crap's been causing searing head pain around this office. It's crud. **Rob**

PlayStation plus

RATED 30%



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■**OUT** NOW ■**BY** KONAMI ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

BROKEN HELIX

Doctor, doctor, I've broken my helix...

Bad things are happening in Area 51. Again. But this time, it's not Mulder and Scully back to milk some old ideas for another painful series of The X-Files. It's aliens doing bad stuff. But here comes Jake to do bad stuff to them...

What we like

Schlock! Horror!

Bruce Campbell, star of the Evil Dead films, has done the voiceovers. Brucie is the Laurence Olivier of trash: he's got a voice that is 100% premium cheese. And here the boy does good.

Bruce deadpans like a bastard all the way through, and the other characters are pretty funny too. The naughty lads even take the piss out of the man himself, Duke Nukem...









1 'Yeah, goodbye now. Bye.' Nasty Jake bids farewell to the smoking corpses of his victims **2** 'Does it hurt when I do this?' After careful consideration, we'd say yeah **3** 'Come get some.' Big Austrian bloke does the Nukem bit **4** 'You done good, monkey boy!' Stereotypes come out to play

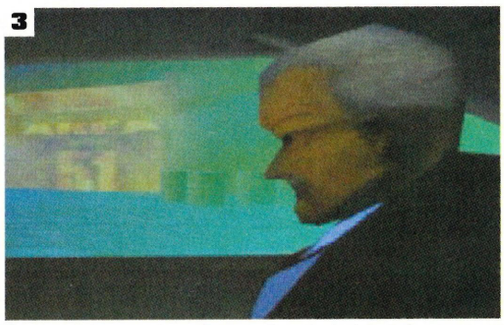
Plot

In any normal videogame your choices are usually down to what weapon you're going to use to turn the baddies into dogfood. Here, you get to choose who to side with, and who to murder. You can be a loyal marine, band together with scientists or even join up as a baddie. Smart.











1 Scientist. Great to shoot, but actually not a bad guy when you get to know him **2** Nasty alien. But there's nothing to stop you joining their dastardly mission **3** Sinister bloke. Anyone who uses electric windows with such menace is obviously a bastard **4** Kill, kill. But after a while you've got to narrow down the spectrum of people to slaughter **5** Eat death, y'green ponce! Oh. He wanted to make friends?

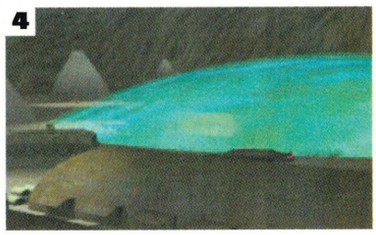
Fings to do

Aliens have taken over a military base. You're a lone marine. But strangely enough you've got more to do than just holding down the trigger finger and killing the hell out of everything that moves. You've got all sorts of little objectives, like taking out video cameras, turning off autoguns, controlling robots. Thinky-type stuff. Weird.









1 Huge gun. If you don't turn it off, it'll blast you very swiftly **2** Video camera. Get seen twice, and the complex is history **3** Defusing bombs is your work, innit? So get going **4** Sinister powers at work. Can you handle it?

Interaction

In yer average game about aliens, most of the interacting you do is firearm-based. Once you've finished hosing down an area in electromagnetic death, you can bet your bottom dollar that the only thing left to do is pick bonuses out of the smoking wreckage. Not so here: in Broken Helix you can talk to people, use computers and search bodies. And you can still spend hours letting rip with horrifyingly lethal weaponry. Cool.







1 Talk to him first. Wasn't that fun? Now killing him's all the sweeter **2** Gun him down like a dog then rifle through his pockets **3** Computer use is essential to get ahead. You can do all sorts with the computers

Items

Jake's kitbag gets chocka pretty swiftly. As well as loadsa different sizes of hurtage device, you can get all sorts of nifty things to help you in your mission. Scarily, though, you don't get a 'time out' every time you look into your inventory: if you're rifling through your bag for a medikit, the things around you will still be hurting you. Ouch.



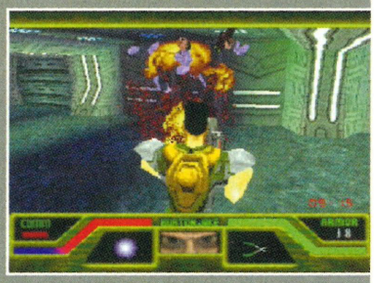
■ Look at goodies. But not for too long or something'll come along and murder you



■ Bollocks. Where's a bleeding medikit when you need one?



■ Collect CDs to save your game. And you can save anywhere. Clever



■ Grenades. That'll do nicely, thanks very much. Now for a murder spree!

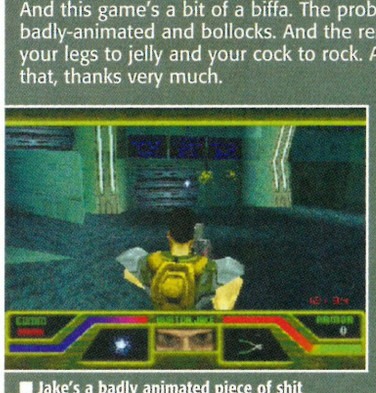
plus We'd like to say...

The lads have been working on Broken Helix for a dog's age: basically it should have hit the shelves a helluva long time ago. And sadly, it shows. You're not thinking, 'Ooh, this is a game that people have spent a lot of time on.' You're thinking, 'This looks like it's ten years old.'

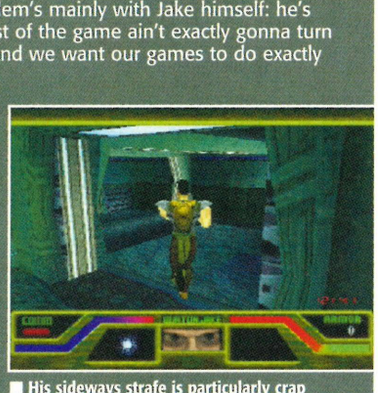
What we don't like

The ugly duckling

Judging something by its looks is a a terrible thing to do. But we're bad like that. And this game's a bit of a biffa. The problem's mainly with Jake himself: he's badly-animated and bollocks. And the rest of the game ain't exactly gonna turn your legs to jelly and your cock to rock. And we want our games to do exactly that, thanks very much.



■ Jake's a badly animated piece of shit



■ His sideways strafe is particularly crap

There are good ideas in here, and it's fun to play, but it looks pig-ugly and way out of date: a couple of years ago, this'd have been all right. Now, sadly, it looks bollix. **Rob**

PlayStation plus RATED 70%

■ **OUT** MARCH ■ **BY** MICROIDS ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

EXTREME SNOW BREAK

Think winter sports are cool? Let's see what you think when you play this crock...

Snowboarding. Sport of the rich and famous, and trendies with shite goatees who use words like 'gnarly' and 'rad'. Snowboarding games. A great laugh if you wanna burn some powder. Or at least they were until this crap stained the slopes...

Gameplay

Four types of races and all of 'em shite. The arcade mode's yer bog-standard one-player race, against three other skiers. The two-player mode is pants 'cos you race against a ghost of the other competitor rather than play at the same time. That leaves the two time modes. Trial's like the one-player game but against the clock rather than other blokes, while the time race is against a ghost of your best course times. Wowsers.







1 Two snowboarders and two skiers, that's yer lot **2** In the two-player game you race against a ghost skier, not another racer. Boo! **3** Y'see, it looks pretty good still, but it sucks when it moves

Why it's cruddy

There's so many places to start. Graphically it's OK, but the scrolling sucks. Scenery suddenly pops into view and it's jerkier than an epileptic at a strobe light show. It's plays like a dog too, dragging you around the course rather than giving you control. Worst of all, tricks are pulled off automatically so you don't get to grab some phat air. Toss!





1 The scrolling's so jerky, it's a bit hit and miss to do a really good run **2** Tricks are pretty cool but you don't choose which ones to pull off

Looks pretty bad but plays a whole lot worse. If you just gotta dally with the white stuff, why not throw yourself off a snow-capped cliff. It's more fun. **Alex**

PlayStation plus RATED 50%

■**OUT** NOW ■**BY** MICROIDS ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD

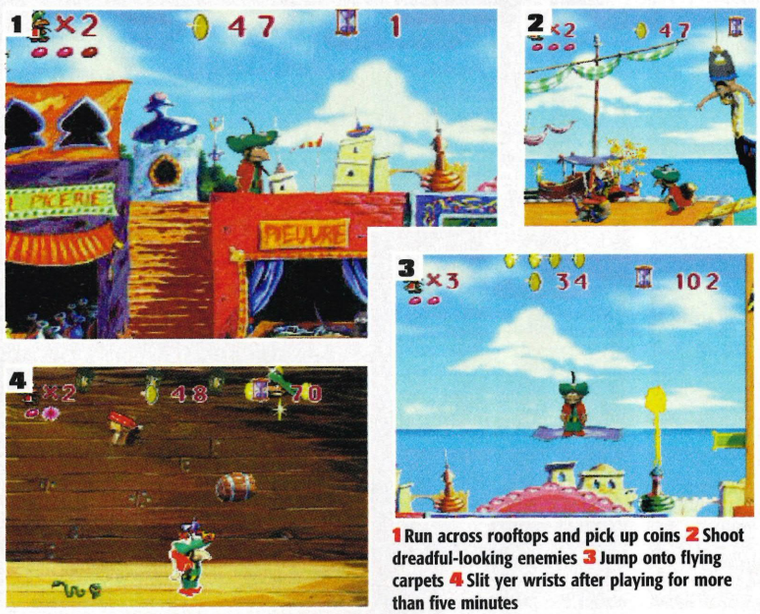
IZNOGOUD

We have a candidate for the worst 'Station game ever to crawl out from under a rock.

On one end of the spectrum you've got masterpieces like Resident Evil 2 and Gran Turismo. Babies you've just gotta buy. At the other end you've got this platformer: so bad, it's almost worth getting just to laugh at.

Gameplay

Jump about, collect coins, shoot enemies. You'll have seen it all before, but you'll be amazed by the lack of quality. Graphically Iznogoud is a complete dog, with cartoon graphics rougher than a six-year-old's sketch book. It's also dull and frustrating to play. Remember the lunch box you left in yer school bag for three weeks? This stinks worse.



1 Run across rooftops and pick up coins **2** Shoot dreadful-looking enemies **3** Jump onto flying carpets **4** Slit yer wrists after playing for more than five minutes

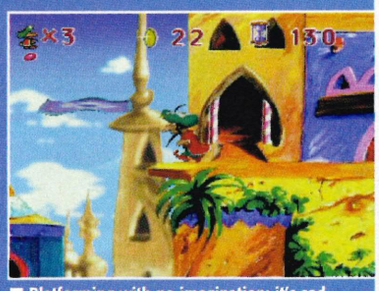
What we don't like

Whassa point?

Releasing a game like this does nobody any favours. It's bad for the PlayStation's image and it's a rip-off as far as punters are concerned. Sony has to licence titles before they can go on sale. They should have told Iznogoud to sling its hook.



■ If you paid for this you'd be totally pissed off



■ Platforming with no imagination: it's sad

Naming this game Iznogoud doesn't do it justice. We would like to suggest Izthwurstpileofshiteever. The only way you'll enjoy this is if you've had yer brain removed. **Jon**

PlayStation plus
RATED 9%

■**OUT** NOW ■**BY** SONY ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-2
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MOUSE

HELP

Three quality games for the price of one: sounds like a bargain to us...

Two million PlayStations have been sold in the UK and Sony – bless 'em – want to celebrate that success by giving a little back. Help is a three-game compilation of Broken Sword, Myst and Road Rash and every penny goes straight to the needy.

Broken Sword

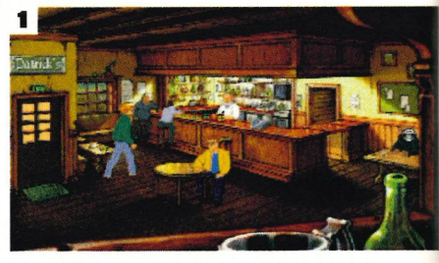
You play all-American smart guy George Stobbart, and you're taking a break in France. Sipping coffee at a street cafe, a sinister clown pops up and the lights go out. An explosion almost costs you your life. Now it's time to find out what the hell is going on...

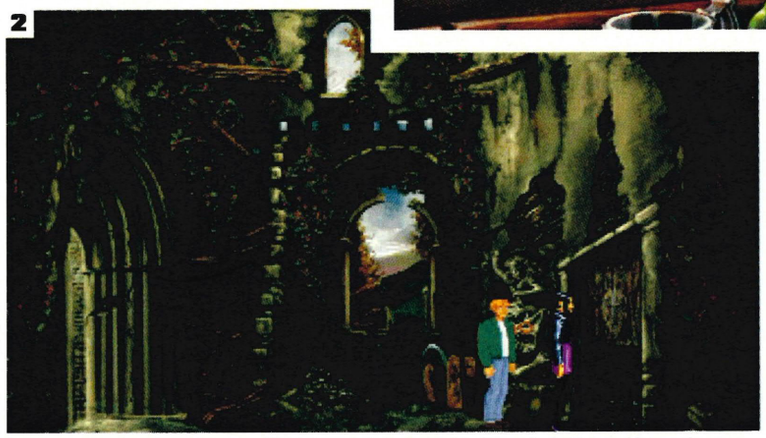
1 Listen to old maids **2** Jiving in the mail car **3** Nurse bring the elbow length surgical gloves



Fixing your sword

Without wanting to get technical, Broken Sword is a point and click adventure. A bit of text, stacks of fiendish puzzles, cool cartoon-style graphics and absolutely loads of surprisingly sharp humour. OK, it's no adrenalin pumper, but it is good for yer bonce and great for yer funny bone.

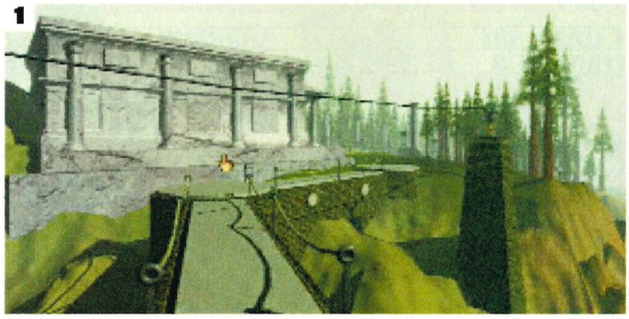


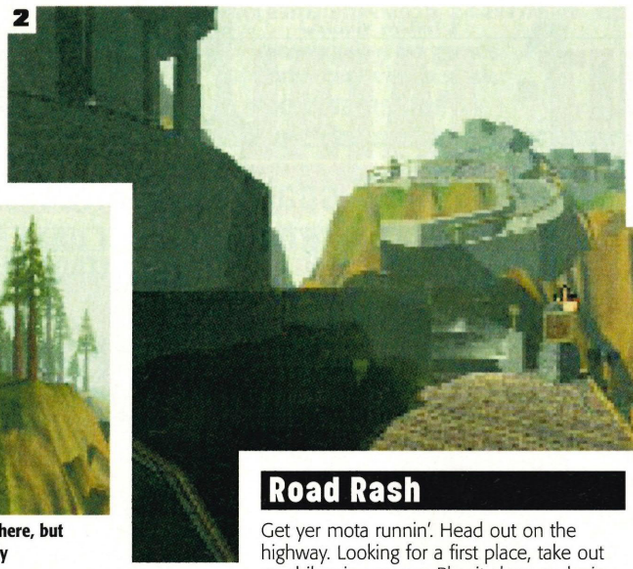


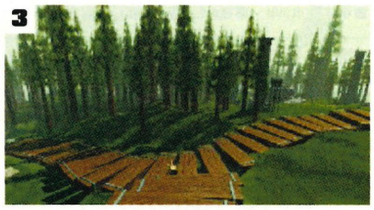
1 George visits the boozer for a jar **2** Our hero falls in love with the goyjush Nico on his travels

Myst

Reading books can be dangerous. That's the message from Myst. You've picked up a grotty old novel, leafed through the pages and the real world has suddenly disappeared. Instead you're stranded on a tiny island full of scientific curiosities, like a planetarium and a rocket, but no humans. Gotta get back to life, back to reality.



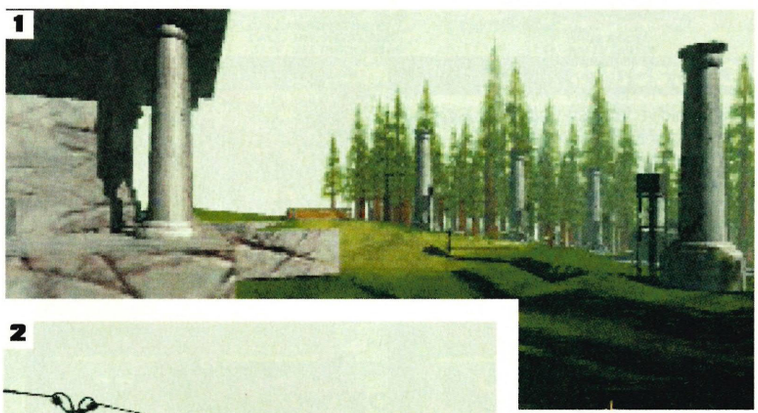


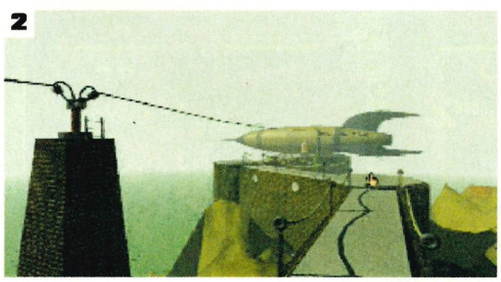


1 Answer enigmas like, 'What the bloody hell is going on? 2 You start here, but what's yer first move gonna be? 3 A forest. Trolls hide inside – possibly

Mystifried

Another pointy clicky affair, except this time it's more mystery and suspense than humour. Puzzles are logical and quite tough and it's a touch on the slow side, but don't let that put you off. Myst's got intrigue, an eerie plotline and the graphics are slicker than an oil spill.



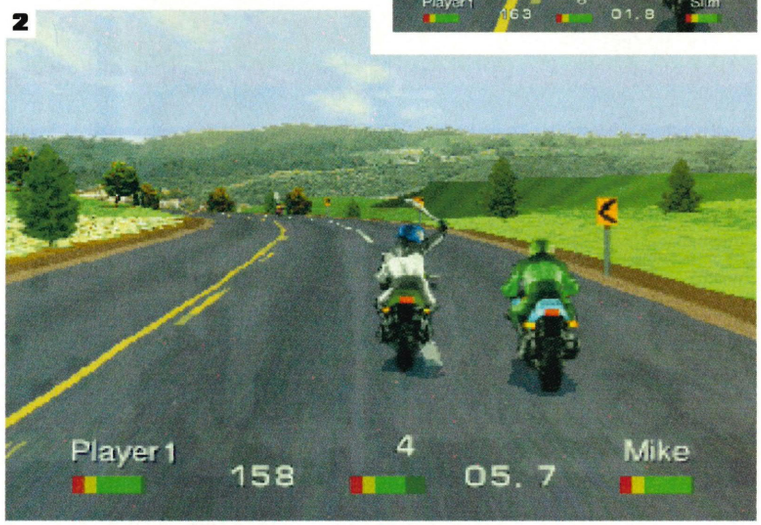


1 Most of the time's spent working out how clues fit together. If you like lateral thinking you'll love it 2 A rocket sits on a rocky outcrop. Getting it to go anywhere should take more than a couple of hours of brain work

Road Rash

Get yer mota runnin'. Head out on the highway. Looking for a first place, take out any bikes in yer way. Play it clean and win by superior riding skills. Alternatively punch and kick your way through the pack, grab a bat or chain and wrap it around an arch rival's head. Better watch out for the pigs.

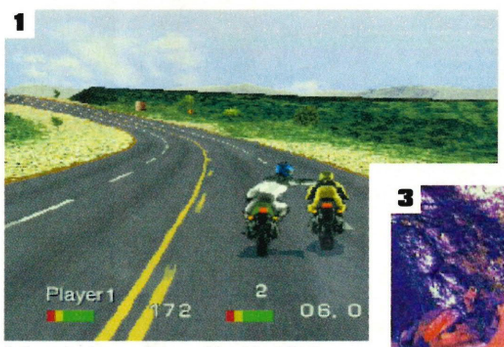


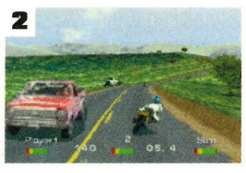


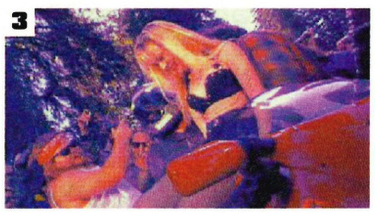
1 Ride faster, these streets look dangerously boring 2 Mike's about to get slugged with a leg of lamb

Road rage

Oh oh. Here's where the pack falls down, smacks its head open and gets taken to hospital where docs pronounce it only just alive. What a stinker. Mushy controls, boring courses, drab colours and a lack of challenge. Did we mention it's no fun whatsoever to play?







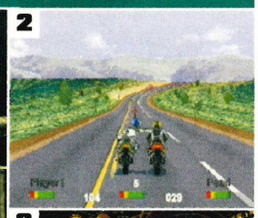
1 Sho I shesh, coursh I can ride pished 2 Giant car alert 3 Blonde and tarty. Result

What we like

Introductions

If you're new to PlayStation this pack is a cool introduction without spending much cash. Broken Sword and Myst will hold your attention for a couple of months and at the end it'll feel like time well spent. What's lacking is a decent arcade game. Road Rash is a turkey riddled with salmonella, but – hey! – it's all for a good cause.







1 Short circuit your head with Myst 2 Try to stay awake while playing Road Rash 3 Laugh yourself stupid with Broken Sword

Three for the price of one, what more could you ask for? Perhaps a soapy rubdown from Kelly Brook. But this is for charity so forget sex, ignore Road Rash and go buy. **Jon**

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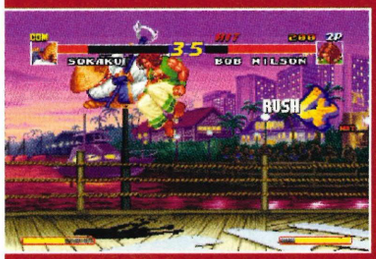
Kung fu fightin'. Flashy fireballs. Blood-spattered canvas. What, again?

The fighters enter the ring, battle-scarred fists itching to smack the shit out of each other. A ripple of anticipation passes through the crowd. Actually, no. The crowd's yawning and looking piss-bored. What's gone wrong?

What we don't like

Beat 'em up bollix

This looks like it came from the age when game consoles weighed about 10 stone, were the size of cupboards, and had to be hand-cranked to start 'em up. It's slow, badly-animated and basic as they come.



■ It's a pity we can't show you how slow and lame the animation is here...



■ We can get better graphics and animation on our wristwatches



■ Dull, dull, dull. Do we really need any more of these?



■ Oh dear. Oh deary dear. Please don't make us play this any more...

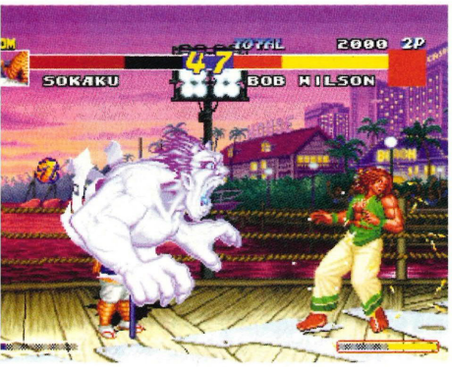
Got the moves?

Goodness gracious, great balls of fire! Yup. It's yer average fireball-fest in here, with each character having a few suspiciously familiar-looking special moves that he/she can pull off with a couple of wrenches on the joypad.

And if all that sounds familiar, well, that's because it is. It don't look like there's much new here...



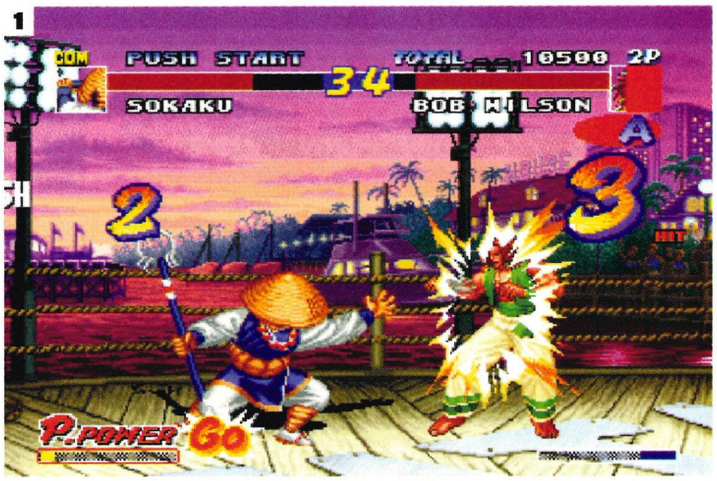
■ Funny punch action: have we ever seen stuff like this before? 'Course we have



■ Ooh: weird move makes you go all big and weird. Shcary shtuff



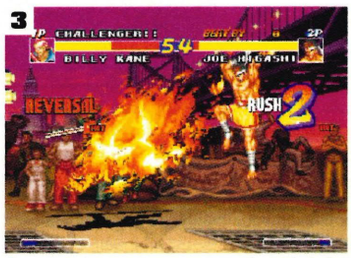
■ Throws: jeepers creepers. But thrill-a-minute wrestling action this ain't



Characters

We could've forgiven Real Bout: Fatal Fury for looking a touch Stone Age. 'Cos we're nice like that. But the characters ain't interesting, and there ain't enough of 'em. And renting this'd cost more than the price of a pint. What do you plump for? A cool, crisp pint of Continental fighting lager. Or this rubbish game. We know where our vote goes...







1 Small girl-type person. Guess what? She's fast but weak 2 Ever seen someone like this before? 3 Chimokazaibiga. Or something. They've all got weird names 4 We've seen this before...

It's 3D! No it isn't!

Just to give that full, rich flavour of real 3D, your men can move in and out of the straight lines they walk on. Wow! That's almost an entire interactive 3D world. No, let's check again. Sorry, that's almost an entire three straight lines. And even they don't work quite right.



■ That move of slipping into the background...



■ Lame thwack 'em in the head move. Sheee-ite!

This is stale. It's s-l-o-w and we've seen it all before. And there's too few characters. And the ones there are are dull, dull, dull. Don't rent this game, orright? **Rob**

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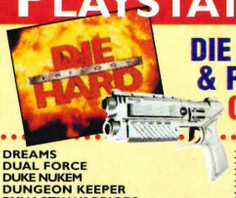
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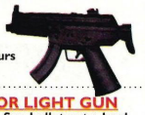
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CRASH BANDICOOT

One Aussie star that hasn't been in Neighbours. Yet.

Bandicoots. In real life they're horrid little snouty things that eat rubbish. Bloody nature. We hate it. But this Bandicoot's a thoroughly clean little fella, and he's the top dog when it comes to high-adrenalin jump and sprint action...

Gameplay

Jump. Run. Eat apples. You ain't gonna need the mind of a chess grandmaster to get through this 'un. You need to collect gems 'n' stuff, and there's the odd secret bit, but even they're not really that secret. Just start running and jump over the nasty things. Easy. See?





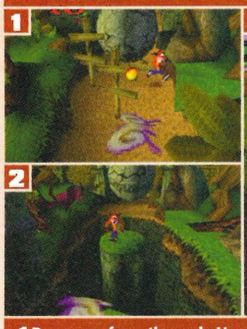


1 Gobble down those orchard fruits. Guess how many you need for an extra life? Yup, 100 **2** Jump over nasty holes. In the dark... **3** Kill things by spinning at 'em

What we like

Speeeeeed king

Loads of the levels here take place at slightly faster than warp speed. Crash gets chased by an enormous stone ball, or he'll jump on top of a berserk pig, and then the rest of the level'll take place at about Mach 10. Wicked.





1 Run away from the rock. Very fast **2** Faster! **3** Ride that damn piggy, y'pointy-eared ponce

Sweet. This plays pretty darn good, and, despite the odd wrinkle, it looks like a game half its age. For platform laffs this is a peach, and now it's only twenty smackers! **Rob**

PlayStation plus
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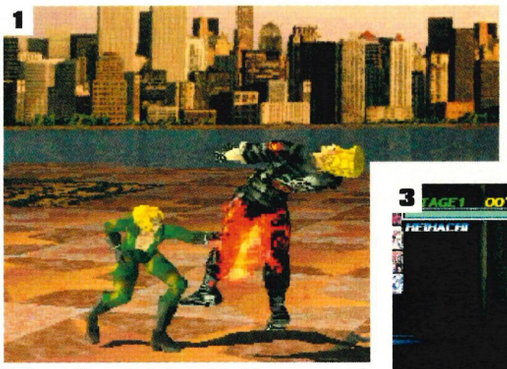
TEKKEN 2

The king of beat 'em ups for less than twenty nicker!

After the pub on Saturday night, there's nothing like mashing your fist into someone's face or nutting some seven-foot psycho. Well, that's what the tough lads do. The rest of us slope off home and play Tekken 2.

Characters

We've got all the stalwarts here. Big fat lads who hit hard and slow. Nippy little girls who rabbit punch with the best. And we've even got a geezer with an anvil-shaped head who shoves swords up you. Sore. The characters are neatly designed and well balanced. But that'll not stop you having your personal fave...







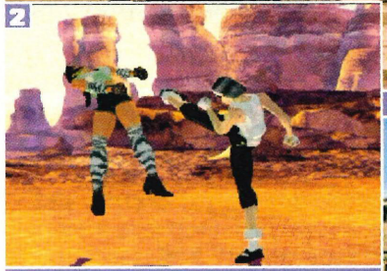
1 Nina Williams: little foxy girl with a mean punch **2** Jack-2: big Rrrrussian rrrobotpunch **3** Heihachi: big lad, funny haircut

What we like

I like the cut of its jib

This is busting at the seams with style. There's shedloads of characters, loads and loads of instinctive moves, and there's a tasty little learning curve, at the top of which are those finger-punishing ten-hit combos. Get practising, new boy!



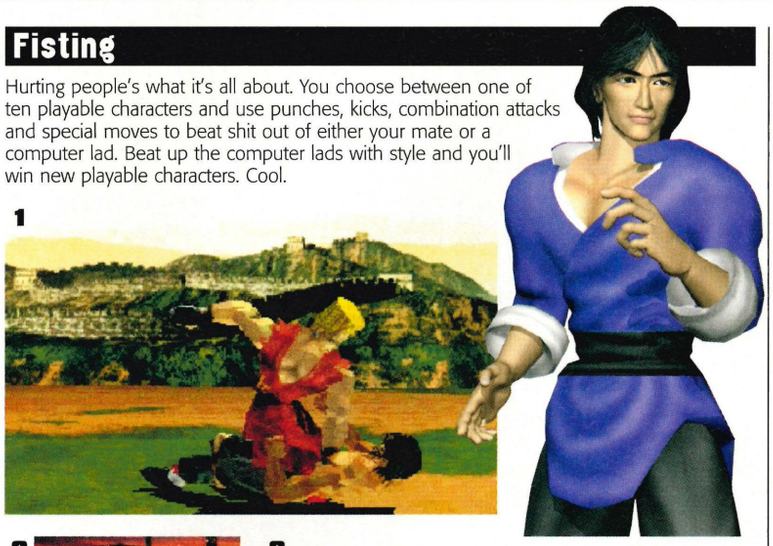




1 Yeouch! Too much, man! **2** Eat my fist, y'punk-ass mutha! **3** Can you kick it?

Fisting

Hurting people's what it's all about. You choose between one of ten playable characters and use punches, kicks, combination attacks and special moves to beat shit out of either your mate or a computer lad. Beat up the computer lads with style and you'll win new playable characters. Cool.









1 No ranged attacks here. It's all down to skilful twatting **2** Hoof the bastid! Make him sore! **3** If pain means gain, there's someone on a winner here **4** Five knuckle sandwiches, anyone?

plus **We'd like to say...**

We know. Tekken 3's coming. So you might just have been thinking you could skip the earlier ones. Sorry, but no. Get this classic for £20. It's compulsory.

Up close

Everybody knows your average pit-fighter can run a little bit back and shoot a massive pulse of magical death at their opponents. In most beat 'em ups they can anyway. But not in Tekken 2: you've got to concentrate on the up close and personal stuff. This keeps the action realistic, intense and just plain violent.







1 Throws are among the most deadly attacks at your disposal **2** Special kicks cause big pain **3** Wait for that spine-snapping landing

winner This is the king of beat 'em ups: you have to have it, and at this price it's not going to hurt you too much to do the necessary. Go on. Buy it. **Rob**

PlayStation plus **RATED 95%**

■**OUT** NOW ■**BY** CODEMASTERS ■**COSTS** £19.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-8
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MICRO MACHINES V3

Rev up your motor and crash head-on into a cornflake...

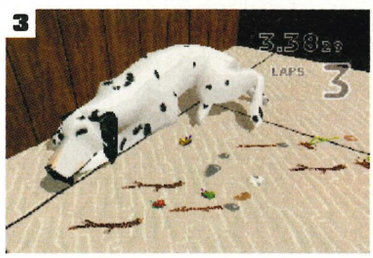
It's the blokes with the tiny widgers that go for the huge motors. So you can imagine what having a copy of Micro Machines says about your trouser snake. Cool. This is Wacky Races in miniature, and it's cool as a cucumber...

Gameplay

You all start up on the line: when you get starters orders it's a no-holds-barred mini race around one of 48 tracks mapped out on places like kitchen tabletops and pool tables. If you disappear off the front of the screen, you get a point. Get eight, you win.





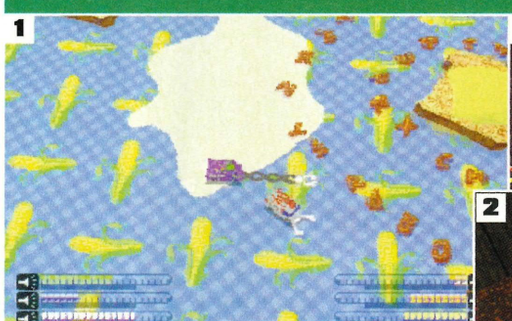


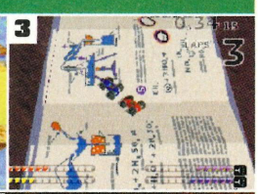
1 Bonus! Whenever someone pulls out in front, this'll appear **2** Each of the 32 different vehicles handle differently **3** Let sleeping dogs lie. By not skidding off the track

What we like

Multiplayer magic

This is pure 24-carat multiplayer gold. With your mini-motors able to tool up with comedy weapons like dynamite and mallets, this really is larf central. It's what playing with toy cars should have been like when you were a little kid.







1 Bastard! How'd you get first place? **2** Huge mallets are one of the weapons on offer **3** Race across a science textbook

winner This is one of the all-time golden greats. Not buying it is a crime against humanity. You have to own it. Comprendo? **Rob**

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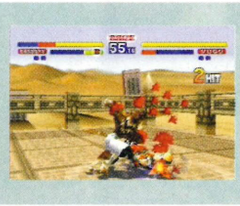




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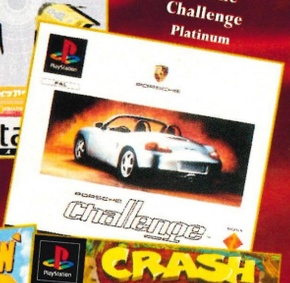


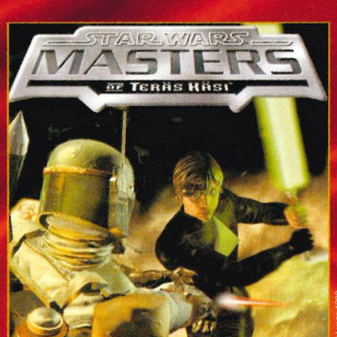
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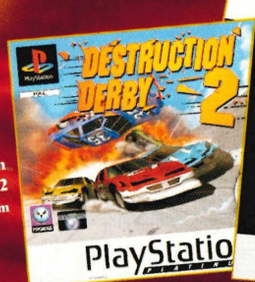


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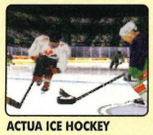
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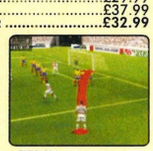

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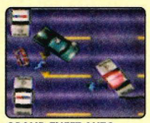
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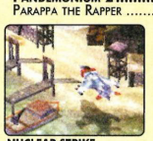

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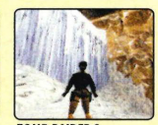

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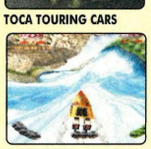

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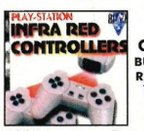




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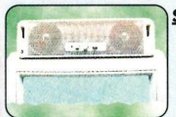
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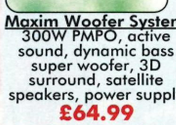
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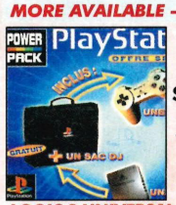
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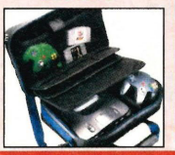


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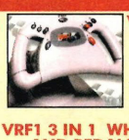
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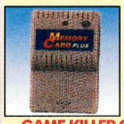
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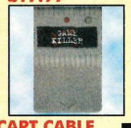
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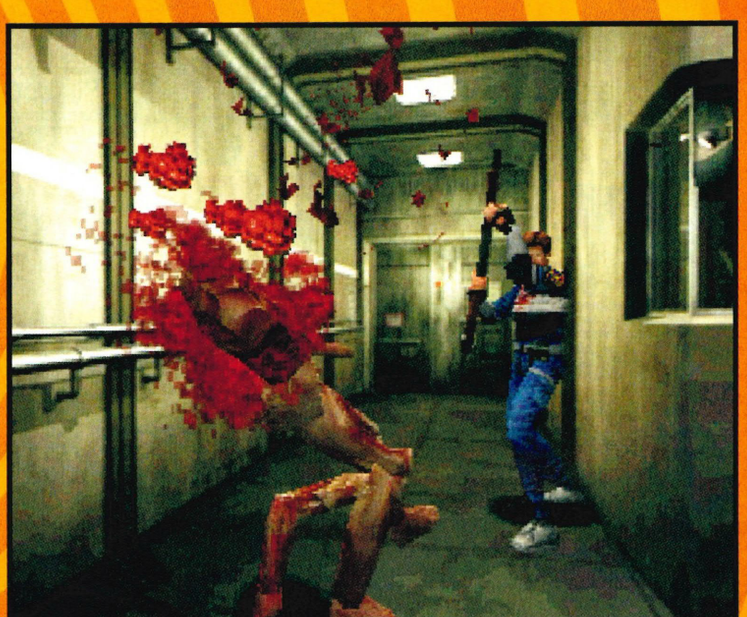
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2. **(NE) Destruction Derby 2 (Platinum)** Budget banger bashing.
3. **(NE) Cool Boarders 2 (Sony)** Snowboarding? In this weather?
4. **(-) Grand Theft Auto (BMG)** Loadsa controversy. Great game.
5. **(1) FIFA: Road to World Cup (EA)** Slipping down the charts...
6. **(2) Tomb Raider 2 (Eidos)** Ass-kickin', Lara-featuring adventure.
7. **(3) TOCA Touring Car (Codemasters)** Cool racer. We like.
8. **(7) Final Fantasy VII (Sony)** Superb role-playing game.
9. **(5) PlayStation Demo disk (Sony)** Yes, you can rent a demo.
10. **(RE) Crash Bandicoot 2 (Sony)** Super furry animal...

2Xtreme £44.99

■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Really poor sequel to Extreme Games. Very few improvements. **55%**

3D Lemmings £44.99

■ **Company** Psygnosis ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Smart 3D graphics, but uninteresting and awkward gameplay. **81%**

4-4-2 £34.99

■ **Company** Virgin ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
An absolute disgrace of a football game. The worst on the PlayStation. **14%**

Abe's Oddysee £44.99

■ **Company** GT Interactive ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Great-looking and great-playing weirdo adventure. **91%**





Actua Golf £44.99

■ **Company** Gremlin ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cyber-golf at its most realistic. The best golf game on the PlayStation. **88%**

Actua Ice Hockey £39.99

■ **Company** Gremlin ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
winner
Looks sweet, plays juicy. Well tasty pick up n' play ice hockey effort **91%**

Actua Golf 2 £44.95

■ **Company** Gremlin ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
Cosmetic improvements only, power-bar controls are a bit too familiar... **83%**

Actua Soccer £19.99

■ **Company** Gremlin ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
3D graphics eclipsed by flawed gameplay. Nice, but a little dated. **68%**

Actua Soccer 2 £39.99

■ **Company** Psygnosis ■ **Players** 1-4 ■ **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
winner
A beautiful game of the beautiful game. New leader of the soccer pack. **93%**





Actua Soccer: Club Edition £44.99

■ **Company** Gremlin ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Same as Actua Soccer, but has Premier teams. Too little too late... **60%**

Adidas Power Soccer £19.99

■ **Company** Psygnosis ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Football game which favours cool graphics over yer actual gameplay. **60%**

Adidas Soccer International 97 £44.95

■ **Company** Psygnosis ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
A follow-up to Adidas Power Soccer, also pretty shite. **70%**

Agent Armstrong £39.99

■ **Company** Virgin ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Mindless blasting, easy puzzles and daft graphics... Okay, but that's all. **75%**

Agile Warrior £39.99

■ **Company** Virgin ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fairly challenging arcade-style aircraft shoot 'em up. Neat, but no cigar... **85%**

Air Combat £19.99

■ **Company** Namco ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A miss from Namco? Yeah: tedious, lacks depth and variety. **65%**

Ace Combat 2 £34.99

■ **Company** Namco ■ **Players** 1 ■ **Special** Analogue pad, NegCon
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fighter pilot extravaganza. Buy planes, and shoot everything! **85%**

Air Race £44.99

■ **Company** THQ ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
Racing takes to the skies. Easy to pick up and fun to play. **76%**

AIV Evolution Global £44.99

■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Good fun, pretty enjoyable, but overwhelming resource management sim. **86%**

Alien Trilogy £19.99

■ **Company** Acclaim ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Excellent Doom clone which captures all the scares of the films. **85%**

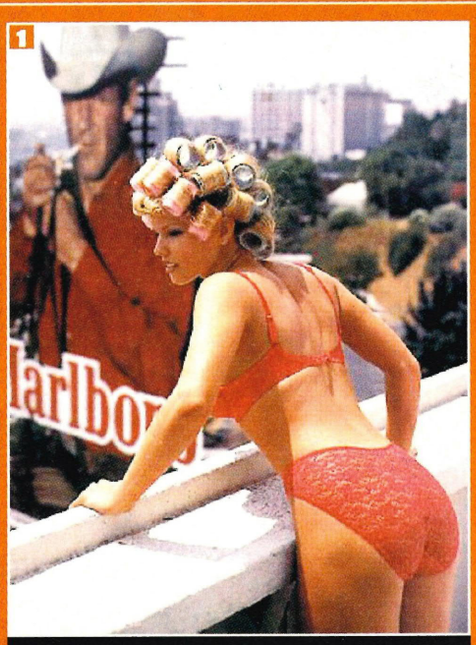
Jargonbuster!

How our listings work

Company: Who sells it? **Players:** How many can play? **Memory Card:** Can you use one to save games? **Link-up:** Can two players play on two machines? **Mouse:** Do you need one? **Multitap:** Allows lots of players to play **Special:** Guns or special controllers?

Shake your booty

Arses we like



Donna D'Errico: see that arse? You could eat your dinner off that

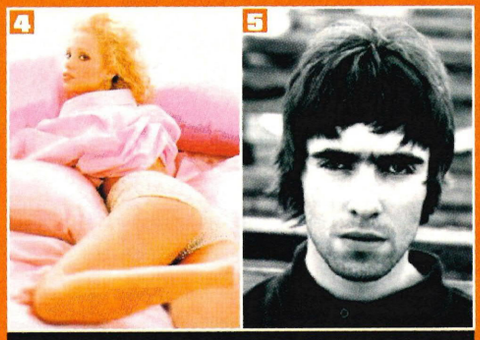
1. Donna D'Errico
Let's face it, you'd kill to have a missus who looked this good in rollers...

2. Kelly Brook
Red-hot Page 3 stunna who's ass you really wouldn't mind kissing.

3. Nikki Taylor
Hands up who'd like to give this cosmetics crumpet sticky buns?

4. Elizabeth Berkeley
Saved by the Bell totty who bared all in Showgirls. She can't act but – hey! – who cares?

5. Liam Gallagher
He's an arse. But we like him.



Elizabeth Berkeley and Liam from Oasis. Liz is the talented one

All Star Soccer £44.95
Company Eidos **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Tries to mix footie and humour. Doesn't make much of a job of it either... **34%**

Alone In The Dark £39.95
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Interesting puzzles fail to make up for the game's dated presentation. **82%**

Andretti Racing £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A lightweight alternative to the fantastic Formula 1. **85%**

Aquanaut's Holiday £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Environmentally friendly undersea adventure. Very dull. **53%**

Area 51 £44.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2 **Special** Light Gun
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
A bland shoot 'em up based on an arcade game. **52%**

Ark of Time £39.99
Company ICE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Dull puzzler game: too boring and too hard. **65%**

Assault Rigs £44.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A nice idea, but just too simple and too easy for its own good. **81%**

Atari Collection £44.95
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Golden-oldie retro compilation. Ideal for old farts everywhere... **75%**

Auto Destruct £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Rent it
Cop show-style driving and shooting with lots of fizz. **77%**

Ayrton Senna's Kart Duel £44.99
Company Philips **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very grim and substandard racing game. Avoid at all costs. **32%**

Ballblazer Champions £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very fast, very furious and fun: play futuristic footy with spaceships. **87%**

Battle Arena Toshinden 2 £49.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Great visuals, but doesn't make it with the gameplay. **71%**

Battle Stations £44.95
Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
OK, so this is a pretty concept, but the game itself is poorly done. **52%**

Batman Forever £44.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Total stinker. Beat 'em up boredom, even if you're a bonzo batfan. **28%**

Bedlam £44.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Tactical blaster, and you do need that mouse to get the most out of it. **87%**

Big Hurt Baseball £44.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Baseball games. Great, eh? A good adaptation of a dull sport. **81%**

Black Dawn £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This sequel to the explosive Agile Warrior is just as good. **86%**

Blast Chamber £44.99
Company Activision **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Anyone for a futuristic game of tag? No? **54%**

Blam! Machinehead £44.99
Company Core Design **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Hard to work out. But once you get into it, it's a gripping 3D blaster. **89%**

Blazing Dragons £44.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Graphic adventure. Good humoured, but too much like hard work. **87%**

Bloody Roar £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Fast punchy beat 'em up where the players turn into giant angry beasts. **92%**

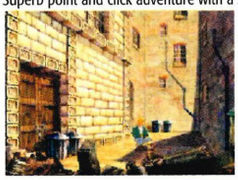




Break Point £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Inoffensive tennis game, but moves take some getting used to. **73%**

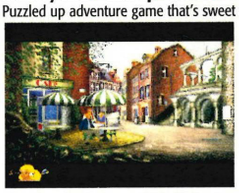
Brahma Force £44.95
Company JVC **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Techie-as-they-come robot-blasting shoot 'em up. **73%**

Broken Sword £44.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗ winner
Superb point and click adventure with a strong story atmosphere. **91%**





Broken Sword 2 £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗ winner
Puzzled up adventure game that's sweet as a nut but hurts your brain. **91%**





Burning Road £44.99
Company Funsoft **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The PlayStation's equivalent of Daytona USA. Good gameplay and looks. **88%**

Bubble Bobble Pack £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dust down those tank tops, this is one of the best retro collections. **84%**

Bubsy 3D £34.99
Company Telstar **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ugh! Ultra-crap platform game that looks and plays toss. **30%**

Bushido Blade £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Rent it
Samurai swordfighting game that's too realistic to pump up your pulse. **83%**

Bust-a-Move 2 £19.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
One of the cutest, most incredibly addictive puzzle games of all time. **89%**

Bust-a-Move 3 £34.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Bubble-bustin' puzzler that's too damn similar to the last Bust-a-Move. **85%**

You what?

When those wacky lads from the Land of the Rising Sun pull a Japanenglish balls-up...

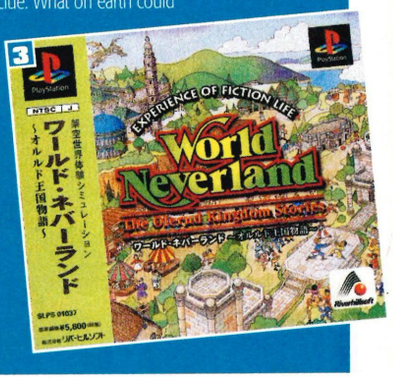
1. The enigmatic 'Did you luxuriate in the wind?' from Notam of the Wind. And if you're answering yes to that question, you're a deeply antisocial and dirty person and you should clean up your habits. All right?

2. The shlightly shtoopid 'Let's attack aggressively!' from Super Probotector Alien Rebels. No, let's attack peacefully! Y'know, they spend so much time developing the game, then they get it translated by some illiterate goon. Weird...

3. 'Experience of fiction life' from World Neverland. Reads like a crossword clue. What on earth could they have meant?

4. 'Meet the destiny' from Tales of Destiny. Yes indeed.

5. 'The terribly sickest coaster in the world' from Mad Panic Coaster. Wrong, wrong, wrong.



Carnage Heart £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Build some robots, then turn them loose to fight in this strategy game. **74%**

Casper £44.95
Company Interplay **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Graphics are fine and dandy, but the gameplay's totally average. **62%**

Castlevania £44.99
Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Old school 2D action and gameplay galore in this Dracula spectacular. **89%**

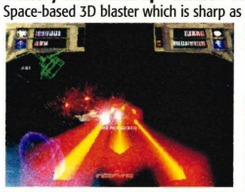
Cheesy the Mouse £44.95
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The awful main sprite hides some good platform action. **82%**

Chessmaster 3D £44.95
Company Mindscape **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rough, tough butt-kicking (only joking) chess sim. **87%**

City of The Lost Children £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent graphics in this adventure game, but incredibly annoying. **68%**

Clock Tower £44.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Poor attempt to move into Resident Evil territory. Boring, dated, not scary. **43%**

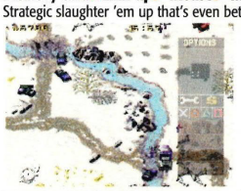
Colony Wars £34.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Space-based 3D blaster which is sharp as a tack. Loads to do, too. winner **93%**




Command and Conquer £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Conquer the world in this fast-paced strategy game. A classic. winner **91%**




Command and Conquer: Red Alert £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Strategic slaughter 'em up that's even better than the first C&C. winner **93%**




Contra: Legacy of War £44.95
Company Konami **Players** 1-2 **Special** 3D Glasses
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
3D Version of the classic shoot 'em up. Solid blasting action. **83%**

Cool Boarders £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
One player only, but this is still brilliant snowboarding fun. winner **91%**




Cool Boarders 2 £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Shit-hot snowboard sequel that adds a two-player mode to the original. winner **92%**




Courier Crisis £34.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good fun for a while, but limited bike 'em up. Rent it **79%**

Crash Bandicoot £19.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A bit frustrating, but this is one of the best platformers around. **86%**

Crash Bandicoot 2 £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Tasty platformer that's more varied than the first Crash. **87%**

Critical Depth £34.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good two-player submarine blast 'em up. Not so cool in single player. **65%**

Criticom £44.99
Company Vic Tokai **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Great graphics, but this 3D beat 'em up still loses out to Tekken. Rent it **82%**

Croc £34.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cutesy graphics don't spoil this challenging platformer. **84%**

Crow 2: City of Angels £44.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
If you hated the movie, you'll hate this even more. Crap fighting game. **33%**

Crusader £44.95
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent shooting and exploring action in this lone commando game. **85%**

Crypt Killer £44.99
Company Konami **Players** 1-2 **Special** Light Gun
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The worst lightgun game ever. Stay away! **27%**

Cyber Sled £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull arcade shooting game. Even Namco can make mistakes. **69%**

Cyber Speed £39.99
Company Mindscape **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
You race about on wires. Not a WipEout-beater. **68%**

Cyberia £39.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Underwhelming shooting and puzzle games. **60%**

D £44.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Looks great, but way too short: it'll take you an hour to complete. Rent it **83%**

Dark Forces £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Old-style graphic, but still an engrossing Star Wars Doom clone. **84%**

Darklight Conflict £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
3D space game delivers stunning gameplay and is difficult to master. **87%**

Darkstalkers £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Street Fighter meets horror meets fairly average gameplay. **78%**

Davis Cup Tennis £44.95
Company Telstar **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
We reckon this stinker is one of the worst PlayStation tennis titles to date. **50%**

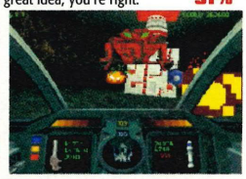
Defcon 5 £49.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
3D adventure with more wandering about than actual exciting action. **72%**

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Sony: 0171 447 1600
Telstar: 01932 222232
THQ: 01372 745222
UBI Soft: 0181 941 4004
Virgin: 0171 368 2255

Descent £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Doom in spaceships. If you think that's a great idea, you're right. winner **91%**

Descent 2 £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Not enough improvements on the original, but still a good shoot 'em up. **82%**

Destruction Derby £19.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2 **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Play a while and you realise it's a shallow game: Great with two players. **72%**

Destruction Derby 2 £19.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Better than the original, with faster cars and wider tracks. **89%**

Devil's Deception £39.99
Company Sunsoft **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Nice idea: you play Satan's helper. But not well executed. **60%**

Die Hard Trilogy £44.99
Company Fox Interactive **Players** 1 **Special** Gun/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Three top games for the price of one. winner **92%**




DiscWorld £39.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Fantasy 'comedy' adventure with annoying puzzles. **71%**

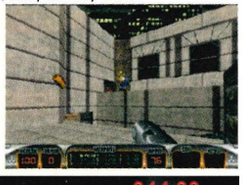
Disruptor £39.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Slick ultimately yawnsome first-person shooter. Nice weapons though. **82%**

Doom £44.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The original 3D maze shoot 'em up. A classic game. winner **92%**




Double Dragon
Company Tecmo **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull fighting sim. Not connected with the coin-ops of the same name... import **49%**

Duke Nukem £39.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue Padl
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Stonking corridor shoot 'em up. Colourful, funny and very violent. winner **91%**

Dynasty Warriors £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Beat 'em up with swords that doesn't really cut it next to Soul Blade. **67%**

Dynasty Wars
Company Capcom **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
No need for thought or reflection in this action-packed Samurai game. import **68%**

Earthworm Jim 2 £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Conversion of the old SNES classic that manages to be a lesser copy. **79%**

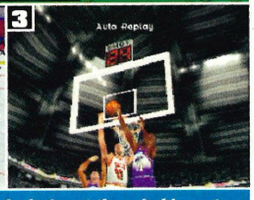
Epidemic £34.95
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Sequel to Kileak the Blood fails to improve on a pretty poor game **64%**

Best sports sims

Footied up? Here's the rest...







Need a sports fix? Your local dealer's got these in his coat

1. International Track and Field
Finger-blistering athletics button-bash epic. One of the all-time greats.

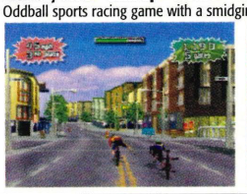
2. Actua Ice Hockey
Smooth, tasty ice hockey sim that kicks puck out of the opposition.

3. NBA Live 98
Fast and furious basket-boshing action. Looks sweet, plays sweeter.

4. Sampras Extreme Tennis
This slick tennis smash pisses on the competition. Tasty!

5. Actua Golf
Not blinding, but a polished putt 'em up that's streets ahead of the rest.

ESPN Extreme Games £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Oddball sports racing game with a smidgin of violence for good measure. **91%** winner





Everybody's Golf £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A golf game that's - wait for it - fun! And great to play too. **85%**

Excalibur 2555AD £44.99
Company Telstar **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A good, solid PlayStation adventure game with combat and magic. **85%**

Exector
Company ARC **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Lacks style and visual excellence. Not very playable. **62%** import

Exhumed £44.95
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Still one of the best and most challenging Doom-style games around. **91%** winner





Explosive Racing £34.95
Company TOKA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Lack of control and cheesy whiff let down fun racer. **51%**

Extreme Pinball £44.95
Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Sad, lonely, orphan of a pinball title with unrealistic ball movements. **44%**

F1 97 £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Improvements all round for this updated racer. **89%**

Fade to Black £19.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Absorbing, interesting 3D game. There's plenty to see, do and shoot. **87%**

Fantastic Four £34.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Dull and repetitive beat 'em up featuring the Marvel comics heroes. **59%**

Felony 11-79 £39.99
Company ASCII **Players** 1 **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pacey joyriding game which offers lots of bangs for your buck. **81%**

FIFA 96 £19.99
Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Footy game with little control over players and bad camera views. **58%**

FIFA 97 £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Not much improvement over '96, since it plays so very slowly... **64%**

FIFA 98: Road to World Cup £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fairly average footy game. Only for true fans. **65%**

Fighting Force £44.95
Company Eidos **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Beat 'em up adventure that's dull as dishwater. **66%**

Final Doom £44.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
30 new levels, but still, at the end of the day, much the same game. **89%**

Final Fantasy VII £44.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
An epic adventure on three CDs that blows away the competition. **97%** winner





Fire Pro Wrestling
Company Human **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Polygon-based wrestlers look superb, but this can be a bit limited and dull. **63%** import

Firestorm: Thunderhawk 2 £19.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
3D graphics aren't exactly perfect but this is still a great helicopter game. **82%**

Firo and Klawd £44.95
Company BMG **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Interesting buddy cop game, but it loses points for no 'save game' option. **82%**

Floating Runner £44.99
Company THQ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Enjoyable, playable 3D platformer with strange viewpoint, weird controls. **81%**

Formula 1 £44.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2 **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Mega sales worldwide confirm it as the ultimate simulation driving game. **93%** winner

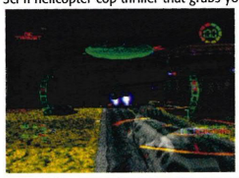


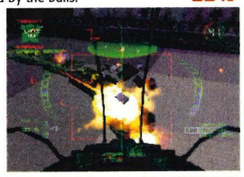


Formula Karts £44.99
Company Telstar **Players** 1-2 **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Slick, nice-looking mini racing: fast and furious, but the tracks are short. **81%**

Frogger 3D £39.99
Company Hasbro **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Retro classic given a nineties 3D respray. Buckets of gameplay. **88%**

G-Police £44.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Sci-fi helicopter cop thriller that grabs you by the balls. **93%** winner





Galaxian 3D £44.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-4 **Special** Negcon
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✓
Graphically impressive shoot 'em up, but lacking in gameplay. **36%**

Gex £44.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Goes to show that if you really try, you can produce a dull platformer. **68%**

Goal Storm £39.99
Company Konami **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Big sprites lumber by on zimmers and stairlifts in this football game. **66%**

Grand Theft Auto £39.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ultra violent, immoral car game. Not a looker, but amazing gameplay. **90%**

Grid Run £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
'Tag' game which only really gets 'fun' in multiplayer mode. **64%**

Best beat 'em ups

Feasts of fisticuffs



Tekken 2: our beat 'em up boffs reckon this still rocks



Streetfighter: oof



Soul Blade: big swords

1. Tekken 2
The king of five-knuckle-sandwichathons, this looks sexy and has gameplay to beat the band.

2. Streetfighter Ex Plus Alpha
Skill's the name of the game in this one, with zillion-hit combos that'll have your hands in knots. Class.

3. Soul Blade
Bored of fists? Why not go back to the traditional chopper? Way sexy slash 'em up.

4. Bloody Roar
Pacy bash bonanza where the fighters can turn into enormous vicious animals. Groovy...

5. Street Fighter Collection
Tasty selection box of old-skool 2D thrills from the days when every self-respecting videogame fighter was flat.

Gunbird
Company Atlus **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Stunning scaling and lighting, but this shoot 'em up lacks challenge. **74%**

Gunship £44.99
Company Microprose **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Complex, fairly playable helicopter sim, but just not that realistic... **83%**

Hard Boiled £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Try woodturning. Knock up a pipe rack. Just don't play this. **40%**

Hardcore 4x4 £44.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1 **Special** Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull all-terrain racing game with a lack of tracks. **83%**

Hebereke Popoitto £39.99
Company Sunsoft **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Two player puzzle game. Fun, but Bust-a-Move 2 is better. **42%**

Herc's Adventures £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Solid gameplay and tons of challenge in fun-to-play cartoon frolics. **85%**

Hercules £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cool presentation and gameplay in Disney-inspired platformer. **81%**

Hermie Hopperhead
Company Sony Japan **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Crappiest sprites we've ever seen. Frustrating, and levels are too similar. **38%**

Hexen £44.95
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Graphics are a wee bit slow and blocky, but this Doom clone has depth. **84%**

Hi-Octane £44.99
Company Bullfrog **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Really boring racing game that doesn't have enough substance. **76%**

Horned Owl
Company Sony Japan **Players** 1-2 **Special** Light Gun
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The first PlayStation lightgun game, and the most tedious. **68%**

Hybrid £39.99
Company Elite **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Could this be the worst PlayStation game ever? Almost... **14%**

Hyper Final Match Tennis
Company Human **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Bad animation and even worse gameplay make for a pretty awful game... **63%**

Hyper Formation Soccer
Company Human **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Impossible to master mega-complex controls, and the graphics are poor. **33%**

Independence Day £44.99
Company Fox Interactive **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dated shoot 'em up based loosely on the hit film. **69%**

Impact Racing £44.95
Company JVC **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Offbeat racing game mixing Destruction Derby with Mad Max. **82%**

In the Hunt £39.99
Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
2D submarine shoot 'em up with plenty of things to fire at. Which is nice. **79%**

International Track & Field £19.99
Company Konami **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Addictive sports sim that 's even better in its multiplayer mode. **90%**

ISS Deluxe £44.95
Company Konami **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Straight conversion of that old classic SNES footie game. **66%**

ISS Pro £44.99
Company Konami **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
One of the greatest football games on the planet. Enough said, we feel... **92%**




Iron and Blood £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Average 3D beat 'em up, fantasy style. Not enough to tickle your fancy... **67%**

Iron Man £44.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Sad, shoddy drivel. A bad game and a total waste of a comics licence. **22%**

Jersey Devil £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good looking cartoon platform game that is hard as nails to play. **90%**

Jet Rider £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Innovative racer is let down by poor graphics and weak gameplay. **63%**

Jet Rider II £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Lame sci-fi racing sequel that manages to be shitter than the original. **30%**

Johnny Bazookatone £39.99
Company US Gold **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A Rock 'n' Roll platformer with poor gameplay. **60%**

Jonah Lomu Rugby £44.99
Company Codemasters **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Brilliant rugby simulation, but bloody fiddly controls drive you mad. **84%**

Judge Dredd £34.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-2 **Special** Lightgun
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fast and good looking sci-fi lightgun shooter that doesn't stand out. **73%**

Jumping Flash £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Super 3D platformer which has just too few levels to make it a winner. **89%**

Jumping Flash 2 £44.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Perfect sequel to Jumping Flash, but not enough levels. A fiver more... **88%**

KI £44.99
Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Substandard beat 'em up. It's saving grace is reasonable graphics. **55%**

Kick Off 97 £44.99
Company Maxis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
It shoots! It misses by an absolute mile. **60%**

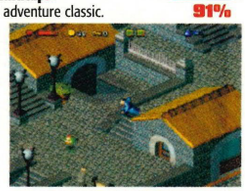
King of Fighters 95 Rental
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Rental Only
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Not original, but this 2D effort still socks it to ya as a rental game. **70%**

Krazy Ivan £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Graphics win over playability in this robot game. **73%**

Kurushi £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Block-based puzzle game that isn't going to be the next Tetris. **68%**

Little Big Adventure £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Brilliant PlayStation conversion of the PC adventure classic. **91%**





Legacy of Kain £44.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Vampire action/adventure game with a hugely enjoyable challenge. **92%**




Lethal Enforcers £34.99
Company Konami **Players** 1-2 **Special** Lightgun
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Awful conversion of already-bad arcade lightgun game. **30%**

Loaded £39.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
An action-packed traditional sort of blaster, lacking in variety. **75%**

Lingo: This month U-W

Da, Kamerad! PlayStaionski! Stalin! Wodak!

U is for:

UNLICENSED: All PlayStation games are licensed by Sony, which should mean there's a degree of quality control in there. (Still, try to explain Iznogoud...) However, a lot of the joypads and stuff doing the rounds aren't licensed by Sony, so there's no guarantee that they'll do the business.

That doesn't mean that unofficial peripherals are shit, 'cos Sony only occasionally grant licenses to other peripherals companies, just make sure you check out our essential gear section before you buy, 'cos there's some right crap out there...

V is for:

VIDEO SIGNAL: The video signal's what comes out of your PlayStation to let you see stuff on screen. It either comes out of the three little holes at the back, if you've got an older PlayStation, or out of the grey rectangular socket, if you got a new 'un. The G-Con gun plugs into the video out socket so it gets an accurate fix on screen.

VERTICAL SCROLLING: A vertical scrolling game's one where you're zooming upwards at the top of the screen. The action comes downwards rather than sideways. Most racing games are vertically scrolling.

W is for:

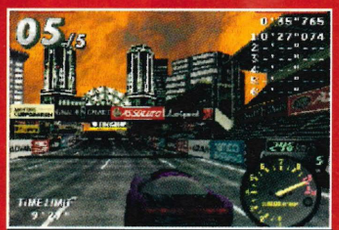
WIREFRAME: Wireframes are the outlines of 3D polygons. Old 3D games used to just show you the wireframes of polygons, which was a little bit bollocks really.

Nowadays, of course, you get lovely lush picturey bits texture-mapped (ie wrapped around it like a skin) all round the wireframes which makes everything look solid and 3D and generally nice to look at.

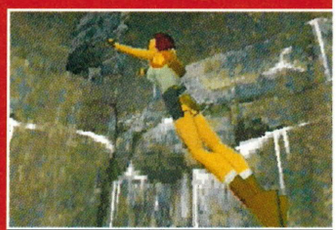
A good example is the first lady of PlayStation, Lara Croft. Imagine trying to fancy this babe if she was just a wire outline...



The video out allows accurate shots



Rage Racer: vertical scrolling action


Lara: a lot sexier than a wireframe

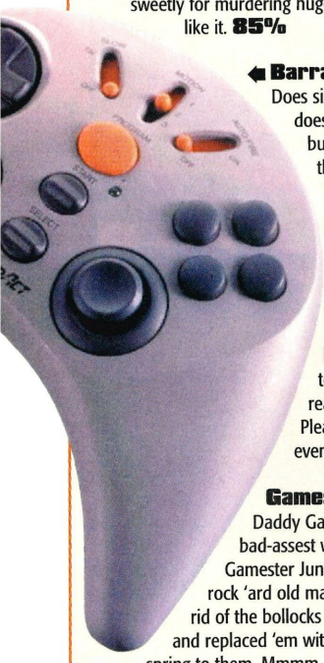
GEAR

Other stuff you need for yer 'Station

POSH TOYS

Light Blaster £24.99 ➡
This looks so Dan Dare you kind of wish there was a game where you could deal death to green-skinned Venusians with water on the brain. But there ain't. Anyway, this looks the biz and it's even got a flashing light on the top. We love flashing lights.
Rated: You seem to be able to kill the folks you want to kill with this one. It's accurate, feels peachy in the palm and the autofire and auto reload'll set you up sweetly for murdering huge swathes of people. We like it. **85%**





⬅ Barracuda Joypad £34.99
Does size matter? Not on this evidence it doesn't. This is one big bulky bastard, but it doesn't do the job like the little fellas do. This is supposedly a fully programmable, analogued-up futuristic sci-fi joypad, but it's glitchy, clunky and not very analoguey at all. It might look big and curvy like an N64 controller. But it ain't one: N64 controllers work, see?
Rated: Our office bollocksometer was showing dangerously high readings around this lump o' shit. Please do everything you can to avoid even seeing one of these. **30%**

Gamester II
Daddy Gamester was one of the biggest, bad-assest wheels in PlayStation town. Can Gamester Junior live up to the standards of his rock 'ard old man? Of course he can. They've got rid of the bollocks pedals on the Gamester wheel and replaced 'em with a set that have a nice manly spring to them. Mmmm.
Rated: This goes all out to get rid of the bad bits of Daddy Gamester, and it succeeds, big-time. That doesn't mean it's up to the gold standard of the Logic 3, but it's a close-run thing... **95%** ⬇

Ultra Racer £29.99
This looks like some kind of personal massager-type device. No, not that kind. But it looks bloody odd. You've got to turn the little wheely thing on top to steer and pull the trigger underneath it to accelerate. Racing central in other words.
All the other buttons are little knobbly things that you couldn't quite use while playing. But if all you need is accelerate and left and right...
Rated: Surprisingly, this actually puts in quite a good performance. It's quite easy to use and the analogue feel is peachy. If you've not got the shekels for a steering wheel, but you fancy a special toy for your racing games, you could do a lot worse than buy yourself one of these... **80%** ⬇

THE REST

Joytech Real Arcade Lightgun £44.99
Whip this out when you want to bring a touch of style to the gentle art of murder. This has a way groovy clicky top bit that looks like you're reloading a real gun. Cool and a half.
Get it out: Time Crisis, but only if you don't have a G-Con
Rated: A touch too heavy, and not as accurate as the G-Con **85%**

Aura Interactor £44.99
Big buzzing backpack that'll churn up yer guts good-style. If you've ever thought to yourself that whatcha need is a nice suitcase-sized vibrator strapped to your back shaking in time to the game's bass track, then buy this.
Get it out: If you want to feel sick
Rated: It works extremely well, but it's bloody noisy. An extremely odd idea, and probably not the future of gaming. **75%**



GUBBINS

Datel 720 Memory £29.99
Good golly. Wotta lotta memory.
Get it out for: not all of your games, sadly
Rated: Pretty unreliable. **60%**

Datel 360 Memory £19.99 ➡
Slightly smaller than the 720 slot.
Get it out: with care.
Rated: This has the same problems as big brother 720-slot: see above... **60%**



Gamester Memory Card £11.99
This does the job fairly damn well... Trust it.
Get it out for: anything. Everything.
Rated: Does the job you wants it to do. We like it. **95%**

Datel Memory Disk Drive £79.99
A big clunky memory disk drive for your 'Station.
Get it out: if you've got loadsa money and floppy disks
Rated: Pretty useless unless you make about 10,000 saves a day... **65%**

Sony Euro-AV cable £34.99
A sturdy SCART cable that delivers top picture quality.
Get it out: For better pictures.
Rated: Does the job. **90%**

Sony Link £19.99
Top quality means top gaming when you both have PlayStations and copies of the same game.
Get it out: For any PlayStation. multiplayer like WipEout.
Rated: Perfect. **95%** ⬇

Sony Memory card £14.99
Stores up to 15 save points accessed automatically by the game. Works well.
Get it out: Whenever.
Rated: Classic. **95%**

Datel Memory Card+ £24.99
Slow to store and retrieve date, and it crashes a lot.
Get it out: If you like a challenge.
Rated: Prone to bugs. **60%**

Sony Mouse £24.99
It's grey, you get a free mat, and it works very well.
Get it out: Point and click adventures (Broken Sword etc).
Rated: Functional. **80%**



⬅ PAL Booster £24.99
Should let you play NTSC games but we've found it interferes with your PlayStation.
Get it out: No, don't.
Rated: Oops. **25%**

Coloured Memory Cards £14.99 ⬅
New sparkly clothes for the old fave.
Get it out: people who like bright colours
Rated: We like! You can see inside of 'em! Wicked. **95%**

Datel Action Replay £39.99
Packed with cheats, it'll take you to the end of most games. weekly web updates.
Get it out: If you're stuck.
Rated: Useful. **80%**



GUNS

Predator £29.99
Tasty looking lightgun that's pinpoint-accurate. And has flashing lights. Won't work with Time Crisis, though.
Get it out: Die Hard Trilogy
Rated: It's well accurate, but too heavy for a long bout. **80%**

Hyperblaster £29.95
Looks crap, shoots like a mean bastid. Light, easy to use, and well accurate. Can't be used for Time Crisis.
Get it out: Die Hard Trilogy.
Rated: Spot-on, brain-splatteringly accurate tool Until the G-Con45 came along , this was probably the best gun in the business. **95%**

G-Con 45 £59.99 (bundled with game)
This fearsome beast is hyper-accurate and sweet as a nut. It's the cream of the crop of PlayStation lightguns, but it can't be used for older games: it can be used with Time Crisis and some other compatible games.
Get it out: Time Crisis; scaring the life out of petrol station attendants.
Rated: The best lightgun. **97%**

Gamester PSX Lightgun
Works fine and dandy: the turbo functions a little bit limp, but otherwise fine. Looks-wise, you won't feel ashamed having this lying around your living room, and it plays well enough to satisfy yer average armchair Deadeye Dick.
Get it out: unless you're left-handed.
Rated: A fine choice for older games. **80%** ⬇



WHEELS

Negcon £44.99
Excellent Namco games control, but not so good for Formula 1.
Get it out: Rage Racer
Rated: Takes a while to get used to. **90%**

Gamester wheel and pedals £79.99
Lightning fast. Sweet as a nut. Tasty analogue turns..
Get it out: Rage Racer
Rated: This is solid as a rock, but the pedals are a bit shit. **92%**

VRF-1 X-Cellerator £69.99
Doesn't quite have the class of other wheels: the turns are a bit jerky and shit.
Get it out: Only if you don't have a Logic3 or Gamester.
Rated: Not brilliant, but works well enough. **80%**

Per4mer £39.99
Looks shit, plays worse.
Get it out: Please don't
Rated: No control. This is crap. **15%**

Logic 3 £69.99 ➡
The best PlayStation wheel. A real top turn
Get it out: TOCA Touring Car.
Rated: Ultimate accessory for the armchair motorist. **95%**



PADS

Sony Pad £17.99
The original and still the best standard pad for your wad.
Get it out: For everything and anything.
Rated: Unbeatable value: **95%**



ASCII Pad £24.99
Deadly accurate. Not too comfortable.
Get it out: For Crash Bandicoot
Rated: Still a sound buy. **90%**

Analogue Pad £24.99
Feels chunky, plays great. Analogue function is dreamy.
Get it out: For analogue compatible games, especially racing games.
Rated: The usual joypad, but better. **96%**

⬅ **ASCII Grip £24.99**
One handed joypad that looks and feels a bit funny. For people with weird hands.
Get it out: One-handed. Could be useful for Tomb Raider, eh readers?
Rated: Strangely relaxing, but shit-all use for speedy play. **65%** ⬅

Hyper Fighter £19.99
Turbo and auto fire on the back. Crappy sluggish buttons on the front. Ugh.
Get it out: For your mate while you use the good one.
Rated: Cheap n' crap. **42%**

InterAct ProgramPad £29.99 ⬆
Joypad you can program to do 87 button presses with the flick of one switch. Beat 'em up central!
Get it out: For any beat 'em up. In fact, most games.
Rated: Beat 'em up junkies will love it! **85%**



PSX II Joypad £14.99
Yer basic joypad, but with turbos and autofires a-plenty.
Get it out: Shoot 'em ups
Rated: Does the bizz. Turbos could be faster, pad could be a bit comfier. **75%**

Cyclone Pad £24.99
No good for accuracy or precision.
Get it out: Don't, basically.
Rated: Below average performer. **50%**

PS GamePad 8 £24.99
Too big, inaccurate. Superfast turbo button.
Get it out: Virtual Olympics records only.
Rated: An also-ran. **75%**

Blaze PlayStation Infra Red Controllers £39.99
Wire-free controllers. We tested 'em, and you can use 'em from about 20 feet away. The pads themselves are a bit small.
Get it out for: Playing games from your neighbour's house
Rated: The beam doesn't get blocked easily. **75%**

STICKS

PS Arcade Stick £44.99
Beat 'em up stick with big bashy buttons and a little clicky stick. Looks the business for arcade action, and when you hear that little stick doing it's clicky bit you feel like you should be pumping 10p pieces into the front of yer 'Station.
Get it out: For SF Alpha 2, Tekken 2
Rated: L and R buttons are a bit too far off-centre for slick combo usage. Otherwise, this is fast n' fun. **75%**

Sony ASCII Joystick £49.99 ⬇
Beat 'em up stick with insanely fast and powerful autofires and turbo buttons. Otherwise, this is a fine way to recreate that button-hammering arcade experience. Go on, we dare you. Make your fingers bleed.
Get it out: For annoying your mates at Tekken.
Rated: Works well, but very specialist, and those autofires can be real spoilers... **60%**



Sony Analogue Joypad £49.99
Budding Biggleses, take note: this is a top-notch flying controller. Two joysticks give it a real air ace feel. Of course, it's totally useless for anything else, but if you already spend your time muttering RAF catchphrases like 'Algy's bought it, sir' and 'Cabbage crates coming over the briny' then you should go for this little scorcher.
Get it out: For Air Combat 2.
Rated: Damn fine flying stick, but only for those with a debilitating addiction to Air Combat 2. **70%**

PS II £34.99
This is another arcade-stylee joypad, from the people who made the PS. It's got the same flaws as its Daddy. Oops. Still worth a look though.
Get it out: For Tekken 2.
Rated: Groovy pad, but making the same mistake as the PS. **75%**

Logic 3 Dominator £24.99
Big butch joystick that can do digital and analogue. It can even impersonate a NegCon. Nice. Well tasty analogue turning and, for gamers who've spent decades listening to bleeps and reading the words 'Game Over' it'll probably bring a tear to their eye to see the old big butch joystick making a reappearance in this dark age of little funny joypads. Arrr, them were the days. And all that sorta shit....
Get it out: For analogue compatible racing games
Rated: Slick, but you can sometimes hit the pause button by mistake if you pull a hard right-hander.
80% ➡



The Knowledge: updated every month

Lomax in Lemmingland £44.95
■ **Company** Psygnosis ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
It's a Lemmings-inspired platformer. Our verdict? It just leaves us cold. **70%**

Lone Soldier £39.99
■ **Company** Telstar ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This strikes us as being pretty much Commando in 3D, but way too slow. **72%**

Lost Vikings 2 £44.99
■ **Company** Interplay ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Average arcade game which fails to deliver much originality. **63%**

Machine Hunter £44.95
■ **Company** Eidos ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A top-down shoot 'em which takes on Loaded fair and square. **88%**

Madden 98 £44.99
■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Finely tuned gameplay make this current king of the grid-iron games. **89%**

Madden NFL 97 £44.99
■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A good, solid American Football simulation that'll keep you coming back for more. **86%**

Magic Carpet £44.99
■ **Company** Bullfrog ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fast 3D sorcery shoot 'em up with many levels to explore. **90%**

Maximum Force £39.99
■ **Company** GT ■ **Players** 1-2 ■ **Special** Lightgun
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Conversion of a crap arcade shoot 'em up. Why did they bother? **50%**

Marvel Super Heroes £44.99
■ **Company** Virgin ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Comic book characters beating the stuffing out of each other. Superb. **90%**

MDK £49.99
■ **Company** Interplay ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Interesting shoot 'em up let down badly by patchy graphics **80%**

Mechwarrior 2 £44.99
■ **Company** Activision ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Giant robots in quality 3D shoot 'em up. Plenty of blasting action. **83%**

MegaMan Battle and Chase £44.99
■ **Company** Ocean ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cheapo racing game fails to deliver laughs or thrills. **36%**

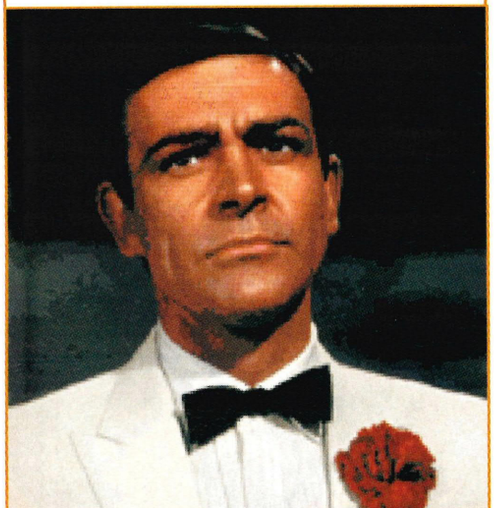
MegaMan X3 £44.95
■ **Company** Ocean ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platformer rates playability over looks. 9 levels will keep you busy. **81%**

MegaMan 8 £39.95
■ **Company** Ocean ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cutesy platform shooter with nothing new or interesting to offer. **53%**

Fact of the month

Curiouser and curiouser

Two years ago, there was a GCSE student with the exam number 007, whose name was James Bond...



He'sh got the shame name ash me. Shtrange...

Metal Jacket
■ **Company** Solan ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Customise giant robots, then let them loose in this dull game. **65%**

Mickey's Wild Adventure £39.99
■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Don't let 'wild' and 'adventure' sucker you: Another average platformer. **66%**

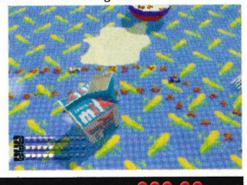
Midnight Run £39.99
■ **Company** Konami ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Superfast racing game that's a total turd to play. Ughhhh. **65%**

Motor Mash £44.99
■ **Company** Ocean ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Derivative comic racing game: nice graphics, but it's slow and dull. **68%**

Mobile Suit Gundam
■ **Company** Bandai ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Line up robots in your sights, blast 'em, do it again... Dull. **37%**

Micro Machines V3 £19.99
■ **Company** Codemasters ■ **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
The best multi-player game on the PlayStation. A real racing classic. **91%**





Monopoly £39.99
■ **Company** Hasbro ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Smooth PlayStation version of the classic board game. **78%**

Monster Trucks £44.99
■ **Company** Psygnosis ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This off-road racer never really gets going... **82%**

Mortal Kombat 3 £44.95
■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
MK fans will go mental, but for us, Streetfighter still rules the 2D scene **91%**





Mortal Kombat Mythologies £44.99
■ **Company** GT ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Boring, unplayable one-player quest version of the old beat 'em up. **50%**

Mortal Kombat Trilogy £44.95
■ **Company** GT ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
About every MK character, so hardcore MKers will be happy... **91%**





Moto Racer £44.99
■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very speedy arcade racer with lots to recommend it. **85%**

Motor Toon GP
■ **Company** SCEI ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cute racing game that lacks speed. The sequel is a whole lot better... **51%**

Motor Toon Grand Prix 2 £44.99
■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Comic racing game manages to trounce the original. **85%**

Myst £44.95
■ **Company** Psygnosis ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Point/click adventure with static screens. It won't set your world on fire. **76%**

Nagano Winter Olympics £39.99
■ **Company** Konami ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
The people who brought you Track and Field slip up with this bollocks. **35%**

Namco Museum Vol.1 £39.99
■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Hits from the gaming crypt. And yes, it does include Pacman. **84%**

Namco Museum Vol.2 £39.99
■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Nowhere near as strong a collection, unless you're a big Xevious fan. **63%**

Namco Museum Vol.3 £39.99
■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
There is just too much dross on this disc... **71%**

Namco Museum Vol.4 £39.99
■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Only PacLand stands out from the crowd here. **67%**

Namco Museum Vol.5 £44.99
■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Retro compilation that makes it courtesy of a couple of gems. **75%**

Nanotek Warrior £39.99
■ **Company** Virgin ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Enjoyable shooting action, but a lack of levels to keep you interested. **77%**

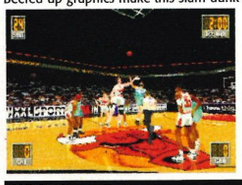
NASCAR 98 £39.99
■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ugly, dull racing game with a hideous soundtrack. **64%**

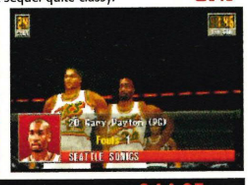
NASCAR Racing £44.95
■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Crap Days of Thunder-style racing game, bad in every single way... **35%**

NBA Hangtime £39.99
■ **Company** GT ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Basketball game. Bit of a laugh. Nuff said. **72%**

NBA in the Zone £44.95
■ **Company** Konami ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The large sprites are pretty agile, and it has more pace than Total NBA... **85%**

NBA in the Zone 2 £44.95
■ **Company** Konami ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Beefed-up graphics make this slam-dunk sequel quite classy. **91%**





NBA Jam Extreme £44.95
■ **Company** Acclaim ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Yet another basketball game: a couple of outrageous comic features. **80%**

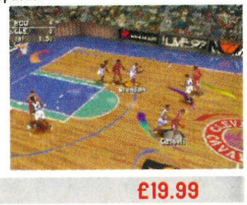
NBA Jam Tournament £39.99
■ **Company** Acclaim ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Conversion of the coin-op with 2D characters going two-on-two. **86%**

NBA Live 96 £44.99
■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Uses the FIFA '96 graphics engine, and it shows all too clearly... **81%**

NBA Live 98 £39.99
■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-8 ■ **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Good-looking basketball effort that offers a bouncing bundle of gameplay. **87%**

NBA Live 97 £44.99
■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Brilliant multiplayer game with loads of options. **91%**





Need for Speed £19.99
■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A second rate bash at Ridge Racer. It definitely needs more speed... **70%**

Need for Speed 2 £44.99
■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Looks crap, and plays even worse than its prequel. **49%**

NFL Gameplay £44.99
■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pretty average in every department. **82%**

NFL Quarterback Club £39.99
■ **Company** Acclaim ■ **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Competent sports sim let down by blocky graphics... **75%**

Cheap thrills with half-naked crumpet

Our top five catalogue collection

1. Littlewoods
Mum's favourite and well worth checking out. Scantily-clad stars include Eva Herzigova and Melinda Messenger.

2. Choice
Choice indeed. Helena Christensen tests over shoulder boulder holders alongside a brace of fit fillies.

3. Ann Summers
Unlikely to be on the coffee table, but worth hunting out from under yer parents' bed. High filth factor.

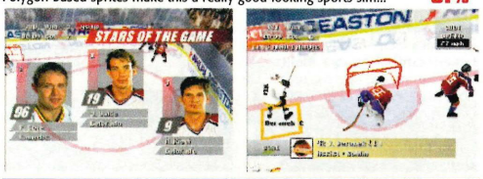
4. Classic Collection
What a bunch of arse. No famous models and only pictures armpit hugging pants even yer gran wouldn't wear. Classic Collection? Crap selection more like.

5. Argos
Good for things like Lego kits, calculators and hair crimpers. Very, very poor for tasty totty. Steer clear.



Hands up who came over 'all funny' when they saw these

NHL 97 £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Polygon-based sprites make this a really good-looking sports sim... **91%**



NHL 98 £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Ice hockey game that's even slicker than last year's version. **91%**



NHL Breakaway 98 £44.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
If ice hockey's your bag, this ain't bad for a spin. **89%**

NHL Face Off £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-8
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Nice looking but dull ice hockey effort. Nothing new here. **65%**

NHL Face Off 97 £34.95
Company SCEE **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Just another average sequel, in spite of extra features... **65%**

NHL Open Ice £34.95
Company GT **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Arcade-style ice hockey game. No great shake. **70%**

Nightmare Creatures £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Buckets o' blood in this Victorian hack and slash zombie epic. Way cool. **89%**

The Note £39.99
Company Sunsoft **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Basic adventure. Boring and dull **45%**

Nova Storm £39.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Start game. Fire continuously. Finish game eventually. That's it... **55%**

Nuclear Strike £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
explosive and absorbing strategic shoot 'em up. **91%**



Off World Interceptor £39.99
Company BMG **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
4x4s bounce about on the moon in this dull race game. **68%**

Olympic Games £44.95
Company US Gold **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
International Track and Field is the game to beat. This doesn't come close. **70%**

Olympic Soccer £44.95
Company US Gold **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
One of the most playable footie games on the PlayStation. **93%**



One £39.99
Company ASC **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fast, good looking ultra-violent platform shooter let down by dull combat. **83%**

OnSide £44.99
Company Telstar **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This is the most incredibly bland footie game. **65%**

Overblood £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Quite annoying Resident Evil clone with little action. **76%**

Pandemonium £44.95
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Stunning effects instinctive gameplay puts other platformers to shame. **91%**



Panzer General £44.99
Company Mindscape **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Full-blown strategy game is hard work thanks to historical accuracy. **59%**

Parappa the Rapper £29.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Original, fun rapping version of Simon Says. Offbeat and amusing. **89%**

Peak Performance £39.99
Company JVC **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Substandard racing game. Lots of options, not much else. **65%**

Perfect Weapon £44.95
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Beat 'em up-style adventure which is crap in both departments. **51%**

PGA Tour 96 £19.99
Company EA **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A dodgy putting system lets this golf sim down badly. **59%**

PGA Tour 97 £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Probably the best-looking golf sim, but gameplay is becoming too similar. **65%**

PGA Tour 98 £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Golf game that fails to offer anything new. **68%**

Pitball £44.95
Company Warner **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Speedball-type thing, but with pretty bog-standard looks and playability. **73%**

Player Manager £44.95
Company Anco **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Predictable results spoil this footie management sim. **68%**

Po 'Ed £44.99
Company Warner **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Interesting weapons, surprise monsters raise a laugh in this Doom-clone. **76%**

Porsche Challenge £34.95
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Driving game let down by lack of variety, and lack of tracks. **80%**

Powerplay Hockey 96 £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Good range of aggressive matches. Fast-paced, end-to-end stuff **85%**

Power Instinct 2
Company Atlus **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
One of the worst fighting games ever, featuring Kung Fu grannies... **48%**

Powerplay Hockey 96 £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Good range of aggressive matches. Fast-paced, end-to-end stuff **85%**

Power Soccer 2 £34.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Amazingly average footie game that won't hold your interest. **70%**

Pro Pinball: The Web £44.95
Company Empire **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ball movement so fluid it handles like the real thing. **93%**



Pro Pinball Timeshock £24.99
Company Empire **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
One big, beautiful mother of a pinball table: all yours to have and hold... **89%**

Project Overkill £44.95
Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
High-tech, underachieving version of the old arcade stalwart Bezerk... **79%**

The Knowledge: updated every month

Psychic Detective £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Loadsa endings, views and three CDs make this enjoyable. **84%**

Psychic Force £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
An enjoyable enough 3D beat 'em up, but it lacks depth. **76%**

Rage Racer £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Classic racing game. One of the best on the PlayStation. Buy it! **93%**





Raging Skies £44.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Flight sim looks dated and gets repetitive after a while. Pretty average. **73%**

Raiden Project £39.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Enjoyable, but limited. Animation and graphics are only mediocre... **72%**

Great deaths

Ways to go!

1. Crash in hand.
A thirsty bloke in America decided to try and tilt the drinks machine over to get a free can out of it. No free can came out, but it slewed over and crushed him to death. He had five dollars in change in his pocket.

1. He's electric.
A Swiss bloke bet his mate there was no electric power in the lines over the train tracks at night. To prove his point, he jumped up and grabbed them. He lost the bet. And his life.

3. Doughnut boy.
Two kids have a doughnut eating competition. One of 'em wins by miles. Then the kid has a haemhorrage. What a victory.

4. The Karate kid.
'Hey grandma! Check out my karate kicks!' says kid. He goes for a big flying effort. A bit too big, since he flies out the 11th storey window of Grandma's flat. Ooops.

5. Down in the dump.
An enterprising prisoner decided to escape from prison by hiding in the compactor section of the dump truck. You don't need us to tell you the ending to this story.


They look nice just sitting there, don't they?

Rally Cross £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-4 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Rolling cars aplenty in fun racer, plus 4 player mode... **88%**

Rampage World Tour £34.99
Company GT **Players** 1-3
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Pick a monster and smash up towns. As much fun as it sounds. **69%**

Rapid Racer £34.95
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
White water racer: let down by slow two-player mode. **82%**

Rapid Reload £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
Entertaining, but limited platform shoot 'em up. **80%**

Rayman £19.99
Company UBI Soft **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Repetitive platformer with a lack of flexibility. **43%**

Ray Storm £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Vertical blasting shoot 'em up that's tough, demanding and fast. **83%**

Ray Tracers £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
Car chase game has some good action, but it's over far too quickly. **73%**

Rebel Assault 2 £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A Star Wars romp, but there's not enough variety and trickery. **46%**

Red Asphalt: Rock & Roll Racing 2 £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon/Steering wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Speedsters with awesome firepower fail to mix into a gameplay Molotov. **68%**

Reloaded £44.95
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Smidgin better than the original. But that wasn't much fun either. **73%**

Resident Evil £49.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
This horror adventure is one of the PlayStation's finest games. **94%**




Resident Evil Director's Cut £34.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Cash-in version of the original that's got lots of nice touches. **91%**




Return Fire £44.95
Company Warner **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
You take out enemy bases with a selection of army vehicles. Good fun. **91%**




Reverthion
Company Tecmo **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
import
Bizarre battle game in 3D. Looks amazing, but way too easy to play... **21%**

Revolution X £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Aerosmith feature throughout... but this is one sad game really. **48%**

Ridge Racer £19.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent racing game, but lacking in tracks. **76%**

Ridge Racer Revolution £19.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
Better than the original, with more cars and better controls. **84%**

Rise 2: Resurrection £44.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Despite plenty of fighters, this is still only a mediocre beat 'em up... **78%**

Riot £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-16
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Despite mega multiplayer possibility, this game offers little for your cash. **67%**

Risk £39.99
Company Hasbro **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
A new spin on the classic board game that's well worth a look. **81%**

Road Rash £19.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Straightforward, frustrating racing game. **64%**

Robotron X £44.95
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Simple, mindless run and shoot shenanigans. Overpriced, underspecced. **66%**

Rosco McQueen £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Firefighting fun. A good laugh but more suited to youngsters. **78%**

Runabout
Company Climax **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
import
Pretty mad smash 'em up racing game with tons of vehicles. **90%**

Sampras Extreme Tennis £44.95
Company Codemasters **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Real ease of play and lots of views raise it above unseeded rivals... **89%**

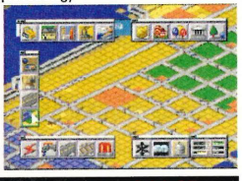
Sentient £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Set on a spaceship, this game is pretty ambitious, but too complicated. **71%**

Shadow Master £39.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
You in a tank and loads of mindless blasting. Very good. **88%**

Shellshock £44.99
Company Core Design **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pretty second rate: levels are dull and grey, and action is very limited. **75%**

Shockwave £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Empty shoot 'em up with tiny sprites against a dull background. **56%**

Sim City 2000 £44.99
Company Maxis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
winner
You build a city, and then you run it. Complex strategy. **91%**

Skeleton Warriors £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Looks, smells and feels like an old 16-bit game... and it plays like one too. **69%**

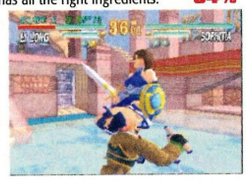
Skull Monkeys £44.95
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Plasticinetastic action with a clay hero bouncing on monkeys' heads. **79%**

Slam 'n' Jam '96 £44.95
Company BMG **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Huge sprites, poor camera views and easy gameplay make this a dog. **64%**

Smash Court Tennis £44.95
Company SCEE **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Slow, unresponsive game. You buy kit, but the actual matches are grim. **57%**

Soccer 97 £44.95
Company Eidos **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Olympic Soccer sequel suffers from a slow slow slow engine. **81%**

Soul Blade £34.95
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
This classic weapons-based beat 'em up has all the right ingredients. **94%**

Datel Action Replay explained

A how-to guide for lowlife cheaters

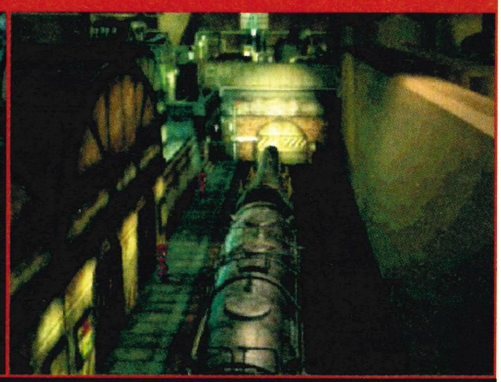
Fancy giving your PlayStation an electronic keister stab up the Parallel I/O socket? Read on...

Cheats. It's easy enough to find 'em for most games, but if you're looking for a way to get, say, big fat wads of lethal materia on Final Fantasy VII, your average cheats ain't any use to you. What you'd be best off with in that case is the Datel Action Replay, which plugs into the unused socket in the back of your 'Station, and lets you key in codes to get all sorts of extra stuff by hacking direct into game programs.

But it's not quite the cheater's Holy Grail, 'cos you've still got to find the codes to make it work (**http://www.atlink.it/psx/actionre.htm** or **http://www.gamefaqs.com** are good for these). Or if you've got a PC and a device to connect it, you can hack games yourself. Clever. Almost too clever.



Datel's little cheater's pal will pump up your Fantasies



Fancy getting your hands on Knights of the Round here?

Soviet Strike £44.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good sound effects and graphics create a classy 3D chopper shoot 'em up. **92%**




Space Hulk £19.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Drag mercenaries around. Slow but good strategy/action game. **84%**

Space Jam £44.95

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull movie-based cash-in basketball game. Why put yourself through it? **65%**

Speed King

Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Slow, boring and about as exciting as watching an egg boil. Maybe less so.. **45%**

Speedster £44.95

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Top-down view racing game that's lacking in speed and playability. **64%**

Spider £39.99

Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
An innovative idea for a platform game, but fails to rise above average. **70%**

Spot goes to Hollywood £34.95

Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Too little, too late for this platformer. Er, it's got good music though... **77%**

Stahlfeder

Company Sintos **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A basic but fun shoot 'em up you can play for hours. **77%**

Star Gladiator £44.95

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Capcom's first 3D beat 'em up. They don't make a bad job of it either. **91%**




Starfighter 3000 £44.95

Company Telstar **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Nice enough to have a gawp at, but there's not enough going on. **80%**

Starwinder £44.95

Company Mindscape **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Simplistic racing game where every level plays the same. **59%**

Steel Harbinger £44.95

Company Mindscape **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull graphics, but 11 levels and variety of weapons can make this fun. **79%**

Steel Reign £34.99

Company SCEE **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cool tank game that can be a bit repetitive. Worth a look, though. **75%**

Street Fighter Alpha £44.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Update of Street Fighter series with new moves and new characters. **91%**




Street Fighter Alpha 2 £44.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Custom combos and counter-moves add up to an excellent sequel. **92%**




Street Fighter Collection £39.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ **Joypad**✓
Three Street Fighter games, one CD. That's science for you. **87%**

Street Fighter Ex Plus Alpha £44.95

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Superb fighting in 3D take on the Street Fighter theme. **93%**




Street Fighter The Movie £39.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Insult to the Street Fighter name. Based on the movie. **67%**

Street Fighter II (Interactive movie)

Company Capcom **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Unplayable hash at making Street Fighter into an interactive movie. **54%**

Street Racer £44.95

Company UBI Soft **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Fair to middling racing game with plenty to do, except get excited... **79%**

Strikepoint: the Hex Missions £44.95

Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Poor helicopter game. Why not have a bash at Soviet Strike instead? **60%**

Striker 96 £39.99

Company Warner **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Simplistic footie game. Binary soccer at its worst. **69%**

Suikoden £44.99

Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Solid role-playing game that isn't going to change your life... **81%**

Super Big Brother

Company NCS **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very surreal shoot 'em up starring its very own underpant wearing hero... **53%**

Super Football Champ £39.99

Company Mindscape **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Oh dear. Drab, boring, unplayable. Truly hideous football game. **46%**

Super Pang Collection £39.99

Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
An arcade-perfect version of the retro bubble-bursting games. **53%**

Super Puzzle Fighter 2 £39.95

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Horribly addictive puzzle game featuring Ryu, Ken and friends. **92%**




Supersonic Racers £44.95

Company Mindscape **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Micro Machines-style racer doesn't pull out enough stops to keep you hooked. **74%**

Swagman £44.99

Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
There's plenty of arcade-style fun on offer in this great-looking 2D game. **85%**

Syndicate Wars £44.95

Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✓
This is an ultra-cool and violent strategy shoot 'em up with amazing 3D graphics. **92%**




Tekken £19.99

Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Namco's first beat 'em up. Interesting backgrounds, realistic characters. **90%**

Tekken 2 £49.99

Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Improves on a great original. One of the best fighting games around... **95%**




Tempest X3 £34.99

Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A PlayStation update of a justifiably great retro shooter. **80%**

Tenka £44.95

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Not even polygon graphics can save this poor Doom clone from oblivion. **82%**

Tennis Arena £39.99

Company UBISoft **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Slick tennis game. But do we want slick tennis games? **76%**

The Knowledge: updated every month

Ten Pin Alley £44.95

■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-6
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Could have been good fun... but sadly it isn't. No more than a novelty. **54%**

Test Drive: Off Road £39.99

■ **Company** Eidos ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Devoid of excitement and playability. Looks dreadful too. **46%**

Test Drive 4 £39.99

■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2 ■ **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
It's got lots of tracks, but it's slow and it don't look too nice. **70%**

Tetris Plus £44.99

■ **Company** JVC ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Classic puzzle game gets a revamp. Still dead adictive. **82%**

The Lost World £44.99

■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platformer from Spielberg dinofest. Never really gets its teeth into you... **81%**

Theme Hospital £44.99

■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Lots of fun with people with strange illnesses in this cartoon hospital sim. **84%**

Theme Park £44.99

■ **Company** Bullfrog ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Explore your park in 3D in this gentle sim. Quietly enjoyable. **85%**

Stinky food

Foods that smell of bodily fluids

1. Parmesan cheese
Lovely on your pasta but smell a big lump of it and it reeks of fresh puke.

2. Stout
Again, we think this smells a bit like spew, but not the sharp 'fresh sick' smell of Parmesan. This is more like old, decomposing vomit. Mind you, who cares when it tastes so good?

3. Puffed wheat cereal
Not all puffed wheat cereal we hasten to add. But there are some – naming no names – that have that oh-so feint tang of urine when you sniff them.

4. Cheeseburger
Eat one, then smell your fingers. Could that be lady's pants you're whiffing there? We think so.

5. Camembert Cheese
Creamy flavour: cheesy smell. And we don't particularly like foods that smell like a tramp with trench foot...

6. Old egg sandwiches
How can they taste quite nice, but still smell like what you imagine the gas that builds up in rotting bodies smells like?

7. Kohl Rabi
East Europeans eat this. The fools. It's a kind of septic school-dinner cabbage that smells (and tastes) quite strongly of stale sweat.

8. Sauerkraut
Y'know the kind of smell that clings around people who don't wash their undies too often? You just don't want it clinging around your dinner. Do you?

Tiger Shark £44.99

■ **Company** GT ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Impossibly high difficulty level ruins this otherwise excellent shoot 'em up. **72%**

Time Commando £44.99

■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Unusual, but fun. Slightly unwieldy controls. **81%**

Time Crisis £59.99

■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1 ■ **Special** Gcon 45
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
So playable even your girlfriend'll enjoy it. The definitive gun game. **93%**



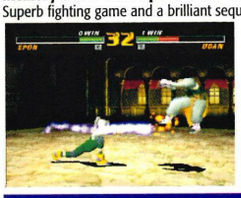

Tobal No.1 £44.99

■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
A fair beat 'em up improved greatly with the addition of a quest mode. **91%**



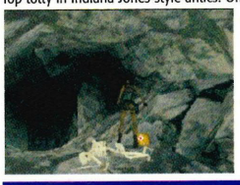
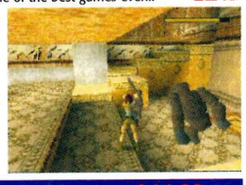

Tobal No.2

■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner import
Superb fighting game and a brilliant sequel. **92%**



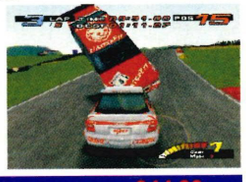

Tomb Raider £44.95

■ **Company** Eidos ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Top totty in Indiana Jones-style antics. One of the best games ever... **92%**

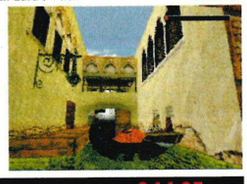
TOCA Touring Car Championship £44.99

■ **Company** Codemaster ■ **Players** 1-2 ■ **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Hyper-realistic touring car racer. A real blast. **91%**

Tomb Raider 2 £44.99

■ **Company** Eidos ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Bigger and bolder than the classic original. Lara's back! **95%**

Top Gun: Fire at Will £44.95

■ **Company** Microprose ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Gung-ho movie spin-off not worth your effort tracking down. **66%**

Total Drivin' £44.99

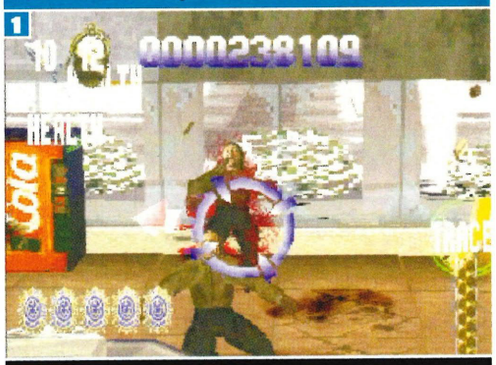
■ **Company** Ocean ■ **Players** 1-2 ■ **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A selection of arcade racing thrills that's well worth a look. **86%**

Total NBA 96 £44.99

■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Pretty damn fine basketball game with some excellent attention to detail. **83%**

HMV Chart

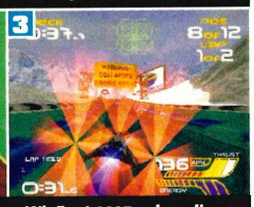
What's everyone else buying?



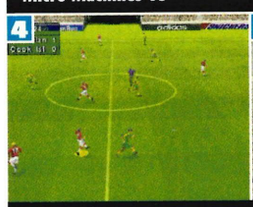
1 Die Hard Trilogy: three games for the price of one



2 Micro Machines V3



3 WipEout 2097: adrenalin



4 FIFA 98: hmmm



5 Bushido Blade

Key:
(NE) New Entry
(RE) Re-Entry
(4) Position Last Month
(-) Same Position

1. **(NE) Die Hard Trilogy (Platinum)**
Now at a budget price. Smokin' game.

2. **(NE) Micro Machines V3 (Platinum)**
Also awesome! Also cheap!

3. **(NE) WipEout 2097 (Platinum)**
Whassthis? A Platinum takeover...

4. **(2) FIFA 98: Road to World Cup (EA)**
Off you go. Bye bye...

5. **(-) Bushido Blade (Sony)**
Beat 'em up for boffins.

6. **(-) Destruction Derby 2 (Platinum)**
Another Platinum goodie.

7. **(-) Cool Boarders 2 (Sony)**
Ace snowboarding fun.

8. **(1) Grand Theft Auto (BMG)**
Well, there's been loadsa new releases.

9. **(4) TOCA Touring Car (Codemasters)**
Slick racer is very cool.

10. **(3) Tomb Raider 2 (Platinum)**
She's there at the bottom.

Total NBA 97 £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Enough improved graphics and gameplay to make it a better game. **85%**

Tokyo Highway Battle £39.99
Company THQ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Kind of a sub-Rage Racer game with average graphics. **77%**

Toshinden 3
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Derivative fighting game that would take a pasting from Namco any day... **76%**

Toshinden Kids
Company Takara **Players** 1-2 imprt
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Polished but simple version of Toshinden aimed at younger gamers. **60%**

Transport Tycoon £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Build roads, railways, docks and airports in this great God sim. **86%**

Trash It £44.95
Company GT **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Platformer that has good ideas, but just not enough immediate action. **57%**

True Pinball £19.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
It may have four tables, it may be a good game, but The Web is better. **50%**

Tunnel B1 £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
WipEout breeds with Doom in this high speed shoot 'em up. **89%**

Twin Bee
Company Konami **Players** 1-2 imprt
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Two shooting styles sadly don't make this dated game any better to play... **55%**

Twisted Metal £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Destroy the suburbs in this Mad Max-style car battle. **82%**

Twisted Metal World Tour £44.95
Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good sequel even grander in thrills and spills than the original. **88%**

Two-Ten Kaku
Company Club Dep **Players** 1-4 imprt
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Run of the mill vertical shoot 'em up offers nothing new. **76%**

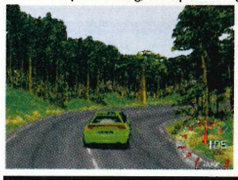
Vandal Hearts £44.95
Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Average graphics don't spoil playable and engrossing role-playing game. **86%**

Victory Boxing £44.95
Company JVC **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Deeper than a lot of fighting games and takes some getting into. **74%**

Virtual Golf £44.95
Company Core Design **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Nowhere near as good as the excellent Actua Golf. **57%**

Virtual Pool £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This is a great pool game which is a pretty realistic simulation. **85%**

V-Rally £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2 winner
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Seat-of-the-pants racing, 40 separate stages to keep you busy! **94%**




VR Baseball £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A fine conversion of the sport, but unlikely to attract too many Brits. **72%**

V Tennis £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Mediocre tennis sim that's hard to be bothered about at all. **75%**

Warcraft 2 £44.95
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent strategy game. No mouse/two-player link detract from gameplay. **88%**

Wargods £44.95
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
3D fighting game with mushy graphics and lousy gameplay. **59%**

Warhammer £44.99
Company Mindscape **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Not much too look at, but depth of gameplay means it has more to offer. **86%**

Warhammer II: Dark Omen £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Loadsa depth in this goblin-infested fantasy war epic. Charge! **83%**

Warhawk £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Instantly playable, though controls are tricky at first. **82%**

WCW vs The World £44.99
Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Brilliant wrestling game with 60 characters. No handbags or milk stouts... **88%**

Wild Arms
Company SCEE **Players** 1 imprt
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent RPG with nice graphics and huge amounts of addictive gameplay. **91%**

Williams Arcade Classics £44.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Retro compilation with five good games out of six, including Defender... **89%**

Wing Commander III £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Superb movie sequences mix it with poor gameplay in this space opera. **80%**

Wing Commander IV £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Better full motion video sequences... but worse gameplay. **50%**

Wingover £44.99
Company JVC **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Boring flying game overshadowed by Air Combat 2. **40%**

WipEout £19.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ultra-fast, ultra-stylish racer. A must for speed freaks... **78%**

WipEout 2097 £19.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon/Wheel winner
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Bigger and better in every way than its great predecessor. **94%**




World Cup Golf £39.99
Company US Gold **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Great graphics, but some of the courses can be imprecise. **80%**

World League Basketball £39.99
Company Mindscape **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
World League Basketball? We'd rather down a pint of dog jism, thanks. **30%**

Worms £19.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Multiplayer joy will be yours to savour in this fabulous battle game... **82%**

WWF in your House £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Well below average wrestling game. **48%**

WWF Wrestlemania £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Entertaining fighting game with some pretty deadly special moves. **83%**

X2 £44.95
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A tedious shoot 'em up which is just way too difficult to master... **58%**

X-Com: Enemy Unknown £44.99
Company Microprose **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Enjoy strategy gaming at its very best as you take on alien invaders **88%**

X-Com: Terror from the Deep £44.99
Company Microprose **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pretty much X-Com: Enemy Unknown played underwater... **82%**

Xevious 3D/G+
Company Namco **Players** 1-2 imprt
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Xevious gets a dull and uninspiring 3D makeover in retro compilation. **60%**

X-Men: Children of the Atom £44.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Superhero beat 'em up that's too slow to punch with the big boys. **75%**

Arcade essentials

Coin-ups you have to play

1. Time Crisis 2
Two guns, two players, twice the action. And twice the price...

2. Sega Rally 2
Top mud-chuckin' racer that'll definitely make you spew.

3. Tekken 3
Can't wait for the PlayStation version? Get caned down the arcades then.

4. Harley Davison and LA Rider
Mount a full-size Hog and burn tarmac in the City of Angels.

5. Ehrgeiz
Well smart beat 'em up with Final Fantasy characters.

6. Top Skater
Wicked half-pipe action without the worry of grazing your knees or elbows.

7. House of the Dead
Yeah it's old, but this blood-spattered gun game is still an essential gaming experience.

8. Rapid River
Paddle like hell to beat the white-water. Complete with inflatable dinghy and paddle!

9. Sega Bass Fishing
Sounds dull, but pump coins into this baby and you're guaranteed to pull.

10. Dead or Alive
Fighting game with buxom women, coming soon to a PlayStation near you.



Z £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Robots slug it out in this tricky strategy effort. **80%**

Zeitgeist [Jupiter Strike] £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Slow, clumsy 3D shooting game which seriously lacks appeal. **43%**

Zero Divide £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A sound enough fighting game, but nothing special. **72%**

#7 Die Hard Trilogy



By: Fox Interactive
Costs: £19.99
Players: 1
First Out: August 1996

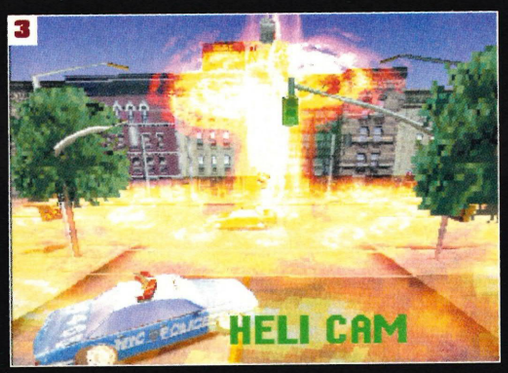
What we said then:

'This is one of those games that you'll be playing again and again. Chasing through New York after bombs and bomb cars is brilliant. Splatter those pedestrians. Wipe up the gore with your windscreen wipers. Cool.'

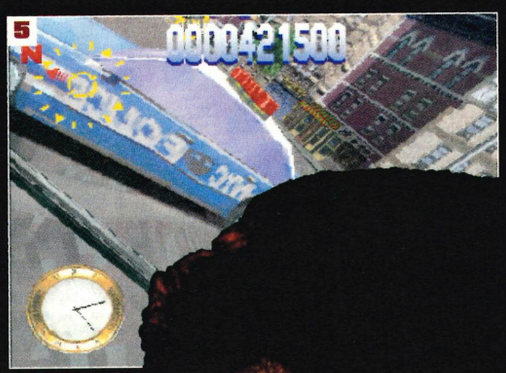
The story so far You've seen Die Hard 3. Bruce Willis and Samuel L Jackson are in a New York taxi racing against time through the crowded city streets. Well, the game's the same. And the bit we really like is when you mow down civilians...













That magic moment [1] See it's like that car chase in The French Connection! Way cool **[2]** Grind the pedestrians into the tarmac and watch that blood slop out onto the windscreen **[3]** Time to go bomb hunting. Gawp at the size of that explosion: and that's when you've defused the bastard! **[4]** Pick yourself a snazzy new mota. Now eat road dust y'terrorist filth! **[5]** A couple more creative car accidents - sorry 'bout that Mr Policeman **[6]** And bollocks! Didn't get there in time! Watch that city fry!

Why we like it Big-ass explosions! For no reason! Even when you defuse the bombs, it looks like Hiroshima at ground zero. Plus there's that satisfying feeling of wiping entire families off your windscreen when you mount the pavement. This has everything a healthy young male should like. In spades. It's packed with fast cars. It's packed with bombs. It's packed with people dying. And it's even got a sexy soundtrack. Shit hot!

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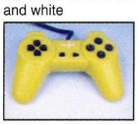
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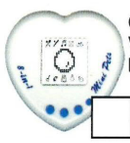
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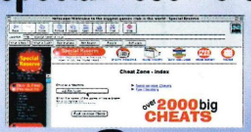
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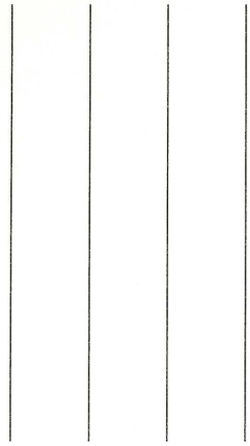
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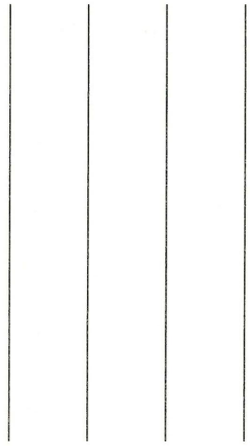
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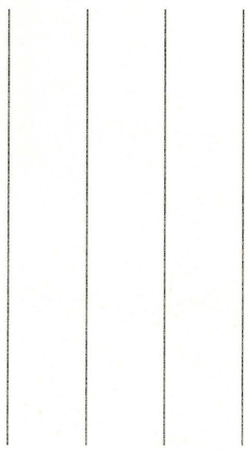
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