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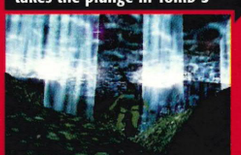
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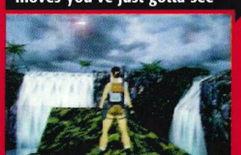
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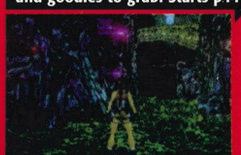
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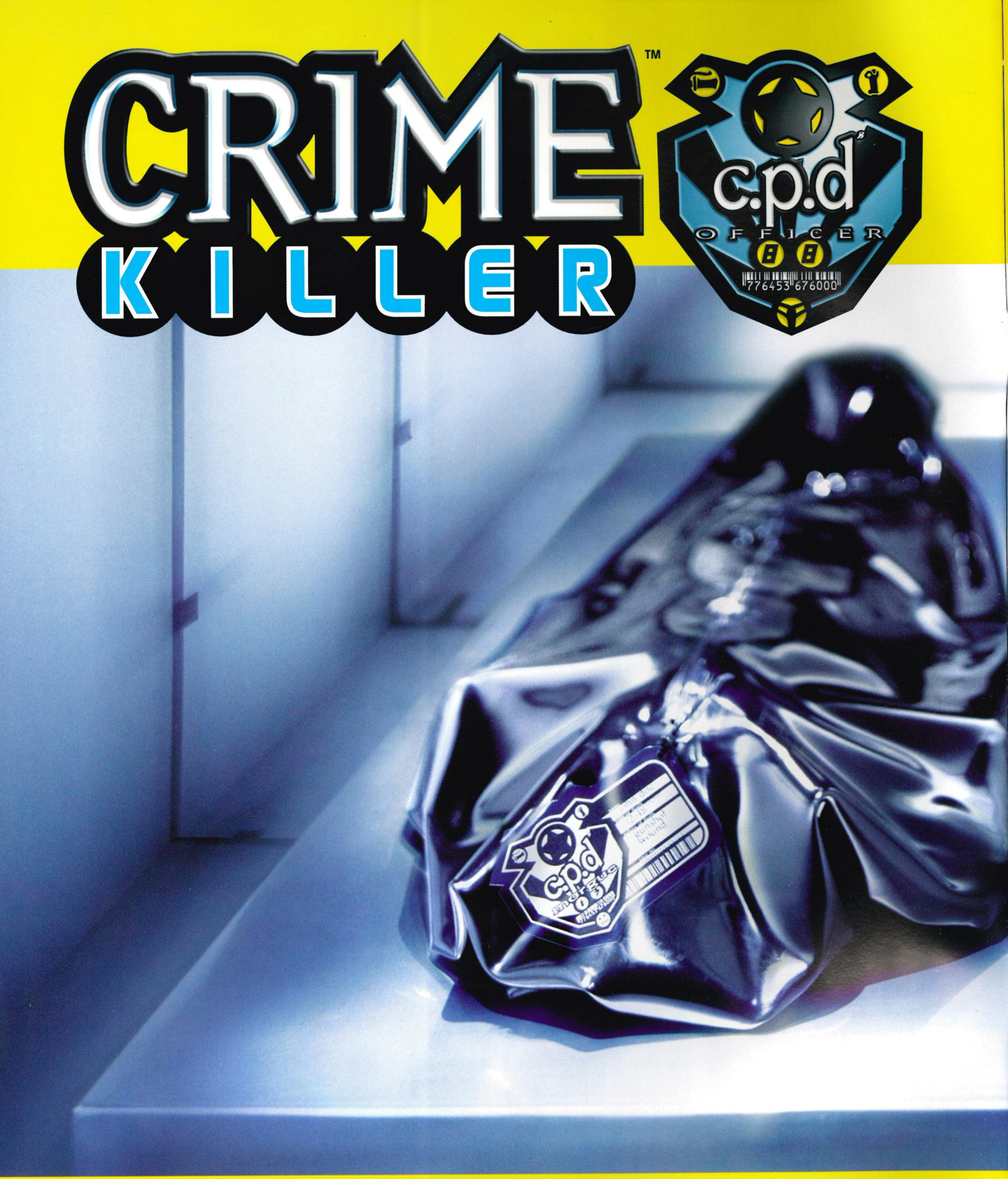
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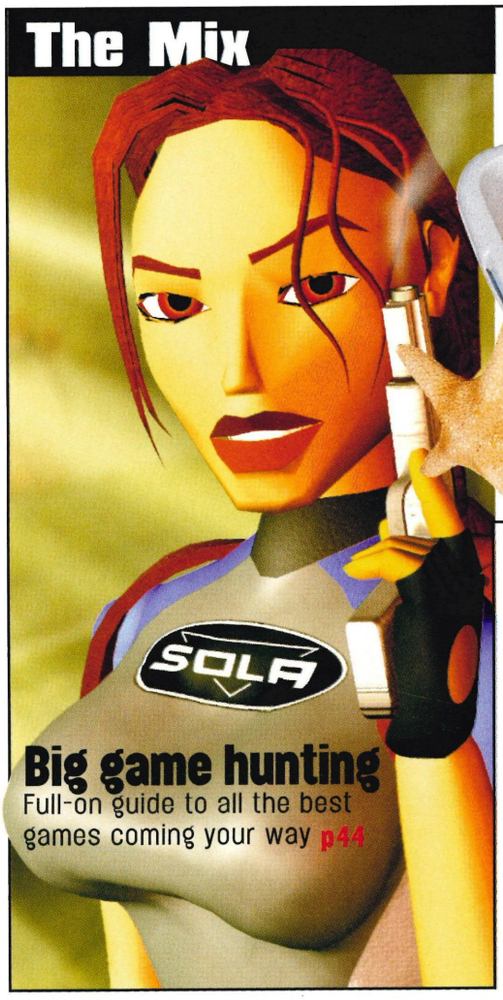
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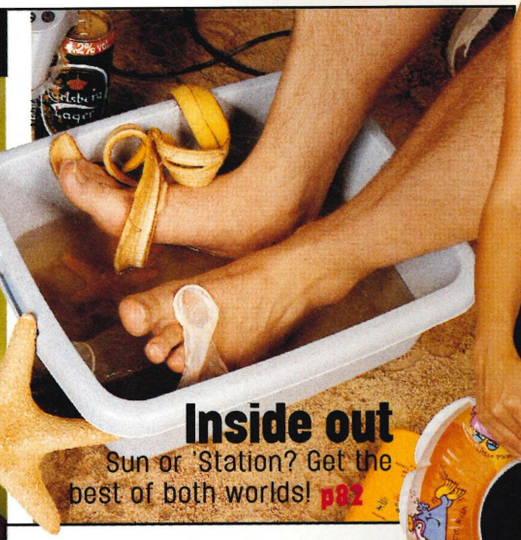


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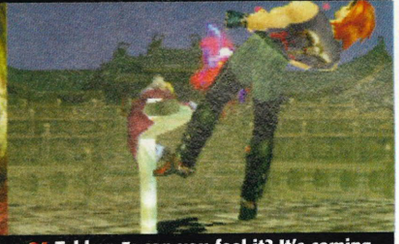
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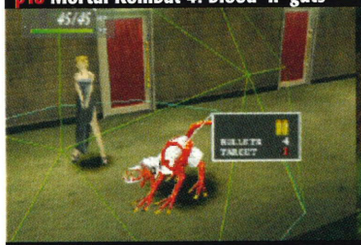
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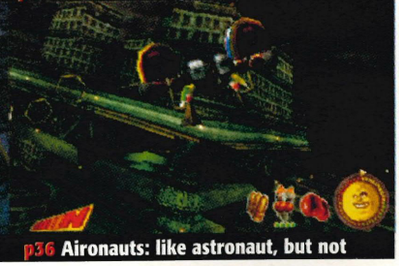
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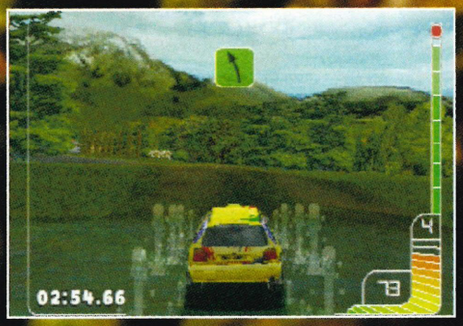
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COLIN McRAE RALLY

FIRST UK TEST

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■ More fun than Gillian Taylforth in the passenger seat



■ Burn it up through 48 international stages

■ Bet some twat's written 'also available in blue' on the back

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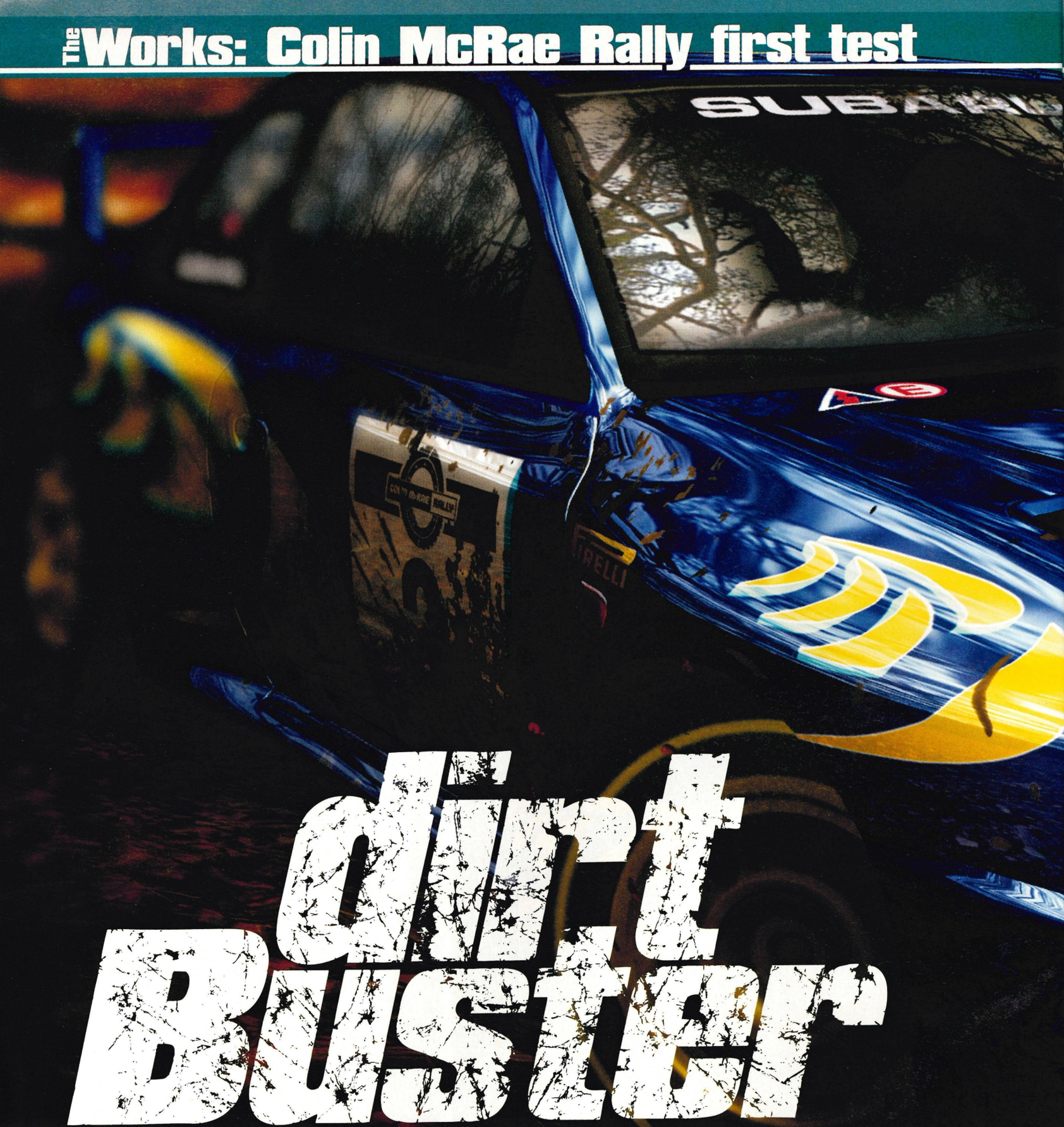
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The only Knowledge you need





dirt Buster

Don't know much about the bloke. He's Scottish, drives bloody fast and wins shitloads of rallies. We know we flippin' love his game, though...

Muddy, narrow, country lanes. Ball-bustin bends and bumps big enough to send you into orbit. Time to take extra care and go easy? Sod off: this is Colin McRae Rally. Floor it and let the mechanics worry about the damage...

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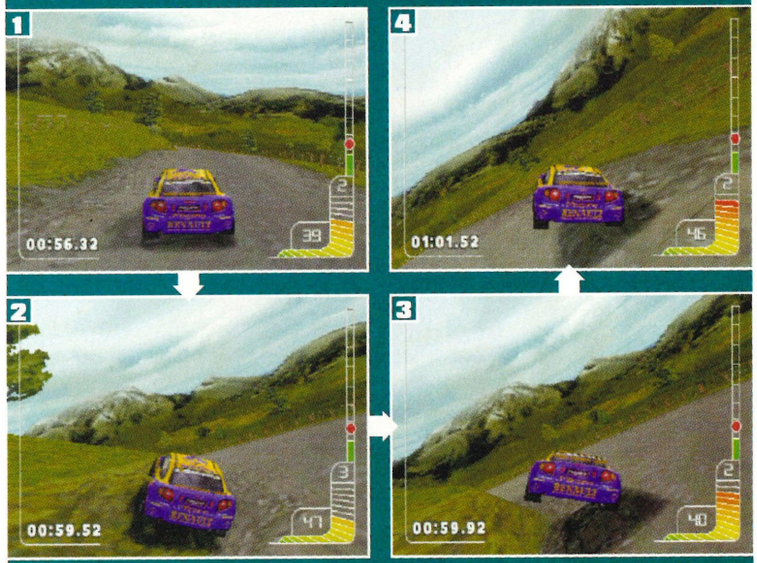
1 Hot mud action 2 So fast it'll probably give you a brain tumour

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What we like

Stunt driver

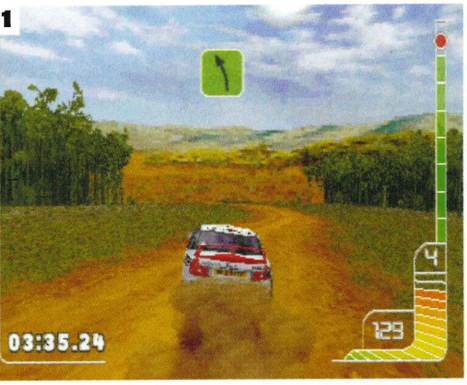
Colin McRae Rally is ultra-realistic. The car acts like a real rally racer, meaning you can do some scary things. For instance, our top stunt is driving on two wheels. Ride up a ridge with one side of yer motor. Now pull back into the middle of the road and frantically steer left and right to keep the car balanced on two wheels.



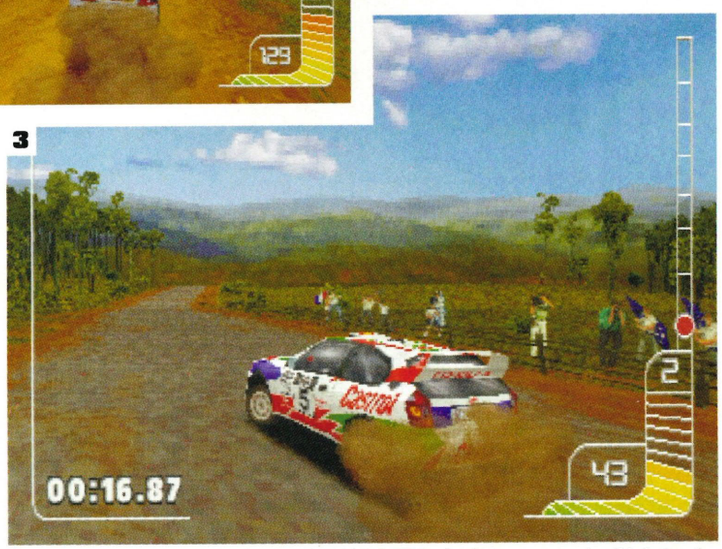
1 Ah, a likely looking bank to play at being James Bond... 2 Motor up it, getting one side of the car much higher than the other... 3 Now drive back off the bank into the middle of the road... 4 Steering left and right to keep balanced. How far can you go on two wheels?

Feels like heaven

We reckon Col gets everything spot-on. Racing through unforgiving countryside makes you wanna piss yourself. Imagine being strapped to a scud missile skimming the ground and you're close to the adrenalin rush you get here. Phwoar!







1 Certain sections are made just for speed. Hold tight 2 Catch a bump wrong going this fast and it's curtains 3 Racing really is right on the edge in Colin McRae

What's the point?

You, your skills and 300 bhp against the elements, plenty of mud and the clock. Split times throughout the stages tell you how well you're doing against the rest of the pack. At the end of each rally the times are totted up. Do well enough and go onto the next country.







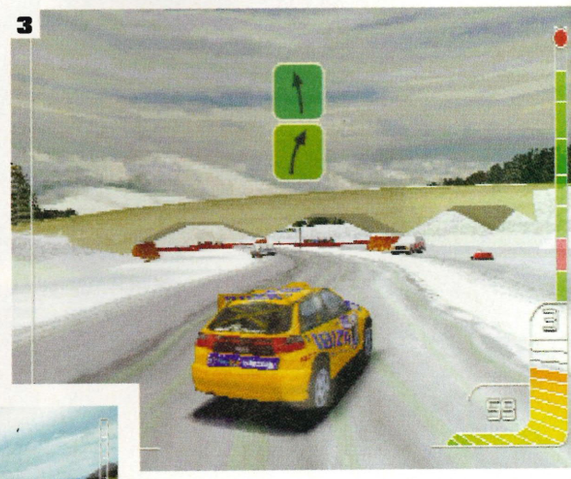
1 Colin himself usually sets the fastest times... 2 But at the checkpoint we're up. Can it last... 3 Yup. That's the finish line and this stage is in the bag...

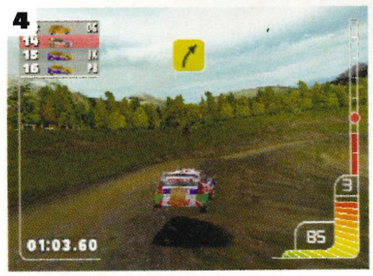
Challenge

On the harder rally stages it takes bucketloads of concentration and skill just to stay on the track. Getting a fast time takes everything you've got. When you eventually cross the finish you'll be knackered and sweating like a bastid. Is it worth it? Do bears shit in the woods?











1 Loose road surfaces keep you on your toes 2 Cornering is hard work 3 This section in Sweden is rock hard 4 Road and weather conditions change at any time 5 Respect due...

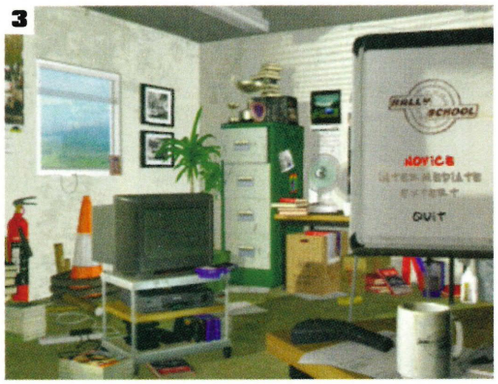
'You'll be sweating like a bastid!'

What you get

What you get is a whole lotta game. Ease your way into the action with timed stages or mini-rallies, go back to school to pick up the rallying basics and hone your skills, or take part in a full-blown championship set across eight different countries. It's up to you. If you've got the mates there's also the two-player action to get yer teeth into.





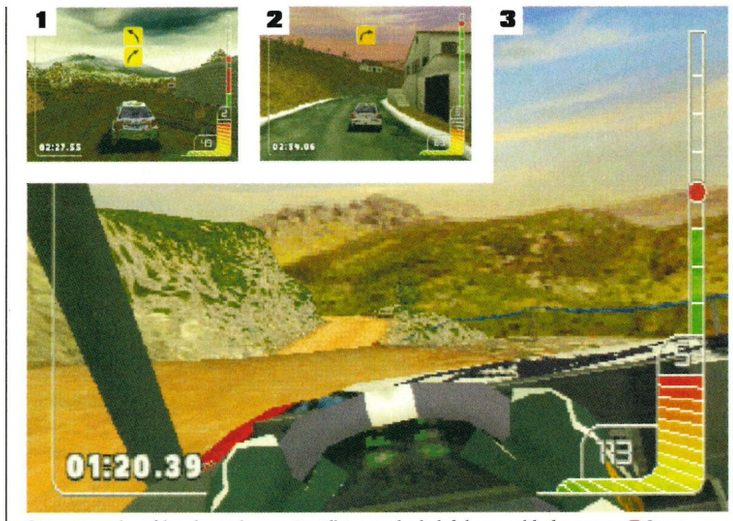




1 Practise individual rallies in the time trials... 2 Or using the stage-by-stage rally mode. 3 Pick up all the tips you can off dear old Col... 4 Now compete in the ultimate test – a full championship season

Help

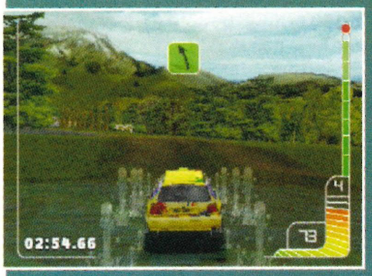
With so many stages, it'd be a bitch to remember every little detail. That's why you've got a co-pilot. He shouts out useful info – like how sharp the corners are – warns of dangerous conditions, tells you how far to the next McDonalds, that kind of thing. Not only that but he can levitate arrows in front of your eyes. Listen to this man, without him you're up shit creek without a canoe, let alone a paddle.



1 A nasty series of bends coming up. Best listen to the helpful man with the arrows 2 Some corners can be cut, some can't. Y'man will say which 3 Bumps can send you way off course, so Mr Co-pilot points 'em out for you...

Looks

Colin McRae looks pretty smart with incredibly detailed and lush landscapes: the kind you normally only see on Wish You Were Here –'cept you can't run over Judith Chalmers. Trackside objects like houses, crowds of people and bridges are OK, but get up close and they turn a bit blocky.



■ Water splashes look a bit weird



■ Villages are smart and seem faster



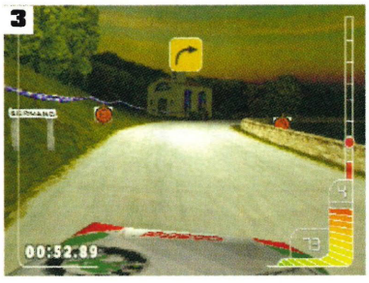
1 Landscapes are spot-on – this is Great Britain (see what we mean about Judith Chalmers?) 2 Don't get too close to any of the objects, though... 3 They have a tendency to go blocky

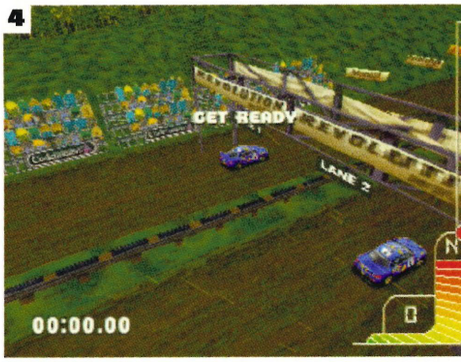
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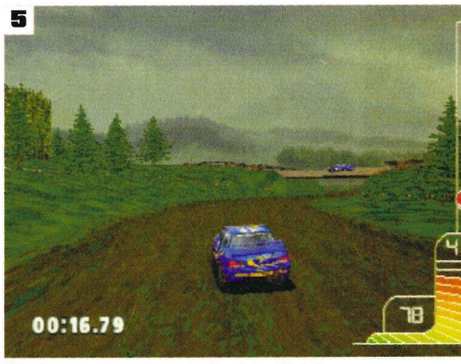
One thing about Colin McRae Rally: you'll never get bored of the tracks. Why? 'Cos there's a whopping 48 stages to get to grips with and each one's about 6 kms long. You want more? Well, there's also a bunch of special two-lane circuits with crossovers. On these you go head-to-head with rivals.











1 Early on, courses are quite forgiving 2 Action starts to hot up when you reach Monte Carlo 3 Race through different times of day. Night stages are much harder 4 Super Special Stages get you racing against the enemy... 5 Check out how you're doing when the lanes cross

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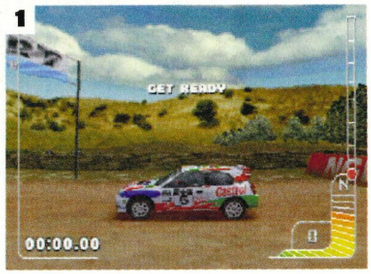
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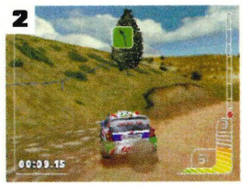
Quality, quality, quality. Yup, Colin McRae is one class racer. Is there anything wrong with this stunna? Well, yeah. There's only one teensy-weensy thing that stops Colin McRae from being the perfect racer and that's a lack of other drivers. Now, we know that's 'cos international rallying is a race against the clock, rather than other drivers, but we still would've like the option to do a bit of bump and grind. Still, don't let that put you off...

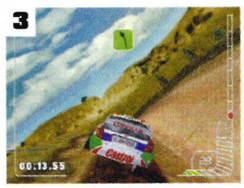
Damage

Every panel, window, light, and chassis part can be bent or smashed. And the sounds! Let the back skip against a tree and you'll hear the thud of alloy against hardwood or the shatter of glass. Check outside to see the crumpled mess, move inside the cockpit to see the wheel judder from a bent axle. You can also almost totally cover the shiny bodywork with stinking mud. Sweet.

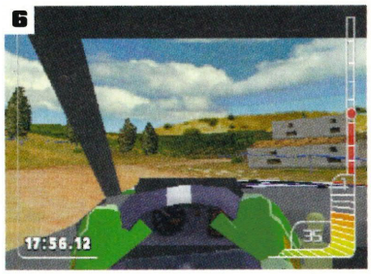


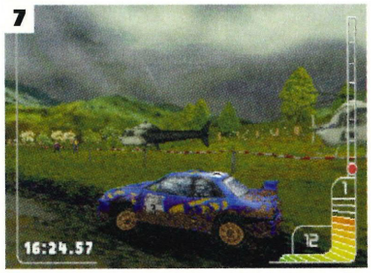








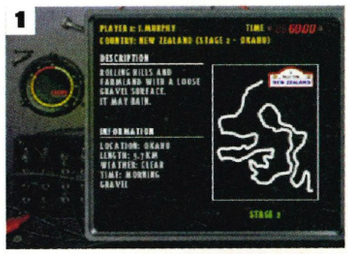




1 If you get bored with sensible racing, see how much damage you can do 2 Pick some suitably rough terrain to mess about on... 3 Get as high as you can, then try and roll it off the edge... 4 This is about as smashed up as the car gets 5 See the sparks fly when you scrape along walls... 6 From the inside you can see the steering wheel going mad 7 Alternatively, see if you can cake yer machine in muck

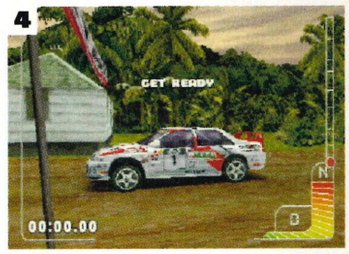
Set up

Before turning the key, have a glance at the map. Decide on the type of tyres, suspension and gear ratio you need. Get someone to bash out dents, rebuild the engine and generally tart things up. It all takes time and you've only got an hour, so choose wisely. You don't wanna be stuck with the wrong set-up, which'll bugger up your time.









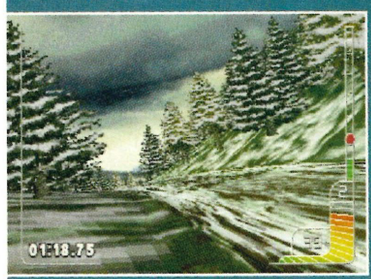
1 It's worth spending time studying the map... 2 Now set up your car according to the conditions 3 Don't forget to fix up all those dents and busted parts... 4 Good as new, but if the set-up's wrong your time will suffer badly

Conditions

Weather effects are really flippin' cool. Rain comes down in varying degrees, thunderclaps are followed by lightning that whites out the screen. Mist can cut your visibility in half and snow makes difficult conditions practically suicidal.









1 Stormy conditions, but you've still got to race your heart out 2 Mist + twisting corners = well trashed 3 When snow comes down things get very risky... 4 Especially when night falls

'This is bloody amazing!'

Cars

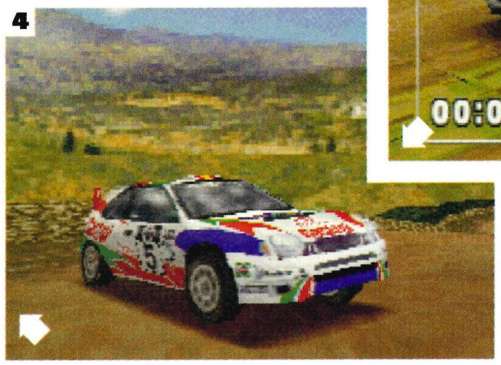
To begin with you only get to choose between four motors: a Subaru Impreza, Mitsubishi Lancer, Ford Escort and Toyota Corolla. Win various competitions and a load more appear. Some are standard rally issue, like the Renault Megane. Others, like the 1970 Ford Escort or the Audio Quattro, are bonkers.

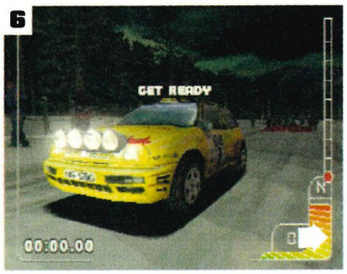
















1 Beginners should stick with the forgiving Subaru **2** The Mitsubishi is good on straight sections **3** Ford Escorts are easy to control but lack power **4** If you like skids pick the Toyota, or don't change yer pants **5** You can almost hear the crowd titter as you drive the Skoda **6** The Golf GTi, as driven by saucy birds everywhere **7** Step back in time with the totally crap old Escort **8** Super quick and impossible to control – that'll be the Quattro



■ Papa? Nicole, surely you're driving zee wrong make of car

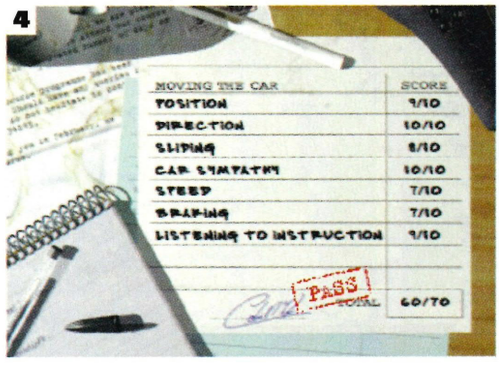
Rally school

Even if you've touched 140 down the M1 (and got away with it) it's best to pay a visit to Colin's Rally School. Here you'll be taught all the techniques you'll need to get through the game. The name might suggest education, but skidding around cones with Col sat beside you is actually a good crack.









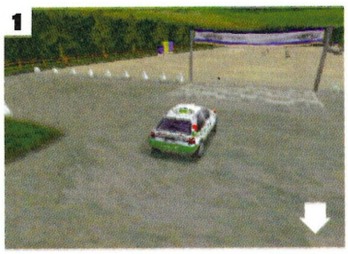
1 Select your skill level, then watch a video **2** An oval gets you used to tight spots and using the handbrake **3** Nail down cornering on a figure of eight **4** Abilities are graded after each section



■ For his birthday, Pedric the Pigeon's wife bought him a nice clean car to shat all over...

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The Works: Colin McRae Rally first test







1 And here comes Colin McRae... 2 Who'll be your instructor for the day... 3 I'm not getting in with that fruit, he's been on the sauce!

Psycho Col

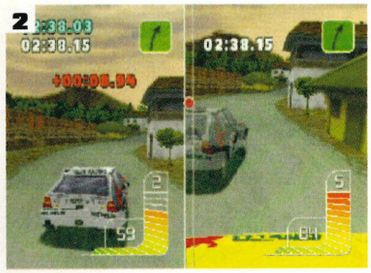
We like the man Colin McRae. In real life he's known as a bit of a driving nutta and he's pretty strange in the game, too.

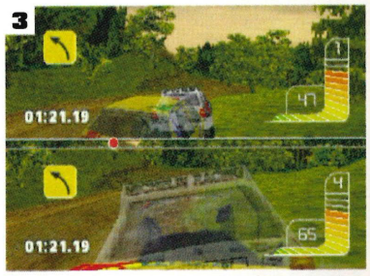
At times his advice seems a touch screwy and then there's the way he arrives in your test car like a pissed-up 70-year-old with cataracts who's never got behind the wheel of a car before. Something strange here, we think...

Two-player

We all know two-player racers aren't usually much cop, but this one ain't half bad. There's a bit of slowdown sometimes, and you can't see far enough into the distance, but it's still pretty amusing. You can race all the stages, including the special stage circuits, and choose to play an arcade knockabout or simulation where your cars ghost through each other.





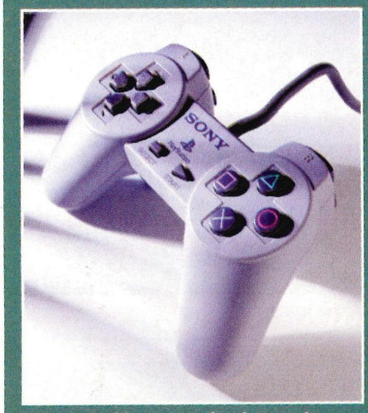




1 Split this way you can't see far enough into the distance... 2 That's more like it. Who cares what the countryside looks like? 3 Simulation means cars ghost through each other... 4 But don't panic. There's plenty of scrapes in the arcade mode

Steering wheels and stuff

If you haven't guessed by now, Colin McRae Rally is bloody amazing – but it can be made even better! Racing takes on a new dimension when you plug in a rumblin' pad. Things get better still if you can grab a wheel and pedals. Driving becomes instinctive and the real world vanishes. We recommend the Gamester Rumble Force Wheel that vibrates. Hmmm, rumbly.



■ A standard issue control pad. Yesterday



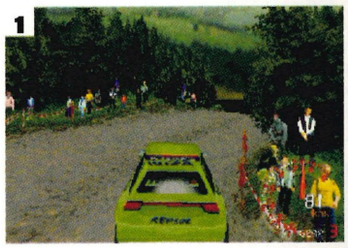
■ The new improved dual shock pad. Today

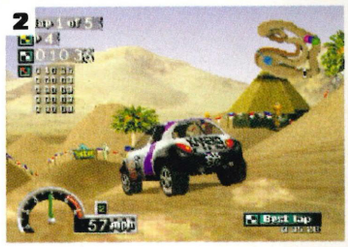


■ An amazing Rumble Force Steering Wheel. Next Thursday

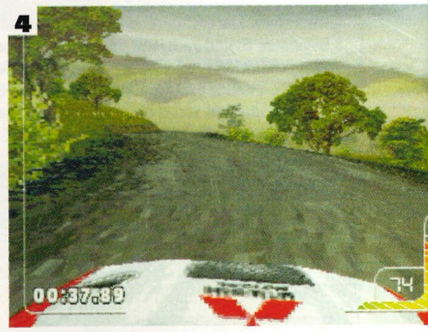
Best of the bunch?

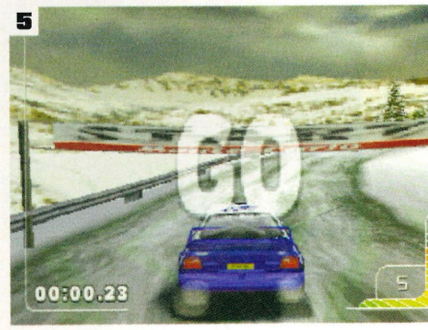
V-Rally, Rally Cross, Tommi Makinen and Colin McRae: you've got a few rally games to choose from, but which is best? Up until recently we would have gone for V-Rally, but Colin McRae is the new winner. Its got everything – speed, realism and tons of tracks.











1 V-Rally: still a performer 2 Rally Cross: for kids 3 Tommi Makinen: see p92 4 Colin McRae Rally: fast, sexy... 5 Simply the best

winner A bone-crunching, mud-splattering, pant-wetting rollercoaster ride through hell's back garden. Easily the best rally game in the world... ever. **Jon**

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WRITER'S BLOCK

I have written a poem. If you print it, I will do a few more. Thanks in advance. **So if we don't print it, you won't do anymore? What power. In one cruel swipe we've deprived the world of a poet.**

Chris Eastman, Weston-Super-Mare

RUBBISH SEQUEL SHOCK

I think Resident Evil is much better than its sequel. The second game moves away from puzzle to arcade, so instead of spending hours trying to work out the picture puzzle **Where the crows are** in the first game it's just a case of shooting in the second. **Which is a bad thing? Those hours you're talking about – hands up who spent days on the pukin' Doom Books puzzle – were perhaps the only shite thing about Resident Evil in most peoples' opinion** I'm all for cool ways for zombies to die but the gameplay gets too samey, also the sequel loses the sense of claustrophobia. Congratulations on the excellent mag: just a pity we never get any free demos. **How many times? There's no such thing as a 'free' demo. Think it over**

Craig Riley, Bromsgrove

The footy game debate continues...

It's still Actua Soccer 2 Vs FIFA RTWC

ACTUA SOCCER 2

I'd like to say that Actua Soccer 2 is far better than shitty FIFA 98. The graphics are much better and so is the detail. FIFA 98 even has Faustino Asprilla as a white man! I mean, get it right!

Adam Wonnacott, West Sussex

FIFA RTWC

Please lay off FIFA RTWC 98. It has to be said it is one of the best football games on earth. I think it deserves a bit better than 65%. Now any remarks like, 'you sad bastard' and I'll come for you. I'm big hairy and know where you live. **Ooh, we're scared. You sad bastard**

Sam, Cheshire

STILL THE ARGUMENTS CONTINUE. BUT WHADDAYA THINK OF SOME OF THE NEW FOOTY GAMES?

arse STUPID GEEZER WRITES!

I couldn't help but notice that in your 'We make PlayStation Plus' section in the May issue, you gave thanks to the Daily Star. Why would the Daily Star give you permission to use their 'SlayStation' article in a section where you ridicule them? This is very suspicious. I suspect there could be brown envelopes stuffed with cash passing between the two publications in an attempt to give each other publicity. I dare you to sue me if I'm wrong! **OK, for those not up to speed, we invented a spoof game called Scum as an April Fool's joke. The Daily Star did not realise it was joke and ran a huge story on it (with the headline 'SlayStation'). The following month we took the piss out of the Daily Star. A lot. And as for you, Mr Brady, the Star didn't give us permission to print a rag-out of their story – just like we didn't give them permission to print our made-up screenshots. And we thanked them for being such dunderheads and unwittingly giving us a ton of free publicity. See, that was a piss-take too.**

Paul Brady, Barnsley

ABIGAIL 2

Please print some a picture of the gorgeous Abigail number two who appeared in the April's 'Funky Shit'? **It's done**

Luke Japp and Atif Raza, Teddington

LEE'S BALLS

Here's a message for Lee of Hull, who was in May's Verbal... better watch it matey or I'll blow yer balls off with Claire Redfield's grenade launcher! **That's how they deal with rampant sexists down your way is it Kelly? Nice one. By the way, ours is milky with one**

Kelly, West Midlands

PS Your magazine gets more outrageous every month, keep it up! And why not print somethin' for us game girls? **We did, last month. It hurt us to do it, though...**

GAMES SHOP GIRLIES BACK IN THE HOUSE!

To Helen from Manchester: yo, fellow game girly! Thanks for the support. Tried out the new vibrating control pad yet?

Kath and Sam, Rhyl **Yup, Kath and Sam return. It's good to see them bonding with other girls...**



NEW FRIEND

Listen guys, take no notice of people like Hannah Milton **Who wanted pics of men and we obliged** forget the piccies of half-naked blokes and keep printing the girly photos, OK? After all, not all 'us girls' are heterosexuals, you know **Excuse us, but we've just come over 'all funny'** Oh, and in case you're wondering I'm no dog either and no, I won't send you a photo. **Aw, go on. You and 'a friend'. 'Mucking about', perhaps...**

Zoe, Kent

BABES

Hannah Milton doesn't know what she's talking about. Seeing cool pics of babes is great. Print more, I say. **OK then, you're the boss**

Erman Hassan

MORE GAMES SHOP GIRLIES

Yes, another letter from a female gamer who refuses to be excluded from the pleasures of gaming. I'm not offended by your pics of women, seeing as I see a real pair of bangers everytime I get undressed, take a shower etc. They're not made out of polygons, they're my constant companions and they're rather wonderful thank you very much. **Think we'll be the judge of that** It's your language I object to... **Goes on for ages about how the language is directed at males. It's cool, but too long** ...so don't exclude us girls, OK? Otherwise, congrats on making the Daily Star look stupid and producing a mag I bother to buy (I work in a games shop so I get to read the mags for nowt)

Julie Cox, Gateshead **Julie, you are a girl with wonderful breasts who works in a games shop. We wouldn't have dared invent such perfection. We love you (And Kath and Sam, who also work in a games shop)**

SMELLS BELLS

Your mag is definitely the best smelling mag I have ever smelt! **Thanks for pointing that out. You're right, it does smell mighty fine**

Mike Collins

BLOOD ON OUR HANDS

Please, please help me. I will commit suicide if I cannot complete The Last Report. Please could you send me the cheats. **Oh Mrs Wright, you are so wrong. Firstly, The Last Report is rubbish. Secondly, it's an adventure and there are almost never cheats for adventure games. Thirdly, we don't send cheats out to people anyway. Looks like it's suicide for you. Subscribe first though, eh?**

Mrs A Wright, Northampton

Designer holiday

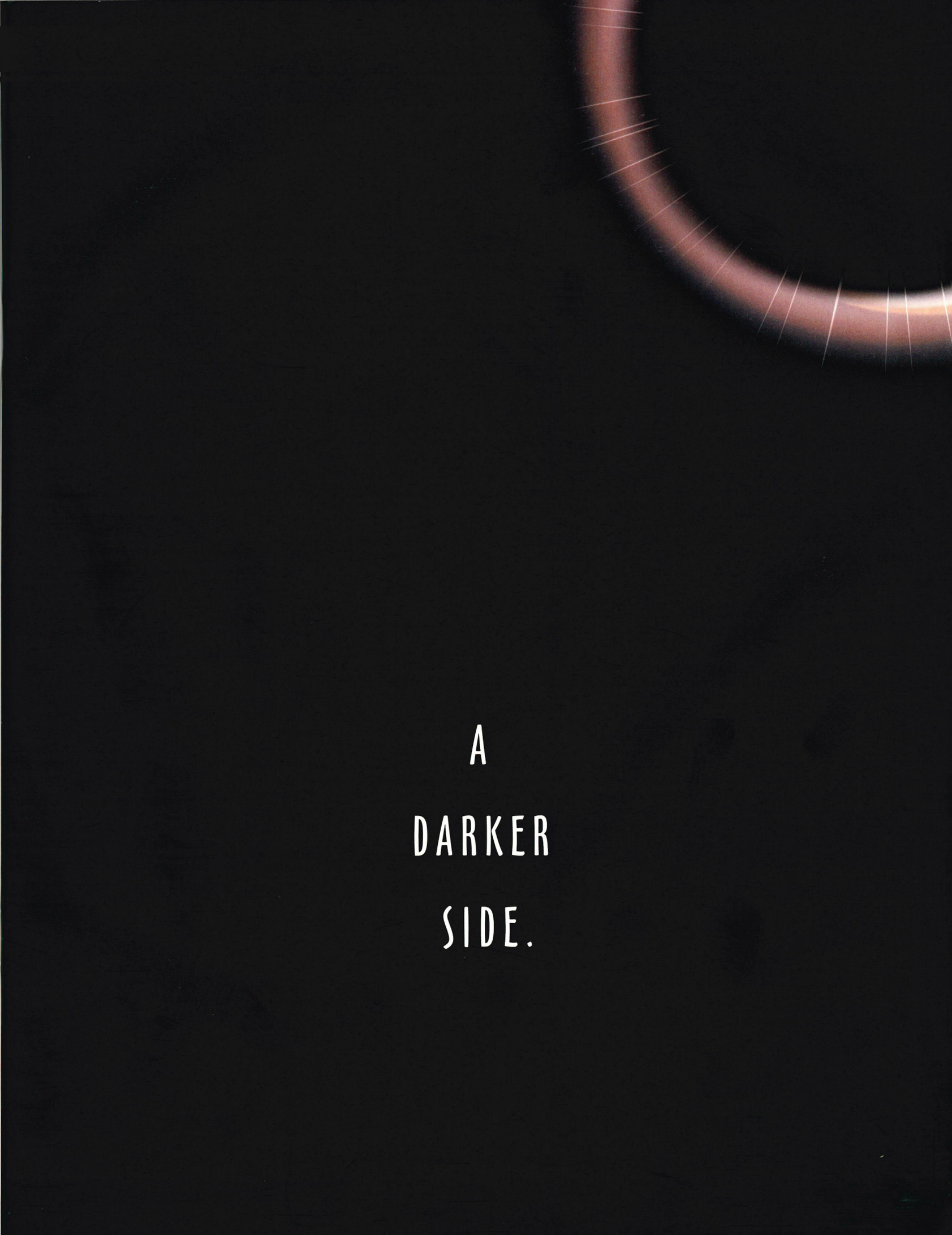
Letter from our art editor

Hello! Can't believe it's raining. Hope you're all working hard – so I don't have to! Love Jo **Er, sorry 'bout that, Jo**

Jo in Greece



■ She does good postcard, does Jo


A
DARKER
SIDE.

Mass Debate

Order! Order!

Having noticed your information box at the end of Verbal **last issue** it states 'If you find anything offensive in the magazine, give Bob Blizzard MP a call, he doesn't like us either'. **So much so, he's bombarded us with letters and even brought the matter up in parliament. Cheers Bob...**

Firstly, I think you should show more respect for a member of the government and the best MP Waveney's ever had. Secondly, Mr Blizzard is in a position of authority and has every right to criticise your inane and frankly perverse publication **Which you read, obviously** if one of his constituents makes a complaint. Finally, isn't it time you took a long look at the real world where there are beggars on the streets, drugs, sexism, racism etc. which good honest people like Mr Robert Blizzard MP are trying to obliterate? **If he's so great, then why isn't he out there tackling those things instead of picking on us?** In closing, I hope the companies which provide you with software for review realise the public do not want smegma-filled pieces of putrid filth on their newsagent shelves.

J R Poole, OTR Bay

The PlayStation plus fantasy by-election

'Waveney' constituency

Hey PlayStation players of Britain! It's up to you to decide who represents your life and leisure best in our fantasy parliament.

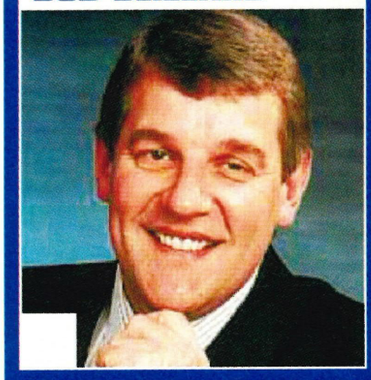
We give you a choice: pork pie, or Bob Blizzard. Blizzard's known for his strong views on PlayStation mags (i.e he thinks PlayStation is corrupting you). The pork pie's a tasty pastry treat.

Vote by marking a cross and send it to us at PlayStation Plus Votes, 37-39 Millharbour, Isle of Dogs, London, E14 9TZ.

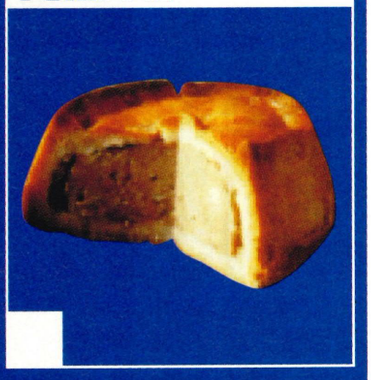
Make your vote count: vote meat product today. After counting we'll draw a winner who'll receive a free box of pork pies.

VOTE NOW! By-election closing date: end of July

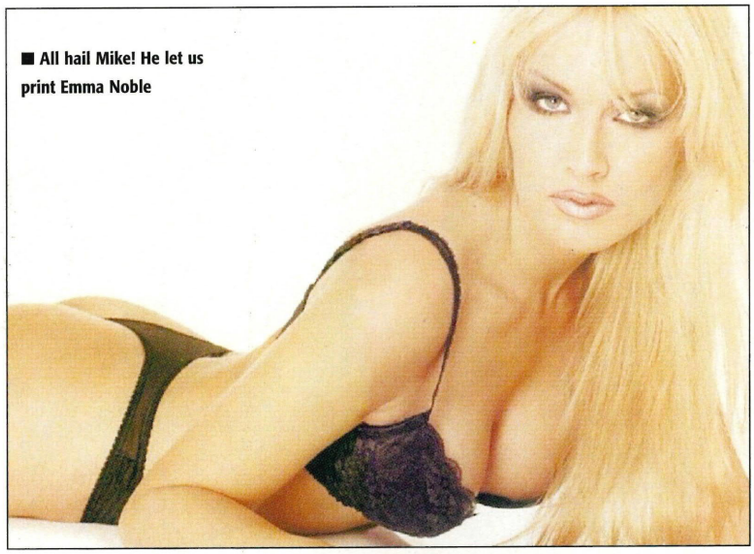
BOB BLIZZARD



PORK PIE



NAME AND ADDRESS: .....



■ All hail Mike! He let us print Emma Noble

MIKE'S OUR GOD

Nice to see that Chris Pratt agreed with me about Emma Noble. It wouldn't hurt you too much top print a picture of her. Tell Mike there's a lager and crisps in it for him. **His is a pint of Kronenbourg and a pack of kettle chips**

Bob, Kent

WHADDAIDO?

Which game should I buy? Resident Evil 2 or Gran Turismo? I've completed Resident Evil and thought it was brilliant, but I'm a bit short of racing games. **Why not wait for Resident Racing 98, where you get to pull some Gs around the original Resident Evil mansion in miniature Micro Machines-style cars?***

Michael Hoare, Glasgow **Where you live, is that a Hoare house? Arf arf**

SPOILSPORTS

Why did you give so much away in your Resident Evil 2 review? The excitement is the surprise which was taken away in part by your eagerness to tell us the best parts.

You went into too much detail in certain areas, why give away the autopsy room and alligator scene? If you want to mention the inclusion of the alligator in your review, fine, but don't show us pictures and how to kill it!

If you had not put your hints in the review and told us in the tips pages, you would have informed those who wanted to know and kept the surprise for those who didn't and kept one of probably many readers happy. **You gotta point CL, but we did flag those bits with a 'secret' stamp. And to be honest, that is only a tiny fraction of the game. We bet you were still jumping like you were wired up all the way through**

CL, Merseyside

Odds and ends

Other stuff in postie's sack

Could you please print more pictures of girls in your mag. Keep up the good work.

Dan Stubbs, Dover

Can I just say what a bloody brill mag and as for your april fools joke, that was smart. But I think that you should tell Sony to make this game as it is well cool.

Kevin

Don't you ever get sick of Lara Croft's snotty little voice saying "no, that's wrong" all the time in her home? Well seeing how much you all go on about her - probably not!

Rachel, Manchester

Keep up the almost excellent work you lightweights.

Jim Hall, Northampton

I've just been watching Coronation Street. I saw the March issue in the background and I thought you'd like to know.

Richard Sorby, Plymouth

Kiss my chuddies.

Gavin, Woking

Yes, Ash are crap.

Stephen B, not from Cheshire

We've got Skynet by the balls now.

Miles Bennett Dyson, Tokyo

PS Klunk klunk klunk klunk

Nihon e yohkoso!

Kamera shiyo-shimasen.

Rixx, Sosume Electronics (Japan UK) **Er, translation please!**

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Blab

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Jack the Ripper killed seven women in 1888. Word is, he was frustrated 'cos there were no games around in them days. Now there are loads. And here they are...



"Enormous sprays of blood and gore splatter everywhere!"

■ Despite his efforts, the other trees sensed Scorpio was not one of them

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■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** GT ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Mortal Kombat 4

Twat! Bok! Splurge! Kombat time again. Kan you kut it?

Remember Mortal Kombat? 'Course you do. Flat-as-a-pancake 2D fighters battering each other until enormous sprays of blood and gore splattered everywhere. Tasteful shit. Cut to the present. Those 2D fighting fellas are returning to the 'Station, and word is they've got themselves a third dimension. Most intriguing...

Time to fry!

It's 100% pure slapsticky chopsocky here. Silly special moves are big on the menu. There's 101 different colours of big blistering fireball to chuck about here, and 101 different ways to block, hurdle and dodge 'em. Choice.

Into the third dimension

And in glorious 3D too? Errr... well, nope. From what we've seen, the all-singing all-dancing 3D Mortal Kombat's looking as flat as Bianca out of EastEnders. Oops. Maybe it'll get better. We hope so...

plus It's so OTT you'll only like it if you're a kid. Or a spazz.

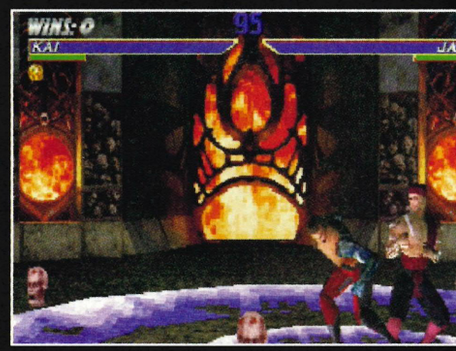








1 Tzzzzip! Big bastard ball of electrical stuff. Can ruin your day 2 Every fella can hurl things like this 3 It's easy to tell if something's hurting you 4 Arm-twisting move knackers your forearm. Ugh



■ Lights! Agony! Action!

















5 Fireball action. Time for the other bloke to die in pain, we reckon 6 Rayden does a fine line in flying along electrocuting folks... 7 Hurt people bad and they'll emit streams of Jap gibberish... 8 Along with fountains of arterial blood... 9 The trick with all the big bolts o' colourful stuff is to do a big jump over 'em and hoof the other guy in the head... 10 Bang! When the going gets tough, whap out a weapon...

■ Leave your IQ at the door please. This ain't for clever folks...

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** SONY ■ **PLAYERS** 1
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

The Fifth Element

update

The far future, and there's still no cure for ginger hair...

It's the future and the world's fate is in the hands of a ginger bint dressed entirely in Elastoplast and a sweating bald man in a vest. Nice. But now it's the Game of the Film, of course, so it's your turn to take the helm, take on the alien baddies and save the earth from impending doom...

LeeLoo?

You can be either the ginger or her mate Korben: there's 15 3D levels to search through for five magic stones needed to save earth's bacon.

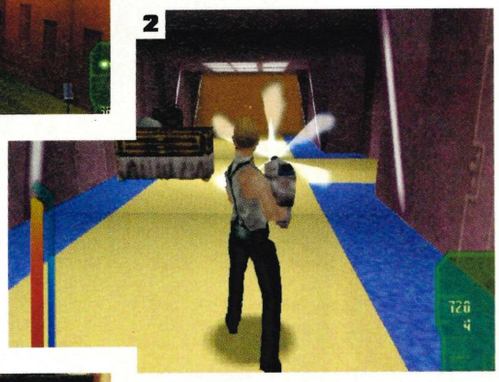
Leeloo's tip-top at hand-to-hand fighting, with lightning fast flurries of punches and kicks, whereas Dallas sticks to pasting whatever he sees with guns n' stuff. Those ugly alien bastards better watch themselves...

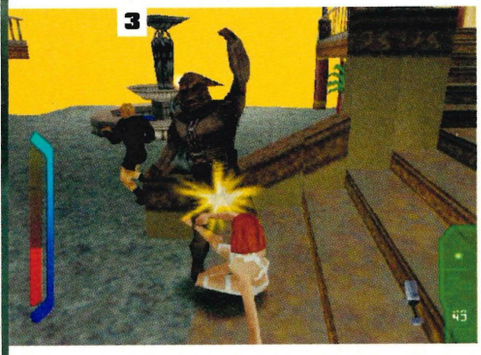
***plus** Could be interesting. We'll keep our eyes peeled...*





■ Just hang in there...









1 Alien bodger gets a kick in the bonce 2 Dallas sprays electromagnetic death 3 Sexy Elastoplast costume, ginger minge 4 Time to die, y'alien pieca shit! 5 Dallas has a nice line in firearms....

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** INTERPLAY ■ **PLAYERS** 1
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD, DUAL SHOCK

Earthworm Jim

A worm with career aspirations beyond oozing slime and eating dirt...

Ol' Jim must have the mother of all exercise routines. He's a worm, right, but he looks like Jean Claude Van Damme with a small pointy head. OK, with an even smaller, pointier head. Cool. And a whole world's worth of cows and other undesirables are gonna find out he's one tough little bastard...

Weird, man...

The whole game happens in Jim's head after it's been mashed by a falling cow. Don't ask. And Jim's mashed head seems to be fulla some weird shit. There's Wild West levels, horror levels, seaside levels, all stuffed with rabbits, evil cats and disco-dancing zombies...

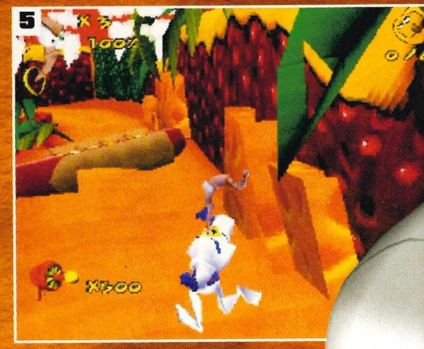
Fun wiff guns

Jim's gonna be able to tool-up with guns that fire frogs, eggs, gnashing teeth and exploding dwarves. Hmmm. And he's even gonna be able to go surfing on what looks like bile on top of a disgruntled pig. Cruelty central. Cool.

***plus** Loadsa colourful levels with tons of stuff to do. Cool. And Homer Simpson's voice might be doing the vocals for Jim, too. If that makes any kind of sense.*









1 Jim goes hotdog hurdling 2 Wot you lookin' at? 3 That's some disco dancing zombies, that is 4 Chuck bowling balls at the baddies 5 Another frankfurter to jump...



■ Oi! Undead bastards! I'll take you all on!

■ What kind of low worm are you?

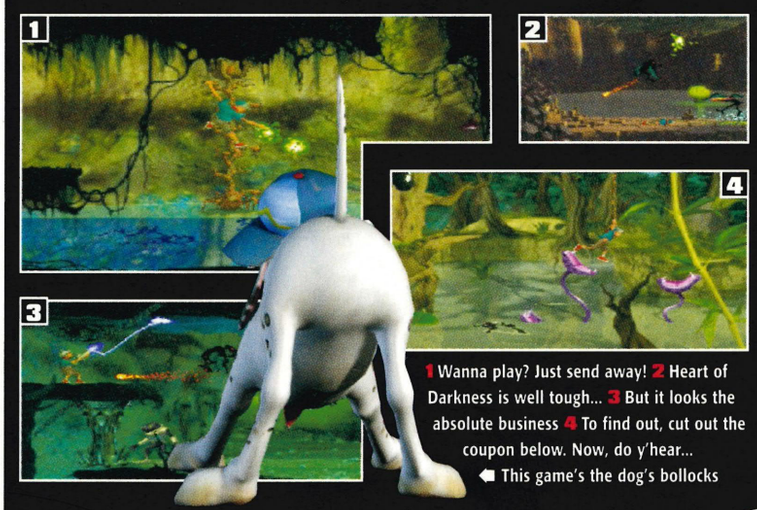
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Blab

High-speed techno mayhem. We like...

■ **OUT** JULY ■ **BY** GREMLIN ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** MEMORY CARD

N_2O update















Destroy hairy-arsed insects at eyeball-melting speeds. Like Rentokill on steroids.

And you thought the only bugs you killed this summer would be the ones spoiling your barbecue. Wrong. Now there's N2O, an adrenalin-soaked, retina-melting speed injection with a soundtrack so bangin' you'll soon find yourself starring on Neighbours From Hell. Question is, can you take the pace?

Do it to them...

N2O's basically a fast and furious shooter with you haring along endless tunnels blasting insects outta your way. Luckily, you got more than a can of Raid for zapping bugs. Apart from some nasty weapons already on hand, you increase your arsenal with power-ups along the way. Graphics already look super-smooth and they stay that way even when the game gets up to brain-liquifying speeds. Which it does. All the time.

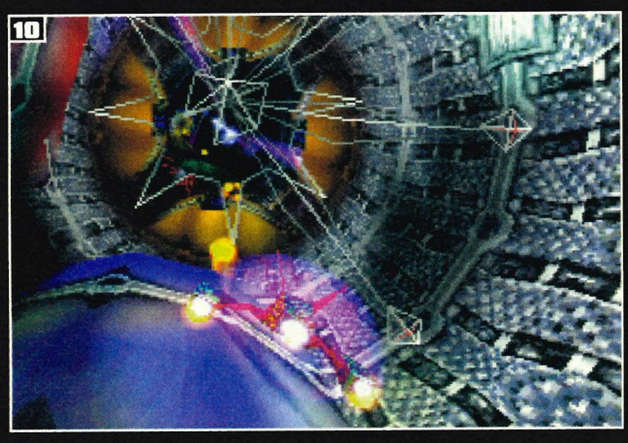
Stuff to do

With over 30 levels and heaps of bonus areas there's a lot to keep you up at nights here. You have the choice of four bug-killin' machines, a two-player game to get to grips with and, if your eyeballs resign in protest, you can always churn up the carpet to the awesome soundtrack from uber-techno types Crystal Method.

***plus** One for the speed freaks. Whether or not it's gonna lack variety remains to be seen. Check out the review soon.*









1 Do you like the pretty lights? **2** Psychedelic level design'll mash yer head **3** Things get hairy in there. But you got the guns to cope **4** Shooting certain stuff a number of times increases the strength of the power-up **5** Firewall is one of the best special weapons **6** Explosions are brain-singeing affairs **7** Eat techno death, bitch **8** The spider boss. Creep **9** Gettin' faster now... **10** Yup, the webs'll trip you up too **11** If you think it starts off fast, wait till it gets a whole lot faster...

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■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** SONY ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK

Tekken 3



It's raining. Your life's a mess. You hate your friends. So what? Tekken 3's a-coming...

More characters than you can shake a stick at. More than a thousand bone-splintering moves. Lightning-fast combination attacks. Bloody enormous power moves that go off like firecrackers. Look, how many reasons do you need? This is the best beat 'em up ever. Orright?

Meaty beaty

When Tekken 3 comes to these shores, it looks like the practice mode (where you get to test out your combos) is gonna be missing the line at the bottom that shows you what buttons you're hitting. This is thanks to the efforts of Sega who've copyrighted that particular idea. Ah well, with a game this awesome it don't matter.

■ Paul Phoenix twats Dr B

Dual shock shocker!

But it ain't all bad news. All the characters will be present and correct, and the game's even gonna be dual shock compatible, so you'll get a little jolt everytime you get battered across the head or booted in the guts. Nice.

***Blab** The time draws near. Every British household should have a copy of this. Or else.*



Xiaoyu was always top of her class in 'traffic direction' school

1 Law flips over and gives Gun Jack a pain in the jaw 2 Ogre. Big bad guy. With some serious moves 3 Hwoarang gets beaten up by a panda... 4 You hurt me, little man... 5 So I will hurt you. Makes sense 6 Old man beats up little girl 7 This hurts me as much as it hurts you. Or not 8 Ouch! Xiaoyu gets a neat little kick in the head 9 Power moves hurt reeeal bad 10 And then by a ponce in snakeskin trousers. Whatta goof...

■**OUT** JULY ■**BY** ACCLAIM ■**PLAYERS** 1-2
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

Jeremy McGrath Supercross 98

Jeremy McGrath ain't happy. He's mad, he's angry, he's supercross.

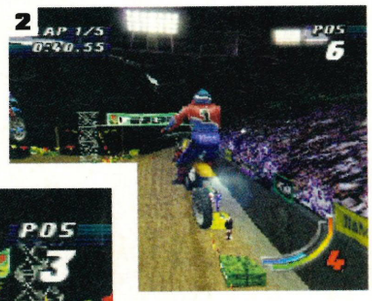
The other interesting thing you can do with a couple of racy bikes and bucket-loads of mud is supercross. Of course the entrants don't wear tiny bikinis and pull each other's hair, but hey, there's life outside perversions... apparently.

Thrills

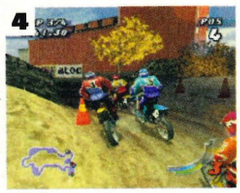
Run amok through terrain rougher than Liz McDonald out of Coronation Street. Tackle giant jumps, barge your way through opponents, uncover short cuts and make a bid to become world champ. And if you get bored with the tracks you can even make up your own...

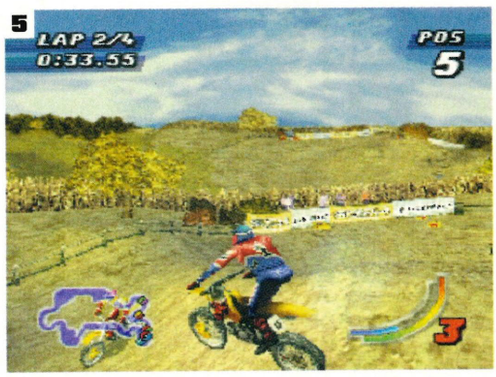
***plus** Plenty of rough and tumble but unlikely to become a classic.*



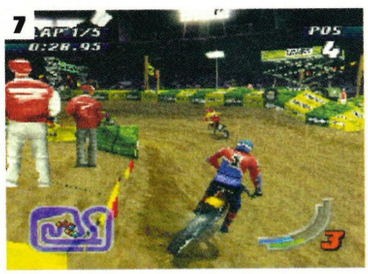














1 Yup, it's choose your bike time, with tons of options to choose from **2** Catch some air over bumps and humps **3** Tracks have got more twists and turns than the plot of The Usual Suspects **4** Gerrouta me way! **5** Jump on his head, son **6** Ouch! **7** Loadsa different courses **8** Time to get muddy!

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

San Francisco Rush

Hippies still trippin' from the sixties? Or is it another racin' game...

There are no flat bits of road in San Francisco. Highways go up and down like a rollercoaster and cars don't drive, they bounce. We know 'cos we've seen cop flicks. And we've played this.

Bugs

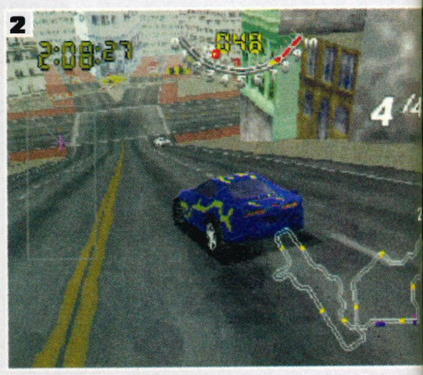
Take your pick from a variety of machines, including VW bugs and camper vans. Now you're ready for a high-speed tour through San Francisco. On your left is the Golden Gate Bridge, to the right City Hall and straight ahead the burnt-out shell of a rival car.

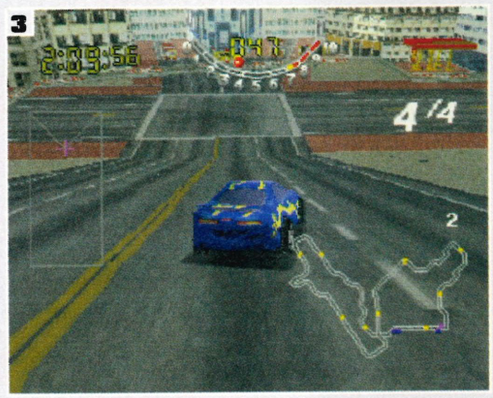
Arcade

Converted from the arcade machine (of the same name), there are six bouncy tracks here. You have to collect keys to open shortcuts which makes things a little different. You then get to race over rooftops, jump busted bridges and chug through sewers.

***plus** Looks and plays a bit ropey at the mo, but could be a laugh.*



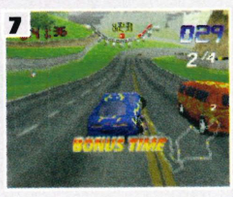


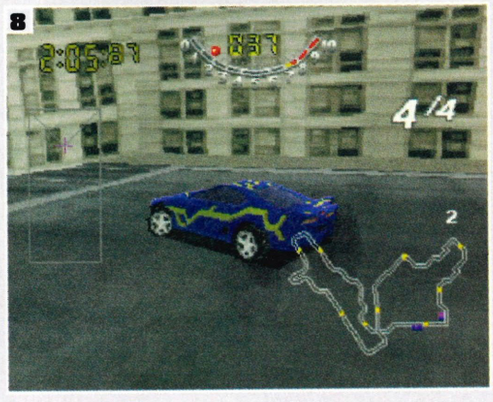












1 Graphics are simple, but... Er, just simple, actually **2** These are the kind of hills you expect in San Francisco. Anyone seen Bullitt? **3** Faster, pussycat **4** Shit. Other cars. Better bash through 'em I 'spose **5** Ah, a bonus **6** Jump them ramps, tough guy **7** Hey, time to scare the hippies in the bus **8** Loser

Women

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Nancy Boys

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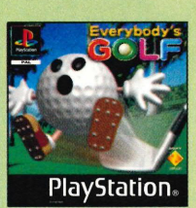
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■ **OUT** DECEMBER ■ **BY** SQUARESOFT ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

Parasite Eve

The human race battles to survive. Would you Adam and Eve it?

Final Fantasy VII was an epic but let's face it, it was a bit of an anorak's game. But imagine taking the most incredible visuals and binning the slow storyline. You'd end up with Parasite Eve.

Disease

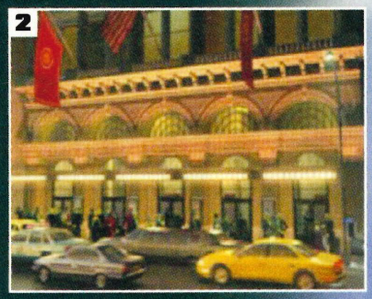
Opera star Eve carries a deadly mutating disease, the manky cow. She's also armed with devastating psychic powers, like the ability to turn people to toast. You play police woman Aya and unless you track down Eve quicksmart, the world can kiss its ass goodbye. Gameplay mixes gruesome movie clips with battle sequences against some wicked monsters. Luckily Aya's geared out with hefty weapons to bag these tough basts.

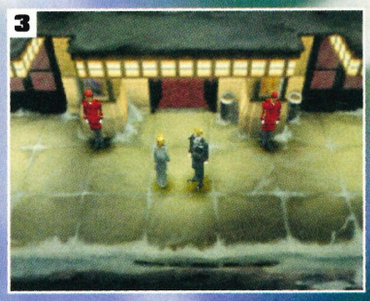
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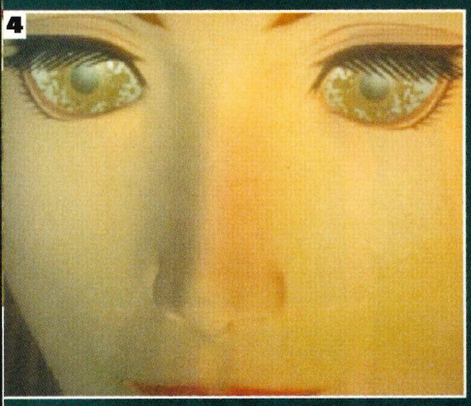
Now here's the crunch. Squaresoft weren't going to release this baby in the UK. Thankfully smart operators at Electronic Arts are trying to secure a deal right now. Pray they can pull it off 'cos you're gonna need this in your collection.

***plus** A movie-style adventure with a meaty plot. Let's hope for a UK release.*


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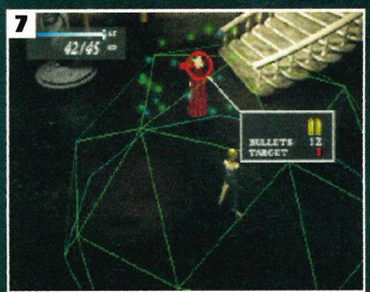

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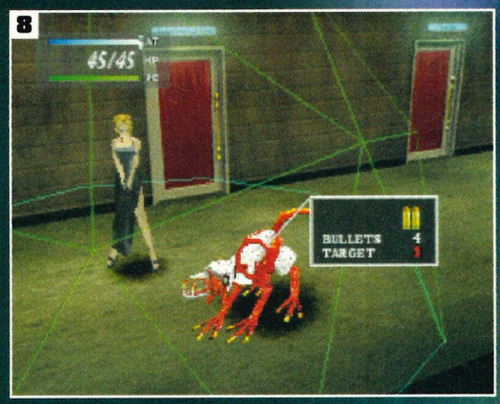
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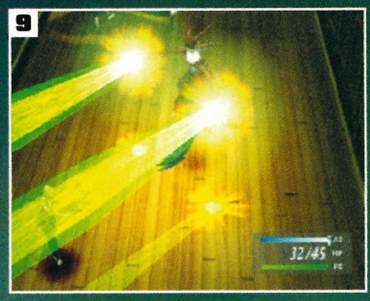

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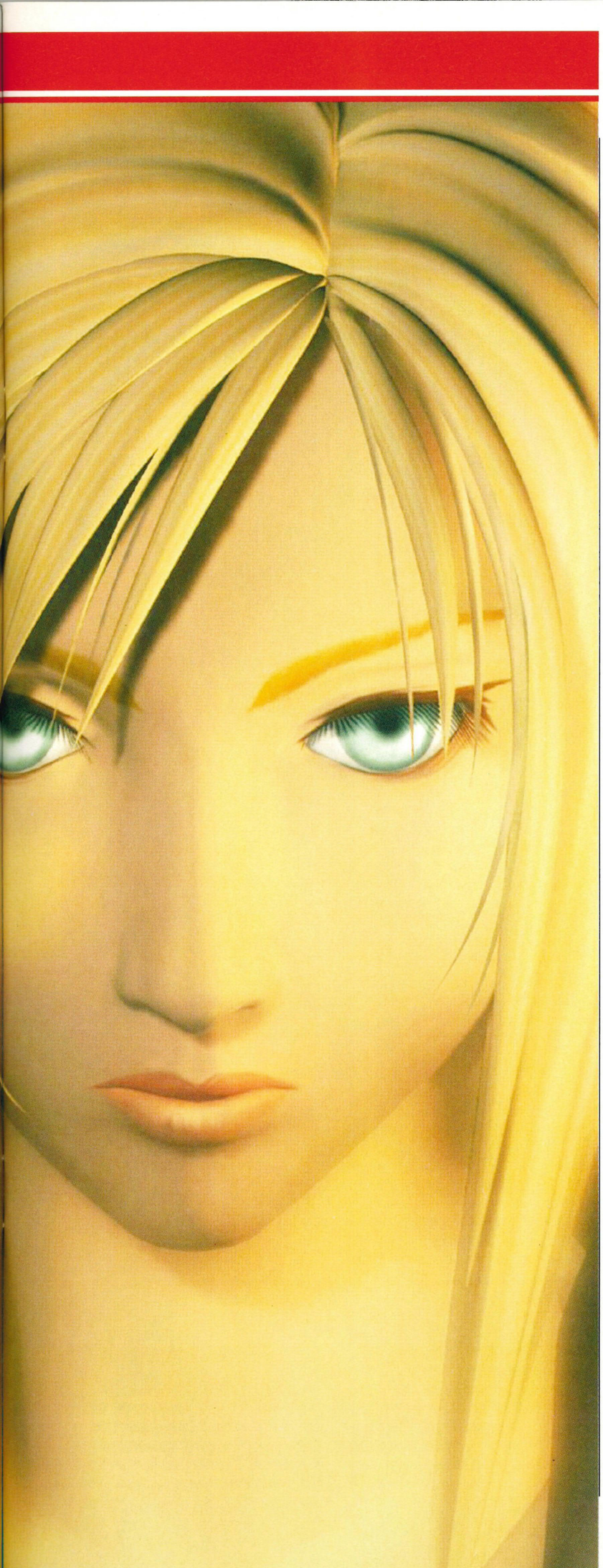


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1 New York is the setting for this cinematic adventure **2** The game kicks off at the Opera... **3** Policewoman Aya turns up... **4** You can see from Eve's eyes something's wrong **5** Who's the clown **6** Why are people burning? **7** Combat is fast **8** Enemies are gory **9** Effects look super-cool





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■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** CRYSTAL DYNAMICS ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

UnHoly

When two tribes go to war things get UnHoly

War games. We like 'em but the graphics are sooo titchy and it's not like we need another reason to go blind. But hold your horses 'cos The UnHoly War zooms in on the action turning battles into 3D extravaganzas.

Get ready

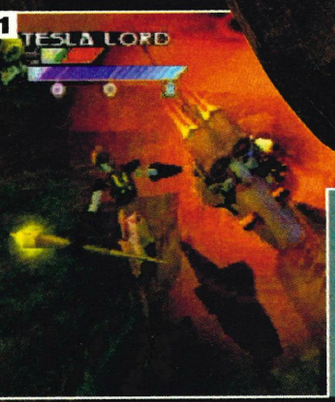
What you do is place troops, weapons and machinery around a variety of landscapes. When opponents stray into each others territory the camera closes in for the brutal stuff. This novel idea should make gameplay fast-paced and dramatic.

Nuts and bolts

Players pick from 14 characters each with their own special abilities and weapons. Hovercrafts, armoured cars, lasers, seeker bombs and even spell casting are on the menu for destruction.

To top things off you can also customise your forces, building soldiers, weapons, experience and defences. Cool.

plus Could this be the next step in war games? We hope so.

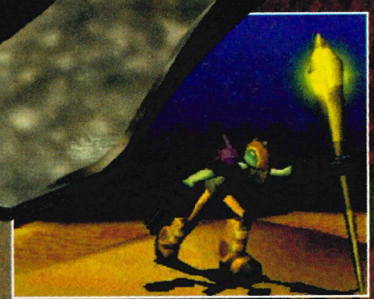








1 Some vehicles crawl, others fly 2 Fancy finding that in yer bath 3 Close-up action gets pretty flashy 4 Brontu faces Razorfane. Wonder if any of the characters have got sensible names?



■ Old man bug turns his tails and scuttles off, still clutching his glowing rod

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 on it.

■ KKND

A new three-way battle game is scheduled for September. KKND features split screen two-player mode, 45 missions, simplified controls for instant action and cool effects. You get to play with air, land and amphibious units and we're told the storyline is a laugh.



■ KKND: Should never have let her drive...

■ Wired!

Wired's a new 3D puzzle game with 50 levels set across five worlds.

You get to choose from six wacky characters and go to work changing empty grids into solid ground in your team colour. Areas contain traps, blockades and enemy characters. Expect to see it in shops around September.

■ TTT

Thrust, twist n' turn may sound like a man with a corkscrew for a todger but it's actually a new 3D racer. Loops, jumps, lifts and even bonkers halfpipes are the reason why makers say TTT has got spaghetti-like tracks. Six vehicles can be tuned between races and out on the tarmac you can see damage after crashes. Expect TTT around Chrimbo.



■ Hard Corps: One for you Tommy Tankers

■ Hard Corps

We've heard of weird mixes before, like Pernod and black, but how about crossing a military tank simulator with a sports sim? It's called Hard Corps and the idea is in the future, war becomes a sport designed for TV, with tanks fighting it out in an arena. The idea

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** EA ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD, DUAL SHOCK

Moto Racer 2

Polish up your helmet. It's time to ride, daddio...

Bike racing efforts ain't exactly been setting the world on fire lately. But we haven't lost hope, and the first Moto Racer wasn't at all bad. Could this feisty little fella be the saviour we've been waiting for?

We like bike

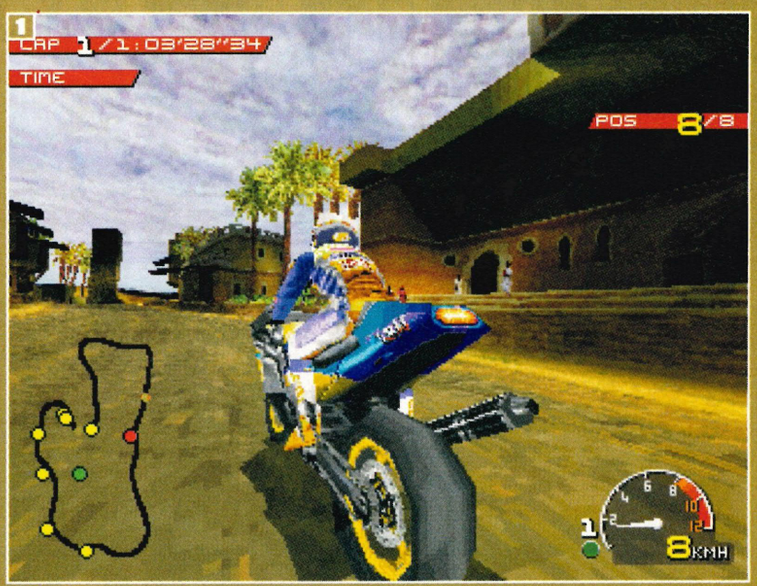
You'll get a choice of street or motocross bikes, and you'll get to churn up the dirt over 30 international tracks. Cool.

The weather even varies according to where you are: in the Sahara, for instance, you'll always be looking over your shoulder for sandstorms...

Edit, geddit?

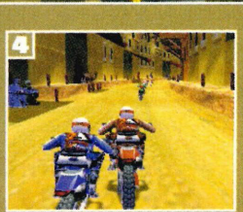
But if 30 courses ain't enough for you, you'll be able to rustle up your own courses using the 3D track editor. And it'll even let you change the existing ones, or create whole new championships. Cool or what?

plus Looks like it could be the real deal. We'll keep you posted as news comes in...











1 Choose between racing in towns... **2** Or racing through backwoods **3** Get messy on dirt tracks **4** Jostle through the towns **5** Bails it up, and all that glory goes slip-sliding away

■ Some poor bastard goes arse over tit



■ In the outback, the AA won't hear you scream



■ No wheelies, no fun...

is to kill in the most pleasing way for the viewers. We'll keep ya posted.

■ Assault

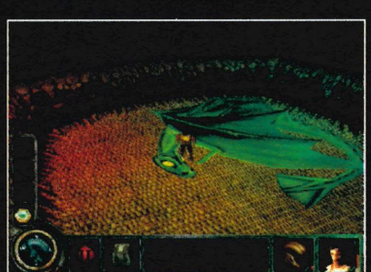
Mindless violence, oh yes baby. Assault is pure explosive action set over 60 huge stages. The point? You've just got to kick loads and loads of mutant alien butt. Take heavily armed, robot armoured troopers to the site of a UFO crash and track down scum. When it's released late this year Assault will use the Dual Shock to deliver more of a punch.

■ Dragonflight Chronicles of Pern

A new RPG based on sci-fi novels is on the way for December. Dragonflight is based on stories by writer Anne McCaffrey who has sold over 30 million crap books. We'll have to wait to see if 3D lands and characters, a history and time line and loads of locations help make the tales interesting.

■ Tank Racer

Take tanks onto a track and you get a racing game which kicks ass. Shoot opponents and obstacles, and if anything's left then run over it. Due early next year, Tank Racer should include 12 vehicles, tons of power-ups, weapons and 15 tracks.



■ Dragonflight: Interesting? We doubt it

■ G-Darius

Shoot 'em ups don't get much more hardcore than this. Two-player 3D action, waves and waves of enemies and heavy duty power-ups are the key to this arcade conversion.

You have to blast your way through 15 levels, each of which has two routes, and take on 30 bastid great bosses. Out in September, G-Darius is one to watch.

■ B-Movie

There's things lurking out there in the silent depths of deep space. And they ain't friendly. Yup, it's time to go laser-crazy out there in the void again: this 'un's gonna be a shoot 'em up kinda like Colony Wars. But with a side order of 50s sci-fi flick cheese.

You'll be hit with mission after mission of 'save the goodies, blitz the bug-eyes' style action. And you won't find us complaining about that. Promising.



■ G-Darius: Hardcore action. Yeah!

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

Buggy

Race souped-up toys down avenues of dubious fungus. Choice.

The colours, man. It's all about the colours. The colours of slalom gates to be precise. Buggy's a weirded-up remote-control car racer where going through loadsa little glowy gates in the right order is the only way to get yourself sorted for ease and whizz...

Slalomania

Little speed-ups ain't the only thing you get for nipping through the gates: there's invulnerability and other oddments up for grabs. Break the sequence, though, and it's all gone...

plus *Could be cool. Wait n' see.*









1 So the trick is to keep picking up ones of the right colour... 2 And then you'll get useful stuff like this speed up... so keep on dodging the wrong 'uns and picking the right 'uns 3 And you're laughing 4 That's the theory, anyway...

■ Shao Lin

The best bits in yer average kung fu film are always when there's so many blokes on screen you can't tell whose fist is smashing whose face. And you'll be able to get a taste of that kinda action in Shao Lin.

With up to seven 3D blokes battling on screen at once, up to four of 'em controlled by people, it's gonna be total beat 'em up mayhem in there. Sweet.



■ Shao Lin: Kung fu blokeys

■ Libero Grande

Here comes a footy game that's gonna stand out from the crowd. Y'see, you control one single player throughout, rather than switching to whoever's nearest the ball.

The idea is that you captain the team: you're able to call for the ball and tell your boys when to go for goal, but the rest of the time, it's positioning yourself for passes and generally making yourself useful. Hmm, interesting. Ve-e-e-r-y interesting...



■ Dead Unity: Adventure, puzzles. You know...

■ Dead Unity

This is gonna be a 3D action adventure where you burn, mangle and crush your way through 50 different flavours of psychotic robot to save the world from a mad computer. There's an epic storyline unfolding around you as you carry on your one-man blitzkrieg, and puzzles to keep the old brainbox stewing. It should hit shelves around autumn.

■ Tennis Arena

This is looking like it might be a stormer. The movement's ultra-realistic, and graphics are peachy. There's all sorts of international tennis folks to play with, so if you like tennis, this should turn your crank...

■ Loony Toons

Almost too good to be true. It's a fully weirded-up slapstick racing effort. And it stars a full quota of da Loony Toons boys: Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Wile E Coyote and the gang. Nice. Time for old Wile E to get his own back on that cocky bastard Road Runner we reckon. We got a whole load of old scores to settle. We can't wait.

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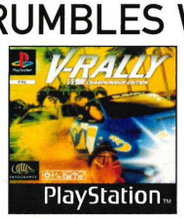
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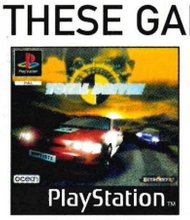


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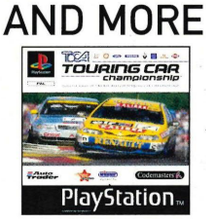
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THE UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** EIDOS ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Ninja: Shadow of Darkness

Ninjas. Possibly the coolest murderers in the world... ever

You're gonna take the part of a young Japanese noble with a long, unpronounceable name, a wardrobe tending towards black and a habit of sneaking around at nights. And one of those pesky Japanese demons has been up to demonic stuff: y'know, opening portals to the dark side, that kind of shit. Guess what you're going to do to him and all his chums? Yup. And it's gonna hurt.

To injure a ninja...

At your disposal you're gonna have all the sharp things Ninjas use to make people bleed. And you're gonna have spells, magic weapons. The full shebang. But you're up against a whole 3D world of demons, grotesque monsters and magic-slinging weirdos. Time to sharpen those shurikens, we reckon...

'You're up against demons, grotesque monsters and magic-slinging weirdos'

plus Looking a tad basic and old-skool at the moment, but you never know...



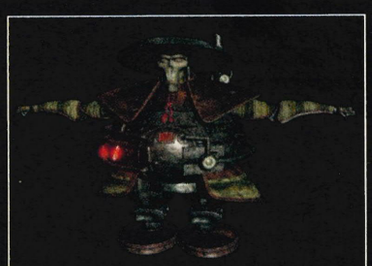




1 Get in close for some serious chopsocky
2 What lovely eyes you have 3 Time to flee!

■ The Diabolical Adventures of Tobu

Huge fantasy landscapes with total freedom of flight over 'em is the name of the game in this 'un. You're Tobu, a geezer who's had his uncle nicked by the ultra-evil emperor Nen Hithol. And the only way you're gonna get uncle back is by flying all over the shop killing Nen Hithol's robot slaves wherever you may find 'em. Expect a November release.



■ The Diabolical Adventures of Tobu: Hmmm

■ Rushdown

Adrenalin's where it's gonna be at in Rushdown. You'll get to kayak, mountain bike and snowboard yer way down through loads of really extreme locations to show the local champs who's the daddy.

With three different flavours of high-speed thrill on offer, this might turn a few heads when it touches down around autumn this year...

■ BioFreaks

If you find yer average beat 'em up doesn't quite satisfy your savage lusts for blood and pain, you should probably take a good, long gander at BioFreaks.



■ BioFreaks: Can't we talk this through

Gangs of freaks slug it out using meathooks, chainsaws and even M16s in 3D underground dungeons filled with hideous traps. And the blood spillage will be beyond belief. Nice. BioFreaks should hopefully splatter down around October.



■ Streak: Racing on hoverboards

■ Streak

Streak's gonna be a racing effort where the race takes place a couple of feet above the ground on scarily fast hoverboards. You'll get to race over cars, through sewer tunnels and even through a shopping mall. Intense, man. This should appear around about November.



4 One big bastard 5 Burn, baby 6 Get wet 7 Monkey magic!
8 Crabsticks for dinner!

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** ELECTRONIC ARTS ■ **PLAYERS** 1-4
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

Tiger Woods 99

Just like the real man, right down to his 'fist-pumping moves'. Nice.

Tiger Woods – he d'man. He's broken with all the golfing traditions, throwing away the offensive jumpers and showing he's got a personality. He's cool, exciting and he's coming to PlayStation.

***plus** We're taking bets this is gonna be a real stunna. If you're into golf, that is.*

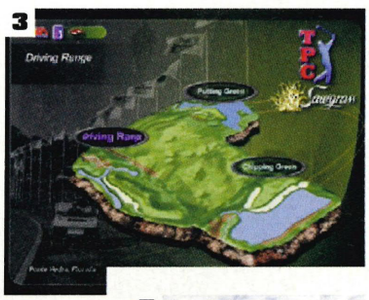
Great expectations

Expect all the usual golf game features, but dressed up in smart graphics. Y

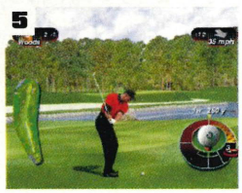
You'll also be able to stroll famous courses from the PGA Tour, play as some of the stars of the game, including Tiger himself, and have to cope with hectic weather conditions.

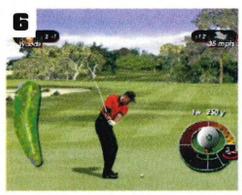












1 Shlap that ball with the long thing 2 Here we see Tiger practising his catalogue pose 3 Mess around on proper PGA courses 4 Dogleg 5 Watch the water 6 Is Tiger Woods really a remote control?

■ Rogue Trip

Holidays gone bad are the central theme here. And we ain't just talking cockroaches under the sink. A mad robot's taken over every vacation spot in the world and you got to blast your way through his robot defences, torching tourists and golf courses on the way.



■ Rogue Trip: Sounds good to us

■ Brunswick Circuit Pro Bowling

Weird. It really is a bowling game. And it looks like it captures all the high-adrenalin thrills and spills of the real thing.

Buy this for your dad to shut him up when it appears in August.

■ Capcom Generations: 1942 Series

Another set of retro 'classics' are rising from the grave and slowly lumbering towards a PlayStation near you. This time it's the '1942' series of shoot 'em ups, where you take big old bomber planes and bring death to endless hordes of 2D Japs. If you liked 'em first time round, you'll love this. If you didn't, you'll think it's shit. In the meantime, look out for other Capcom 'classic' collections.

■ Glover

Oddest idea for a game hero we've ever heard. For sure. You're a magical glove, and you've got to float your magical way through 30 levels' worth of 3D wizard's castle, using a magic ball to batter baddies and solve puzzles. Weird. Out at the end of the year.



■ Glover: Get yer mitts on this

■ Atlantis The Lost Tales

Journey to a wondrous world beyond the boundaries of space and time. No not Milton Keynes, flippin' Atlantis. Interact with 50 characters, solve puzzles and fall asleep soon afterwards. Fans of the The Hobbitt and Dungeons & Dragons will probably love it when it comes out in October. We think it'll be crap.

NFL Gameday 99

This 'un's got an all-new 3D engine, motion capture and all the trimmings. If you like American football, this'll probably get your juices flowing: it's looking like it's gonna be drop dead goyjush to look at, and pretty sweet to play. Lay in your supplies of repulsive tasteless Yank lager for the release date later this year...

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Dogfighting. And no, it ain't fisticuffs at The Spice Girls' house...

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** OCEAN ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD, DUAL SHOCK

Aironauts

Contenders - READY! Ambulance crews - READY!



It's years into the future, and Gladiators has been replaced by a hyper-violent airborne gameshow where grizzled crims fly around in flimsy hang-gliders and blast each other using obscenely powerful weaponry. Cool. Sadly, the plot of Aironauts doesn't tell us whether Cilla'll still be doing Blind Date in the slot afterwards...

Maim your mate!

You're gonna be one of the criminal hardasses. Time to polish up those horrific deathspitting weapons o' yours and take to the skies over bleedin' enormous arenas for some loop-the-looping murder action. Ah, the joy of shredding bone and flesh with heavy duty ordnance. A joy too great to savour alone: which is why there'll be a cool split-screen deathmatch mode. Sweet.

plus Dogfighting games get our juices flowing. Can Aironauts cut it? We'll see...





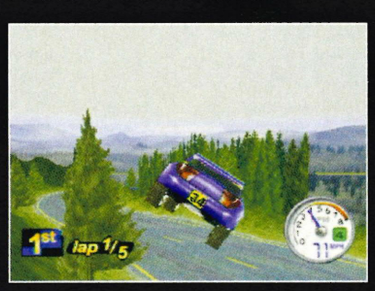




1 Watch yourself, big man. It's a looooong way down 2 And that hang-glider of yours is a flimsy little bastard 3 That engine's not looking healthy 4 Dive! Dive! Time to go in for the kill...

■ Rally Cross 2

Yup, more rallying thrills. But this looks damn fine, with a split-new 3D look and polished-up car physics. You'll be able to race on tracks through jungles, deserts and mountains, with ultra-realistic car handling and suspension, this looks like a bit of a scorcher...



■ Rally Cross 2: Bouncy, bouncy. Yum, yum

■ Rugrats

Those 'lovable' little scamps are making the leap over to PlayStation. You'll get to take the helm of one of the cutesy bastards and see the world from an ankle-high world as you get to grips with a fully explorable 3D world and all sorts of 'wacky' adventure. Mmmm. If you like Rugrats, you'll probably love this. You little ponce. Expect an autumn release date...

■ Centipede

The old arcade classic rides again: once again you're trying to defend the mushroom patch against hordes of little centipedes, crawly spiders and other nasties.

But this time round, it's all in glorious 3D, and you've got to be rescuing your little mates from the clutches of the evil centipede queen as well. Interesting...



■ Rugrats: Ickle baby game..

■ Dreams to Reality

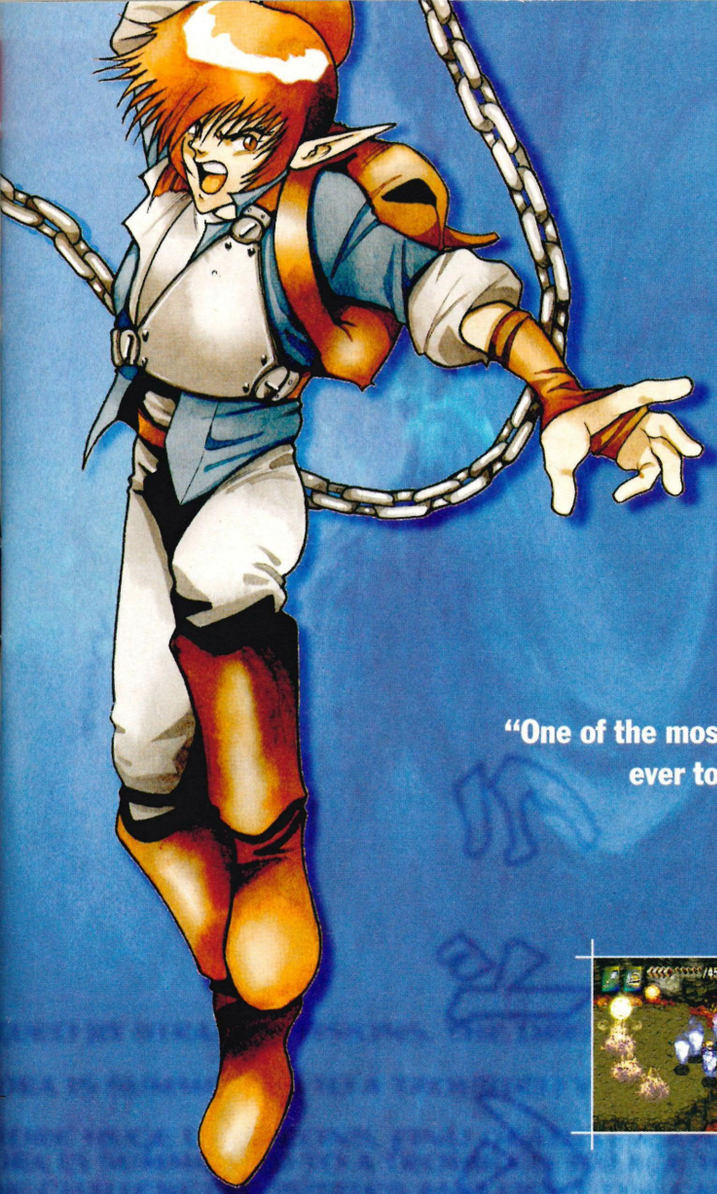
Wander about a world of dreams and nightmares in this Tomb Raider-style action/adventure. Take control of a bloke with a giant sword. He can fly on a hovercycle or perform feats of athletic prowess. Expect a strange experience in September.

■ Virus

Based on the comics, Virus is a tie-in with the film of the same name. You've got to neutralise mutants (like a man/phone) and find and destroy the virus origin before someone mutates into an electric toothbrush. Gameplay is a mix of action and adventure.



■ Centipede: snake-like tendencies



The Adventures of Alundra

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"Get the beers in, dump the girlfriend.
You don't need a new life when you've got Alundra"

91% winner
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"One of the most enjoyable and addictive games ever to grace the Playstation"

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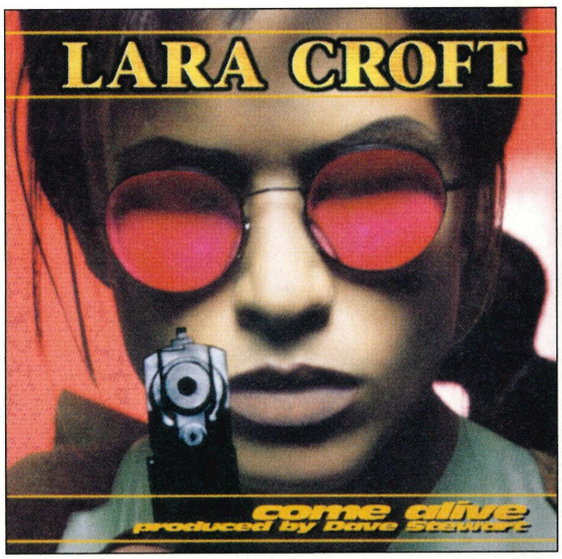
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Lara goes pop

She walks! She talks! She kills innocent puppies! Now she, er, sings...?

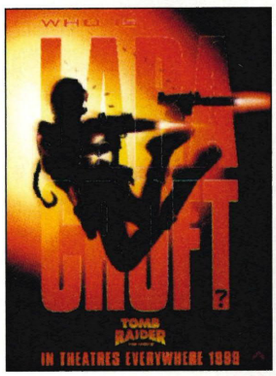


■ The Lara Croft album cover. Yesterday

The Lara Croft album has finally seen the light of day. Come Alive is sung by Rhona Mitra, the Lara out of the old ads, and is produced by Dave Stewart, him out of the Eurhythmics. It's kinda dance stuff, but all dead poppy. It's a bit bollocks but there's a nice multimedia bit on the CD that's well worth a look. It's distributed by Discovery Records, so if you can't find it, call 'em on 01672 563934).

Meanwhile, Eidos is developing a new 'Virtual Lara' programme, which is an image of Lara which can wander around and interact with stuff. Eidos claims the Virtual Lara will be able to make chat show appearances and answer questions. Clever shit.

And the latest news on the film is... there is no news. Despite showing off a film poster (below) recently, nobody's been cast, and the script hasn't been written. Nice one.



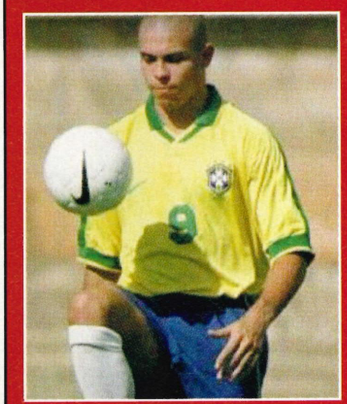
■ That poster...

SCHOOL GAMES

PlayStation has got so big they're now running courses on it. From 27th to 31st July Middlesex Uni is offering an introduction to creating games on the Net Yaroze -- the programmable version of the PlayStation. Around 30 places will be available so if you fancy a go call Dr Peter Passmore (yes that's his real name) on 0181 362 6428.

RONALDO SHOCKER

Superstar footballer Ronaldo has signed up to appear in PlayStation footy games. The player of the year has put his name to an exclusive three-year deal endorsing products and having his likeness incorporated into games. He's supposed to have said, 'The chance to play a key role in the design of an interactive product has been a personal goal.' Yeah, right. 'Course he did.



■ Ronaldo's balls: sponsored by Nike

Do you like scary movies?

Rez Evil hits the big screen

Resident Evil is being made into a blockbuster and we've found out what the plot is!

Deep in Raccoon Forest strange animals are mutilating campers and park rangers. A SWAT team is sent to investigate, but no-one returns. The government then steps in, bringing in hardnut Albert Wesker to solve the mystery.

Wesker recruits fellow gunguys Barry Burton, Chris Redfield, and calls on munitions expert Jill Valentine and medic Brad Vickers.

After landing in Raccoon forest, dogs attack and the team runs for a mansion. Inside, things really hot up, with more dogs, giant tarantulas and zillions of zombies. Somewhere along the line Jill even takes a shower!

But it turns out the whole thing is a trap and scientists were intending to infect the team with the T-virus and then let them out to infect the world. We won't spoil the film by giving away the ending, but let's just say there's plenty more violence and a cameo by the evil Tyrant...



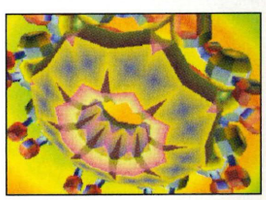
■ No, not a film still, but the Claire from the TV adverts

Go ga-ga

Baby Universe: game as wallpaper

Use your 'Station to play tunes and you end up staring at a dull, grey screen. Unless you've got a copy of Baby Universe...

Due in the shops any day, you slap this disc into the PlayStation then swap over with a music CD. Psychedelic shapes and patterns whizz around the screen, pulsing and morphing in time with beats. You can also make up your own patterns. And for £24.99 it's not a bad investment for chill-outs.



■ Like, it's crazy, man

Wheelie silly

Gran Turismo compatibility probs

Most steering wheels won't work with the ultimate driving simulator, Gran Turismo. Erk!

In a bit of a bugger-up Sony has admitted its official wheel (right) jams the game. To get around the problem you either have to unplug the wheel or hold down L1, R1 and the start buttons EVERYTIME ANYTHING is loading. Not something you wanna be doing a lot of...

A Sony spokesman said, 'It doesn't actually say you can use a wheel on the box. You should always check the back of the box.' Not much comfort for people who rushed out to buy the official wheel, assuming it would work.

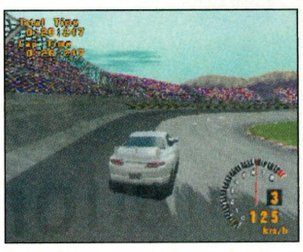


We carried out our own test using all the top wheels around and we reckon that the Gamester Rumble Force is best.

This wheel comes with an add-on that means it plays Gran Turismo with no problems at all. OK, at £69.99 it's a bit pricey, but why not have a go at the compo opposite?



■ Wheel meet again. Yo ho



■ Save yourselves. Go for the Gamester

Release Dates

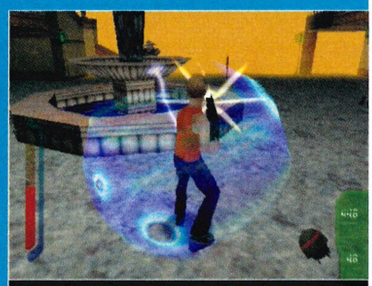
Want to know what's coming out and when? Here you are then, a complete list of release dates. But before you go rushing down to the shop only to find the game's not out, why not check first? These dates often slip...

RELEASED	REVIEWED
19 JUNE	
Alundra	91% May 98
Cardynal Syn	82% May 98
Formula One: Platinum	88% May 98
Kick Off World	60% June 98
Spice World	
Tommi Makinen Rally	50% July 98
Treasures of the Deep	78% July 98
WCW Nitro	63% July 98
26 JUNE	
Crime Killer	81% July 98
Street Fighter Collection	87% Jan 98
3 JULY	
Actua Tennis	
Ghost in the Shell	90% June 98
Point Blank	92% July 98
Road Rash 3D	80% July 98
Viper	70% July 98
10 JULY	
Blasto	
Bomberman World	83% June 98
Command & Conquer: Retaliation	
Dead or Alive	94% June 98
Heart of Darkness	88% June 98
Predator Racing	
17 JULY	
Colin McRae Rally	95% June 98
Sentinel Returns	
24 JULY	
Batman & Robin	
Kula World	89% June 98
UEFA Soccer	
WarGames: Defcon 1	90% July 98

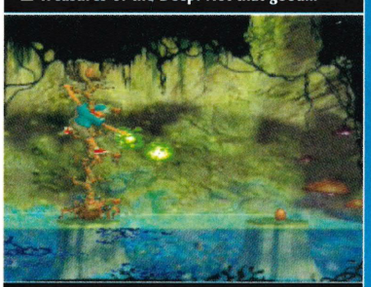
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31 JULY	
Soul Blade: Platinum	90% July 98
Victory Boxing 2	
Premier Manager 98	92% June 98
7 AUGUST	
MediEvil	
14 AUGUST	
R-Types	
WWF: Warzone	
21 AUGUST	
Breath of Fire 3	84% June 98
NBA Jam 99	
11 SEPTEMBER	
Apocalypse	
Command & Conquer: Platinum	91% Dec 96
The Fifth Element	
Tekken 3	
X-Men vs StreetFighter	
18 SEPTEMBER	
Knockout	
Resident Evil: Platinum	94% Jan 98
25 SEPTEMBER	
Formula 1 98	
9 OCTOBER	
X-Files: the Game	
23 OCTOBER	
Ninja	
Colony Wars: Vengeance	
Mortal Kombat 4	
Brian Lara Cricket	
Duke Nukem: Time to Kill	



■ Treasures of the Deep: Not that good...



■ The Fifth Element: Ginger people...



■ Heart of Darkness: Very nice...



■ Tekken 3: Too good for mere mortals

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WIN LOADSA BOOTY!

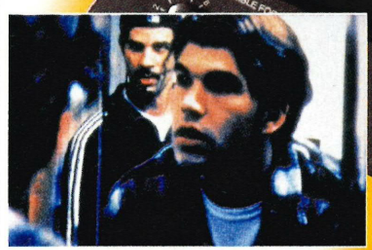
Once again we've got bags of top goodies. Are you a winner?

Ten jammy gits get a copy of Gran Turismo, a copy of Heart Of Darkness, a mug, t-shirt, cap and an action figure from Heart Of Darkness. Five also get Wreckin' Crew and a copy of the cool video Gravesend. (Cert 18). One lucky feck also walks away with a Heart Of Darkness skateboard, provisions pack (sunglasses, torch, dogfood and sweatshirt), a Dual Shock Pad AND a Gamester Rumble Force steering wheel.

We'll pick the winners from all the entries answering this question correctly:

Muhammad Ali fought George Foreman in a match billed as the Rumble In The...
A Jungle B Tummy C Trouser Area





■ Gravesend: top film. Loadsa violence...



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ANSWER TICK BOX A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE COMP, PLAYSTATION PLUS, 37-39 MILLHARBOUR, ISLE OF DOGS, LONDON. E14 9TZ

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It isn't just company execs who play golf you know. Uber-Gods of cool like the Beastie Boys are turning the crusty old sport hip and now you can get in on the act. For Free.

We're giving away a complete set of clubs from Slazenger Golf's Custom Fit Service. The winner gets taken to Slazenger's HQ in Wakefield where they'll be fitted with tailor-made irons and woods. On top of that they'll receive three Slazenger Tour Golf balls and a copy of the Everybody's Golf game. Ten runners-up will also get the set of three balls and the game.

All you have to do is to send us the answer to this simple question:
Which one of these is not a Beastie Boy?
A. Mike D
B. Adrock
C. Our designer, Jo



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■ 'Hey Joe. Those Beastie Boys are funny guys.' 'Funny how? Like they're clowns....'

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Now break it

Every second counts.

Every bend, every power-slide,
every handbrake turn
can save you valuable time.

Stop for repairs, let the mud, the snow,
the rain slow you down and you've lost it.

It's you, your co-driver shouting in your ear
and your car driving 48 stages, across 8 countries.

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Big game Hunting

You're gonna be so glad you've got a 'Station 'cos there's some bloody stunning games coming your way. We tell you which ones to watch out for. And why they're gonna blow you away...

■**OUT** DECEMBER ■**BY** SQUARESOFT

Final Fantasy VIII

One of the greatest games ever gives birth to this bouncing baby and boy, is it a cutey.

What's this then?

We've seen the game up and running but we've got bugger-all idea how the story goes. Final Fantasy VII geezas Cloud and Barret aren't around though, replaced by two new faces: Squall Leonhart, a 17-year-old stud with spiky hair, and Laguna Leoir, a bint who looks like a man. Least, we think she's a bird.

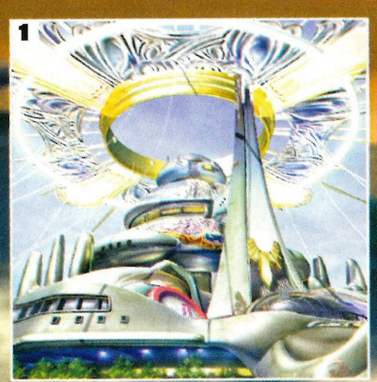
What's it like?

It's gonna be a full-on role-player so there'll be shitloads of hands-off combat and hours of wandering around. Good news though, 'cos the in-game graphics are gonna be almost as good as the wicked intro sequence bits. Just take a look at our screenies, you can't argue with these juicy tasters...

'Game graphics are gonna be almost as good as the wicked intro sequences'

Why it rules

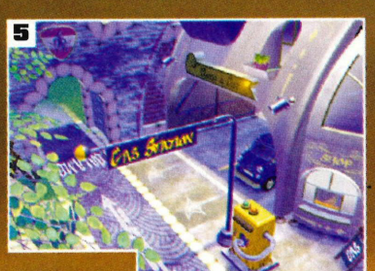
Super-cool spells and combat sequences are worth drooling over alone, we just hope the action doesn't take hours to kick in.

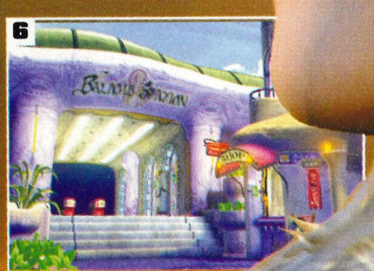
















1 Backgrounds are creamy **2** Characters are well big **3** Build your team up... **4** Then go to war! **5** FVIII's got a futuristic-style setting **6** Goyjush! **7** Check out the detail! **8** 'Do you speak English?'



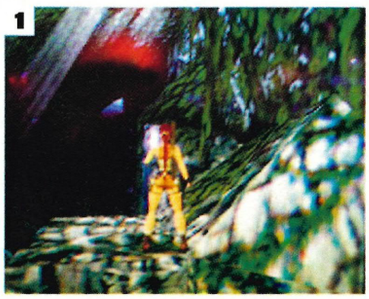
■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** EIDOS

Tomb Raider III

Brunette bombshell Lara's gonna rock your world once more, slinking back onscreen in search of yet more ancient gubbins. Tomb 3 looks pretty much the same as the other two, but Crofty's got some new moves like rope-climbing. Gameplay's more like the first 'un so expect loadsa puzzles rather than all-out gunfights. Still, blood's gonna flow when Lara stumbles across a pack of hungry panthers.

plus We reckon Lara's got what it takes to get you going for a third time. You up fer it? Thought so...

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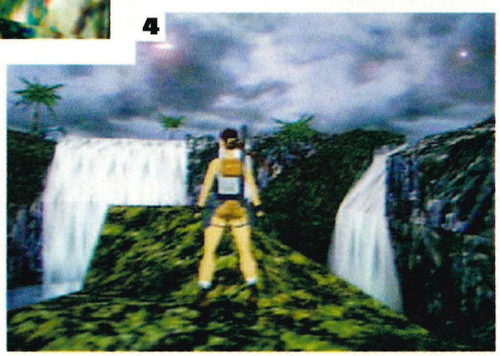
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1 It's early but it's still gonna be good **2** Lara looks good too **3** Check the lighting effects **4** The levels are well detailed

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** GT INTERACTIVE

Abe's Exoddus

Abe's saved the Mudokons once already, now he's gotta do it all over again. Abe's buddies are being held captive once more, their bones and tears used as secrets ingredients for the Glukkons' new soft drink, SoulStorm Brew. Team up with a handful of other bonedomes, then get in there and set your pals free.

Abe's got new moves to use and weird powers to learn, but he can now talk to his mates in much more detail.

He can even fart in their faces if they piss him off, but watch out: his guffs are pretty explosive!

plus Looks similar to the first but that's no bad thing, right?

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1 Purdy lights make big explosions. Bad news for bonehead **2** Abe's now got exploding farts! **3** Yup, Abe can still possess Sligs **4** Puzzles are way hard

■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** KONAMI

Metal Gear Solid

Way cool spy thriller gets our bet for the best

What's this then?

Wannabe Bond Snake Solid's gotta infiltrate a nuclear weapons base to rescue some cute love interest. It's one man versus an army so going at 'em head-on ain't gonna work. Sticking to the shadows and keeping quiet's the only thing that'll save his hide.

What's it like?

It's dead clever, 'cos it's more than a full-on fragfest. You've gotta constantly watch out for patrolling guards, staying out of their field of vision by nipping in nooks and crannies. You can even hide inside boxes or sneak under trucks, then jump out and batter the bast before he sounds the alarm.

Why it rules

It looks the bollox and gameplay's shit-hot too. Sneaking up behind armed guards and snapping their necks with your bare hands is top dog...

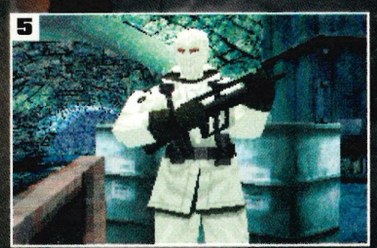
But wait till you get yer mitts on a boomstick. Then the action really kicks off...

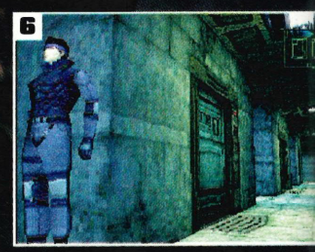














1 If you're spotted, you've got just seconds to escape **2** Looking down the barrel of a gun **3** Get in close and throttle 'im **4** Ssshh... **5** Nice clobber, Fritz **6** You ain't seen me, right? **7** Uh oh, cornered

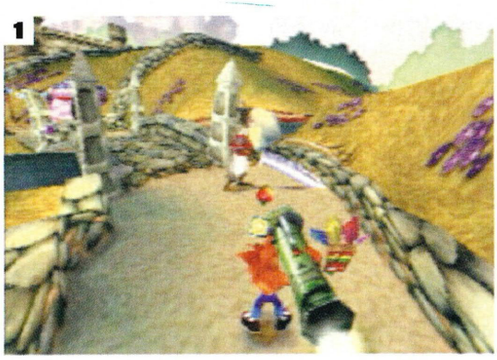
■ **OUT** DECEMBER ■ **BY** SONY

Crash Bandicoot 3

The barmy Bandicoot's back for the third time but wait! It looks like he could be a bit more successful this time round.

The story's the same tired old shite, with Dr Neo Cortex planning to take over. Obviously, Crash has gotta stop him. The manic marsupial travels through time to cane Cortex and his dumbass minions. He rides on the back of a T-Rex in the Prehistoric era, motors around on his motorbike and even half-pipes on a hov-board. But watch out for Coco, Crash's sister. She rides... well, let's just leave it at that.

***plus** Crash swims, skis, skateboards and soars, but it's gotta be really different to win us over. We'll let you know.*







1 Eat apple, dumbass! **2** Look! Ker-razy Crash is back... **3** But he still looks the same. Yawn...

■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** SONY

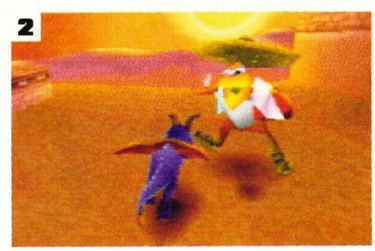
Spyro the Dragon

Sickly sweet Spyro's a fire-breathing lizard whose family's been turned to stone by some evil git. As the purple ponce you've got free 'em then face Gnorc the Gnasty for the red-hot finale.

Visually, Spyro is friggin' amazing. There are 36 3D worlds which are e-bloody-normous, and stacked with detail too. There are also huge boss blokes to torch and bonus levels if you're tasty with yer tail.

***plus** Too cute by far, but Spyro's still a red-hot platformer.*







1 Breath fire to trounce the bad guys **2** It's cute but boy, it looks cracking **3** Aw, ain't he sweet

■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** VIRGIN

Rival Schools

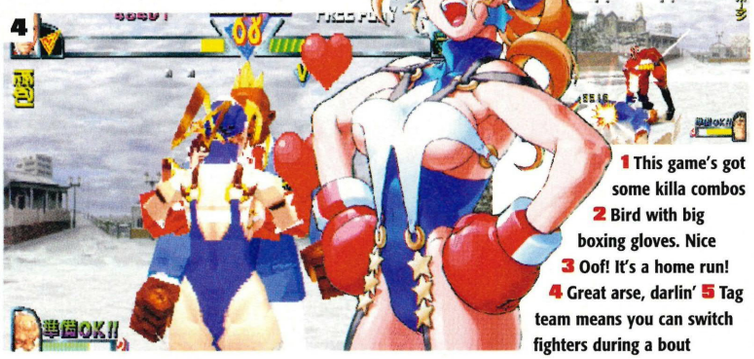
Cool-looking 3D fighter with bitch-slapping schoolgirls. It's got the potential to be massive 'cos it looks lush and plays damn well too. Fourteen fighters kick the shit out of each other one-on-one, although there's also the slick tag game. It's the super combos that'll blow you away, though. Yup, when you check out the Burning Vigor attack you'll never go back to cruddy 2D fighters!

***plus** Girls bitch-slapping – we like!*









1 This game's got some killa combos **2** Bird with big boxing gloves. Nice **3** Oof! It's a home run! **4** Great arse, darlin' **5** Tag team means you can switch fighters during a bout

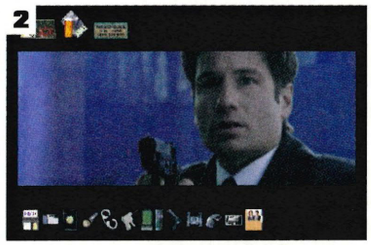
■ **OUT** FOX INTERACTIVE ■ **BY** SEPTEMBER

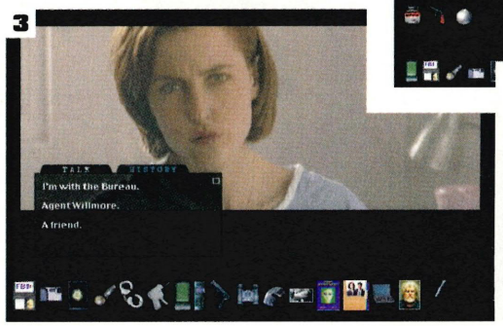
The X-Files

Mulder and Scully get it together again when players are dragged in to solve an all-new X-File. The game uses video which you've never seen before, even if you're the world's biggest X-phile. Why? 'Cos it was filmed especially, that's why. Yup, David Anchovy and Gillian Anderson star in this live-action romp written with the help of X-File main man Chris Carter.

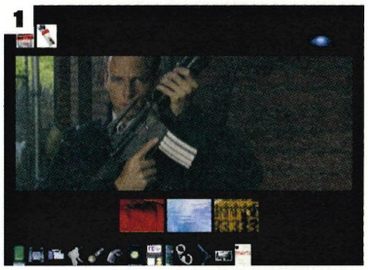
It's like watching an episode, but you get to solve the puzzles by fiddling with objects and chatting to other people. And if you're good enough you could get the 'getting off with Scully' sub-game. But then, p'raps not...

***plus** Looks a million dollars but we ain't so sure how it plays. X-philes'll have enough wanking material for the next few months though.*





1 The truth is out there... **2** But you've gotta find it. Damn! **3** Hello! **4** 'Man, you smoke too much'





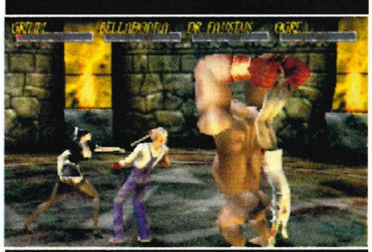


■ Yes! At last you get to play with Scully. Spurt!

Thrill Kill

■ **By Virgin** ■ **Out May**

Violence is the name of the game, here, with 11 freaks, mutants and crazies pitted against each other in a beat 'em up that promises to out-gore Resident Evil. As well as a 'kill meter', other additions to the standard beat 'em up fare include a multitap option so you and three mates can go at it hammer and tongs. Did we also mention the bondage birds and babes in nurse's uniforms? No?



■ Bondage babes battering other birds. Yes!

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** KONAMI

ISS Pro 98

Top 'Station footy game gets the 98 revamp. Changes are minimal but who cares? The gameplay's still as slick and easy to pick up. Graphics are crisp but the game runs a bit slow if you're used to stuff like World League Soccer. ISS 98's got most of the world teams but none of the proper players. It's easier to pull off decent headers, so the game'll be more fluid than ever. Free kicks, one of the shite bits in the first 'un, don't seem to be much better though. Oops.

***plus** Top footy game which we reckon will kick off big time.*







1 The purple shirts won't be in the UK version **2** Tackling: Alan Shearer-stylee **3** Vindaloo! Vindaloo!

Knockout Kings

■ **By EA** ■ **Out Sept**

Be king of the ring with this blinding boxing sim. Choose from a massive selection of boxing legends including Muhammad Ali and George Foreman, as well as more recent fist-throwers like Sugar Ray Leonard. Artificial intelligence is said to be dead realistic, but whether that means fighters are gonna be thick as shit remains to be seen.



■ George Foreman's beer gut dazzles Ali

Apocalypse

■ By Activision ■ Out Sept

Bruce Willis is the cyber-star of this mental shooter. The game's dead simple: run around some neat 3D levels, shooting the shit outta everything. And the point to all this bloodshed is Brucie's got to stop the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse before they destroy humanity. Oh.



■ Bruce paps his pants in the firing line

Silent Hill

■ By Konami ■ Out Dec

This gothic horror adventure's got a Twin Peaks feel to it. You're dumped into the middle of a murder mystery set in a sleepy backward town called Silent Hill. As the game goes on, townsfolk starting disappearing and you've gotta find out why...

■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** CRYSTAL DYNAMICS

Legacy of Kain: Soul Reaver

Blood-sucking sonofabitch makes good. Again.



What's this then?

Kain was the good(ish) guy in the first game, now he's turned bad. So you, as pale-faced vamp Raziel, have gotta sort him out. This ain't easy though, 'cos Kain's lobbed you into the Underworld and first you've gotta escape...

What's it like?

Soul Reaver looks a bit like Tomb Raider, checking out the action from over Raziel's shoulder. The game world is well tasty and is bloody enormous too. It's all 3D which means Raz can go pretty much anywhere he wants. He can even swim, which is weird 'cos most vampires can't stick water. But the best bit is when the game switches between reality and the spirit world. The scenery morphs and changes into different shapes, effectively making an entirely new level. Awesome!

Why it rules

We came when when saw the coolio morphing, but we ain't gonna give it the thumbs up just because of it's flash graphics. Lucky the gameplay looks likes it's gonna be spot-on then, huh?



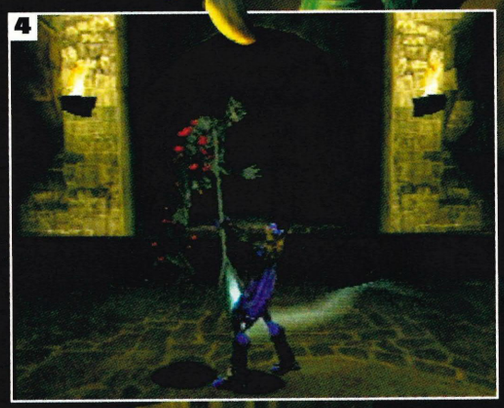
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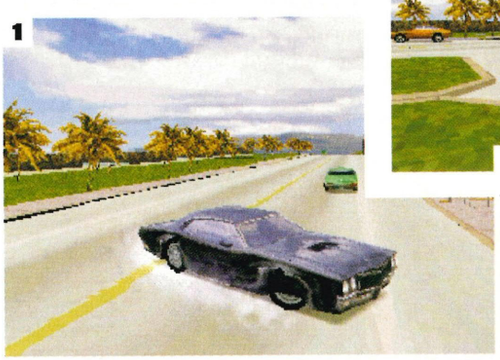
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■ **OUT** DECEMBER ■ **BY** REFLECTIONS

Driver

Wanna be a getaway driver? Now's yer chance,'cos you're the driver for a crime ring ripping off banks all over the US of A. You've gotta case the area before the robbery, then when the alarm bells ring, get the hell outta there ASAP. The cops'll be hot on your tail, but you can use back alleys and shortcuts to escape. Driver sounds Grand Theft Auto, but looks a damnsight better.

plus *Great idea, looks a top laff.*



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1 Once you've picked the robbers up, make good your getaway **2** You've gotta watch out for the other road users when you're steamin' it **3** Nip down back alleys to try and lose the fuzz

■ **OUT** OCTOBER ■ **BY** VIRGIN

Pocket Fighter

Cutesy characters kick the crap outta each other in this pint-sized punch 'em up. The tiny terrors are the same guys from Super Puzzle Fighter Turbo, but now they're fighting with fists rather than coloured blocks.

The game's got five different modes. Most are yer usual one-on-one fights, but there's also the option to train up your itsy-bitsy pocket fighter. Then, when you've got you rock 'ard l'il fella ready for action, chuck 'im in the ring with some weedy ponce. Great laffs!

plus *They may be pint-sized but these fellas sure pack a punch.*



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1 Lordy! She's got big fingers **2** They're tiny but tough **3** Kick it!

Syphon Filter

By Sony Out Nov

Anti-terrorist agent Gabriel Logan's job is to stop the deadly Syphon Filter virus from being pumped across America, otherwise millions will die. It's a spy game with two main characters who've gotta sneak into a secret terrorist camp and wipe out the bad guys.

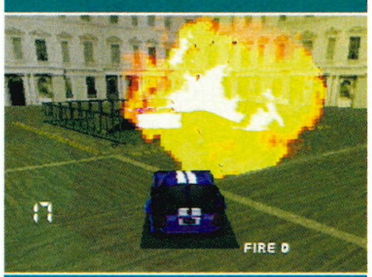


1 Watch out for the werewolf 2 Stick around 3 Nice graphics, huh? 4 That's gotta hurt 5 Ever get the nasty feeling you're being watched? 6 Some of the rooms are luverly

Twisted Metal 3

By Sony Out Nov

Bigger, better and badder than before, Twisted Metal 3 takes car wars to the next level. More muscle cars to maul, wackier weapons to play around with and a cool four-player game to cane your mates in. You can even nuke the scenery to open up new bits to steam around.



Fast cars and furious firing aplenty

OUT NOVEMBER **BY** PSYGNOSIS

Formula 1 98

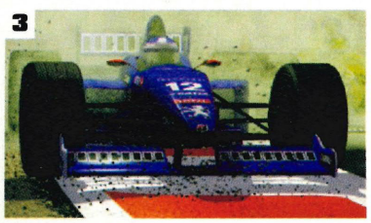
New F1 racer which boasts more than just a load of different driver names. It's the official 1998 licence it'll be crammed with all the proper teams and cars. The gameplay's more arcade-y this time round so it's dead easy to pick up and play. There are difficulty levels to crank up to make it more of a simulation, but Formula 1 98 favours speed over stats.

It's gonna have a two-player split-screen game, racing against around ten computer controlled cars, plus the neat four-player game. You'll need a couple of 'Stations linked together to do it though.

***plus** Looks a bit shakey at the mo, but it's early days. Whatever happens, we reckon it'll be near the front of the pack.*





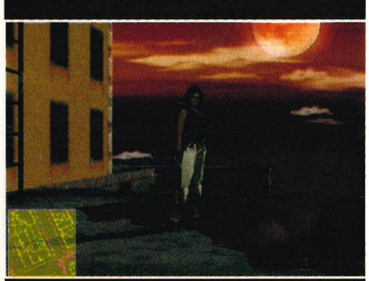


1 These are touched-up computer graphics... 2 So don't expect the game to look this good... 3 Darn

Urban Chaos

By Eidos Out 1999

When the people who brought you Tomb Raider tell you their latest is, 'set to revolutionise the concept of gaming' you gotta take notice. And this does look pretty tasty. What we do know is that you get the chance to explore a whole city – ride on the subway, steal a bike or even hangglide off the top of buildings. And don't worry, there's loads of combat...



The levels in Urban Chaos look gorgeous

OUT NOVEMBER **BY** INTERPLAY

R/C Stunt Copter

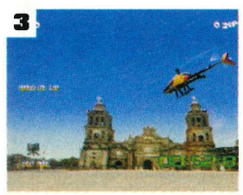
Sounds a shite idea but hang on, it's actually a pretty nifty game. You've got your own remote controlled helicopter which you fly through obstacles to earn points. Watch out for bad weather which could affect the way chopper handles, slamming your bird into the turf if you don't take it easy.

There are a handful of copters to choose from, plus training runs for wannabe pilots who can't handle the big blue at the start.

***plus** The chances of this baby breaking any records are remote .*





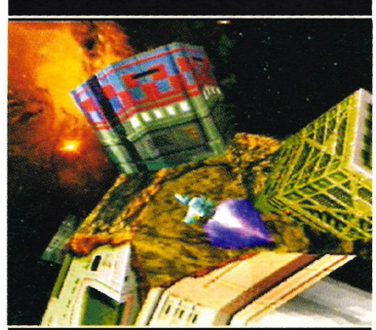


1 Hot chopper action 2 Burst balloons for points 3 Fancy flying?

Asteroids

By Activision Out Oct

It's a 3D revamp of the arcade classic that's older than Barbara Cartland. Gameplay is basic, steering your craft through an asteroid field and blasting boulders. Power-ups include meatier weapons and shields, but there's no escaping the fact that all your do is shoot rocks.



Dead simple deep space blastin'

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Actua Golf 3

■ By Gremlin ■ Out Oct

You've seen a gazillion golf games before but this one's different. It's the first to use the dual shock pad for taking a shot. The left stick controls power and swerve, while top and backspin are controlled using the right stick. It works well from what we've seen, so keep 'em peeled.

War Hogs

■ By Gremlin ■ Out Dec

War Hogs is a bit of a bizarro game,'cos you control an entire army of pigs. Leading the hogs across the battlefield, you chuck grenades, fire rifles and generally bomb the bollocks off the opposing side. It's a bit like Worms crossed with Actua Golf, if you like.



■ Die peeg dog!

■ **OUT** DECEMBER ■ **BY** INTERPLAY

Messiah

Angel sent from Heaven? This bastard baby's straight from Hell!



What's this then?

God's sent you, a baby Angel, to rescue Earth. Since you're an Angel you can possess normal guys. Just hop on their back and pop in their heads, then their body's yours! Cool.

What's it like?

There are four game worlds, each crammed with bad guys to possess and puzzles to solve. How you do is up to you, but if you gotta sneak past security guards maybe you're better being a cop. At least that way they ain't gonna question you.

Why it rules

It's cool in an evil, sadistic kinda way. What other game lets you take over some bloke walk 'em into fire and burn 'em alive?







1 Posses an armed guard and let rip **2** But which one is you? answers on a postcard... **3** Let's face it, he ain't no angel **4** Bloody vandals **5** Nice scenery

Cool Boarders 3

■ By sony ■ Out Dec

This gnarly snowboarding sim's got a staggering 36 courses. Choose between six races modes including slalom, half pipe, big air jumps and downhill, Boarders compete against over 20 other racers. The two-player split-screen game's improved too, while the link-up option gives full-screen, full-on powder-burning action.



■ Third time lucky for this steep slope slider

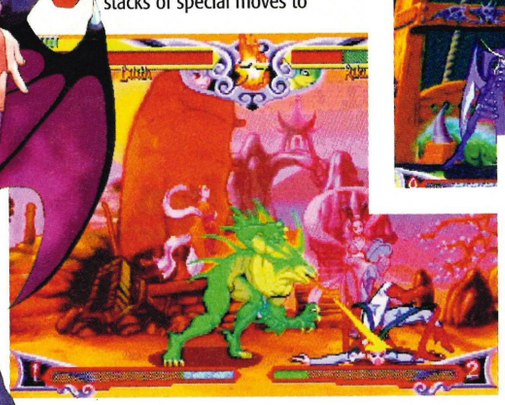
■ **OUT** OCTOBER ■ **BY** VIRGIN

Darkstalkers III



It's an old skool beat 'em up which boasts speed over super-cool graphics. Darkstalkers III is themed around horror and the occult. There's a blood-sucking vamp which can change shape and even a werewolf. All have got stacks of special moves to master, plus all-new custom-combos. These will reduce the badasses' energy to zilch.

***plus** Yeah, we're a bit bored of 2D fighters but Darkstalkers looks tasty.*







1 Finger-lickin' good **2** C'mere, y'bastid **3** That's some bunion

■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** INTERPLAY

Wild 9s

This platformer's been coming longer than a porn star with balls like melons. The main geeza's Wex, a wisecracking smartass kitted out with a wicked weapon called a rig.

But what's the point of this? Wex must batter some evil bast called Karn. Then, and only then, can he hunt down his parents and tear 'em limb from limb for giving him such as stoopid name.

***plus** Smart-looking platformer has to prove itself in the gameplay stakes.*







1 Catch a bad guy in Wex's Rig... **2** Then twat 'em against the floor to take 'em out **3** Or stick 'em in the fire and watch 'em burn

■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** CRYSTAL DYNAMICS

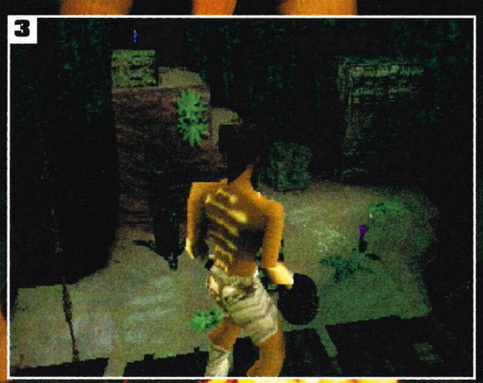
Akuji

Akuji's a dead geeza who had his heart ripped out by a bastard voodoo priest. Now he's pissed off and wants it back, fighting his way out of the underworld and back into a cool-looking 3D world. Since you're dead you can do pretty much what you want, pulling off some awesome combo attacks and basically kicking the crap out of anyone who comes too close. Akuji can also use voodoo magic to change forms, calling on Gods to transform into a jaguar, lightning elemental or a spirit of vengeance.

plus This corker ain't gonna need black magic to be a good 'un.







1 Squelch 2 Alakazam 3 Ohh, that's a bad back

Colony Wars: Vengeance

■ **By Psygnosis** ■ **Out Oct**

Sci-fi sequel set in deep space. The basics are pretty much the same as the first game: you're a hotshot pilot nipping through space in a starfighter. The aim is to shoot the crap outta anything alien, wading through mission objectives linked by some tasty video sequences. New bits include some gorgeous lighting effects, plus there's now a handful of planet-based missions where you get to fly across some pretty hairy terrain. It's nowt radical but it sure makes a change from seeing nuthin' but black.

Looks the business but we can't help but think there should be a few more improvements. There's still time though.

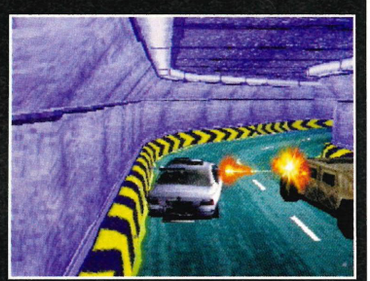


■ Deep space has never looked so good

Tomorrow Never Dies

■ **By MGM Interactive** ■ **Out February 1999**

Tomorrow Never Dies takes over from where the film left off. Elijah Carver, brother of the media mogul who gets mashed in the movie, is planning to overthrow the world and Bond's dragged in to sort 'im out. The game features loadsa different gameplay styles, from ski stages to high-speed car chases. Q also comes good with wicked gadgets for Bond, including the nifty sniper rifles, retractable snow-skis and micro-cameras. If this stays faithful to the films it's gonna be a covert corker.



■ Bond forgot to switch his indicator off again

LAPD 2100AD

■ **By EA** ■ **Out Sept**

The idea here is to get in a souped-up future vehicle and bust crim ass by infiltrating gang territory, capping the bosses and protecting the good people of LA. Your cop car can transform from a hovercraft into a fully-armed walker in the blink of an eye and there's around 30 weapons to choose from. Oh, and 'this product is not endorsed by the Los Angeles Police Department.' Really...?



■ The robot can change into a car, y'know

■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** FOX INTERACTIVE

Alien Resurrection

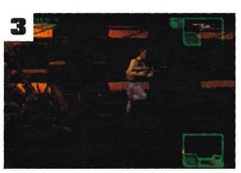
Them bonehead aliens are chewing on Ripley's ass once again, as she attempts to stop an army of clones overthrowing Earth. The game itself uses an intelligent camera to view the pulse-pumpin' action from slightly above and behind the player. Ripley's top of the five grenade-chucking heroes you choose from, each kitted out with some wicked weaponry.

You've gotta complete tasks set by the ship's computer, Father, to work your way through the starship Auriga to face the alien-human mutant at the end. And when you get there? Dunno at the moment, but check out next month's exclusive first play for the full SP.

plus Action-packed and over-flowing with acid blood. This game's gonna rock hard.





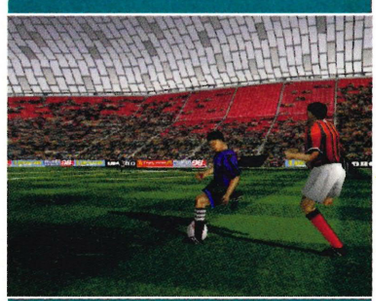


1 Use the motion tracker to find the aliens 2 If aliens get up close you're dead 3 Leggit, soldier!

Actua Soccer 3

■ **By Gremlin** ■ **Out Oct**

Class footy series gets its third instalment. This time there's more players and teams than ever, so you can opt for biggies like Arsenal or small clubs such as Macclesfield Town. Graphics will be improved over Actua Soccer 2 and gameplay'll be refined, and Barry Davis'll be back in the commentary seat.



■ Actua Soccer 3 has more teams than ever

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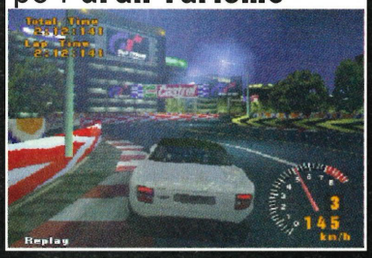
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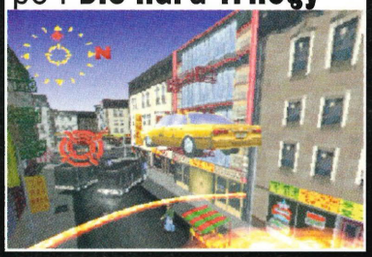
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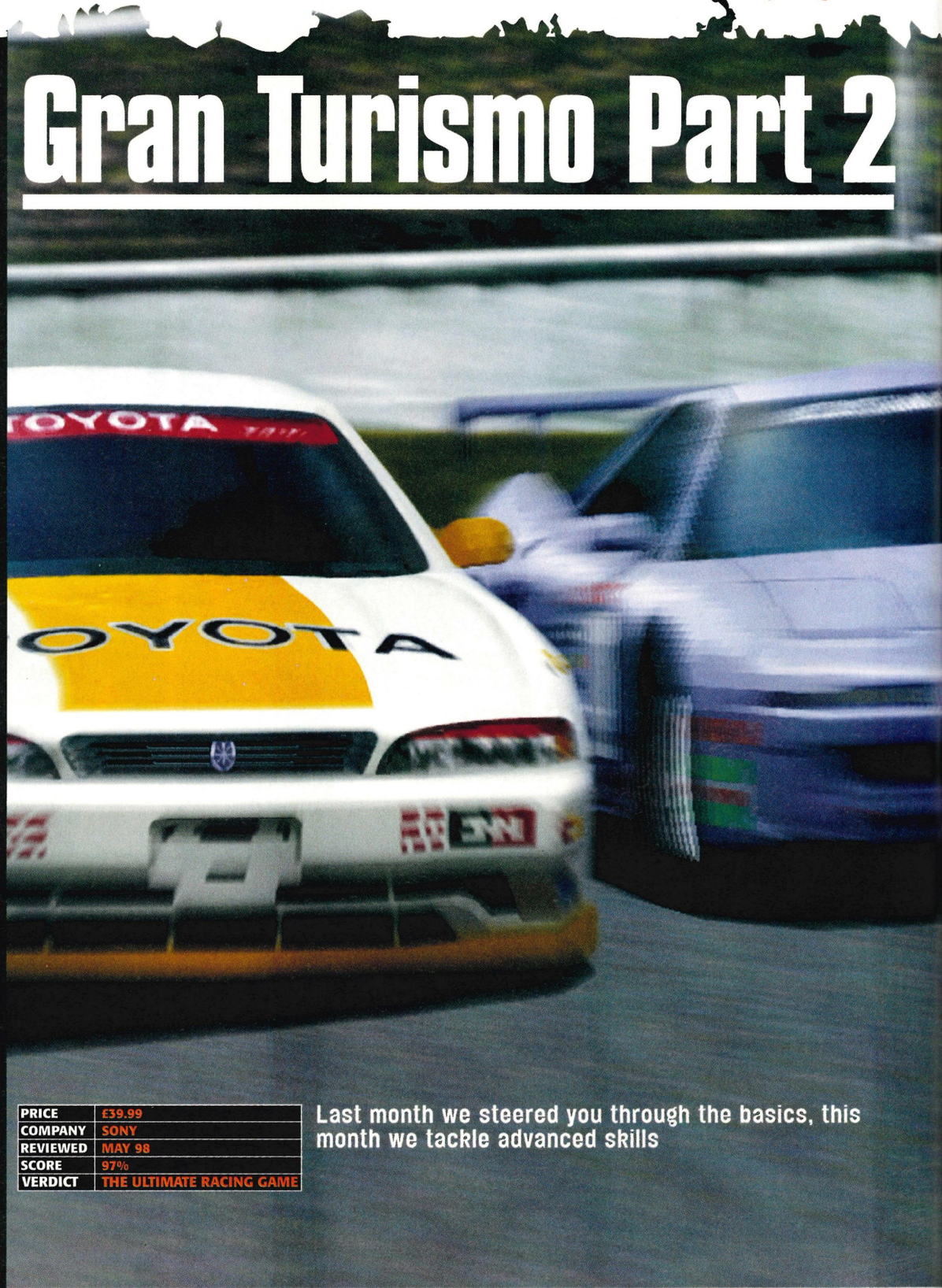


■ At the platinum price of £20, this three-games-in-one is bargain central. Beat it with our guide

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Gran Turismo Part 2



PRICE	£39.99
COMPANY	SONY
REVIEWED	MAY 98
SCORE	97%
VERDICT	THE ULTIMATE RACING GAME

Last month we steered you through the basics, this month we tackle advanced skills

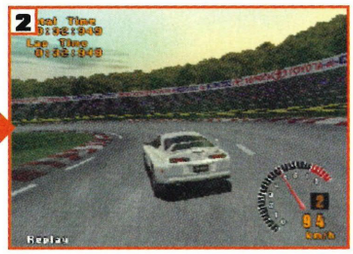
PASSING LICENCE A

PRACTICAL CORNERING ONE

Take the first corner flat out. Stay right, hammer the brakes at the second turning marker and turn sharply at the third marker to skid in. Release the brakes and get back on the power to exit the corner.



■ Brake hard at this point



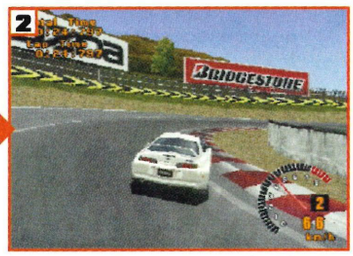
■ Skid towards the apex from here

PRACTICAL CORNERING TWO

Cane it around the first bend. When you hit the left hand rumble strip hit the anchor and slide in. You should reach the apex at about 60 km/h, but make sure you're straight back on the throttle.



■ Brake and turn at the rumble strip



■ You should be doing about 60 km/h here

PRACTICAL CORNERING THREE

Put the pedal to the metal and race past the stadium. Ease off the power as you turn left. Now as soon as you hit the tiny straight, brake hard, but don't lock up. Concentrate on keeping total control, now take the sharp right at around 100 km/h.







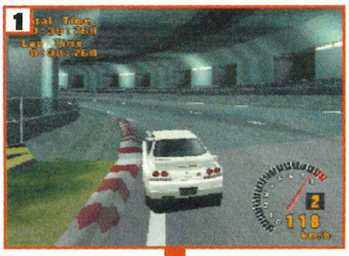
1 Take your foot off the gas about now... 2 But wait for the straight before jamming the brakes 3 Go much faster than this and you'll be in the sand

MULTIPLE CORNERS ONE

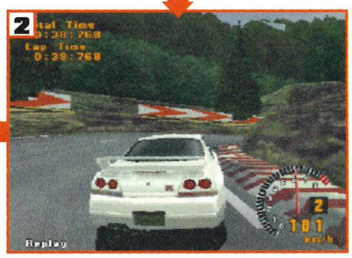
The idea here is to keep to constant speeds through a series of five corners. The key is to hit all the right lines, otherwise you're buggered.

Think about flattening out the bends – picking a route that turns sharp corners into easy bends. Providing you stay tight you can expect to hit 120km/h through the fast turns.

Don't be afraid to speed up on small straights and then slam on the brakes, but remember if you're fighting to stay in control you'll probably put in a slow time.





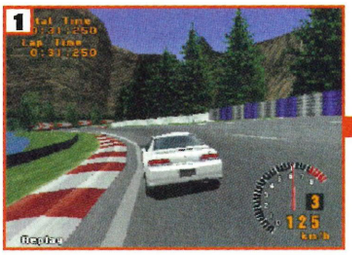


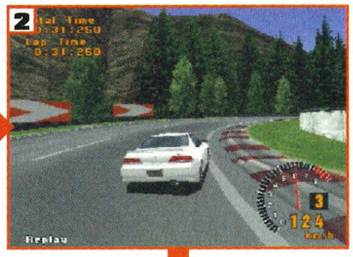


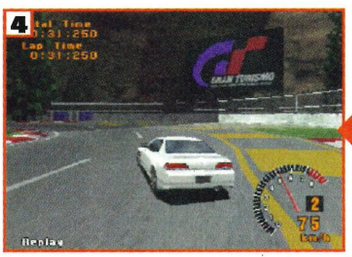
1 Corner one: left through a tunnel. Clip the curb on your way in at 120km/h 2 Corner two: right through the rocks. Very tight so drop to about 100km/h 3 Corner three: a left right chicane. Go into the first part thinking of the next line 4 Corner four: turn left while still in the tunnel. Cross the yellow markers at 130km/h

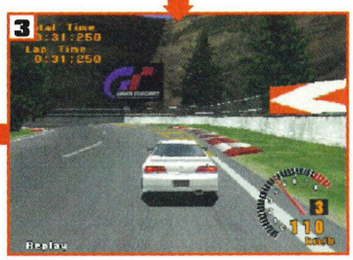
MULTIPLE CORNERS TWO

Accelerate to about 130km/h through the first turn. Stay at that speed for the switch right. Screech down to about 100km/h then use yellow hatchings to guide you into the tunnel. Now sprint for the finish.









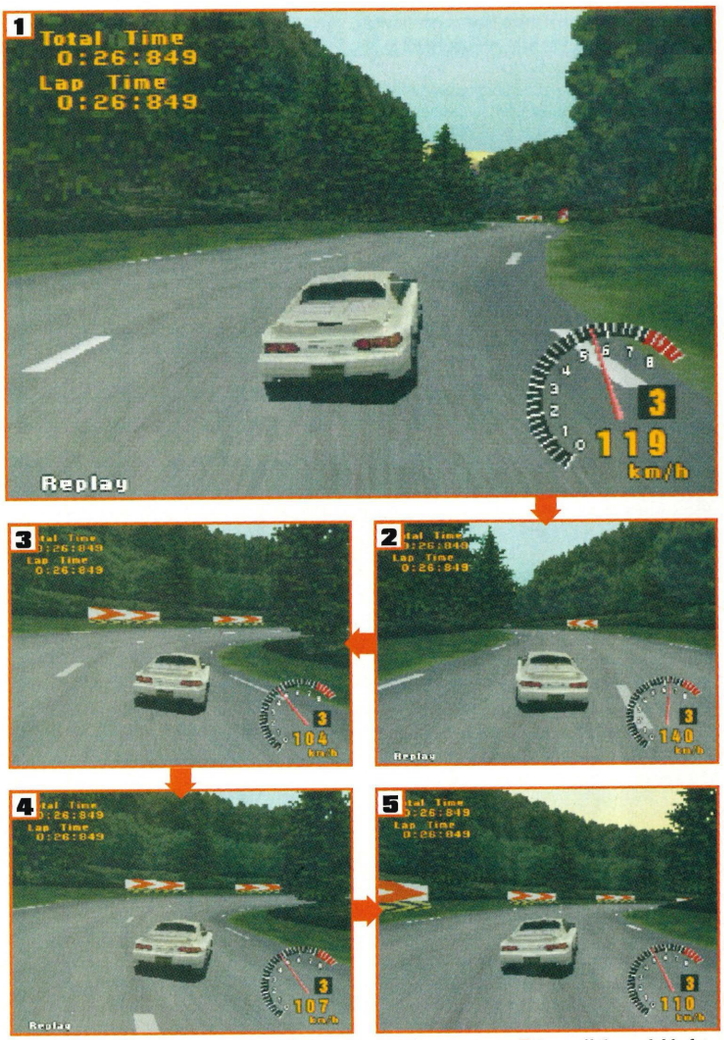
1 Ease off a little halfway through the first bend 2 Keep speed constant for the switch right 3 Get down to 100km/h as quickly as possible 4 Use the markings to turn in

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MULTIPLE CORNERS THREE

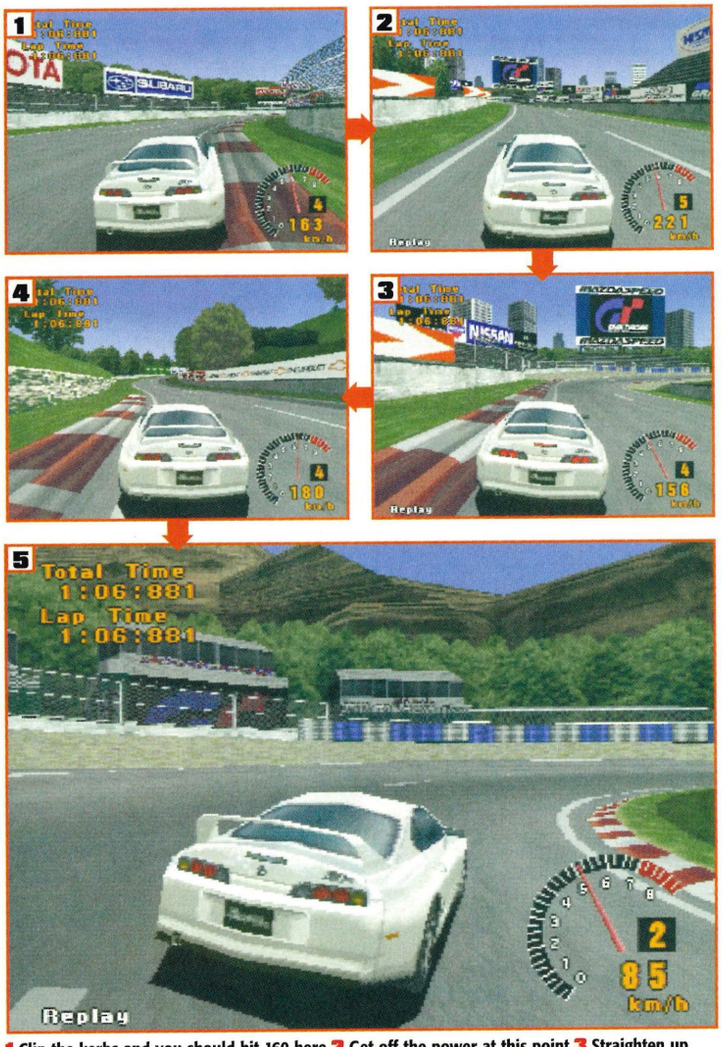
Don't bother braking! Blast through a left, then a right, then a left. Ease off the power just before the next right, then feather the throttle to get round at about 100km/h. After the tunnel get ready for a right at 110km/h, power under another tunnel and if you've hit the right line the final left can be taken flat out.



1 Take the first bend on full throttle... **2** The same goes for turn two... **3** Ease off the pedal before this right **4** Slow to around 110km/h just about here **5** Make sure you keep a tight line through this section

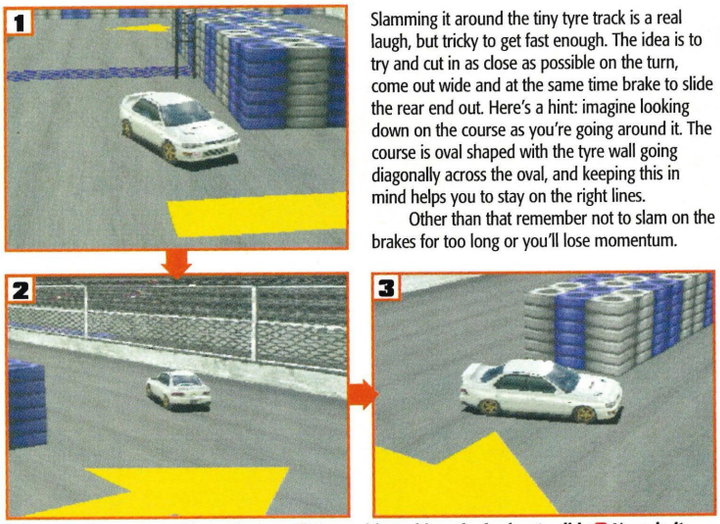
FINAL TEST

On the first two turns ride the kerbs to max out speed through the stadium. As the road climbs and turns ease off the power. Now straighten up, brake hard and hit the tight right at 110km/h. Feed the power back on and clip the kerbs on the fast left/right/left section. Drop to about 80km/h for the final right.



1 Clip the kerbs and you should hit 160 here **2** Get off the power at this point **3** Straighten up before braking to 110 or you'll lose it **4** Put the pedal to the floor and clip more kerbs **5** Drop down to about 80 km/h for the last turn

ADVANCED TECHNIQUES

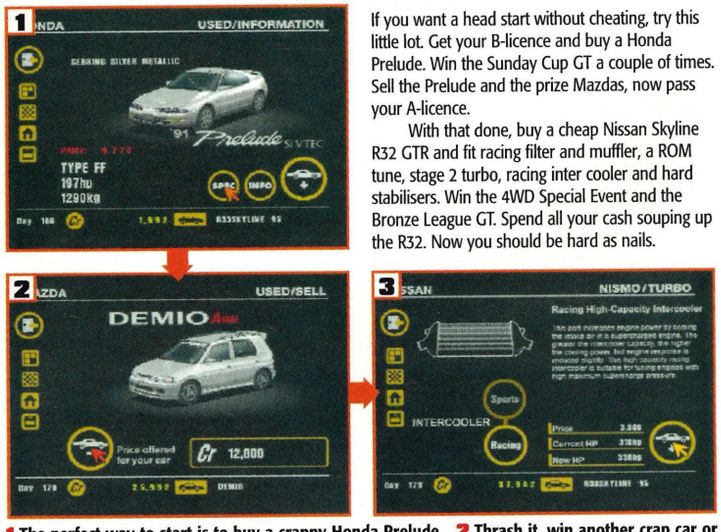


Slamming it around the tiny tyre track is a real laugh, but tricky to get fast enough. The idea is to try and cut in as close as possible on the turn, come out wide and at the same time brake to slide the rear end out. Here's a hint: imagine looking down on the course as you're going around it. The course is oval shaped with the tyre wall going diagonally across the oval, and keeping this in mind helps you to stay on the right lines.

Other than that remember not to slam on the brakes for too long or you'll lose momentum.

1 Cut in as close as possible to the tyres **2** Turn wide and jam the brakes to slide **3** Now do it again, and again and again...

INSTANT WINS



If you want a head start without cheating, try this little lot. Get your B-licence and buy a Honda Prelude. Win the Sunday Cup GT a couple of times. Sell the Prelude and the prize Mazdas, now pass your A-licence.

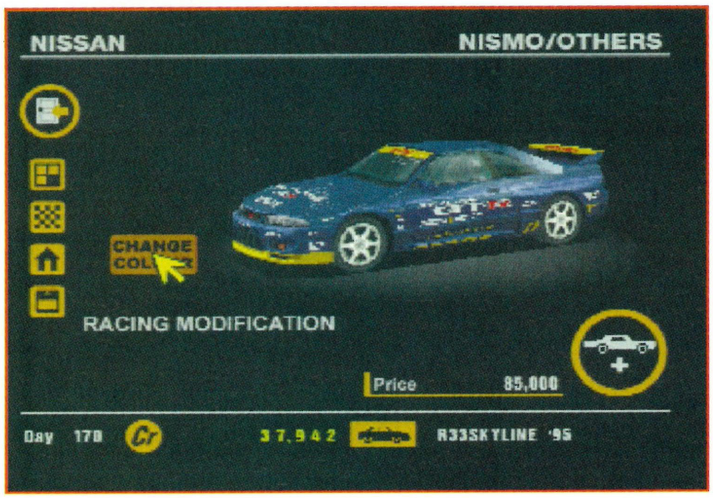
With that done, buy a cheap Nissan Skyline R32 GTR and fit racing filter and muffler, a ROM tune, stage 2 turbo, racing inter cooler and hard stabilisers. Win the 4WD Special Event and the Bronze League GT. Spend all your cash souping up the R32. Now you should be hard as nails.

1 The perfect way to start is to buy a crappy Honda Prelude... **2** Thrash it, win another crap car or two and sell 'em... **3** Splash out on a Nissan Skyline GTR, add a few parts and you're set for life

TOP CARS

NISSAN R32/R33 GT-R

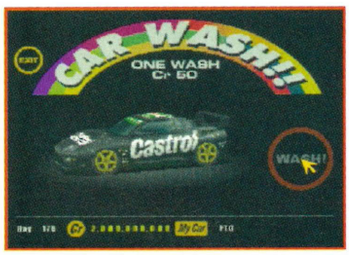
An amazing performer and the most powerful car in the game. Fully tuned it pumps 969 ps. It's the best choice for all cup races, the 4WD Event, the FR race, Mega, Tuned Events and the Stage 11 Tuned.



■ An R32 or R33 GT-R is unbeatable when it's fully tuned

MITSUBISHI FTO

Win the Japan vs US race in a Japanese mota and the FTO LM is yours. It's the best all-rounder in the game and perfect for the US vs Japan and Japan vs British events, the Valley 300 and Stage 11 Racing. The GP-R version is worth getting for the FF and Lightweight Races.

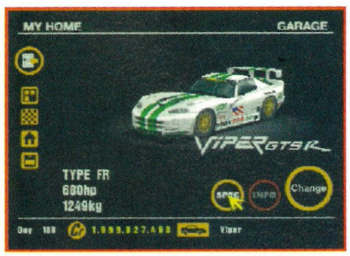


■ Mitsubishi FTO LM Edition is the ultimate all-round performer in Gran Turismo



■ Mitsubishi FTO GP-R will win the FF and the Lightweight Races.

CHRYSLER DODGE VIPER GTS-R



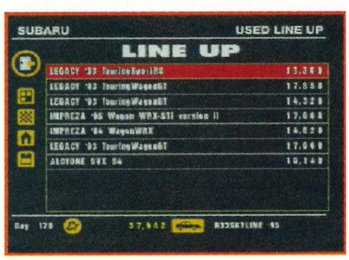
Win the US vs Japan race in an American machine and pick up the Viper GTS-R. It's as powerful as the Viper RT/20 but a shade lighter, so grab it to take the Britain vs US race and the Normal Car special Event. If you're a beginner you may find the combination of rear wheel drive plus loads of power is uncontrollable. Remember, if the back end is all over the shop, just lay off the power.

■ Dodge Viper GTS-R: a lightweight monster that is a bastid to keep under control

USED MOTORS

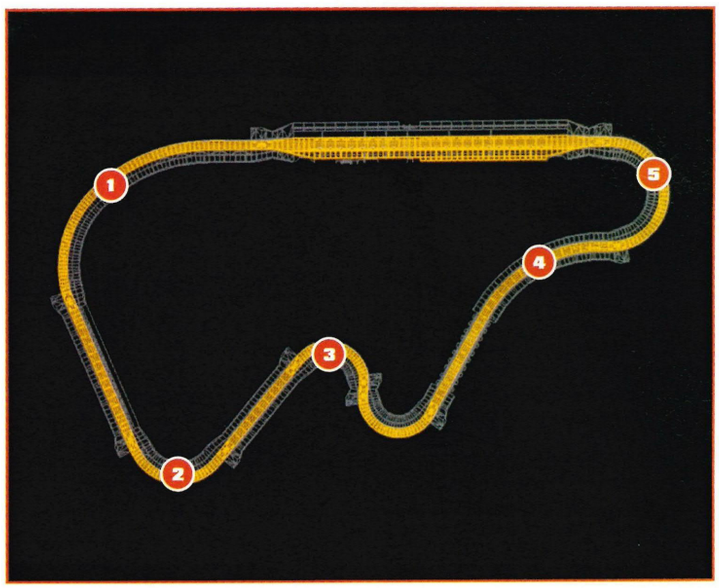
Each time you enter a race the game clock jumps a day. Every 10 days all the manufacturers who deal in secondhand cars (Mitsubishi, Honda, Subaru, Nissan, Toyota and Mazda) will restock their showrooms. Don't just skip through the list of used cars once and forget about looking again. Keep an eye out and you may find yourself a real bargain. It's just like real life!

■ All change. Watch for car dealers changing their stock and pick up a nice little runabout



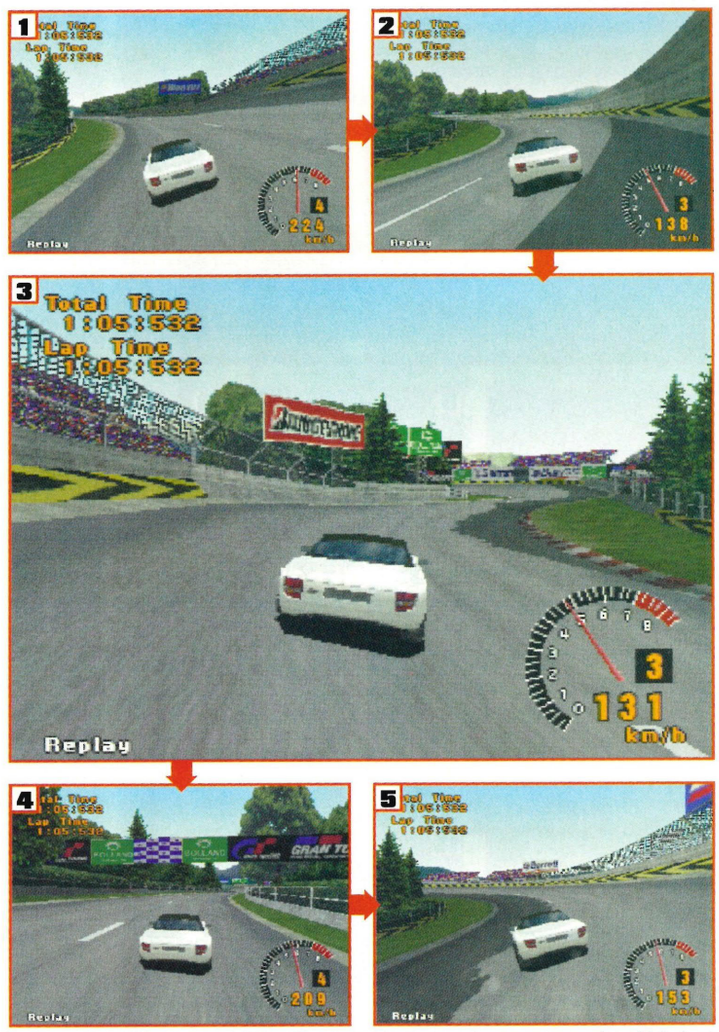
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HIGH SPEED RING



Driving the TVR it's OK to skid about a bit. The crucial thing is to keep control during the 'S' bend (turns three and four on the map).

Also don't overcook the last bend or you'll be slow on the start/finish straight.

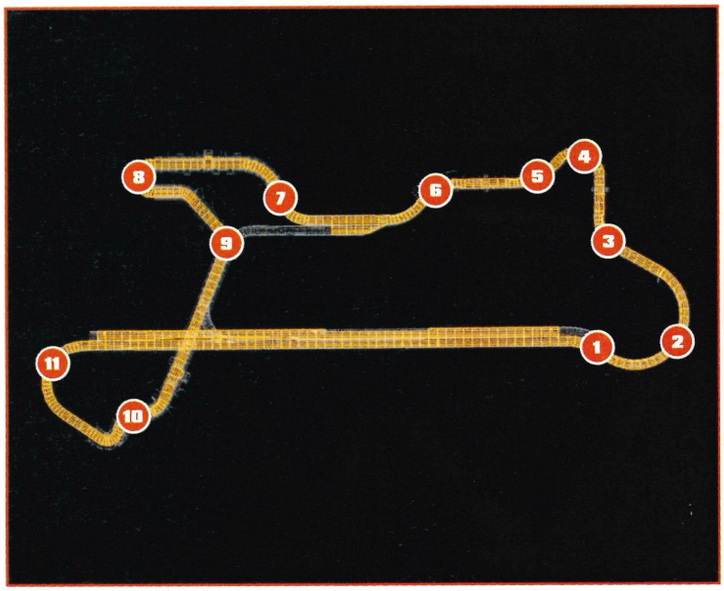


1 Full speed ahead but keep a tight line 2 Enter at about 140 and come out around 160 3 Go in at 130 and keep a constant speed through the 'S' 4 Don't take your finger off the gas 5 Brake to about 150 then power through to the finish

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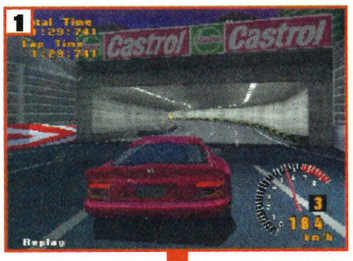
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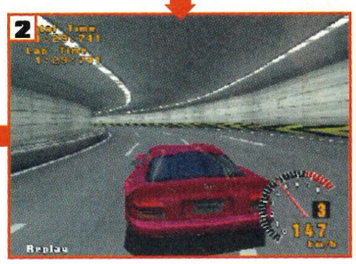
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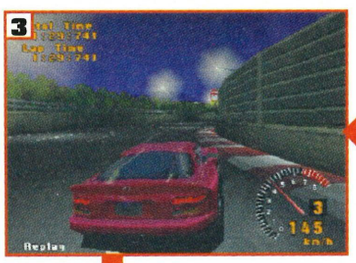


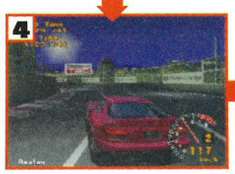
First taste of the mighty Viper. If you feel your motor slipping away around corners, let go of the power, then slam it back on and with any luck you'll regain control.

Watch out for the final 'S' bend. If you knock the wall as you exit the second turn, you're unlikely to pass. A couple of really sharp hairpins mean that if you've got the balls, you can drop your time by pulling off handbrake turns. Get your speed down and the car under control before tapping the ◉ button.

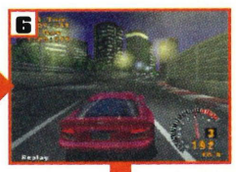


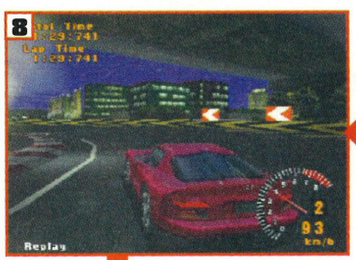






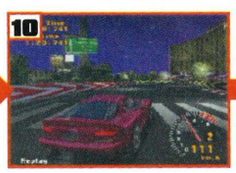








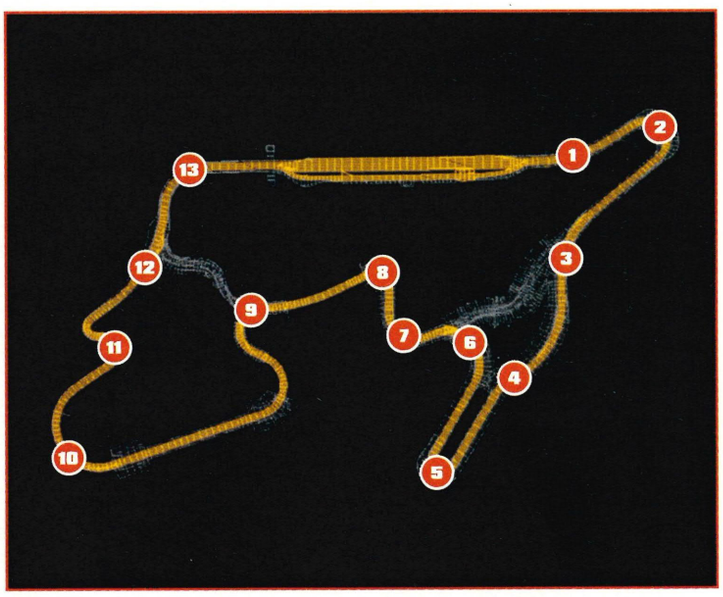






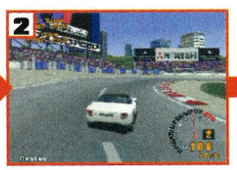
1 Ease off the power, get in line quick for the next turn **2** Enter the tunnel at about 150 and add more power halfway through **3** Hold back to 140 or 150 for this right **4** Get the line right and you can go through at 105 **5** Don't slow for the next right **6** Take this left/right full speed **7** Get down to 130 for the mid-point apex **8** Jam the brakes when the road rises and power slide at 80 **9** Full throttle **10** Drop to 110, slide through the 'S' **11** Hold back, then power onto the straight

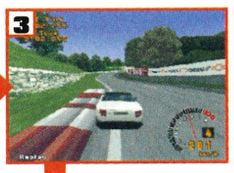
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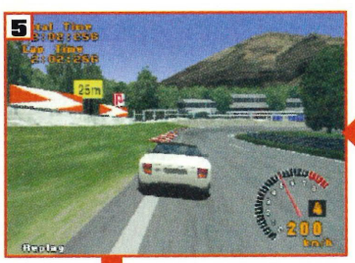


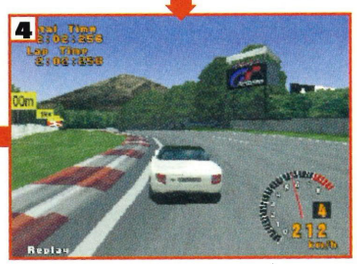
Don't panic. Stay calm, enter turns at the right speed and power all the way out again. Several of the corners are really punishing if you go in too fast. Take it easy, brake in straight lines and stay on the road.







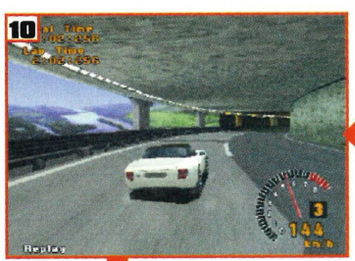


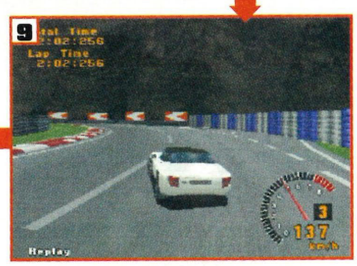


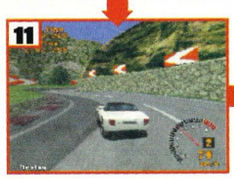




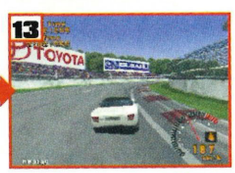






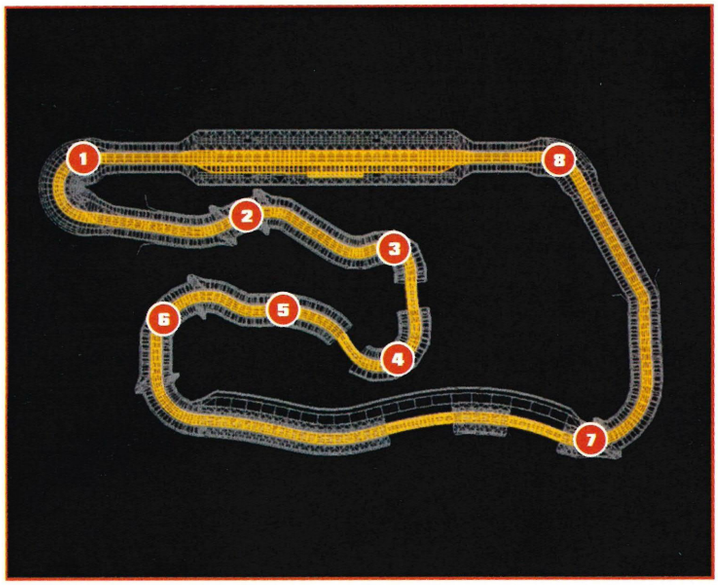






1 Ease off for the left, hit the brakes on the short straight **2** Enter at 105, come out at 120 **3** Cut the kerb of this full-speed left, then watch your line and exit at max power **4** Ease off as you come out of the left **5** Brake hard before the left-hand rumble strip. Enter at 80 **6** Take it at 140 ish **7** Drop to 130, avoid braking hard **8** Brake down to 60, go into the tunnel at 100 **9** Brake slightly before the left and get a tight line **10** Speed into the tunnel and drop to 140 **11** Brake to 100 and do 80 into the second section **12** Full power! **13** Almost full power. Clip the kerb at 180

DEEP FOREST

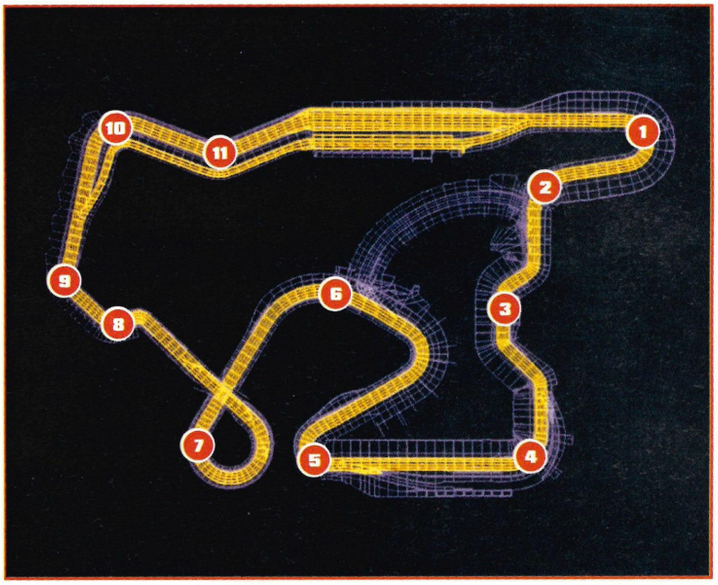


A bumpy track and the Viper makes Deep Forest a scary test of skill. Master turn five and you've got a good chance of passing. The trick is to ease off the power early and pick out a tight line. Brake on the uneven surfaces and you're up the creek.

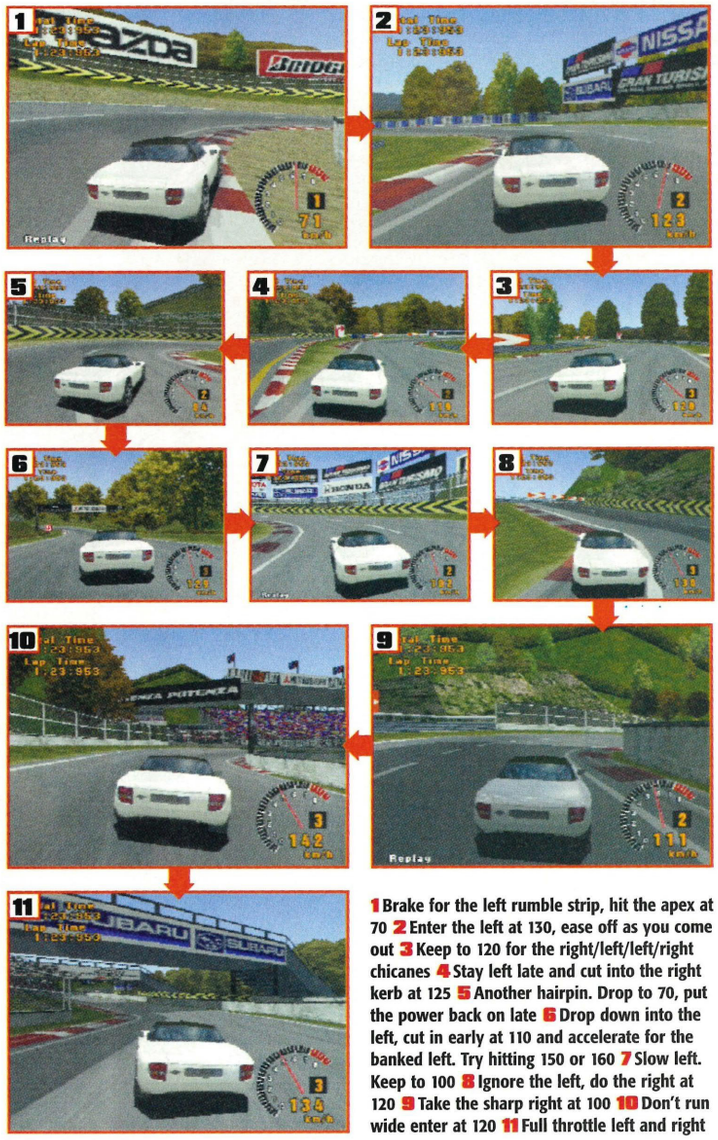


1 Slam to 90, power slide through the left **2** Top speed through this left/right/left combo **3** Ease off to 90 and keep it tight. Brake hard and you're off **4** Dab the brakes to hit 120 and keep the speed until the tunnel **5** Keep tight to the left and you should keep accelerating **6** Two hard lefts that should be taken at 150 **7** After two more tunnels take the left at 140 **8** A quick, sharp left to take at 160 before powering it up the straight

AUTUMN RING



A bit of a nightmare this one. The hairpins are the key. Pick out track details to help you remember where to brake. In the chicane section keep the power delivery smooth and don't cut the kerbs too much. Turn eight will require the most concentration. If you can't keep the revs up for this section of the course, you simply won't pass.

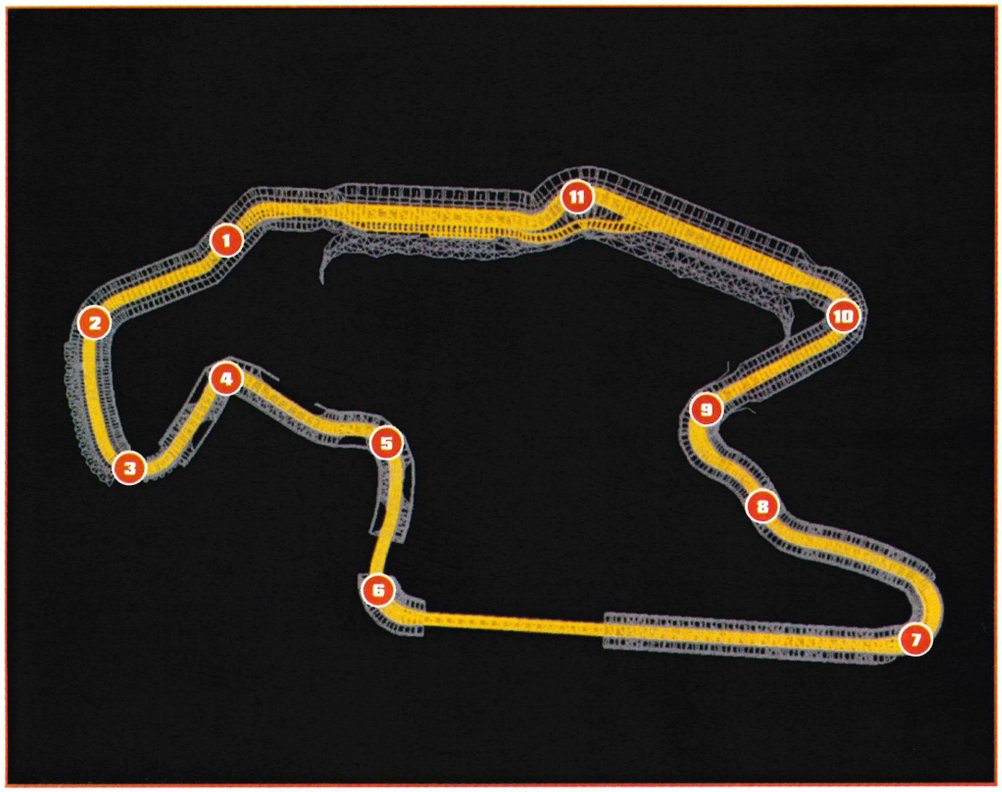


1 Brake for the left rumble strip, hit the apex at 70 **2** Enter the left at 130, ease off as you come out **3** Keep to 120 for the right/left/left/right chicanes **4** Stay left late and cut into the right kerb at 125 **5** Another hairpin. Drop to 70, put the power back on late **6** Drop down into the left, cut in early at 110 and accelerate for the banked left. Try hitting 150 or 160 **7** Slow left. Keep to 100 **8** Ignore the left, do the right at 120 **9** Take the sharp right at 100 **10** Don't run wide enter at 120 **11** Full throttle left and right

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Instant Expert: Gran Turismo hotwired!

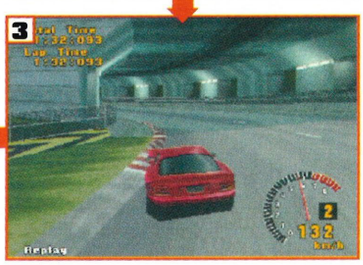
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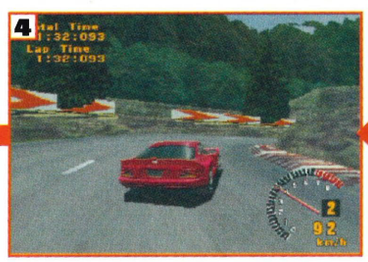


Try sliding the back end out on some of the tight corners to pick up time. The important points are: hitting yellow hatchings on turn eight; slowing smoothly on turn nine, and not using brakes for turn 12.

















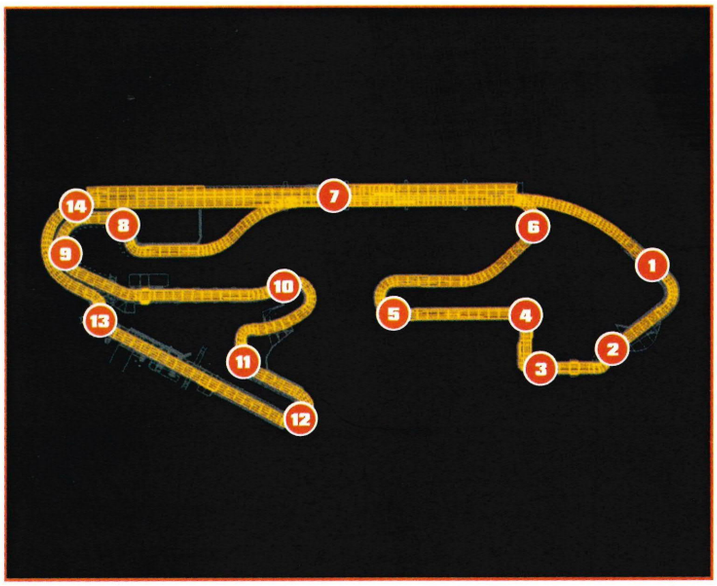




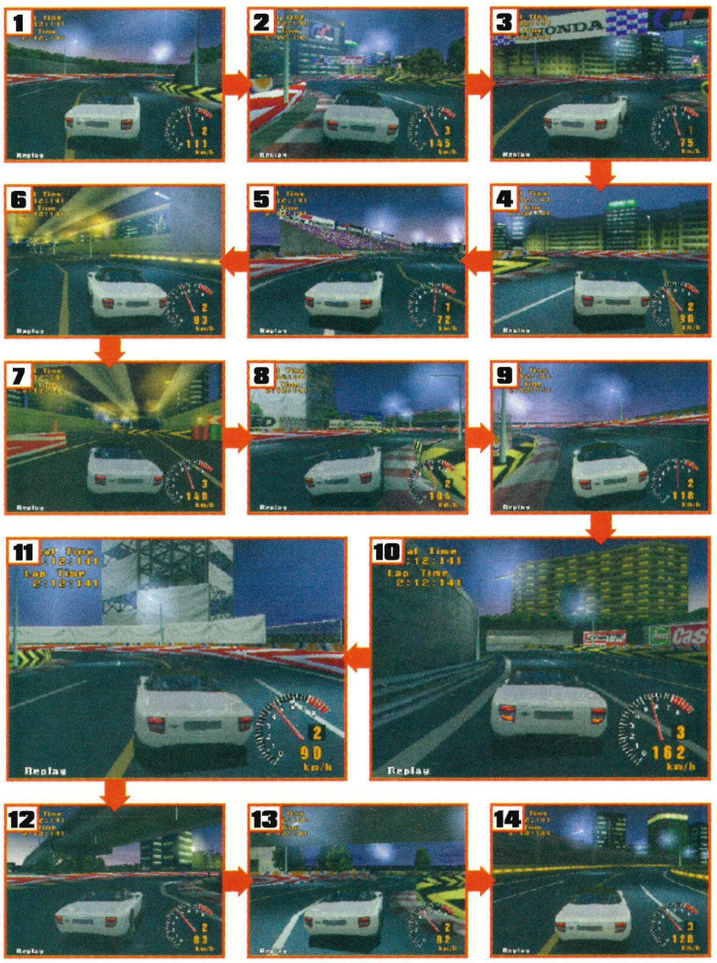


1 Flat out, no bother **2** Ease off just a tad for the left **3** Drop to 130, cut into the kerb at the tunnel entrance **4** Brake and skid into the right at 90 **5** Take the left full-on and slow to 130 for the right **6** Cut into the left before the tunnel exit. Cross the hatchings at 140 **7** After a fast straight skid around the long left at 120 **8** Take the right full speed, slow during the left **9** Tuck in tight on this right and you should go through at 150 **10** Approach hard on the gas and brake to 155 **11** An uneven 170 left/right chicane. Stay clear of the kerbs

SS ROUTE 11

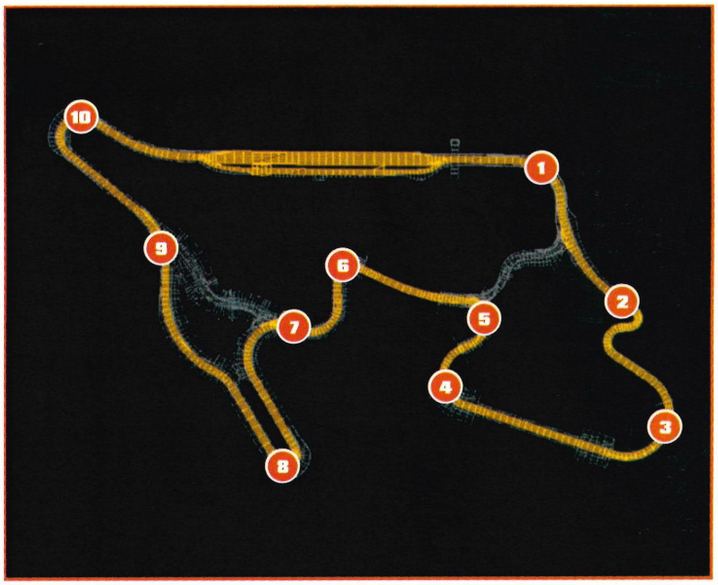


A night-time course with loads of twists and turns. Keep yer cool, use power slides and think about the right racing line. Try experimenting with the handbrake and watch the mid-point chicane – hit the edges and your test is over.

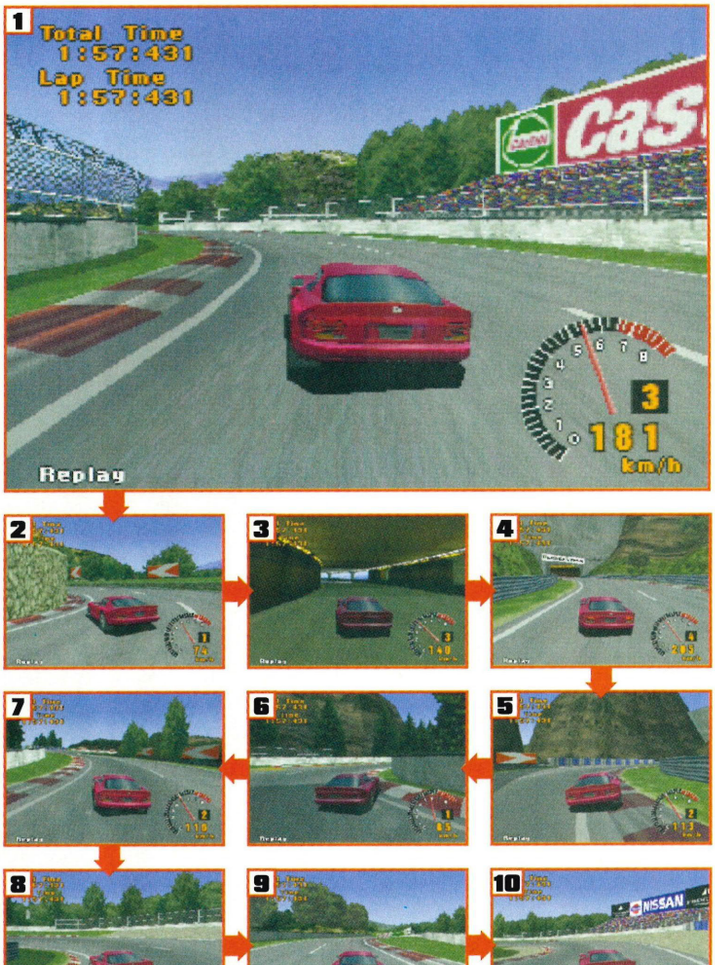


1 Easy right, now slam on the anchors and drop to 110 for a much sharper right **2** Cut left quickly and enter the second half at about 145 **3** Whip right doing 75 but watch the exit **4** Go wide then nip in on the kerb at 90 **5** Nasty hairpin. Slide around at 70 or use just a touch of handbrake **6** Long left that gets a lot sharper. Take the final section at 100 **7** Harsh chicane. Take it easy here at 150 **8** After a windy section hit 100 for the chicane **9** A long old left. Stay around 120 **10** Slow to 90, nip left and swing in right **11** These two lefts can be treated as one doing around 90 **12** Very long, slow right. Cut in late at 80 or flick the handbrake **13** Wide left/right chicane. Enter at 80, clip the kerbs and come out smoothly and smiling at 100 **14** Hug the inside of the last left, then power up halfway along

GRAND VALLEY 2



At first this course looks easy, but getting inside the target time is tough. Expect loads of near misses. If you want to want the last licence you'll have to get turns three and four just right and come onto the bridge straight doing 170.



1 Stick to 180 through this first chicane **2** Jam brakes early and slide left at 75. Now power out **3** Enter the tunnel at 140. Hit the power when you see the landscape **4** Brake and slide into the tunnel at 110 **5** A long right that eats time. Go in at 110 and power out late **6** Hammer the brakes as you exit the tunnel. Skid right doing 85 **7** This chicane is drawn out. Be patient and stick to 120 **8** Drift around this hairpin at 80 **9** Full throttle through the easy right/left/right combo **10** Brake as the road rises. Take the apex at 100 and get back on the power nice and easy

WORLD LEAGUE SOCCER

So you've picked up the best footy game around, eh? What Sir will be needing now is some top mate-pasting tricks to stuff up his sleeves...

BANGIN' THEM IN...

SCORING

First off, don't go firing wild shots at the goal and hoping for the best. It won't work in this game. Instead, use the aftertouch wisely. Come in on goal from a diagonal angle, now shoot one way (◉) and curl the ball off in the other direction (⬅ ➡).

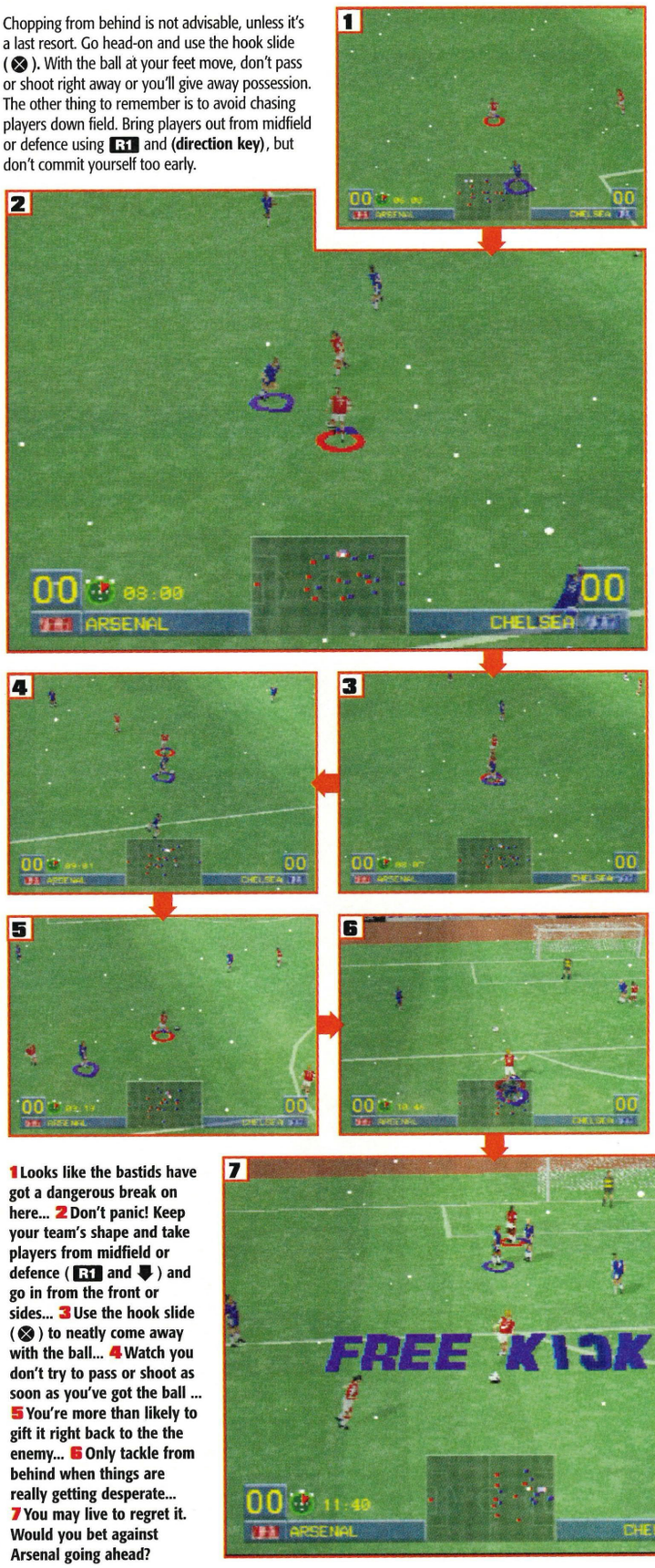
Experts can also try curling the ball away from keeper. Another way to get results is from the cross. Put the ball in from just outside the area (R1) and go for a volley (◉).



1 Running in head-on won't get you anywhere 2 Come in at an awkward angle... 3 Shoot (◉) with max swerve (⬅ ➡)... 4 To get around the keepa 5 Alternatively cross (R1) from this sort of point on the pitch 6 Tap shoot (◉) before the ball reaches the target... 7 Your man should score from just outside the box

TACKLING AND DEFENDING

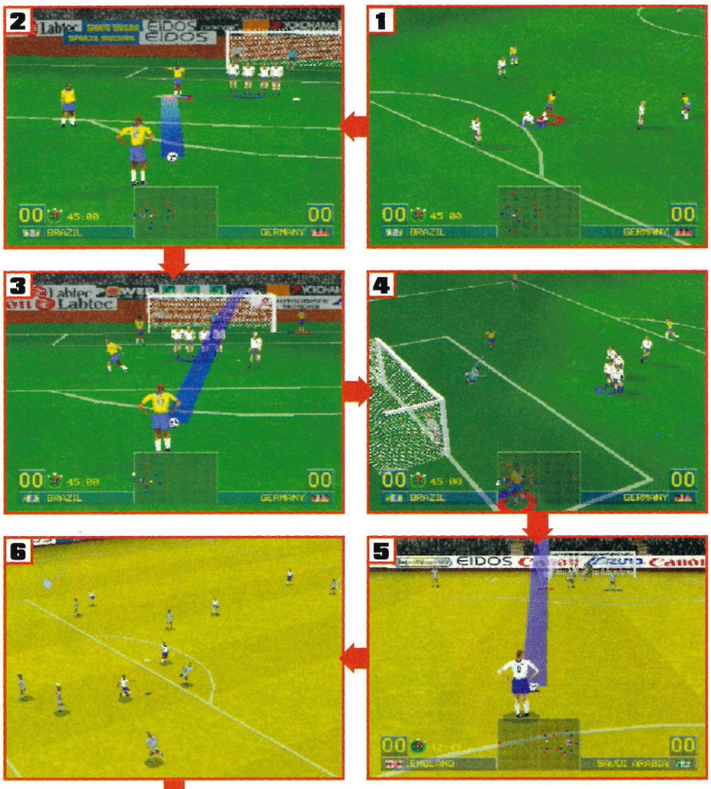
Chopping from behind is not advisable, unless it's a last resort. Go head-on and use the hook slide (⊗). With the ball at your feet move, don't pass or shoot right away or you'll give away possession. The other thing to remember is to avoid chasing players down field. Bring players out from midfield or defence using R1 and **(direction key)**, but don't commit yourself too early.



1 Looks like the bastids have got a dangerous break on here... 2 Don't panic! Keep your team's shape and take players from midfield or defence (R1 and ⬇) and go in from the front or sides... 3 Use the hook slide (⊗) to neatly come away with the ball... 4 Watch you don't try to pass or shoot as soon as you've got the ball ... 5 You're more than likely to gift it right back to the the enemy... 6 Only tackle from behind when things are really getting desperate... 7 You may live to regret it. Would you bet against Arsenal going ahead?

FREE KICKS

Get these right and you'll look cooler than Ronaldo. With direct kicks make full use of both aiming arrows. Place the first one away from goal and press ⊗, now aim the second about two foot inside a post and just under the bar. Slam it in with ⊗. For an indirect kick loft **(direction key and ⊗)** the ball to just outside the six yard box and go for a volley or header **(● or ■)**.





1 A direct free kick, just outside the area. Watch this folks... 2 Move the first arrow to about this point and press ⊗... 3 Aim the second marker in this area and smack the ball full on, again with ⊗... 4 You should be able to clear the wall, and dip and swerve it past the diving keepers 5 If you've got an indirect kick... 6 Try and put the ball into this area 7 And volley (●) or head (■) into the corner of the net while keeps stands around looking embarrassed. Remember, practice makes perfect, but get it right and yer mates are dust

TACTICS

Playing longer leagues and seasons it's important to check on players' health. Keep an eye on stats before you reach the pitch. During a match make use of the swap players option. Change someone who's getting sluggish with someone who's not seeing much action.



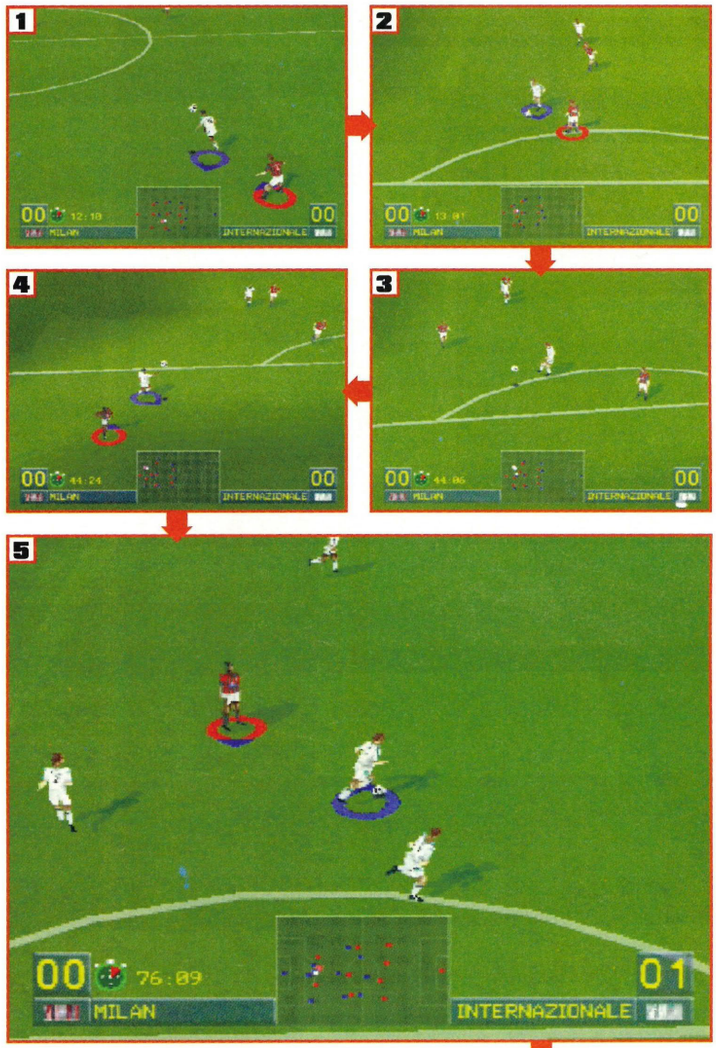
■ Stars get tired, and they'll become less useful. Keep an eye on 'em before matches...

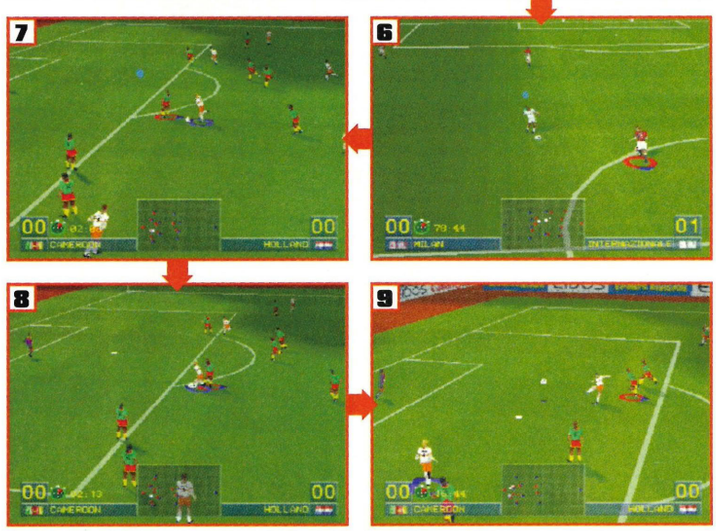


■ Or swap around players while on the pitch from the pause menu

ADVANCED TECHNIQUES

1 With the ball in the air in midfield, header diagonally forward **(■ and diagonal)**, then run onto the ball with another player.
2 Cut through midfield and defence with one-twos **(⊗ then ⊗ before reaching your man)**. Use the chip return **(⊗ then ■)** around the area to score with a header **(■)** or volley **(●)**
3 One touch passing moves the ball downfield in sections if directed properly. After hitting ⊗, tap ● and direction early.
4 To stop tackles, double tap forwards. Your man will step over the ball for a few yards

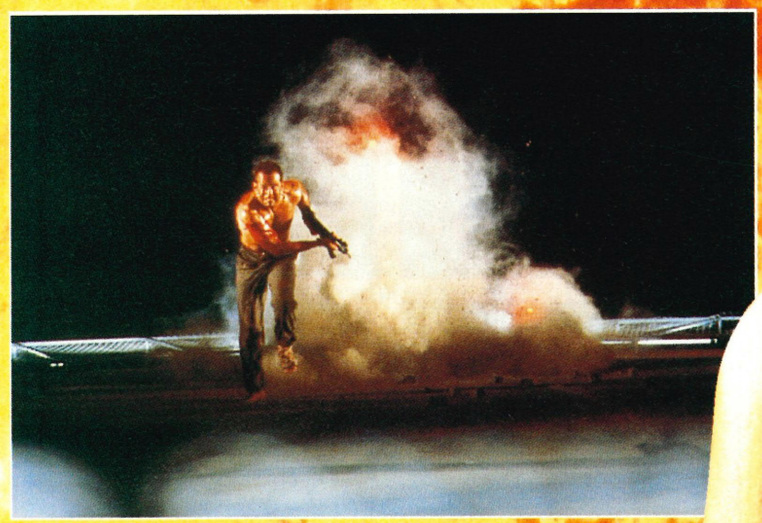




1 Head the ball diagonally forward (■ and ◀ / down diagonal) 2 Now bring another player onto the ball 3 Use one-twos with a chip return around the box (⊗ then ■) 4 And score some amazing goals (● or ■) 5 Pass (⊗) and hit (● and all directions) before the ball reaches a player... 6 You can one-touch pass all the way up the field 7 Tight spot? 8 Double tap forward to step over the ball (◀ ◀) 9 Sprint (L1) as you're shooting (●), for extra shot power

DIE HARD TRILOGY

Here y'go, the full guide to all three parts of the newly-budget price Die Hard Trilogy. Starting with Die Hard...



■ Bruce Willis used his incredible propelling farts for an extra burst of speed...

PRICE	£19.99
COMPANY	FOX INTERACTIVE
REVIEWED	MAY 98
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USEFUL STUFF

GOT ME SOME GUNS

You gotta kill, and here are the guns for the job. You can only hold your pistol and one other gun at any time, so be careful what you pick up.

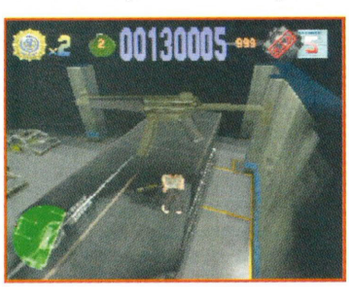
SHOTGUN: It's slow, but it can do some real damage. It can take out three guys in one shot, so save it for crowded areas.

EXPLOSIVE SHOTGUN: The same as the shotgun except that it explodes the crap out of anything it hits. Don't use it if you're near where it's gonna hit, though. You'll blow yourself up.

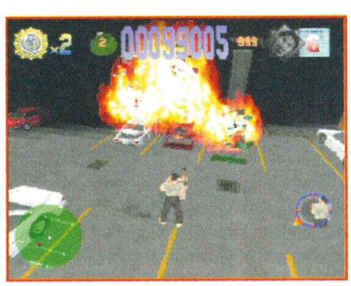
ASSAULT RIFLE: Rapid fire mutha. It's accurate and very deadly.

M60 MACHINE GUN: Faster than the assault rifle. Eats thru baddies like a fat man in a cake shop.

MP5 SUB MACHINE GUN: The best of the lot, the ultimate bloodspillah! Save it for groups of bad guys. It'd be rude not to.



■ The machine guns spit lead death



■ Ka-boom. Explosive rounds are go

OTHER COOL STUFF

This stuff can be found all over the shop:

GRENADES: These are littered all over. Lob 'em into a crowded area and watch the heads fly!

SMOKE BOMB: These are quite rare. Once thrown, they paralyse the enemy, leaving you free to introduce 'em to Mr M60.

STUN GRENADE: Pretty much as the same as the smoke bomb. But prettier.

HOT DOGS: Never mind the threat of major food poisoning. Finding these gives you health. Which you need. A lot.

FIRST AID PACK: Restores half of your energy.

MEDICAL KIT: The big kahuna. Gives you back a whole shield of life.

BULLETPROOF VEST: Makes you impervious to bullets. As you'd think, really.



■ Bullet proof vest. No damage

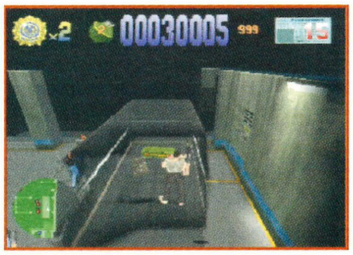


■ Cause some major splatter with grenades

LEVEL GUIDE

GARAGE

The first area should be no sweat. It's pretty light on terrorist scum, and the area's totally open, so finding the enemies is a doddle. The cars act as grenades, so try and blow 'em when there are enemies right by them. The truck at the back of the stage contains an assault rifle, machine gun and health. In the small room opposite (look for the hostage on the radar) is a hot dog, if you need it. Once you're hotdogged up, it's time to hit the exit. It's right in the centre of the map, where the lifts are. Time to bust a move, Brucey...



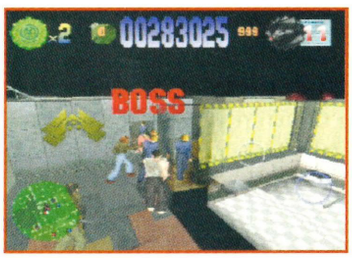
RECEPTION

It hots up a bit here. You'll have saved some of the terrorist-pasting machine guns from the level before if you've got any sense. You'll need them. Hang around the groups of lifts in the centre of the level and casually pick off the enemies as they spill out. Almost too easy.

Explore all the rooms and crevices at the sides and corners of the level 'cos they're chocka with pick-ups. The bomb turns up in the upper left of the big group of lifts in the middle.



CONSTRUCTION 1



The windows and yellow panels on this level are no probs. Just shoot 'em out to make your way past, or through, them. Keep 'em peeled for the group of baddies in the lowest part of the level. For every six or seven of them you kill you get a grenade. When you've iced all the enemies, a lift containing the boss comes down. Make sure and grease his henchmen before taking him on: he can't be hurt till they've all bitten the dust. You'll get an MP5 for the effort. The bomb is pretty much in the centre of the level. Easy peasy.

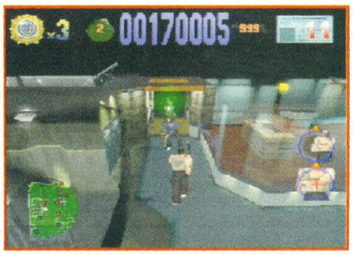
OFFICE 1

At the start of this level, three hostages come out of the lift with a few terrorists. There is an execution taking place near the far side from where you start (NOTE: Executions are always shown by a purple dot on the radar). When you save hostages, you get extra lives. Cool. Go left for some pick-ups, then take the explosive shotgun lying near the room you see the hostages escape from. The bomb is located in the group of lifts you started at.



COMPUTERS 1

This is a fairly short 'n' easy one. There are only a couple of pick-ups to grab and dealing with the enemy terrorists is easy. The trick to use with the baddies on this level is to use the glass surrounding the rooms and walls as cover. If you hide round corners, the damn fool terrorists can't see you. All you have to do is quickly roll in front of them and take out the glass and the Fritz terrorist scum with one slick burst of hot lead. Sweet. The bomb is in a lift in the far corner. Switch the radar to the furthest view to see where it is.



EXECUTIVE 1



Be warned, Brucey boy. This level is absolutely heaving with Huns: stay frosty and keep moving. First, head to the boardroom on the right and kill the enemies. The presentation room is also crawling with 'em, so lob in some grenades. When all the terrorists are dead, another boss turns up. Because this level has more open space, you can chuck grenades at him. The bomb is through the dining room area and in a lift on the other side of it.

CONSTRUCTION 2

Crack open the crates on either side of the entrance and get the weapons. In the centre of this level is a big group of hostages, guarded by an equally big group of terrorists. Don't go in guns blazing here, or the hostages will get caught in the crossfire. Pick the baddies off one by one. One of the terrorists is disguised as a hostage, so watch it. A group of terrorists will emerge from the lift near the end. Frag 'em with grenades. The bomb is tricky to find, as it is in a single lift. Use the long view radar to get it.



OFFICE 2



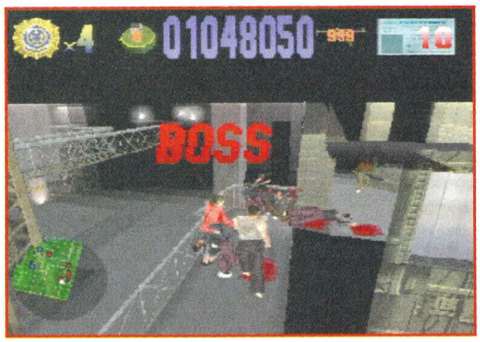
Go left from the start and kill the baddies there. The hostage on the right is a terrorist in disguise, so paste him. After you've dealt with half the scum two crates appear in the lifts in the centre of the level. The pick-ups are worth grabbing. The final groups of baddies emerge in groups from lifts, making a few grenades the best way to kill 'em off. The bomb appears in the main group of lifts and is chuffing easy to find.

BALLROOM

This is all about saving hostages. from the start, kill the three guys with their backs to you and slowly go forward, trying to kill terrorists before they get too near to the hostages. With all enemies dead here, go to the bottom of the stairs and go right to stop an execution from taking place. There's another one later on, getting you a second extra life. Head upstairs and save more hostages. Go downstairs and get ambushed by enemies from a lift. Grenade 'em. The exit is at the back of the upper part of the level.



MAINTENANCE 2



Another short 'n' sweet level: a bit of killing, an extra life, and then onwards. Just head straight for the lifts and a boss will appear. Again, the gaffer can't be killed until you've iced all his mates, but you shouldn't find 'im any trouble at all. An extra life will appear. After that, five more geezers'll pop up out of nowhere. Slaughter them and the end-of-level bomb will appear. It's right by the lifts and as easy to find as your own dangly bits.

OFFICE 3

From the off, head to the group of enemies and a couple of hostages to the right of you. You'll then see some crates on the floor, with a machine gun inside one. As you deal with this first lot of scum, more come from the lifts. Each of this lot'll drop a grenade when you blast 'em. Nice. In the centre of the level there is an execution that you have to stop. Use the explosive shotgun for the rest of the level: you've got to deal with lotsa big groups of baddies, and explosive shells are ideal. The exit is at the big group of lifts in the middle of the map.



CONSTRUCTION 3

From the start, head for the centre of the level to stop an execution. You have to be quicker than Linford Christie on speed to stop it, but the extra life helps. After that, the level is easy, with no big groups of terrorists to deal with, no bosses and no more executions. The bomb turns up in one of the furthest corners of the level. Whack the radar on long view and run for it.



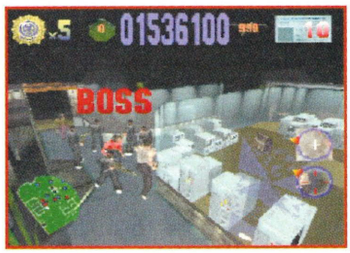
VAULT



There is a huge group of people up and left of where you start. There are some hostages mixed in there, but to hell with them. Chuck in some grenades, then go in with guns blazing. More terrorists come out of the lifts, but what can they do against a bullet?

Look out for a fake hostage coming out of one of the lifts, too. She'll give you a bullet proof vest when killed. The bomb is at the lifts where you began the stage.

COMPUTERS 2



Run to the hostages nearest you and save their captive asses. As you do this, two guys with shotguns come in for some. Kill them to get their guns and move on to the boss, who is just round the corner. Show him who's the daddy using those tasty shotguns you got earlier, and you'll get yourself a machine gun. Once you've killed loadsa baddies here, an execution will appear in one of the corners of the level, so run down and stop it if you can. Then you just have to slaughter your way to get the bomb and you're done.

EXECUTIVE 2

There are two executions here. The first one starts as you begin the level. Run ahead, into the presentation room, and shoot the terrorist there. The second is about halfway through the level, once the second wave of terrorists has turned up. The terrorists weapons have also increased in power, with more of them packing shotguns and machine guns. They leave more stuff when they die though, so it ain't all bad! The bomb is in the posh looking bit of the area. Just hang about any lift there with carpet outside and you'll be sorted.



OFFICE 4



Blast the terrorists as per normal. About halfway through this level you should encounter three guys with explosive shotguns. They're tough bastards, but they leave their weapons behind when you kill them, so you should be able to get about 100 shotgun rounds. You don't need us to tell you those explosive shells make a fair old difference to your next few firefights. Nice. The bomb's in the lifts where you started the level.

MAINTENANCE 3

First off, head for the huge party of terrorists and stop the execution. It's hard not to kill the hostage, so try pushing the terrorist away and shoot him from a distance. Then you can lay into the rest of the terrorists with the explosive rounds. Halfway through the level, three blokes tooled with machine guns burst out: lay waste and each one drops his guns when killed. Zang! Loadsa ammo! Deal with one final execution before finding the bomb. It's in a lift, in a corner opposite the execution you just (hopefully) stopped.



COMPUTERS 3



Most of the first 20 or 30 enemies you slaughter give you bonuses, so this should be a cinch. Make sure you ice the five blokes with shotguns: you should be able to get over a hundred shells. And that's enough to tear up the rest of the baddies real good. Just keep pumping explosives left and right, till the bossman shows. Grenade the head honcho, then explode the rest of the baddies. Victory is yours, Brucey boy.

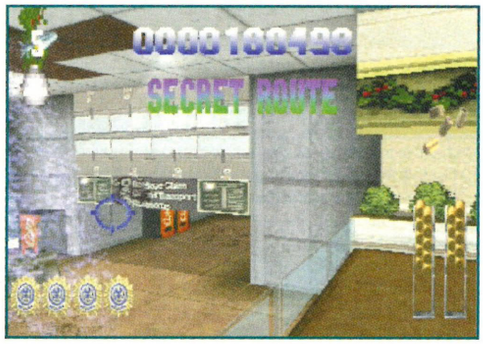
DIE HARD II

It's a top shooter, but are you dead on target or DOA? With these tips, you'll soon be a real bad bwoy...

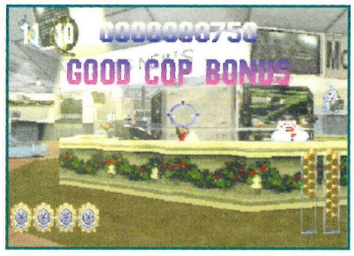
HARD SECRETS

SECRET ROUTES

Each stage, except the last one, has at least one secret route. You can get to them by rescuing all the prisoners in a certain stretch, or by killing loadsa baddies in a certain time. Once you've done what you have to, McClane (That's you, moron!) will walk into the secret route. Getting into the secret bits usually means a few peaceful moments plugging bonuses for fun and profit. Sweet. We tell you where they are, so don't sweat it.



GOOD COP BONUSES



Good cops don't pump lead into innocent civilians. So if you manage to blast your way through a really crowded area without plugging any hostages, you'll get yourself a 'Good Cop Bonus'. You'll still have to drill all the terrorists, mind. The Good Cop Bonus is usually pretty much the same as the secret route, but with one added extra. Pick one up, and your default weapon changes from the weedy pistol to something with far more punch. This only lasts for the rest of the level, but it's pretty sweet all the same...

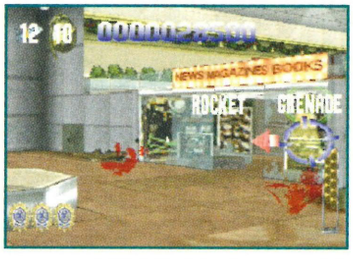
GRATUITOUS VIOLENCE

This bit isn't very morally instructive. But what the hell. If you manage to kill loads of terrorists, whilst avoiding getting hit yourself, you'll get the chance to have a bit of a mittel-European turkey shoot. Yup. You get to blast those German terrorist filth while they're hogtied. They can't run away and they can't shoot. You have all the time in the world to lodge a bullet in their navel. McClane's right when he says, 'That's gotta hurt'



LEVEL GUIDE

LEVEL 1: AIRPORT 1



Pump a few rounds into the helicopter that's hovering over the action at the start of the level. Do it fast enough, and you'll get yourself a Beretta for the rest of the level. Wicked. When the action starts, kill all the terrorists and don't hit any civvies, even the ones in flames where it says 'Mercy Shot'. After you shoot the guy behind the desk in the lobby, you'll get a good cop bonus. When you head up the escalators and are facing the gift shop, unload a few rounds into the window and get a rocket and some health.

LEVEL 1: AIRPORT 2

As the terrorists come running from the hall, don't shoot any civilians and don't take any damage. If you can do all that, you'll get a secret route. Lotsa bonuses. The last secret path on this level comes when you have the explosive shotgun and are shooting at people outside the airport. You have to kill all the men behind the windows to get onto the route. Use grenades if you have to.



LEVEL 2: AIRPORT WING 1



Don't shoot any of the first lot of terrorists. They can't see you at all, so they won't attack. Just lie doggo and wait for the hostage to run free before exploding the crates in the hall to take 'em all out at once. See? So much easier. Again, ignore the next set of terrorists till they are near the centre of the screen, just behind the hostage. Time to let rip. Blast 'em fast, using whatever crates you managed to save after the last massacre. Do it right, and you should get the M16 for the rest of the level. Get ready to use it to save some lives...

LEVEL 2: AIRPORT WING 2

Quickly shoot the two silver crates behind the big wooden ones to release two hostages. As the screen moves round, aim to the bottom left of the screen and shoot fast to bust open another silver crate and free another hostage. At the next group of terrorists, there's a guy standing at the back with a rocket launcher. Plug him, and do it quick. The stupid bastard'll accidentally turn round and blast his mates as he goes into the hereafter...



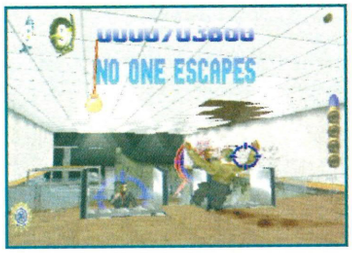
LEVEL 2: AIRPORT WING 3



Next, terrorists emerge from behind the counters, but some are dressed as hostages. The devious little shits. Wait till the target appears on them before you splatter their brains. If you kill the terrorists here and the two at the top of the escalator, you'll get a secret route. The next secret path crops up after you've killed the enemies above you on the bridge. As you head underneath, shoot the crates for a tasty little health bonus.

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LEVEL 2: AIRPORT WING 04



Enemies appear as hostages wander round the lower level. Don't kill the hostages, 'cos by saving them you get the Gratuitous Violence bonus. The final secret bit is when you approach the SWAT team in the terminal. A bloke runs past you and, if shot, 'No one escapes' appears on the screen. And if you're worthy of the sweaty vest of Bruce, you'll know what to do next. Smart lad. Yup, you gotta grease every single ugly mutha that dares show their face on those stairs. If no one lives, you'll get a secret route with some sweet bonuses.

LEVEL 3: TUNNEL

As you arrive in the level, there's one guy stashed away in a small crevice. He's astoundingly hard to shoot, but if you keep plugging away, you'll nail him and get a 'Good Shooting' message. From here, kill every terrorist you see and you'll earn yourself a Gratuitous Violence bonus. Once you get to the tied-up terrorists, just control that itch in your trigger finger, and make sure you kill the middle one first, then the one on the left, then the one on the right. Do it right and you'll get a machine gun for the rest of the level.



LEVEL 4: RUNWAY 1



At the start, shoot the first jeep and all the terrorists. When the second jeep comes atcha, leave it and the guy inside well alone. Waste the 'copter flying above, then the last three men to get the secret route. Play through to when you're standing beside the plane and shoot the hostage that runs. No we don't know why you've got to kill the innocent fella. What we do know is that if you do, you get yourself an MP5 for the rest of the level. Sounds good to us.

LEVEL 4: RUNWAY 2

The next secret is when you're facing the storage shed. You get to the shed and look about for a while before people start to fire at you. Be ready to start blasting, 'cos the first bloke who runs from the shed has to be wiped out if you want the secret bit, and he takes about four hits. Do this and you get a 'Good Shooting' bonus. Just keep pumping away at the boss geezer and his mates, and once they're deaded, you'll move onto a secret route. After the jeep chase, frag the chopper to complete the level.



LEVEL 5: PLANE 1



You'll have to be a bit of a sharpshooter for this 'un. As the level begins, shoot the terrorist behind the hostage really quick, without killing the hostage, and you'll receive a Beretta for the rest of the level. Sweet. Another thing you need to watch out for is the crates round about this area. Even if you don't see a bonus come out of them when you shoot 'em, they probably contain health. Keep blasting 'em: you'll need the health, believe us...

LEVEL 5: PLANE 2



Halfway through the level, you'll find yourself facing a doorway. A terrorist'll jump down from the stairway above. Hold your fire, 'cos the daft bastard will die from the fall in pretty short order. When you get nearer the end of the level, another terrorist scumbag attempts to make the same jump. This time, don't hold back. Draw a bead on him and let him have it as soon as he leaps. You'll get yourself a machine gun if you do it right...

LEVEL 6: CHURCH 1

The first bloke who your target lights on is carrying an MP5 which you can get for the rest of the level if you kill 'im fast enough. The first secret route comes up when you go round to the back of the church. Make sure you're using the MP5 rather than the explosive shotgun: what you gotta do is kill all the bad boys without breaking the stained glass in the windows, and it's totally impossible if you're using explosives. If you manage to get through the firefight with windows intact, you'll get a box of rockets and health powerups. Praise be!



LEVEL 6: CHURCH 2



The next secret bit's easy to get to if you take a bit of care with who you point your piece at. All you got to do is manage not to plug any hostages until you get round to the group of terrorists who're standing having a natter. You'll know the terrorists we mean when you get to 'em. Kill 'em all without mercy. When you get onto the secret route, ignore the temptation of the crates along by the left side of the church: leave 'em well alone and you'll take a quick detour right over the church roof for even more bonuses.

LEVEL 7: SNOWMOBILE CHASE

As it begins, make sure you take out every bloke on the snowmobiles. Some of them have a driver and a bloke with a gun, some just have the driver. Kill 'em all and you'll get a secret route. By the bridge, if you shoot the chopper, you'll get the tracer rifle for the rest of the level. Once you've got to the bit under the bridge, scooters'll come at you again. If you manage to kill them all, you'll get yourself a secret route with a shotgun. Tasty.



LEVEL 8: STOP THAT PLANE...



There's no secret bits at all on the last level. You just got to concentrate on blasting away at the plane and dodging any bad stuff coming atcha. Don't worry yourself too much: this ain't too tricky. Just make sure you blitz the first four helicopters which show up and you'll get a Kalashnikov for the duration of the level. And make sure to pick up the goodies that drop out of the back of the plane. You should get enough health and shield powerups to see you through. Plug that plane enough, and the game's yours, hardass!

DIE HARD III

Burn the streets, waste pedestrians and get them bombs. What? Can't find the bombs? Read on...

USEFUL STUFF

DRIVIN' ADVICE

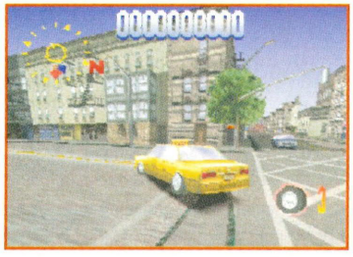
These tips'll make you the mack daddy behind the wheel.

You have to learn the 90 degree turns. You'll never get anywhere without them. The trick is to hang into the turn and not decelerate so you'll skid right into the centre of the next street.

Always drive in the middle of the road. Sod what your driving instructor told you, you'll dodge most of the cars either side of you. Don't worry if you mow down a few thousand dumbass pedestrians. You only lose a few bonus points at the end of the level.

You might be tempted to go for the inside view here, but it's best to stick to the behind car view, 'cos it's useful to see where you are on the bomb car levels.

And speaking of bomb cars, another useful trick is to always hold the accelerator at the start of the level, so you skip the crap with the helicopter and just get after that car straight off...





HERE IS MY CAR...

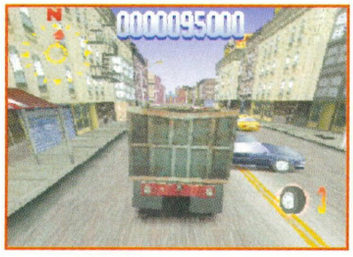
What about the other motas on the road?

POLICE CAR: The pig wagon is faster than the standard taxi, but not enough to make it worth nicking it. it's got cool sirens, though!

FERRARI/PORSCHE: The best cars in the game. Hit the turbo and send your eyes through the back of your skull. If you see one, nick it.

SCHOOL BUS: It makes easy work of pummeling cars in the way but it moves too damn slowly to be much use on most levels.

BOMB CARS: No surprise that you can't nick these. These guys are the enemy. They take four to five hits to blow. After each hit, you have to drop back a bit before you get in the next smash or it won't do any damage.





STREET GUIDE

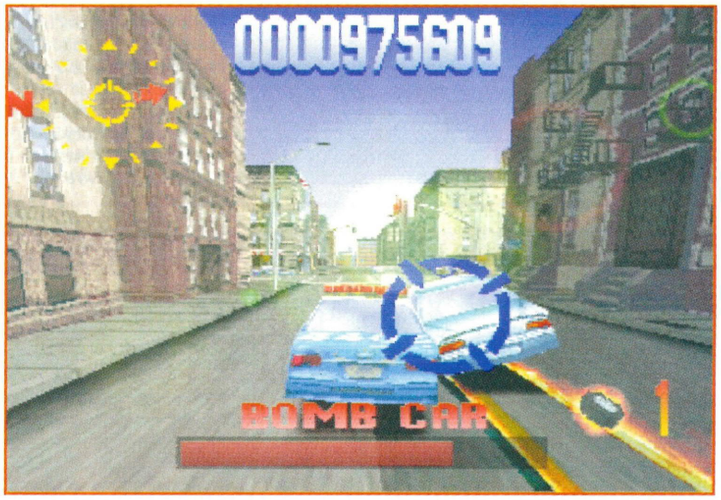
HARLEM 1



The first bomb's simple. Just take the first left and keep driving. For bomb two, take the first right and drive under the first bridge. Get the turbo and a time icon, then take the first left after the second bridge. Then take the second turn on the right. Pick up the time icons. For bomb three, take the first left, pick up the turbo and take the third right. Nip down and pick up the load of time pick-ups. After the time icons, take the first left.

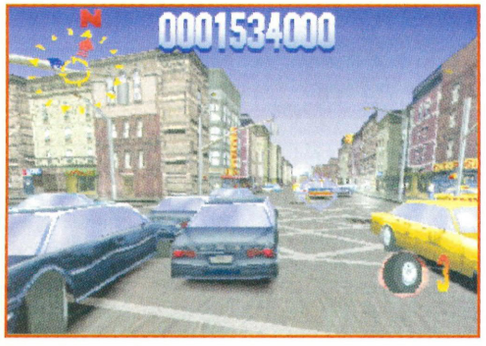
HARLEM 2

Bomb four is easy. Take the second left, then the first right. Bomb five is your first bomb car. After taking out bomb four, there's a car park with a cop car on the left, so get it. It's worth it for the extra turbos you get for getting a new car. The bomb car will just circle one city block, so it's easy to waste. Just keep circling, dropping back and ramming the bastard. Once the bomb's gone off and you've returned to earth, get back to the car park and drive straight up the road. You'll reach the sixth bomb no probs. There's another saloon-type car you can pick up on the way...



HARLEM 3

Bomb seven is the last of the level. Drive straight and you'll hit an EMS icon, which'll summon you a bit of help. An anbulance will zoom up and drive in front of you, clearing the way through the traffic. Don't follow the meatwagon when it turns off to the right but keep going forwards to hit the bomb, which you'll find parked against the right side of the street. For the exit, keep going forward and take the third turn on the right.



BONUS LEVEL 1

Try and avoid scraping the subway walls here. You've got to get good at counter steering so that you can take corners at speed without hitting the wall. Don't use turbos to get ahead of the truck unless you are way behind it or the bomb is near and you can't get it any other way. This is 'cos the truck'll speed up to meet you no matter how far ahead of it you get, so don't zoom past it till the bomb is near.

Make getting the extra life here a priority: then even if you lose a life when the bomb goes off, you're not actually worse off in the long run...



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CENTRAL PARK 1



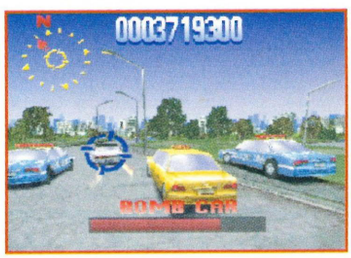
Bomb one is straight ahead. Bomb two is a taxi bomb car. Keep your eye on it as it tends to go over the grass. For bomb three, follow the arrow till you see a line of pick-ups next to the river. It'll lead you to an EMS icon, which will lead you to a road with time icons. Hit the launch icon to propell you over the cop cars and ambulance. Grab the icons when you land and drive to the next EMS: the ambulance'll guide you to the third bomb.

CENTRAL PARK 2

To get bomb four, drive straight ahead, following more pick-ups till you hit the launch icon. When you land, take a hard right and hit the bomb on the bridge. You can't miss the bomb five car 'cos it has a massive hot dog on top of it. He'll stick to the roads till he reaches the rock valleys, where he takes a right, so be ready to give chase. He'll go up a hill and pull another sharp right. He's pretty slow though, so he shouldn't be too much trouble.



CENTRAL PARK 3



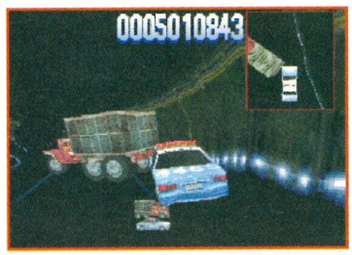
Bomb six could be anywhere after you've chased the bomb car, so follow the arrow till you find it in a rock valley. Bomb seven is another car. He's more tricky than any of the ones up to now: what he tends to do is tank it right up to the edge of the water then pull a hard corner so that you go flying past into a watery grave. Cunning, huh? Just make sure you keep an eye on where he's headed, and only start pumping up the speed when you know there ain't trouble ahead. Bomb eight's easy. Just keep following the arrow.

CENTRAL PARK 4

Bomb nine is a cop car, and it drives all over the damn place. Keep picking up time icons to stay on track. When you get to a point with a line of time icons of the right, go for them. The left path is a roadblock. For bomb ten, follow the arrow and it'll lead you through a rock valley with pick-ups in it. Three vehicles try to block your path, so be ready for 'em. After that, head for the exit..



BONUS LEVEL 2

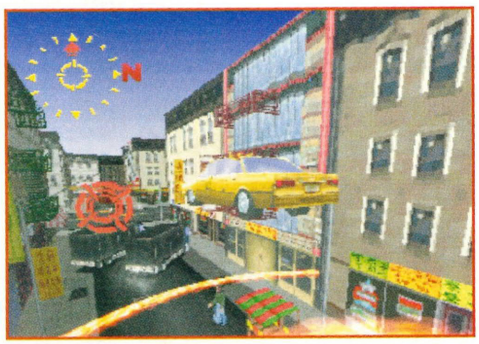


This is another subway level, with another chance to snag you an extra life. Keep sharpening up those turns, 'cos the bonus levels just get faster and faster, and scraping the walls is gonna cost you that sweet extra life. Dang!

On this 'un, feel free to take a wander off down the tunnels that lead off to the left and right off the main drag. It won't matter because you'll end up back in the main tunnel when it comes to boomtime, and the extra life's along there too. Just remember to save those turbos...

CHINATOWN 1

To get bomb one, take the first left, first right, second left and then first right. Take the first left and hit the launch icon dead centre to land on the bomb. For bomb two, take the first right, getting the EMS, and then go right following the ambulance. Ignore the EMS and turn left at the end of the road. Go right, and right again at the end of the road. Take the first left, another left and a right. Drive into the launch icon to land you on the bomb.



CHINATOWN 2

Head to the left of the road and cut the corner at the first left, dodging the cop cars. Turn left again, then right followed by a left and a right and drive to the end of the street. Hang a right into the car park and get the Ferrari! Go right from the car park, then left, hitting the launch icon. Do a quick 180 degree turn then go right, then left and right again, getting the bomb.



CHINATOWN 3

For bomb four take the first left down a busy street. Drive to the end. Take the first left, first right, first right and the first left. The bomb will be on your right. Now for bomb five. Take the first right, first left, first right, first left, first right, first left, first right and the first left. Bomb six is a Ferarri car. He'll head straight for you so hit him head on and follow him. You'll need to be quick to get his ass. Finally, follow the arrows for bomb seven.

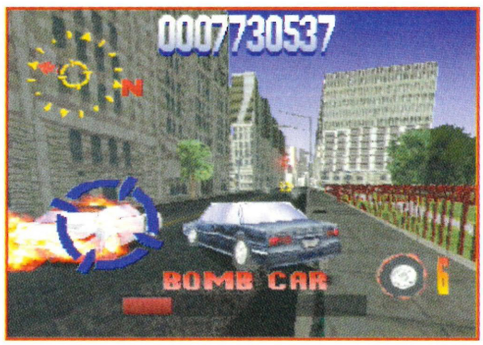


BONUS LEVEL 3

This is where the bonus levels start to get that little bit tricky. At the first split in the track take the left branch to get an extra life. When the two tracks become one again, take the right hand side. As soon as you see the points icons at the second branch, head right. This bit's an absolute bastard: the gap needs to be perfectly taken or you'll never overtake the truck if it gets past you.



FINANCIAL DISTRICT 1



From the off you're after a Porsche bomb car. It'll pass right in front of you, so take the first right to follow it. It moves quite slowly, so you should be able to deal with it. As soon as the Porsche has gone sky high, head back to where you took the right turn and go east. Keep going down the long road: the third left's the one you need. Grab the time icons, take the first right and hit the launch. As soon as you land, ignore Zeus and head left. Bang!

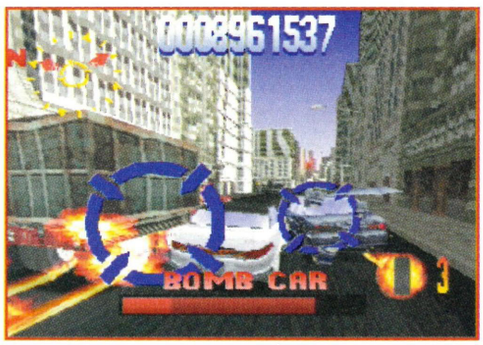
FINANCIAL DISTRICT 2



To start after bomb three, take a left followed by a first right. Go straight ahead and keep driving, ignoring the EMS if you collect it. The bomb will appear down a left turn towards the end of the street. For bomb four keep going straight, getting all the time icons and hit the launch icon. After you land take the second right and you'll see another row of launch icons in front of you. Hit 'em and keep going. You'll see a row of black trucks passing. Be a good motorist and wait for 'em to pass, then the bomb's straight ahead. Easy.

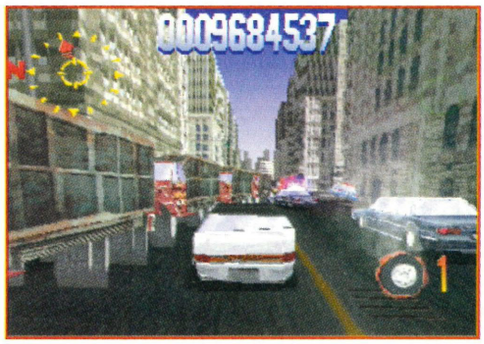
FINANCIAL DISTRICT 3

Bomb five is a bastard as it's two bomb cars. Firstly the truck comes from behind, so let it pass and slip in directly behind it. Keep nudging it to take it out. At the end of the street, go right to catch up with the second car. If you go left and turn into the car park, however, you get the Porsche, and that's where the smart money's going. Grab the Porsche, use a turbo to catch up, and then nail him when he comes out of the disused car park.



FINANCIAL DISTRICT 4

Go round the disused car park where you nailed the car. When it's on your left, take a right and the next left. You'll hit a launch icon and when you land, take the first left, getting the points. Take the next right, grabbing a time icon and take a left at the end of the road, then the first right, right again and left. Finally go down the second street right and you're there. For bomb seven take the first left and the second right. The exit is the second left.



CENTRAL PARK 2.1

Bomb one is straight ahead. For bomb two take a 90 degree left turn and drive straight ahead. Tank it down the road picking up the time icons. The bomb is in the middle of a load of cop cars. Bomb three is another Porsche bomb car. He'll be coming right at you, so hit a swift 180 degree turn and follow his ass. He'll lead you to a big chain of time icons. Snaffle 'em. Then take a hard left, 'cos the Porsche is heading straight at a cliff. He'll turn at the last minute and keep pulling 90 degree turns. Stay on it. You'll catch him.



CENTRAL PARK 2.2



After chasing the bomb car, you could be any damn place. Follow the arrow to get bomb four. Bomb five is another bomb car. If you thought the last chase was a bitch, grit your teeth. This boy'll lead you a right merry dance: he keeps pulling 90 degree turns and racing all over the map. Keep picking up those time icons, and stay on his tail. Again, for bomb six, you could be anywhere after the chase, so follow the arrow to get it.

CENTRAL PARK 2.3

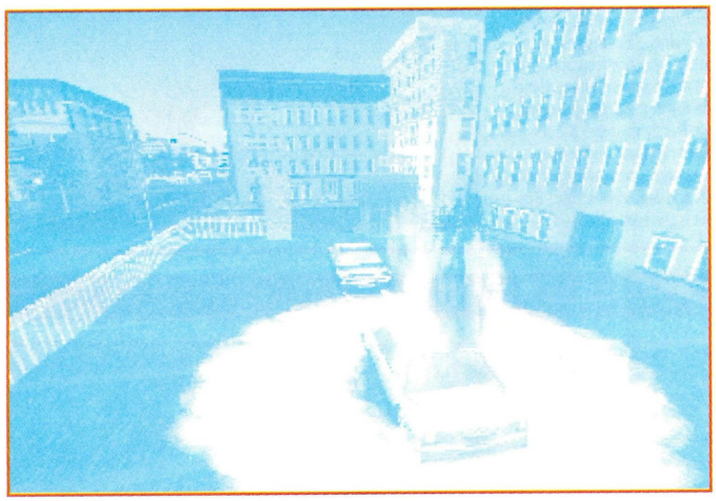
Bomb seven is easy. Next to the valley is a ring of cop cars and the bomb is there. Bomb eight is a hot dog bomb car. He's easy meat, so don't sweat it. He'll take a few hits, but he's slooooow. Blow him to bits at your leisure. Follow the arrow to get bomb nine, it's on a hill surrounded by time pick-ups. Grab some pick-ups, blow the bomb and head for the exit at the bottom of the cliff.



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CHINATOWN 2.1

Bomb one is a first left and a straight drive till you get it. For Bomb two, head right, right again and hit the launch. When you land take the first left, then turn right before driving to the end of the road. Before the end, you'll see a car park with a BMW in it. Get it 'cos you'll need it. Go right, left, left again and straight on, getting the time icons. The bomb is in front of you.



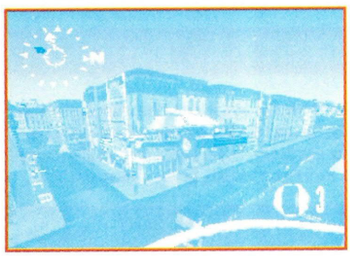
CHINATOWN 2.2



Once you've blown bomb two, take the first left and head straight on. Stay on the right hand side to avoid the convoy of black trucks. Grab the string of time icons. Bomb four is a bomb car and if you ain't got the BMW you're in some right old shit. You'll need perfect cornering to follow him and you'll need to be pretty handy at picking up stray time icons too. Follow the arrow to get bomb five. There's a school bus here, if you fancy it.

CHINATOWN 2.3

Make sure you're facing north after you get bomb five to be in the right direction for bomb six. Take the third left, then right before hitting the launch icon at the end of the road. When you touch down, take a hard left to blow the bomb. Bomb seven is a BMW bomb car. If you have the BMW, this should be easy. Use the arrow to track down bomb eight and face north when you get it. For bomb nine go right and smash through the cop cars before turning left and going ahead. Then it's time to blow the joint.



BONUS LEVEL 4



At the first split, go left and stick to the tunnel wall like a limpet. The train's a-comin' down the right-hand-side, and if you meet it, it'll hurt you bad. Once you get to the next split in the corridor, take the right to get the extra life. At the next one go right again to follow the bomb. Make sure to wait for the bomb target to appear before using your turbos on this 'un, otherwise you'll end up in front of the truck, he'll catch ya, and it'll all be in vain.

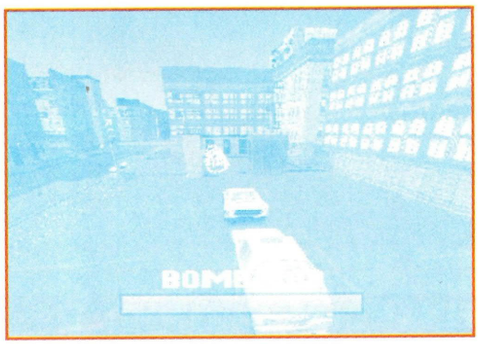
HARLEM 2.1



Bomb one really is hard as nails: you'll have to be shaving off time on all the corners to make it intact. From the starting point, head right, making sure to pick up the time icon as you skid round the corner. Now take the first left, then left again. You'll end up in front of a launch. Do the jump, and you should land on the bomb. For bomb two take the second right, to the end, and drive through the car park to dodge the traffic. Go right, then take the next left and drive straight on to the bomb, ignoring the EMS as you go.

HARLEM 2.2

You'll start bomb three by passing over a crossroads. Do a 180 degree turn and take a left at the crossroads. Turbo down the crowded road and take the eighth left. You may as well use all your turbos here as you'll be swapping cars soon. Head down the road till you see a car park, getting the time icons and the Ferrari. Keep going and smash the trucks out of the way, then take a right and a right again. The bomb is ahead of you.



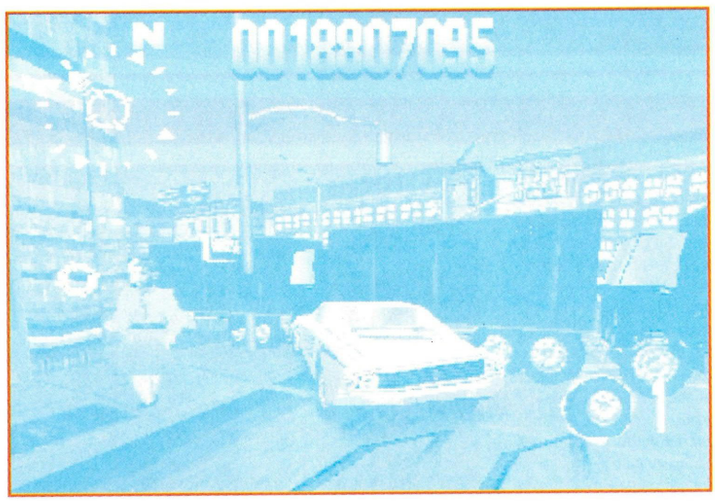
HARLEM 2.3



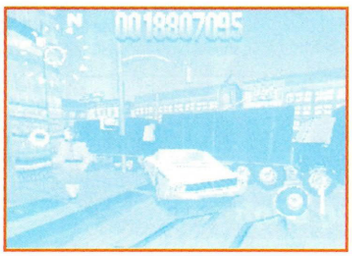
Take a 180 degree turn in preparation for the bomb car. The bomb car here is the toughest of the game. You'll follow him under a bridge and he'll take left, a right and cut through a car park. Follow him through it, making sure to pick up the time icons that drop randomly all over the place. You'll need 'em, believe us. He'll double back on himself after this and go back to the bridge. Stay on his tail. Avoid the pillars. Nail the bastard.

HARLEM 2.4

Head for the black truck roadblock on the way for bomb five. Take a right, second left, first right and grab the time icons. Take the next left, keeping to the right so you can dodge the roadblock. The bomb is just ahead. For bomb six, you should be facing west to start with. Turn right at the crossroads here and dodge the cars before taking the fourth right, leading you to the bomb.



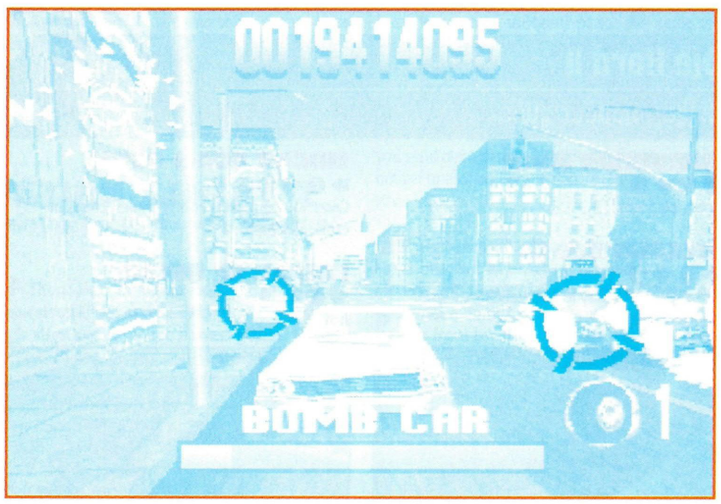
HARLEM 2.5



When you've taken out the bomb car, head for the black truck roadblock on the way for bomb five. Take a right, then take the second left and the first right and you'll see time icons on the road. Grab 'em and take the next left, keeping to the right so you can dodge the roadblock. The bomb is just ahead of them. For bomb six, you should be facing west to start with. Turn right at the crossroads here, use one of those precious turbos and zip past the oncoming cars before taking the fourth right, taking you to the bomb.

HARLEM 2.6

Bomb seven is another duel bombcar situation. Go for the police car first as it's easier. Then deal with the red car. There should be enough time icons lying around to make sure you can concentrate on bashing the baddies. Bomb eight is easy. For once in the game, the directions that Zeus gives you are pretty useful. Just follow 'em and follow that red arrow...

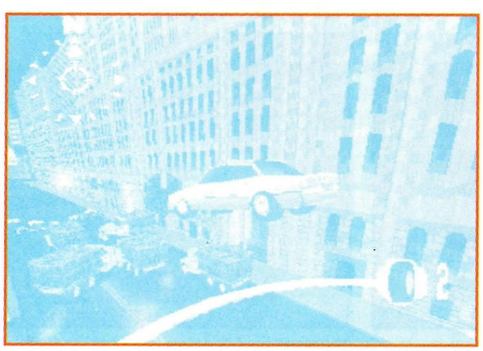


CITY 1

This is one of the hardest levels in the game: you'll need to pick up every time icon to make it through. For bomb one, take the first right, first left, grabbing the time icons rather than the turbos. Next take the third left, and the first right. You'll need to cut the corners to make it on time: the bomb is just ahead. For bomb two turn right, then left. Take the second right, turn left and the bomb should be straight ahead. You know what do do, hardass.



CITY 2



To get to bomb three head down the first left. You should end up at a crossroads: if you turn left, there's launch icons. Drive into the launch. When you touch down again go left, then take the next right. Use your turbos as you're about to chance cars. When you get to the time icons, hit the brakes and enter the car park on the right and get the Porsche. Take the first right, cut hard into the third right, take the first left and there's the bomb.

CITY 3



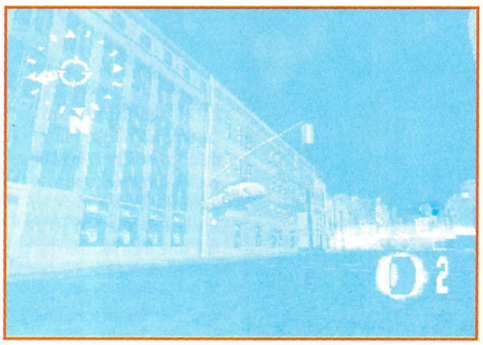
Bomb four is easy. Head straight down the road till you hit the launch icon and get the bomb.

Bomb five is a taxi bomb car and easy if you have the Porsche – although he drives all over the city. Bomb six is a piece of piss. Just follow the arrow and his ass is grass.

Bomb seven is another truck bomb car. It's slower than the taxi, but a lot tougher to beat. Again, it'll drive you all over the city.

Catch it, waste it and follow the arrow to get bomb eight....

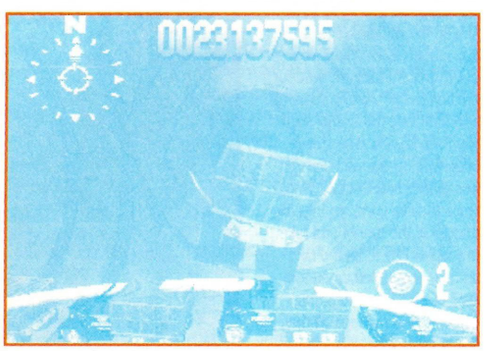
CITY 4



For bomb nine, you need to be facing west as soon as you've taken out the previous bomb. Take the first left and drive straight the rest of the way. You'll see trucks blocking the way, but there's a launch icon just in front. Use it to hurdle 'em. When you land, immediately hit a 180 degree turn and then take the first turn on the right. The bomb is in front of you. End of level. Just head to the exit, which is in the aqueduct.

BONUS LEVEL 5

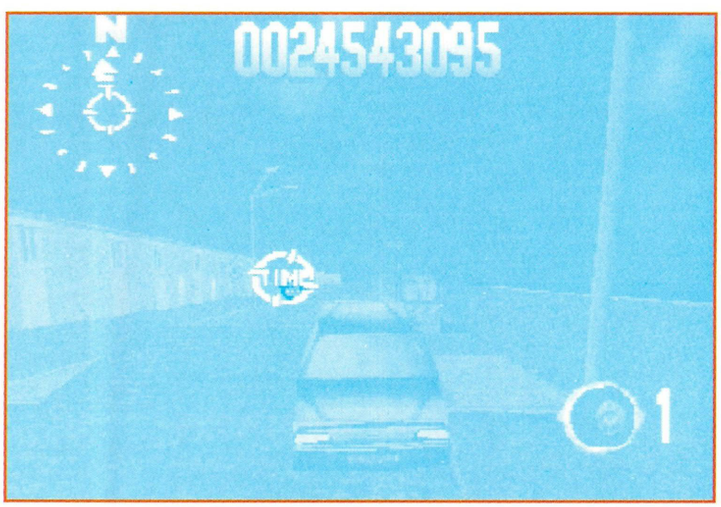
Time's damn short for this one, but the level's kinda different from the other bonus ones so far, so it's less tricky. Theoretically. The tunnel's straight here, with more obstacles, but you can dodge up the walls to avoid 'em. Use a turbo at the start to get up speed, and don't get tempted by any side tunnels with points in. The bomb and the extra life are straight ahead. Make sure to pick up every time icon on the way. You'll need them.



WATERFRONT 1

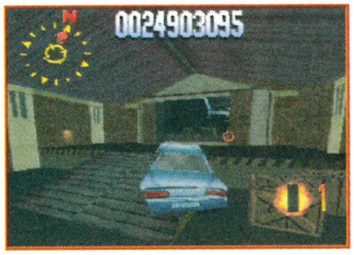
Go down the train tracks and get the time icons. Head under the first crane and go right to blow the bomb. Bomb two is a mad chase between time icons, as you'll need to grab any you pass.

Take a right. Go left and head between the warehouses. Go right, then left. Go over the ramp and through the warehouse. Outside, take a right and go through the next building.



WATERFRONT 2

This bit is a real chase for time icons: you've got about five seconds between 'em. Go straight, then do a right into the container yard and go left for the time icons. Hit the launch icon by the cop cars, taking you over the water. You'll land by the bomb. For bomb three, follow the time and points icons ahead and go straight on for a new car. Go through the warehouse with the points in it and get the time icons on the other side, as well as a cop car! Follow the pick-ups and go to the other side. The bomb is in a building just to your left.



WATERFRONT 3



The next bomb car comes out of the warehouse on the left, heading right and across the train tracks. You should head to the left warehouse here to get the time icons. Take a sharp right and he'll be in front of you. Follow the arrows to get to bomb five. For bomb six, go ahead as soon as you get the first time, then left, then right. Go through the warehouse and do a right, following the pick-ups to the launch icon, taking you to the bomb.

BONUS LEVEL 6

Stay in the middle to get the two launch icons. Once you done finished jumpin', wait for the first points icon to show up and then hug the tunnel's left wall. You'll get a time icon: keep well up the wall, though, 'cos there's two trucks coming. Once they've gone, go into the middle of the tunnel and take the turbo. Use it, hit the next launch, and go left when you land to avoid the oncoming trucks. If you manage all that, the bomb's yours.



FINAL SCRAP

The last bomb car's a bomb car with a difference. It's a chopper. 'But how...?' we hear you cry. By hitting launch icons at just the right time to land on the chopper and damage it. And if you think that sounds a little bit tricky, you're quite a sharp fellow. The only tricks here are to avoid using turbos, and to ensure that yer timing's spot on. Do it right, and the freaky Fritz is toast. Yippee-ki-yay!



YOUR CHEATIN' HEART

First things first. To make these cheats work in each game here's what you have to do: Pause the game and hold R2 as you enter the code. If you've done it right, the game should unpause itself.

Die Hard

Mucho silliness...

LEVEL SKIP
↓ ○ ← □ ↑ □ ←
Now press START on controller two to access the level skip, → to choose and SELECT to pick the level.

INVINCIBILITY
→ ↑ ↓ □

UNLIMITED AMMO
→ ↑ ↓ ↓ □ →
This gives you an infinite shotgun. Enter it again to get the other guns with infinite ammo

SILLY MODE
↓ ○ ○ ↓ △ ↓

FAT MODE
→ □ □ ↓

SCREAMING PLANTS
○ ○ □ □ →
Plants scream when you shoot them...

Die Hard II

Bigger, badder guns

INVINCIBLE MODE
↓ △ → □
Lotsa lotsa lives.

WEAPON SELECT
→ ↑ ↓ □
Press △ during play to change your current selected weapon

MUCHO BOOM BOOM
→ □ ← ○ △ ↓
Gives you 99 rockets and grenades. Loads of explosive death...

FREAKS OF NATURE
← △ → ↓
Just try it...



■ So many rockets, so much to frag



■ Lookit the circus freaks. Kill 'em all!

Die Hard III

Cheat. Like, with a vengeance...

NO CLOCK/LEVEL SKIP
→ ↑ ↓ □
On controller 2 press START and some options will appear. Press △ to turn the clock on and off and press → to cycle through the levels

INFINITE LIVES
← ○ ↑ ↓ □ →

INFINITE SUPER TURBOS
○ → ↓ □ △ ←
Super turbos'll last longer, and you go miles faster. You'll love 'em.

FERGUS MODE
○ ↓ ↓ △ ✕ △
Bloody odd...

X-FILES MODE
You have to be on Central Park level for this to work, so use the level skip to get there. Pause the game and highlight 'Quit'. Hold R2 on controller 1 and enter → □ △ ↓ ✕ ✕ ✕
A 'Roswell' screen should appear, then you'll find yourself in a natty little spaceship. That'll spook those hun terrorists good.



■ Infinite turbos. Ye-haaaaa, etc...



■ Roswell mode's a riot...

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

ADIDAS SOCCER

Have you got any cheats for Adidas Power Soccer 97?
Lee Egerton

Aye, we 'ave. To get yourself a dream team to make even the mighty Brazil weep like babies, follow this advice. Select a friendly match and press ■ +⊗ +L2 +R2 on the tactics screen. At the top of the screen it should say 'Dream Team' to show ya got it right. OK?

ACTION REPLAY 2

Is there going to be an Action Replay 2. If so, when?
David

There ain't an Action Replay 2, but they do keep releasing an updated Action Replay. This has built-in codes for the newest games. Makes life a lot easier for you cheating types. There should be a new one sometime soon, with built-in codes for Resident Evil 2.

AREA 51

Got any cheats for Area 51?
Alex Hopkins

Hey, a 'please' never hurt nobody. To control the alien boss, start the game and shoot nothing but the first three STARS members. The game should restart with you controlling the boss. You wanna shotgun? pause the game and press △ ■ △ ← R1 Alrighty?

BROKEN SWORD 3

When will Broken Sword 3 be coming out? Please will you send me a demo of Resident Evil 2 because I did not get one when I brought it.
Warren Clayton

There'll probably be a Broken Sword 3 sometime, but as to when; we dunno. If you've already got a copy of Ressi 2, why the hell do you want a demo? Unless you're just after a freebie from us? Bog off or we'll call the police and get you whipped. In public.

COMMAND AND CONQUER

When is Command and Conquer the Aftermath coming out on PlayStation?
Carl Carter

Surely you mean Red Alert: Retaliation? It's a load more Red Alert missions to keep you up at nights longer than a porn star. The giant ant levels are way cool! Retaliation should be out in August, so you'll have to do something else till then. Like exercise maybe.

COOL BOARDERS 2

Are there any cheats for Cool Boarders 2? And could you send me a demo disc?
Daniel Wakelam, Albert Southgate

Will people stop asking us for free stuff, dammit. We sell it all on the black market for a massive profit, so we've got none to spare. We don't give out demo discs. Sorry. We can give you a kinky cossie cheat for Cool Boarders 2 however: highlight competition mode and press ↓ R1 ↑ R1 ↓ R2 ↑ R2 ↑ ↑ R1 ↓ ↓ R2

CRASH 2

Is there a super password for Crash Bandocoot 2?
David Fleming, Scott Weightman

No, there ain't.

DISCWORLD

Please could you tell me how to get the staff and dragon's breath in Act 1.
Kevin Eggett

To get the breath, climb the flagpole in the alley by the palace. Use the mirror on the flagpole to get it. To get the staff, just use the broom on Windle Poons' staff when he's asleep. You'll swap 'em over.

DARK FORCES

Any cheats for it?
Alan White

There's a cheat menu you might find useful. During play, enter: ← ● ⊗ → ● ⊗ ↓ ● ⊗ There's plenty there to help you out.

D'OH!

Can you tell me if there are any plans to release a version of Mr Do's castle on the PlayStation? This is the best game ever.
Robert Brailsford

No. Mr Do is a top game, but it must be laid to rest with the Sinclair C5 and disco music.

Crash Bandicoot

The daddy password

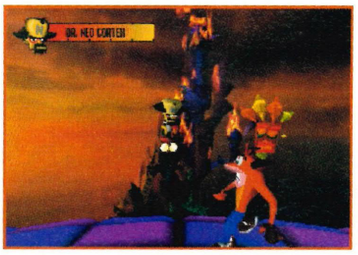
Any cheats for Crash Bandicoot?
Gavin Poole, Stuart Shevlin, Matthew Hadden, Emma Taylor

You can pick up Crash for the wallet-friendly sum of twenty nicker. Not much moolah, plenty of game. What you really want is this mega Crash Bandicoot password. It gives you the works: All levels and all gems. Enter your password as:

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■ Play all the levels...



■ And fight the crazy Dr Cortex

Broken up

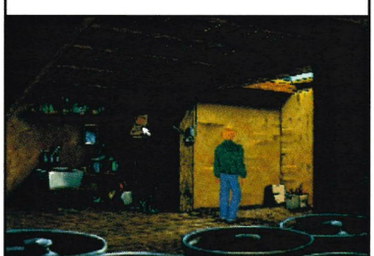
Broken Sword mended

In Broken Sword, how do you get behind the door in the bar in Ireland, and how do you get past the goat?
Jeffery Davies

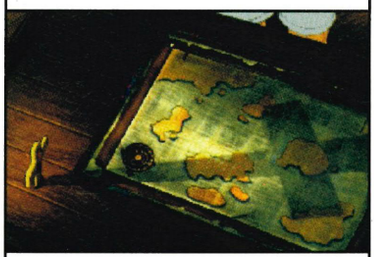
Ahh, the goat question. It keeps popping up like some screwed up toaster. To get in the door behind the bar: Grab the snare from the sneezing guy when he sneezes. Turn off the beer pumps outside the pub and talk to the barman. Give him the electrician's card and use the snare on the washer plug. To get past the goat, wait till it knocks you down. As you get up, click on the plough on the left of the screen. That'll do it!

In Broken Sword 2, how do you get the cross from the girl?
Anthony Parlour

Get the quill from the desk and talk to Emily. She'll want something to swap for her cross. Use the quill with the cat outside the house and get the feather that's left. Give the feather to Rio on the dock and he'll give you a shell. Give the shell to Emily for the cross. Almost too easy.



■ Getting into the pub cellar is easy



■ Trade with the kid, rip her off good

Tomb cheater

Easy street cheats

Got any cheats for Tomb Raider 1 and 2?
Nathan Armstrong, Adam Whitthorn, R Carter, Luke Rust

As Sean Connery might say. Yesh, we have cheatsh. Shplendid...

TOMB RAIDER

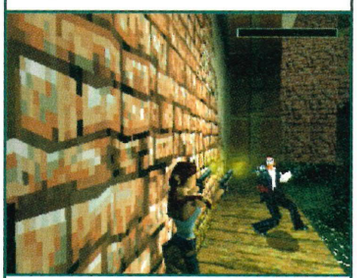
Level skip: go to the inventory screen and enter:
L2 R2 △ L1 L1 ● R2 L2
This code only works on the default control setting, so make sure you have it.
Max weapons: again, enter this on the inventory screen:
L1 △ L2 R2 R2 L2 ● L1
Lara should sigh if you get it right, and to be sure, go to the inventory to check.



■ Go Lara, you old gunbitch, you

TOMB RAIDER 2

Level skip: hold R2 and go ← → ← ↓ and ↑. Let go of R2 and rotate Lara 360 degrees three times by keeping your finger on either ← or →. Now do a forward jump with a roll in midair (that's ↑ +■, ●). **All weapons:** as before, but at the end do a backward jump and midair roll. **Flares:** draw your guns and press L2 to crack out a flare from nowhere.



■ Get all the guns and spill some blood

Instant Expert: Your problems solved

EH?

I swapped Tomb Raider for Tomb Raider 2. Would you say it was a good swap?
Andy Barlow

plus Damn straight it is, especially with Tomb Raider now on platinum. You ripped someone off good there! Why are you asking us, though. Surely you can tell if 'Raider 2 is better than one. Thinking for yourself comes in handy sometimes. So they say.

FIGHTING FORCE 2

I've heard Fighting Force 2 is on the way. The first one was okay for a while, but it was too damn short. I hope the second one's better
Ken Lim

plus You heard wrong Ken, get some new mates. The guys at Core said a Fighting Force 2 is doubtful. Don't stress it too much, though. Fighting Force was pants. If you want some scrolling combat action, wait for Tekken 3, and play the Tekken Force mode. It's a bit like Fighting Force.

GRAND THEFT AUTO

How do you get the Helicopters, tanks, speedboats, trains and fire engines in GTA?
Gazza Kelly, Carl Olpin, Dean Procor

plus We ran a guide to GTA in our April issue. That'll help you about the mean streets. We need your cash, so why not ring 01858 435 350 for a back issue. Let our children eat, pleeease...

Having a 'mare

Gore-tastic cheats

Can you put something on Nightmare Creatures in your next mag? When is Nightmare Creatures 2 coming out?
Tom Lewis, Claire Oakley

plus 'Something' 'eh? Howzabout some cheats? We're good like that.

For the mondo cool cheat mode enter, on the password screen ← ↑ △ ↓ ○ △ □ ↓
You can select any level, infinite continues or even play as the monsters! Now get out there and dismember.

And as for number two, sadly we've heard nothing but we think it's a goer...



■ Cleave some flesh with these great cheats



■ Play as all manner of sick beasties

D-Riven to madness

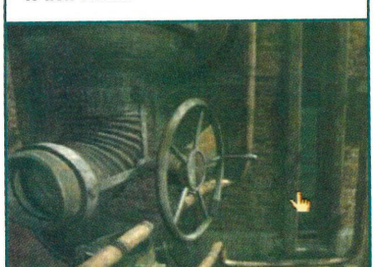
The Riven doc... is in

How do I get into the metal thing on the beach island?
John Green

plus If you turn left by the door, you'll go round the outside to a set of pipes. If you look carefully, you can see where the pipes lead. Redirect the water flow so the metal room empties out. You'll be able to get inside when you've done that.

What do I do in the gold room on the first island?
Paul Owens

plus Did you know that the room can rotate? If you look closely by the door, there is a small button. Press it to rotate the room. If you head under the wooden door down the steps, you can get through to new rooms.



■ Fiddle with the pipes to drain the room

Micro Machines V3

Size ain't all

Any cheats for Micro Machines V3?
Alex Hope, John Sharp, Frank Cotton

plus If the world of miniature car action seems a little dull, this lot should liven things:
To slow down the computer cars, pause the game and press ○ △ □ ✕ ○ △ ✕ □

To get nine lives in the single-player game, enter your name as CATLIVES.

To have tanks on all the tracks, enter your name as TANKS4ME.

To play all the tracks in multiplayer mode, enter your name as GIMMEALL.

For floating objects, pause the game during the race and enter
□ △ □ □ △ □ □ △ ✕



■ Get tanks on any level. No-one escapes!

GREEDY LOT

Have you got any cheats for ISS pro, Jonah Lomu rugby, Soul Blade, Fifa 98 and Tennis Arena?
Andrew Asplin, Sanjeet Sahota, Stuart Peters, Craig Webster

plus Christ alive, what else do you want? maybe do your washing? Here's some Soul Blade stuff:
To play as Sophitia in a bathing suit, get every character's eighth weapon in Edge Master mode. To get her without armour, find her eighth weapon in Edge master mode. That should keep you going for a while!
For Fifa 98, how about infinite player attributes? In the player edit screen press
L1 L2 ✕ □ ✕

G-POLICE

Got any cheats for G-police, like level codes?
R. Healey, David Chattam

plus Indeedy. The final level code is SAGLORD. That should help. If you want some nifty secret missions, enter PANTALON on the password screen. The secret missions will appear in the training missions menu.

GROPING LARA

There is supposedly a model of the lovely Lara. Do you know where I can get my hands on her?
Keith Blackamore

plus Keith, you obviously need help. The mental sort. Still, if you want a figure, try Forbidden Planet, they do spoddy stuff like that. Ring the mail order line on 0171 497 2150.

GUN GRIEF

I have just bought Time Crisis. Two days later I thought I'd buy a gun, so I brought the Erazer light gun and it works with Die Hard Trilogy but not with Time Crisis. Why?
Lee Pool

plus The only gun that works with Time Crisis is the Namco G-Con45. The game comes with the gun, unless you brought it secondhand. You'll need the G-Con45 to get anywhere in the game, so go back and have a word in the shell-like of where you brought Time Crisis from. Demand your G-Con45. It's, like, a legal right or summat.

LEGACY OF KAIN

Can you help me with Legacy of Kain?
Tony Halliday

Vampiric life can be tough. These codes should sort things out. Input them when the game is paused:
Blood refill: ↑ → □ ○ ↑ ↓ → ←
Full magic: → → □ ○ ↑ ↓ → ←
All FMV: ← → □ ○ ↑ ↓ → ←

LOADING PROBS

When I turn to page two on the memory card plus 120, the first page erases. Can you give me any instructions?
Keith Zerafa

plus Yeah, stick with the 15-slot memory cards. Cards with over 100 slots tend to crash. Cards with loadsa slots may be cheaper, but is it worth losing hours of play for the sake of a few quid? We think not.

LIFEFORCE TENKA

Cheats Please?
Sam Ayubi

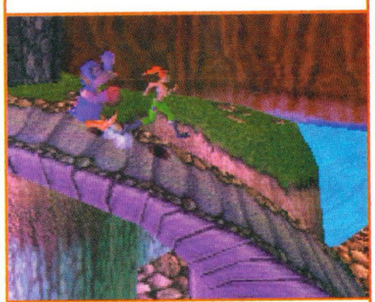
plus To get all the weapons, pause the game, hold L1 and enter △ R1 △ □ R1 ○ □ □, then release L1

Pandemonium 2

Level-headed

Is there a cheat for a level select in Pandemonium 2?
David Walters, C. Burton

plus What? it's a smart 'ol platformer. You should play it through like the rest of us. Ah, sod it, we'll tell you but keep it secret. To play any level, enter the password OCMCKKEJ.
Suppose you want an invincibility cheat too? Enter your password as NEVERDIE. That'll do it.
For top guns enter the password MAKMYDAY.
For hyperspeed, maan, enter the password SKATBORD.
For the next best thing to a drug habit, enter the password ACIDDUDE.
For biological freak laughs, enter the password GENETIC.



■ 3D or not 3D? We'll still cheat, though

MORTAL KOMBAT 3

Are there any cheats/tips for Mortal Kombat 3?
Sarah Hudson

plus 'Course we'll help ya. To get the cheat menu, press
✕ ○ △ R1 R1 R2 R2 R1 R1 when the demo is running. Shao Khan should say 'You will never win'. Enter the main menu and press up. Enter the ? symbol and there's yer menu.

NEW STUFF

I was wondering if there are any toptastic games coming out and if there are, please can you tell me?
Jonathon O' loughlin

plus The best new games coming your way are: Tekken 3, Dead or Alive, Gran Turismo, Metal Gear Solid, Point Blank and Three Lions. Three Lions is a joke, by the way.

NUCLEAR STRIKE

Are there any cheats for Nuclear Strike? And when is Theme Hospital coming out?
Scott Mcintosh, Michael Stalder

plus Enter the password as PHOENIX to disable enemy fire. Maybe you could try MPG to be able to fly further without refuelling. As for Theme Hospital, it should be on the shelves as you read this. Get it, it's a good 'un.

OUR FAVES

Can you give me your top ten Platinum games?
Mr Bean

plus Mr Bean, eh. Please stop with the godawful TV show. Anyway, these are the Platinum games you should go for: Tomb Raider, Pandemonium!, Die Hard Trilogy, WipEout 2097, Alien Trilogy, Resident Evil, Tekken 2, ISS Pro and Crash Bandicoot.

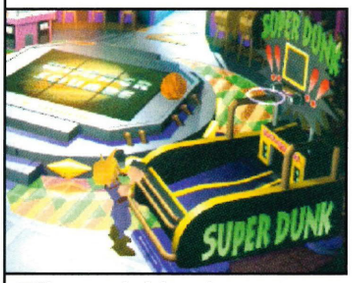
Final Fantasy VII

The soothing balm on the ache of Final Fantasy agonies...

UMBRELLA FELLA

I've heard something about Aeris getting an umbrella weapon. Is this true?
Vik Mclaughlin

'Tis true. The only time you can nab this odd weapon is on disc one. You'll need to get 5000 points on the shooting coaster, in the Gold Saucer. Playing Super Dunk is a good way to get GP to afford all the games you'll need on the coaster to get them points. The umbrella is Aeris' second hardest weapon, so it's worth going for.



■ Play super dunk for cash...



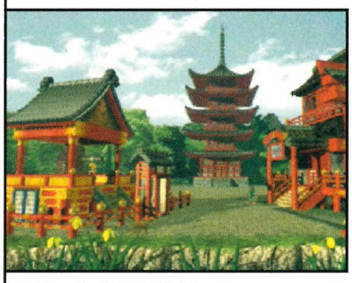
■ And practice hard on the 'coaster

THIEVING BITCH

In Wutai, Yuffie has stolen all my materia. I did catch her but she's trapped me in a steel cage, which I've escaped from. Now I can't find her and I'm stuck without my materia. Help!
Cloud Strife

Easy, tiger. Help is at hand. Yuffie may be quick, but she ain't got the brains of us at Plus. Here's how to get back your materia: After you get out of the cage, ring the bell in Wutai to open a hidden door.

Through there is where you'll get the materia back. Yuffie gives it back to you in a random order, so re-equip it.



■ Ring the bell in Wutai...



■ And get the materia back

CHOCOBOS

Where can I get a wonderful chocobo? I've tried all over the ice bit but they're all no good.
John Cassidy

You get to the end, only to find you need a gold chocobo to get the Knights of the Round materia, eh? The best areas to look for top chocobos are the ice area (They are there...try harder!), the Mideel island in the south and the area around Rocket town.



■ Get them chocobos!

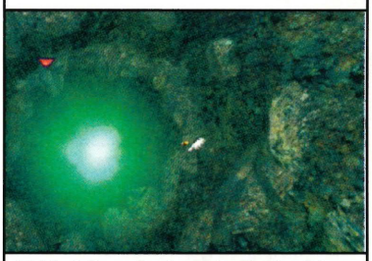


■ Use nuts or the chocs'll run away

PANDORA'S BOX

How do I get the Pandora's box enemy skill?
Eddy Ospina

Pandora's box is a massive enemy skill, doing loads of damage to all targets. You pick it up in the crater, at the end of the game. When you fight the zombie dragon, you should get it. Use a variety of attacks and eventually he'll use it on you.



■ Attack the crater dragon for Pandora's box

LIMIT BREAKS

How do I get Tifa's level four limit break?
Trevor Wensley

With Tifa in your party, go to Nibelheim and play the piano. Enter ✕ ■ ▲ R1 + ▲ R1 + ■ ✕ ■ ▲ R1 + ✕ ● ✕ ■ ▲ That'll do it, and you also get to see what happened to Tifa after the fire.



■ Play them keys, Cloud boy

Resident Evil 2

'Cos I'm evil, evil, evil

In your Resident Evil 2 guide last month, you said that to get the Gatling gun you had to complete the second scenario in under two hours 30 minutes with an A or B rating. This doesn't work. I got a rating of B and completed in 2 hours and six minutes. Explain yourself!
Max Brill

We're right, damn you. To get the gatling gun, you just need to do as we said, making sure the game's on 'Normal' setting, and then check the first item box you come across in the police station. Yer gat should be waiting for you in there, nicely in time for the first bits of serious gunplay in the game. Never accuse us of being wrong again. You'll make us cry.

While we're on the subject, here's how to get the other special guns:

For the machine gun, do either second scenario with an A or B rating in under three hours. For the rocket launcher, complete either character's first scenario in under two hours 30 with an A or B rating. Simple, huh?

And the ratings? Well, for an A you need to beat the game in under three hours without using any of the infinite weapons and without using first aid sprays. You're allowed to use herbs.

For a B, just do the mission in under three hours. And by the way, saving more than 12 times or using any of the infinite weapons will lower your grade by one. You've been warned.

Clock up A ratings on Leon or Claire's first and second scenarios and you'll get to play the secret mission with Hunk, a SWAT team guy. Once you've done that, you've got a long struggle ahead to get the last secret bit, Tofu, who's an animated and quite vicious lump of tofu with the same mission as Hunk.

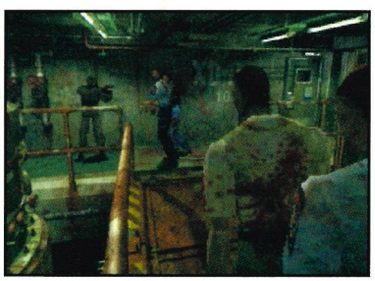
Whatcha gotta do is to play through all four missions getting an A or B rating, then go back and do both of either character's missions again, getting another set of A or B ratings. Bingo! The soy-bean curd is at your command, hard-ass!



■ The gatling gun. See? Picture proof. It exists



■ Machine gun: handy in tight spot, this



■ Hunk: he's real, too



■ Tofu: probably gonna get eaten...

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Instant Expert: Your problems solved

Lara naked!

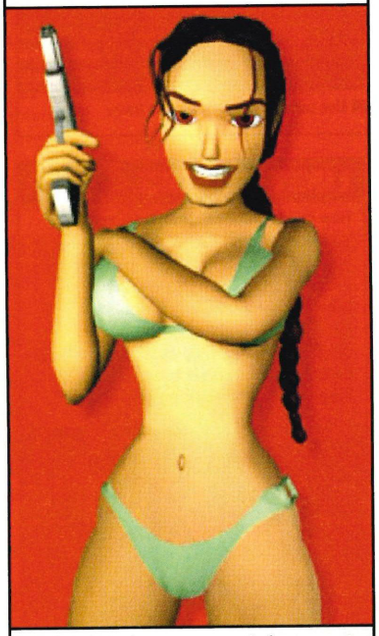
You can undress Croft...

Is there a cheat to get Lara nude?
Ashleigh Witts, Danny Maguire, Timothy Mcyntyre, 'Paul', Alistair Bell, Sean Gorton

plus Look at these names and learn them well. These are just a few of the deluded types who STILL believe there's a Lara nude cheat. There's no cheat but, hey, we at caring, sharing PlayStation have printed this picture so you can do one of two things.

Either 1. Trace around the picture and draw your own bangers on Lara, or 2. Use a flesh-coloured pencil to colour out the bikini leaving just the naked Lara underneath.

After you've done it, why not send it in? We probably won't print it, though.



■ She's but a bare canvas ready for your art

PARODIOUS

It's a good shoot 'em up, but I'd like to finish it. Any cheats?
Mike Dawson

plus Not quite good enough to make it, eh? Worry not...

For invincibility, pause the game and enter △ △ ✕ ✕ ○ □ ○ □ ↓ ← You'll whizz through in no time.

PAINFUL CHOICE

Should I get Deathtrap Dungeon or Resident Evil 2?
Graham Murdoch

plus If you want a Tomb Raider type adventure with a fantasy feel, get Deathtrap Dungeon.

On the other hand, if you want the next best thing to a gore-soaked horror flick, then get Resident Evil 2.

POINT BLANK

When's point Blank coming out and will it be split screen with two G-Con45s?
Koopa Troopa, Tony Murphy

plus Point Blank should be out in July, and it's looking hot. It is two players, but you play on the same single screen, sorry. You can't have your cake and eat it.

QUAKIN'

Is Quake going to be released on the PlayStation?
Mark Barlow

plus It's been on and off for ages, has Quake. The latest we've heard is on again.

Nothing concrete's been confirmed but we reckon there's still a good chance of it happening. Either way, we'll tell you first here, so keep 'em peeled.

QUESTIONS

What shall I get, Nagano 98 or International Track and Field?
Chris (not Christopher)

plus Nagano costs four tenners and is shite. Int. Track and Field is tops and costs only two tenners. You're a smart kid, work it out...

RAGE RACER

When you get so far in Rage Racer, you have to use manual gears, which is pants. Is there a cheat so you can have an automatic one?
Andy Dark

plus Not as such, no. If you want faster cars to burn the streets with, try shooting all the enemy spaceships in the loading game.

Hell, doing that you won't need to play Rage Racer for a while!

Street Fighter Alpha

New blokies

I picked up Street Fighter Alpha cheap recently. Are there any hidden characters?
Max Rukov

plus Several. Try this lot:

Getting Dan: On the random select box, hold L2 and press △ □ ✕ ○ △

Getting Akuma: Go to the random box, hold L2 and press: ← ← ← ↓ ↓ ↓ □ △

Getting M Bison Go to the random box, hold L2 and press: ← ← ↓ ↓ ← ↓ ↓ □ △



■ Your Kung Fu is good...



■ But my hidden characters are better!

WipEout 2097

Burn zero-G

Got any cheats for it?
Michael Holmes, Jane

plus It's an awesome racer, innit? And these cheats are almost as cool as playing the game...

To get the piranha ship, the best in the game, get to the opening options menu. Hold down L1 R1 and SEL and press ✕ ✕ ✕ ✕ ○ ○ ○ □ Go to the team select and you'll get the ship.

Want a machine gun to tear up the tracks with? During a race, pause the game and hold L1 R1 and SEL. Then press □ ○ ✕ □ ○ ✕ △ Unpause the game and, by pressing the fire button, you'll spit hot lead.

For infinite time, pause the game in a race and hold down L1 R1 and SEL. Press △ □ ○ ✕ △ □ ○ ✕ Unpause to activate it.

RAGE RACER (2)

Can you reverse the tracks?
Martin Tomkins

plus You can. Select race start and press L1 R1 SEL and START together. That should give you the tracks in reverse.

RAY STORM

Ray storm is cool, but a bit hard. Can you help?
John Sinclair

plus Tap select at the title screen to get a load more credits. That should even your chances against them ugly alien flesh eaters.

RESIDENT EVIL, DIRECTOR'S CUT

Where is the hexagonal crank?
Lee Wright

plus The crank is on the first floor of the mansion, just past where you use the crests on the wall in the long passage. Use the steps to get your grubby hands on it.

RES EVIL 2

Are there any cheats or tips for Resident Evil 2? I've got it on import and it's phat!
Ahmed Mamoona, Aled Heinen

plus Last month's issue had all the Resident Evil 2 stuff you'll ever need. And, no. There are no cheats, just some hot secrets.

RPG FRENZY

Please recommend an RPG like Final Fantasy VII. And when is Final Fantasy Tactics coming out?
Aidan Jones

plus Try Suikoden, in the shops now, or Breath of Fire III, in the shops soon. Alundra is great if you want a bit more action. Perhaps some turn-based combat'll float your boat? Vandal Hearts is the game for that, and it's cool. FF Tactics probably ain't gonna be released in Blighty.

SUIKODEN 2

Is there a Suikoden 2, and when is it coming out?
Michael Tuck

plus No news our end. We'll keep you posted.

Abe's Oddysee

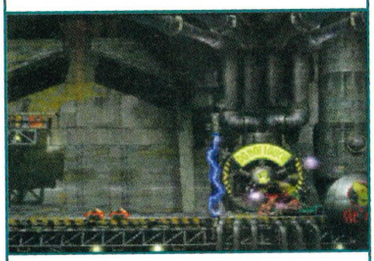
Save the freak

Could you give me cheats for Abe's Oddysee?
Frankie Owen

plus S'pose so, seeing as you asked so nicely. It's a great game, but can be a right pain in the arse in places. All you frustrated Abe's players can stop tearing out your hair now. You don't want to look like Yoda.

For a level select, on the main menu hold R1 and press ↓ → ← → □ ○ □ △ ○ □ → ←

To see all the movie sequences, hold R1 at the main menu and press ↓ ← → □ ○ △ □ → ← ↑ →



■ Play any level



■ Watch all the superb movies

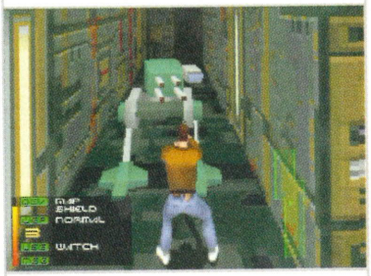
Platinum players

Fade to Black

I know it's an old game, but do you have anything on it?
J Chan

Level codes help?

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■ Skip the tuff levels. Ruins the fun, though

SF EX PLUS ALPHA

Got anything on Street Fighter EX+ Alpha?
Adrian Quest, Steven Getchell

For a bonus game, go to the practice mode and press select. Then press ↑ ↑ → ↑ → and SEL Enter the practice mode and the new game will be available.
To get some hidden characters, go to the mode select screen and highlight practice. Press SEL ↑ → ↓ → and SEL
To get Cracker Jack's bat, select him and press and hold ↑ ■ ● R1 and R2 till the fight starts. You should have the bat when it begins

SIM CITY 2000

What is the cheat to get a million dollars in Sim City 2000?
Ben Wilde

In your city, go to the budget screen. Hold R1 and press ✕ ● △ ■ release R1 . Hold L1 and press ✕ ● △ ■ and release L1 . Hold R2 and press ✕ ● △ ■ and release R2 Finally, hold L2 and press ✕ ■ △ ● and release L2 . Your cash should shoot up to a level to make even Richard Branson envious.

STUPID LAD

Can you help me at Mortal Kombat Mythologies?
Gareth Collins

It's shite, but if you insist on playing it, enter password GTTBHR for loadsa lives.

Nah, mate

Stuff we can't sort

Are there any Final Fantasy VII cheats?
Niall Flannery, Bradley Hampson, John Hardwick

Nope, not a single cheat. There was an infinite money cheat, but that only works in the Jap version. You'll have to devote your life to playing it through.

Can I have some Resident Evil cheats?
Jay Brown, Andrew Clark, Jason A'court

If there were cheats for this fine game, do you think you'd have maybe seen them somewhere by now, eh? There are no Resident Evil cheats. Only the cossie change when you finish the game. Soz.

Duke Nukem cheats?
Oliver Smith, Harry Cleasby, Michael Brennan, Paul Farley

It's your lucky day! There are no cheats, so you'll just have to play the game.

Will there be a keyboard for the PlayStation?
Christian Steed

Nope. If you want all that typing crap, get a PC.



■ Resident Evil. No cheats. Ever...

TERAS KASI

How do you get the Stormtrooper and Mara Jade in Masters of Teras Kasi?
Liam Mahoney

Finish the game with all the characters on Jedi difficulty. You'll even get Darth Vader too!

TECHY STUFF

What does the RF lead do for the PlayStation and is it worth getting? Is the Logic 3 memory card prone to bugs like the Datel one?
William

The RF lead is the one that connects the PlayStation to your TV, going into the normal aerial connection. It comes with all UK PlayStations, so you should have it. Unless you got your PlayStation at Tescos, then you'd have only got a scart connection.

Stick with scart unless you have to get an RF lead to plug the PlayStation into your telly. The scart picture is better, plus if you've got a stereo telly you also get stereo sound.

Keep reading our Gear section for news on the Logic 3 card

THEME HOSPITAL

Are there any cheats for Theme Hospital?
James Atkinson

Perhaps the password to the final level will help? Try ● △ ■ ● ✕ △ ● ■

THREE OF THE BEST

Have you got any cheats for: 1. Bubble Bobble, 2. Mechwarrior 2?
Jamie Stewart

1. No. 2. To be invincible, enter your password as ##XO/A><UZ.

TOMB RAIDER 2

In Tomb Raider 2, when you've pushed the switch in the maze and ran down the stairs into the house, what the hell are you supposed to do? It's just a bunch of chests and a cat idol thing behind the window.
Captain Toss

The hidden room under the stairs is just a bit of a laff and not much use really. At least you get to make Lara run, and how she runs...

TOMB RAIDER 3

Is there going to be a Tomb Raider 3 and will it have any cheats? If there is, can I have them and when will it be released
Darren Kane, Martin Moore

Tomb Raider 3 is coming. It'll come out before the end of the year and details of it are on p44. As far as cheats go: it may sound odd, but we tend not to have cheats for games that haven't even been finished. And what you want with cheats for a game you can't even play for six months is beyond us. Perhaps you're a spazz.

By the way, to everyone who asks about the extra Tomb Raider 2 levels, they're only available on the PC.

V-RALLY

How do you get the secret Toyota Celica in V-Rally, and can you change the colour?
Luke Harwood, Aleem Shah

Perhaps the cheat mode'll help you suss the levels and get your mitts on it.

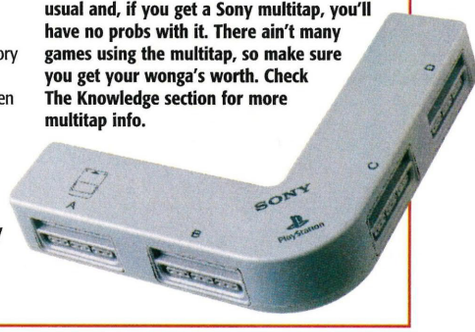
When the Infogrames logo appears on the white intro screen, press ↑ ↓ △ +● The words 'Lock off' should appear. When you see those words, hold ← and all four of the shoulder buttons together. You'll get unlimited time, a cool jeep and some funky narrow tracks That do for you?

To 'tap or not to 'tap

Is the multitap worth it?

I realised that I could be playing my PlayStation with a few mates. I am considering getting a multitap, but they're quite dear. There are memory card slots on the thing. How do they work together? Are there any problems that occur when you use it?
Harry

Allow us to settle your doubts in a soothing type manner. For those who don't know, a multitap allows four people to play games at once. It plugs into the PlayStation joypad slot and allows four joypads to be plugged into it. You use memory cards as usual and, if you get a Sony multitap, you'll have no probs with it. There ain't many games using the multitap, so make sure you get your wonga's worth. Check The Knowledge section for more multitap info.



WORMS 2

Please tell me when Worms 2 is coming out, and is it different to Worms?
Kirk Hinton

Sadly, Worms 2 looks like it'll be staying on the PC.

WWF

Got any cheats for WWF In Your House?
Nicky Bullock

We've got summat here to make dressing up in tight pants and slapping grown men easier. You'll have to get your own steroids, though. To take no damage, pause the game and press L1 R2 L1 R2 L2 R1
To inflict big hurt on your opponent, pause the game and enter ↑ ↑ L1 L2 ↓

X2

I got X2 cheap, and it's well hard. Can you help me out?
Richard Pickman

Sure, why not. Enter these as your passwords:
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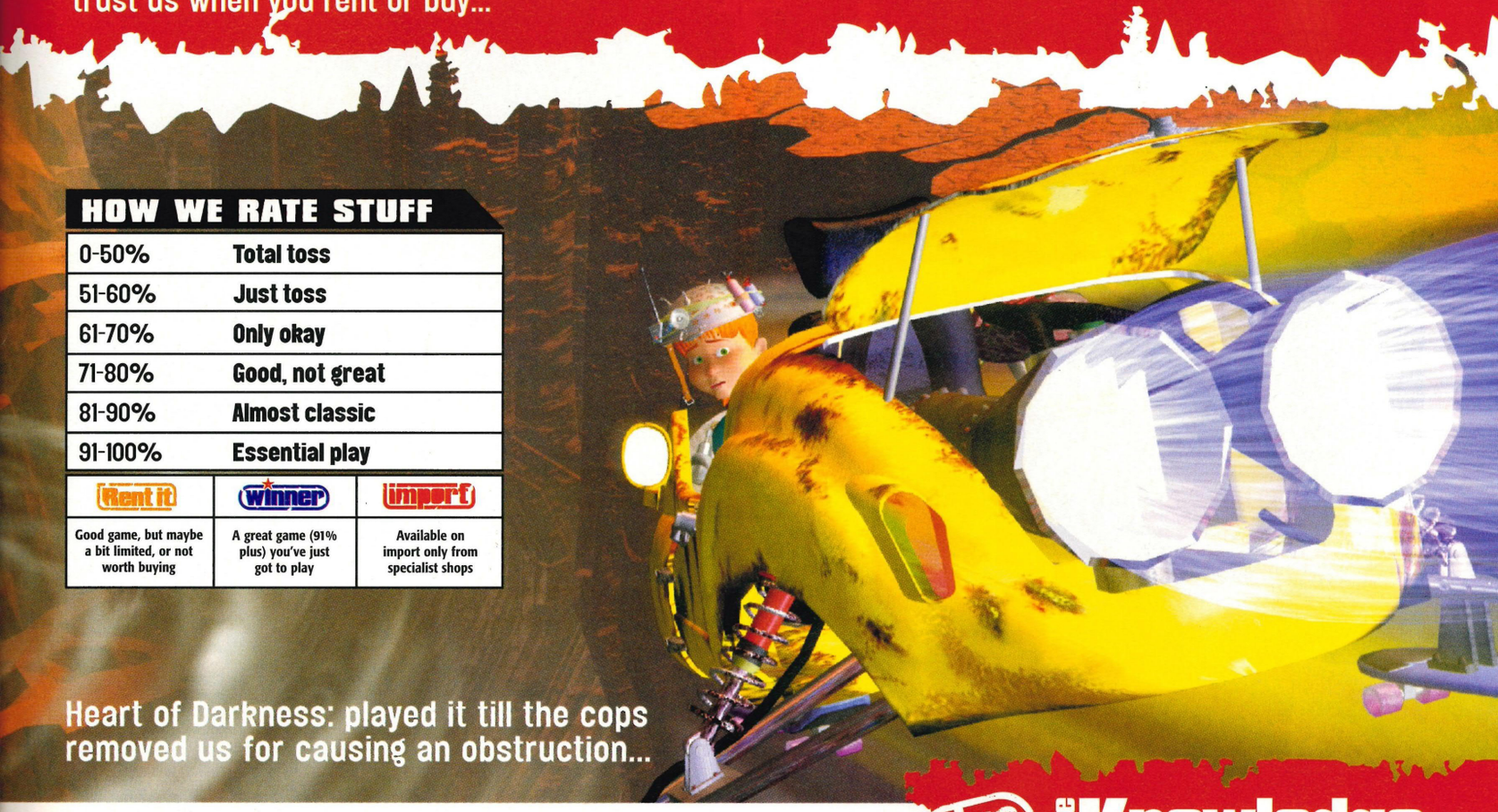
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Heart of Darkness: played it till the cops removed us for causing an obstruction...

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Looks great, but how does it play?

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■**OUT** AUGUST ■**BY** OCEAN ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

HEART OF DARKNESS

A gobsmacking platform blasting puzzler that's been ages coming. Worth the wait?

Edwina Currie got her own videogame? No, no, Heart Of Darkness is about a small boy and his dog fighting the combined forces of evil. And if you think that sounds really tough, well, you'd be spot on.

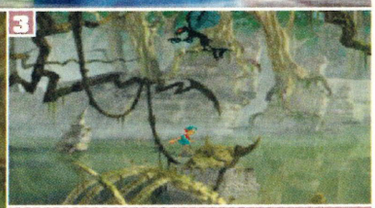
What we like

Wow factor

Flippin' heck! When you first come across Heart of Darkness you *do* almost come across it. Graphics are like cinema quality – seamless, smooth, slick, sex. Then you spot tiny details, like the way your shadow changes across the background. For at least half an hour you'll be chuckling and wowing in equal measure.



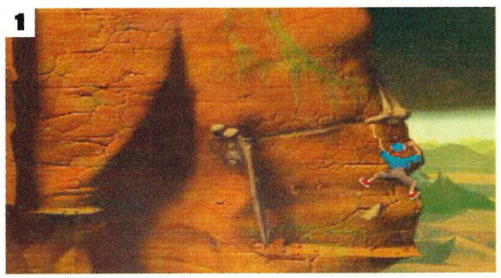




1 Movie sections aren't bad 2 But the look of the game itself is awesome 3 Animation's stunning 4 All the details are spot on, too

In a nutshell

Steer a child through traps, demons and obstacles. Jump between ledges, push things out of the way, shoot monsters then run away when you realise you're outnumbered. Heart Of Darkness is a mix of platform, shoot 'em up and puzzler, and almost makes it...











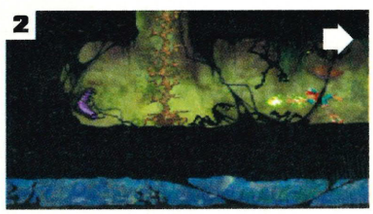


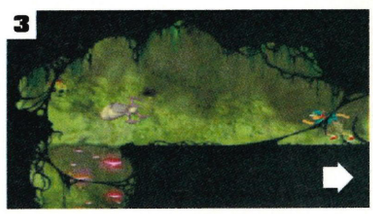
1 Watch for hazards like falling rocks 2 Pick out safe routes 3 Solve loads of problems 4 Fight beasts from the pits of hell 5 All this to rescue a dog. Is this boy mad? 6 Loads of weird video to watch

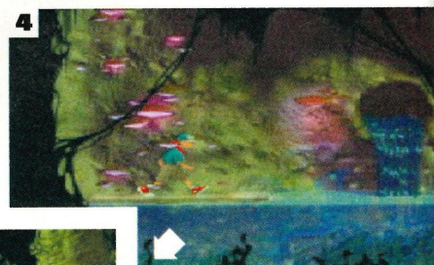
Puzzled?

You can't move more than about a foot in this game without meeting a dastardly puzzle. Some are pretty straightforward, like destroying a rock in yer path. Others will have you tearing your hair out and trying to lob your PlayStation out of the window. On the whole we reckon most tasks are just a bit too hard...













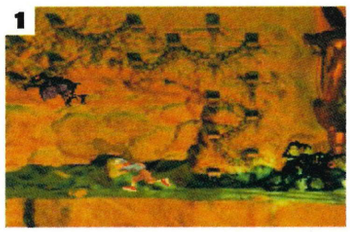


1 Problem: avoid the deadly fish 2 Solution: get past some shadows and a deadly plant 3 Dodge a giant worm 4 Unblock a water supply to get a nut 5 Turn another plant back into a nut 6 Shoot nuts and hop between the plants 7 On towards more problems...

The boy can move

Aren't kids great? They can do so many things: run, jump, swing, steal, break windows, kill pets, run out in front of your car... the list is endless.

Our hero, little Andy is great at athletic stuff and stays well clear of anti-social behaviour like smoking crack in the school toilets. Let's take a peek at how he performs.

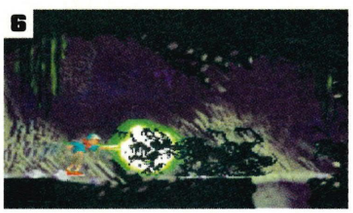


















1 Running: useful for turning tail and fleeing from the enemy **2** Jumping: across platforms, between branches or while climbing **3** Swinging: cue sad old Tarzan joke **4** Climbing: chances are you'll be able to scale any surface you see **5** Swimming: this boy's got lungs the size of a hot air balloon **6** Shooting: either using some sort of magic snot... **7** Or a weapon **8** Crawling: essential when your bird finds you in bed with her best mate **9** Somersaults: no one likes a show off

What we don't like

frustration factor

Yes, we're impressed by Heart of Darkness' looks, although it should be smart considering it's taken six years to arrive. Trouble is, looks are only half the story. Gameplay's just as important, and here our friend gets shaky. When you get stuck, you really get stuck. Imagine spending an hour on one screen. We've been there and fun doesn't come into it.



■ Jumps have to be absolutely perfect

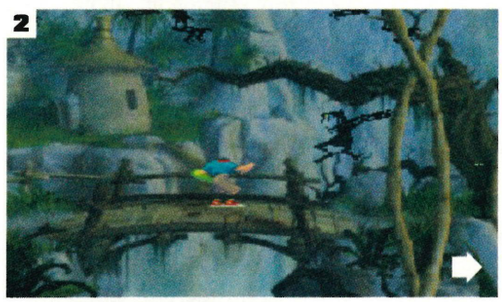


1 Sometimes the clues are too obscure **2** Most monsters are way too tough, unless you wanna play on easy level

Look out

Oooh what a pretty plant.... crunch, crunch, belch. Strange: that shadow almost seems alive... arrrrrrgg! Would you look at that rock formation... crumble, splat. Yes, there are many dangers in Heart of Darkness, most of which you won't spot until it's way too late.







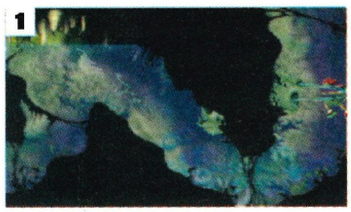


1 Make it past the winged death things... **2** Now take out a few of their land-dwelling cousins... **3** Quick, get across the bridge before you.... Ooops... **4** This time you've made it. Phew! **5** But you'd better get used to seeing these death sequences...

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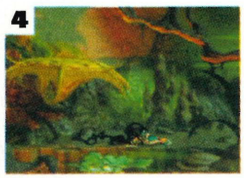
Die small boy

One thing to keep you going is watching how many ways this kid can be brutally killed. And look here, busybodies who think games are sick: they are, but so what? When you think about it, children's nursery rhymes and stories are pretty foul too, but you don't go on and on about them, do ya? You're just scared of things you don't understand.











1 Being eaten is a big part of Heart Of Darkness. Here Andy is chomped by an anenome... **2** A giant worm decides our boy looks tasty... **3** Go near water and become fish food... **4** Creep around in the dark and even shadows try and nosh you... **5** To a man-eating plant you're brunch

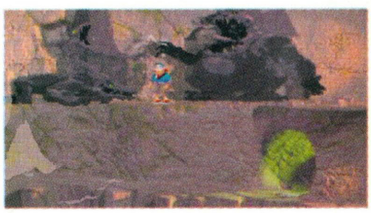
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We'd like to say...

What's with this trend of games that make you fink? We don't mind using our noggins once in a while, but spending too much of your leisure time testing out theories and thinking laterally just ain't healthy. Please bring back mindless gore feasts before we start reading philosophy and enjoying dinner parties.

Big enough for you?

With just eight levels of action Heart of Darkness is a tad short. Mind you, the puzzles and probs should mean plenty of hours gameplay and we still reckon it's worth a punt



■ Canyon of Death: midway through level one



■ Level two is set in sinister Swamplands



■ Plant action on level two: the Magic Lake



■ Space Island is the third level and it's short

Cool as Icelandic naturists, but bloody hard and sometimes a touch picky. If you've got plenty of patience, and don't mind working stuff out, you'll love it **Jon**

PlayStation plus

RATED 88%

■ **OUT** JUNE ■ **BY** SONY ■ **COSTS** £44.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1
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TREASURES OF THE DEEP

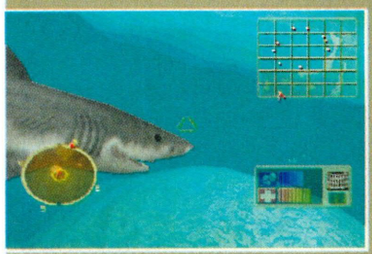
A nippy little number with huge air tanks. And you get to go down on it. Fantastic.

Splash out on the flashiest submarine money can buy. Then pay for it by nicking gold from famous sea wrecks. Sounds cool. Shame you don't get to explore the Titanic and Kate Winslet's mighty mammas. Bah...

What we like

Shark attack!

No teensy-weensy sub's gonna save your hide from the razor-sharp gnashers of some blood-hungry shark. As soon as these suckas get a sniff of fresh flesh, they nip in for the kill. See 'em off with a harpoon in the mush. But if you're too slow, then kiss goodbye to your limbs.



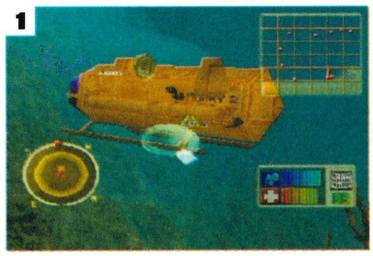
■ Watch out, Jaws is a-comin'!

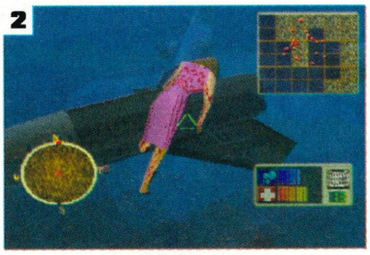


■ Fish breath chows down on your leg

Gameplay

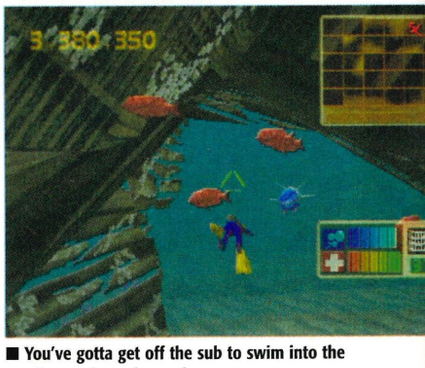
Treasures of the Deep's basically an underwater fragfest. You climb aboard yer sub and let rip with harpoons, torpedoes, mines... y'know the sort of thing. It's a bit slow though: the subs don't really handle that well, even the good 'uns, so you'll get battered by the bad guys just 'cos they're more manoeuvrable. Bastids.







1 You'll spend most of the game bagging the bad guys' submarines with an assortment of weapons... **2** Although some missions are a bit weirder. Try netting yerself a couple of corpses **3** Scooping up gold is dead simple. Either cruise over the top or bag it in a net



■ You've gotta get off the sub to swim into the smaller nooks and crannies

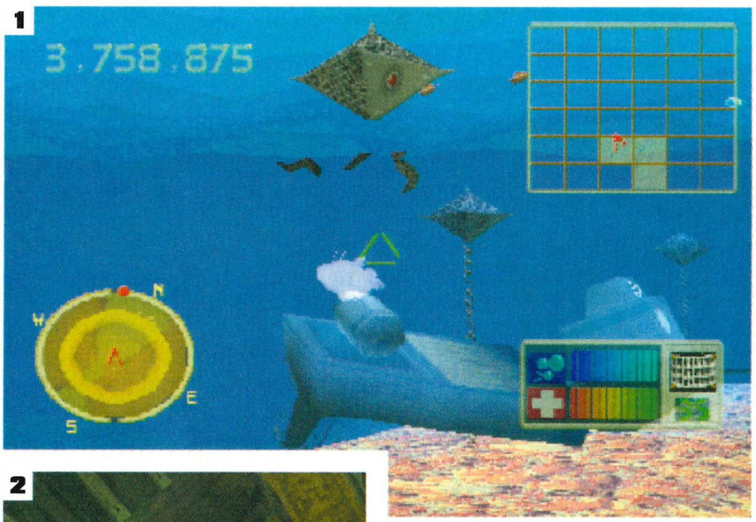
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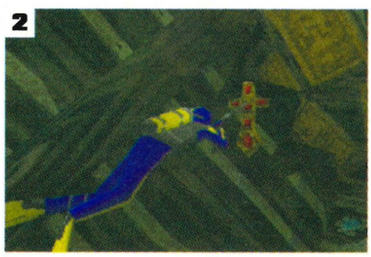
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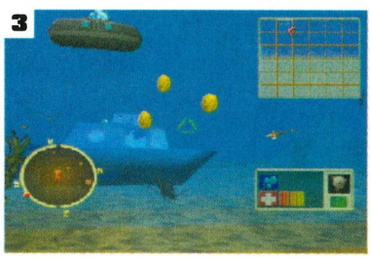
Treasures of the Deep is a great idea, but it ain't particularly well done. If it'd been full-on underwater blasting then fantastic, but action's slow and awkward. Decent controls would've helped but nope, the sub's so bloody sluggish it's like wading through syrup.

Levels

Thirteen missions range from training runs in the sun-drenched Atlantic to deep-sea diving where you'll need a super-tough sub just to survive the extreme pressure. Scooping up stashes of gold and recovering lost treasures is top of your to-do list, but you're also on Greenpeace's payroll, stopping oil spillages and getting rid of water mines for hard cash.





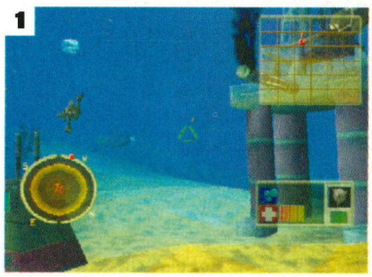


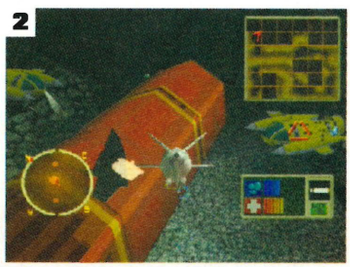
1 Work to clean up the seas **2** Your main mission is to recover antiques **3** To get cash for decent gear, you gotta play missions over and over. Arse

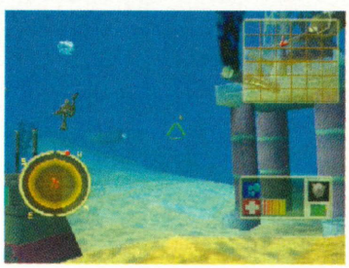
Graphics

Treasures of the Deep looks OK in some missions, but when you're trawling along the seabed it gets pretty goddamn murky.

Sometimes you've gotta crank up the brightness just to see what's happening, and even then it's tough to see exactly what's going on. At times, it's bit blocky as well, but only when you get too close to some of the bad guys.





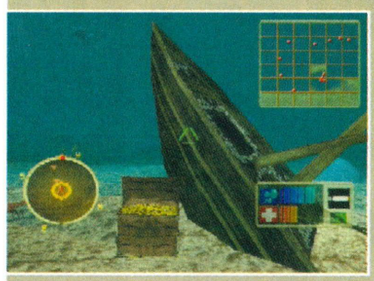


1 Shallow water means it's bright 'n' breezy down under... **2** But you'll soon get lost in space if you dive too deep. Even flares aren't that useful down here

■ External views look great but we reckon you're better sticking with the in-sub camera

Gear

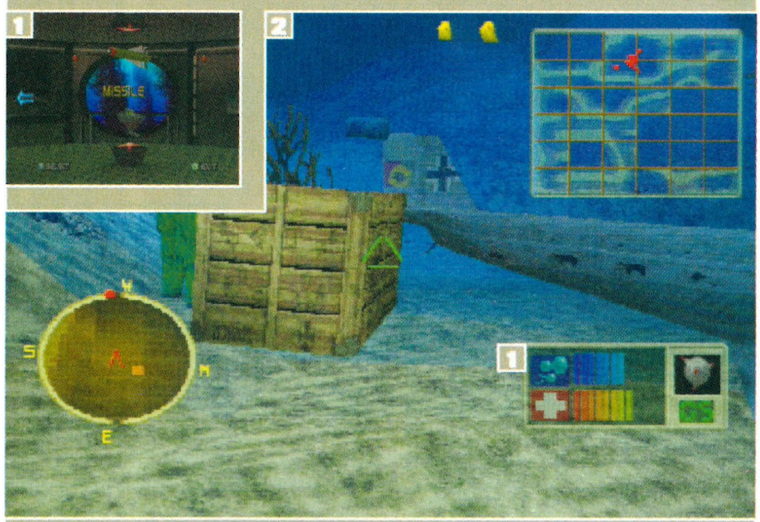
To get nifty gear you either scrape it off the seabed or save up your sponds. For a week's wages you can get bugger-all, your hard-earned stretching to a new wetsuit or maybe a torpedo if you're lucky. You could even splash out on a brand new submarine, but these babies'll set you back big bucks. Better start snaffling valuables sharpish...



■ Collect the gold-filled chests to get enough cash to buy some nifty gear



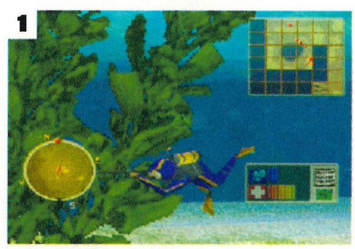
■ Deep Rover: a dog which takes it all or a yellow submarine? You decide...

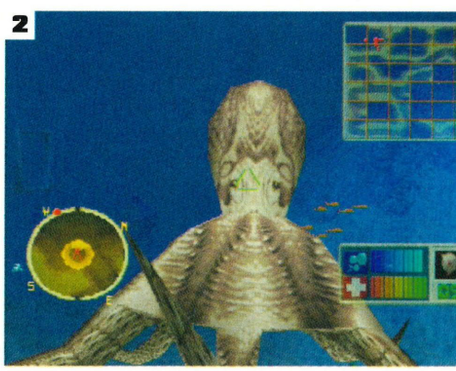


1 Load up on weapons before you take the plunge... **2** Or wait till you find 'em in the water

Badasses

You've been to an aquarium, right? And the biggest thing you've seen is an eel the length of your arm. Well, some of these underwater assholes are bigger than John Holmes' wanger. Bad guy divers are a pain too, chucking giant-sized darts in your butt, but at least they don't bite off your legs...







1 A coupla shots and these sub guys'll be choking on their own blood **2** Switch to torpedoes to torch this bulbous bastid **3** This git's a sod to kill. Grease his ass using mines, but stay well back

Like a blow-up doll, Treasures of the Deep is not that bad at first, but you'll soon lose interest after you realise how dull it really is. Shame, it coulda been a lot better. **Alex**

PlayStation plus

RATED 78%

■**OUT** JUNE ■**BY** SONY ■**COSTS** £34.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

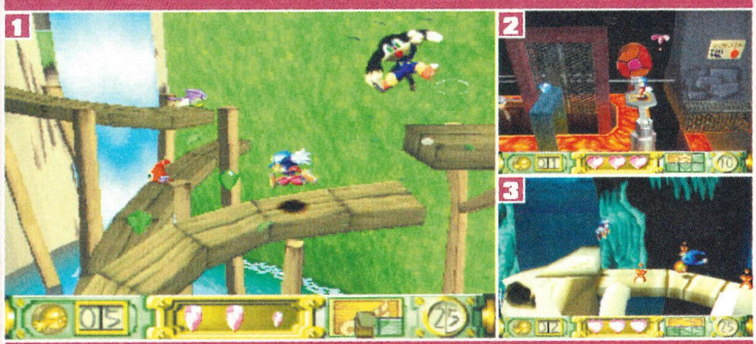
KLONOA: DOOR TO PHANTOMILE

Kill loadsa cute crustaceans. That'll teach the shellfish bastards...

It stars a cat with wings. Everyone in it's got the kind of huge staring eyes you'd get if you ate a kilo of Nescafé. And the colours. Jesus, the colours! Yup, it's more full-on Jap craziness. You know you love it...

Puzzles

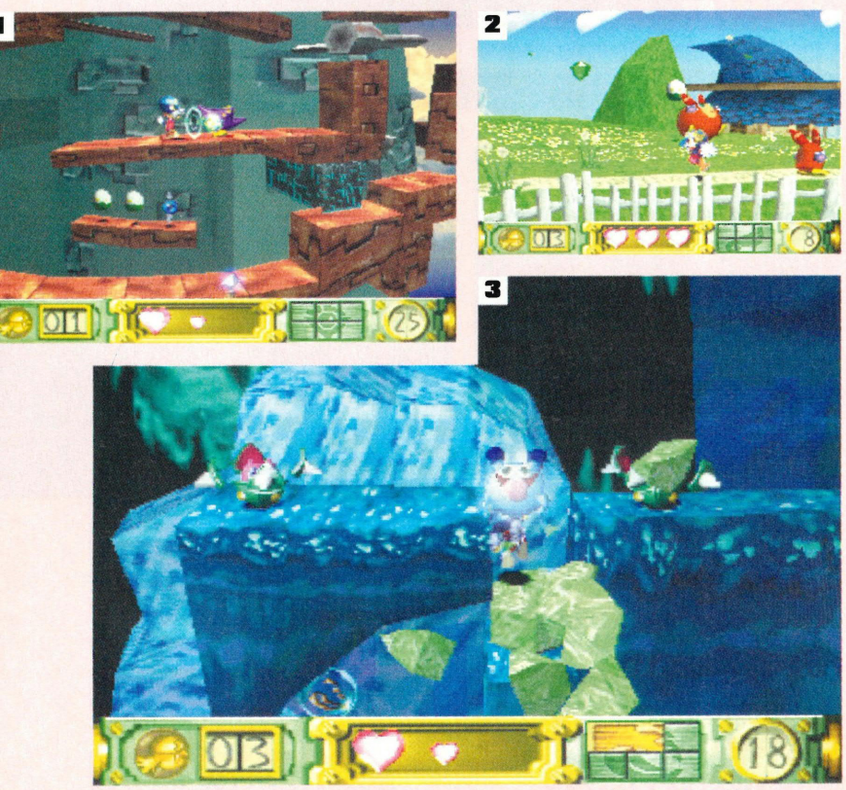
There's even the odd puzzle chucked into the mix. But don't bother dusting off that thinking cap. These ain't the kind of puzzles that're going to bring MENSA members to their knees. In fact, if you're gonna get stumped by any of the puzzles on here, you're probably moving your lips as you read this...



1 Now where could that damn switch be...? Oh. There it is **2** Now whatcha gonna do with it? Just think about it. Till it hurts... **3** Hmmm. Someone call Einstein!

Wot no heads?

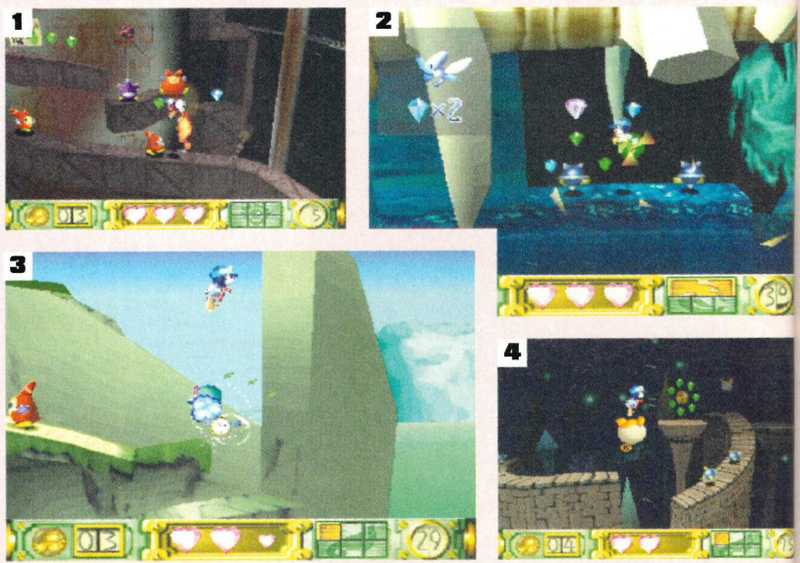
You've got this kind of elastic-y glowing thing that you can shoot at blokes, see? And when you catch 'em, they inflate faster than Anna Nicole Smith in a cake shop. Once you've turned 'em into a fatty, you hold 'em above your head, ready to chuck at other baddies or whatever takes your fancy...



1 Flick 'em gently with the glowing thing... **2** Then when you've pumped 'im up... **3** Hurl him at whatever ugly mutha gets in your way or use him to blast a hole in the floor. Cunning, huh?

Holes

Once you've pumped up a baddie, you can do a clever double jump by dropping 'im in mid air and bouncing upwards off of his inflated carcass. Sometimes you have to do several of 'em. Over lava pits. With blokes shooting at you. Yikes. You'll have to get pretty nifty with the inflated-bloke-hopping, mark our words...



1 Jump... **2** Drop... **3** Jump again... **4** Yeah. You try and get across there. Bitch

Bosses

The little fellas in this game don't get it easy, do they? You're forever using 'em as step ladders or missiles. And life gets harder on the boss stages. The boss is always some enormous fish or insect you have to subject to a withering hail of unwilling little people...



1 Another little geezer bites the dust. It's for the war effort... **2** Yeah, sorry bout 'dat. Your inflation was unavoidable **3** Big dragonfly soaks up the little blokes like nobody's business

Variety?

Fun though it is pumping little fishy people full of stuff and hurling the little windbags at whatever catches your eye, you're gonna want summat different after a while, trust us. And they've given the variety factor their best shot in Klonoa. Some of the variations are bollocks, mind, but they tried, bless 'em...



1 You'll meet bigger versions of all the baddies... 2 This level, where everything keeps going dark is well smart 3 The balls you got to hurdle just get bigger and bigger...

plus We'd like to say...

Yup. We know. The dialogue here's so cute it makes the bile rise in your throat. Yeegh. This ain't the kind of game you want your mates to see you playing. Unless you like your mates thinking you're a girl. Play Klonoa in secret and keep a copy of Resident Evil 2 handy to fend off accusations of poncehood...

3D or not 3D?

Yup, this game's one of those sly little con merchants which try and dupe you into thinking they're 3D when in fact they only boast a measly two dimensions. Devious, huh? But we'll forgive Klonoa for its little white lies, 'cos it's still a fine-looking beast, and there's enough in-and-out action to stop everything seeming flat...



■ The path winds in and out, but it ain't real 3D action, 'cos there's only the one path...



■ But it's all as flat as a pancake, really. Still a bit of a looker, though

OK, it's gut-wrenchingly cute. And it's not that difficult. But underneath this is a well-thought-out, damn good-looking platformer that plays like a peach. **Rob**

PlayStation plus RATED 86%

■ **OUT** JULY ■ **BY** JVC ■ **COSTS** £34.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

MR DOMINO

Imagine life as Mr Domino. You'd go to the pub and fall over. And all those spots...

Genetics has given us mice with human ears, sheep clones and three-arsed monkeys. This time mad scientists have created a domino with arms and legs. And he stars in a puzzle game that's gonna frustrate you to death...

Gameplay

Run around courses avoiding obstacles. Lay dominoes in front of switches and on flashing areas. Now push over the first domino to set off chain reactions. Light up all the switches and move on. Sounds easy but you'll be pulling yer hair out in chunks.







1 Lay a domino just in front of this dice switch... 2 Run on a bit and start a line from the flashing point to the next switch you've gotta set off 3 Leg it back to the start and watch 'em topple. Now start again...

What we like

Crazy fool

Playing Mr Domino is weird. The idea is strange enough to start with, but the graphics are like a hippy's nightmare. Stage one is set in a games room, and if you think that's a touch bizarro, by the time you get to level three, you'll need to switch the bugger off and go for a bit of a lie-down.



1 Level two is where things start getting pretty odd 2 A domino parachuting with a flour bag... honest doc, that's what I saw 3 By level three your brain will have gone on holiday

Sharp looks and gameplay straight from the funny farm. Unfortunately controlling Mr D is like trying to spread frozen butter. Way too frustrating. **Jon**

PlayStation plus RATED 70%

■**OUT** NOW ■**BY** SONY ■**COSTS** £34.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-8
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD, DUAL SHOCK

TOTAL NBA 98

That... errr... whatjamacallit game with a ball and a hoop...

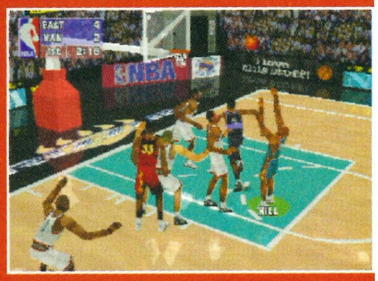
Ah, summer. The buzzing of the bees, gentle birdsong. And the endless clatter of new PlayStation basketball games hitting the shelves. Here's the first...

Stunts and stuff

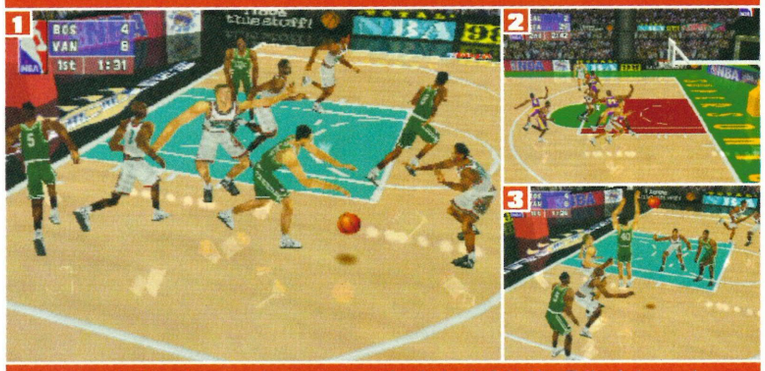
There's loads to get stuck into here. You can set difficulty and stuff so it'll suit ya whether you're a born-again basketball game genius or a drooling simpleton. At the higher levels, there's a real depth to the gameplay, with a tasty shooting system and passing that'll melt your butter. Sweet.



■ The passing system's neat and sweet. We like



■ And shooting's kept varied and interesting...



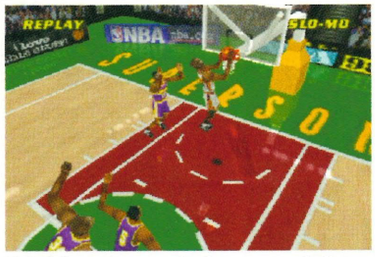
1 Arcade mode. More fast, more furious, and easy for the hard of thinking 2 Simulation mode. Only for the clever folks... 3 Is you clever enough? That's the question...

Faster! Faster!

Total NBA 97 was way bollocks. The players moved like they'd been gobbling fistfuls of tranquillisers, and the animation looked like it had been done by someone with a head injury. Ugh. This time round, though, Total NBA's looking a load faster, and a damn sight more playable. Nice.



■ Movement's pretty fast and fluid here. We like



■ And the replays are simply gorgeous, darling

Rent it Above lukewarm, but not quite boiling point. If you're a basketball fiend, this'll get your motor running. For a bit. Rent it and check it out. **Rob**

PlayStation plus
RATED 79%

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

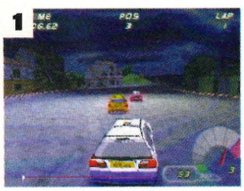
TOMMI MAKINEN RALLY

Every dog has his day. But this ain't Tommi's day. No siree...

Tommi Makinen is World Rally champion. The positive things about him end there. He's a goofy, bug-eyed Finnish bloke with a stupid name. Why should you buy a game with him grinning on the cover? Good question...

Wot no rally?

Even if there weren't many other reasons why we wanted to slap Tommi Mackerel about the head and ask him, 'Why? Why? Why?', we'd want to ask him why he gave his blessing to a game that's so basically un-rally-ish. The driving style on here's more Sunday drive than rally drive. No drifting, no skidding, no nuffink. Boring as hell.



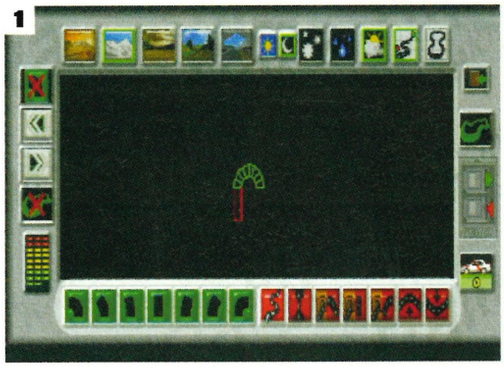




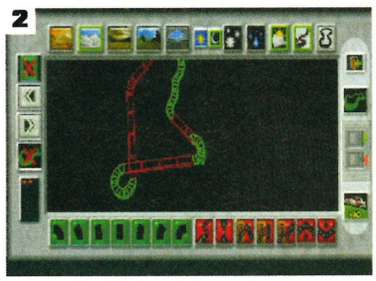
1 Nope, sorry Tommi old boy. This ain't a rally course at all... 2 Errr... too bad, Mr M. This ain't one either... 3 And even the ones in the jungle are a bit like suburban roads... 4 Bo-ring! Tracks this limp should be made illegal. Those found creating them sentenced to death...

Track editor

A track editor! Cool. We can do the programmers' work for 'em. Sad they didn't let us have a crack at designing the car handling, really. And what's even more sad is that the track editor smells more than slightly of shit. You just get to stick a range of bits of track together end-to-end. No proper 'designing' at all. Bollocks.









1 You choose weather conditions, whether it's day or night... 2 Then you stick lots of bits together to make a track... 3 Presto! A lot of bits stuck together. A new track? Not exactly... 4 Somehow, designing tracks doesn't cut the boredom at all

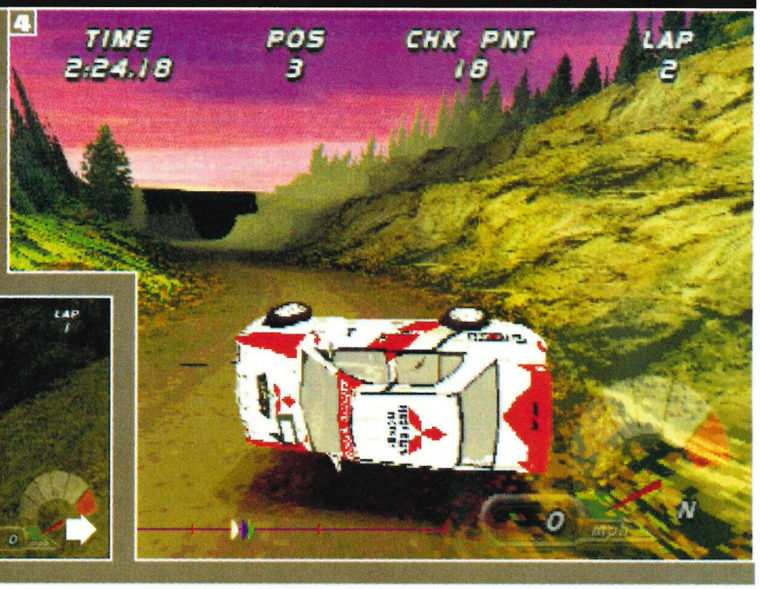
Bouncy, bouncy

The collision detection on here is diabolical. Half the time you glide through trees and buildings without your motor giving a whisper of complaint. Then you'll hit a tiny bush and flip like there's an anti-tank mine under it. Physics, eh?









1 Errrr... where did that little shit come from? 2 That 'Ooh! I'm a ghost!' going-through-things feeling in full effect 3 But then the tiniest little bump'll have you careering off the road like a bastard. Hmmm... 4 See? See? Do cars really look like that when they're flipping over? Do they? Eh?

Loadsa tracks

There's enough tracks on here to keep you busy. There's 130 of the bastards. But before you raise the hammer over the piggy bank, remember quantity ain't everything. And lots of the tracks look like each other. Like, suspiciously like each other. You've been warned...



■ 130 tracks. That's a whole lot of boredom...



■ And a whole pile of frustration...



■ Not to mention, 'I've wasted my money.'



■ They all get to look the same after a while

What we don't like

Handling

Oh dear. The boys responsible for the car handling on this 'un probably didn't do too well at computer programming school. The handling really is jaw-droppingly awful. It feels like you're trying to pilot some kind of greasy brick instead of a hulking rally car. And trust us on this, brick rallying ain't gonna catch on...



■ The skids kind of feel 'tacked on' to the rest of the car handling...



■ And the way you go round corners is totally and absolutely diabolical..



■ You can't imagine how unlike pumping it up in a huge motor this is...

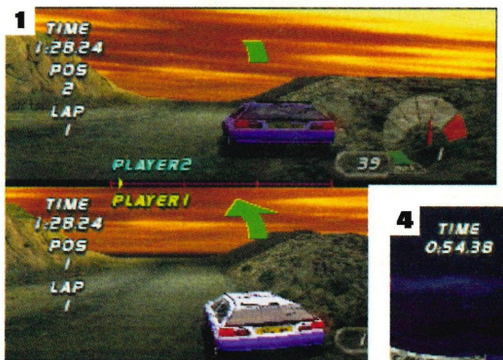
plus

We'd like to say...

Loadsa tracks, a track editor and all endorsed by the World Champion. And it's about as appetising as a naked Jeremy Beadle advancing on you saying, 'Fill me with your hot love.' It just goes to show: it ain't the doodahs you stick onto a game that make the game. And don't trust the back of the box to make your choice...

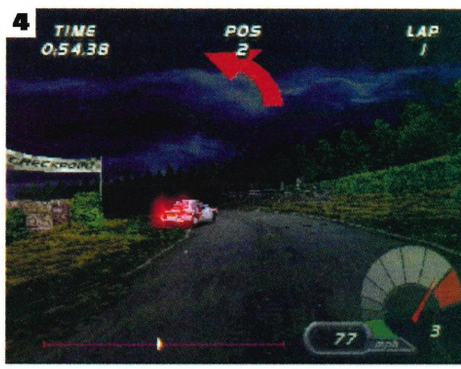
Challenge Tommi

There's sloppiness and then there's sloppiness. And having a 'Challenge Tommi' mode where Tommi drives like a total divot is real 24-carat sloppiness. Oops. Yup, ol' Tommi rides the sides, smacks into anything in his way, and generally drives like you would after ten pints and a bucket of whisky. Sloppy, sloppy, sloppy...









1 Two-player mode. Pity the game's so bollocks 2 Arcade. Quick way to thrills. If there were any 3 Challenge Tommi! Errr... No thanks... 4 Think we're impressed by your cornering? No...

Lots of tracks, sure. But the whole production's pretty damn scabby round the edges, and the car handling and collision system are shitty beyond belief. **Rob**

PlayStation plus

RATED 50%

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

MEN IN BLACK

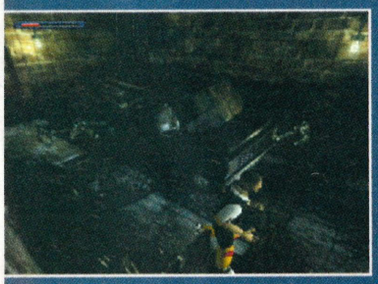
If that's Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones, we're the Spice Girls...

There's Scum of the Universe out there, dammit. And that means blokes in dapper suits get out there and do stuff. Not exactly what they did in the film, mind. But stuff.

What we don't like

Will, is that you?

The first thing you see is Will Smith, and you're thinking 'My. Ol' Will should fire that plastic surgeon. He's been chopped about reeeal bad.' And the poor devil jumps like Zebedee out of the Magic Roundabout. Ouch. The graphics here ain't bad sometimes, but the main characters'll just make you laugh. Boy, they're bad...



■ That, believe it or not, is Will Smith



■ This thing is meant to be Tommy Lee Jones

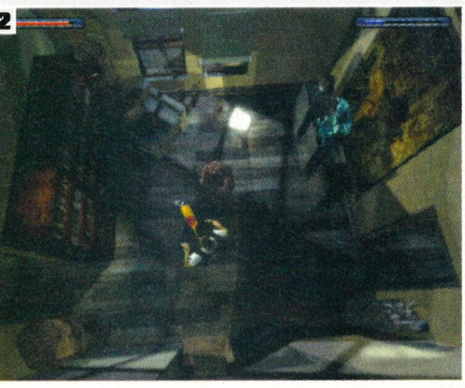


1 Watch Will jump. Yes, that is Will jumping 2 Poor Will. What have they done to you? 3 Close up, old Tommy looks like he's taken a bad beating

Combat

Mein Gott. The hand-to-hand combat stinks worse than road protestors. And there's a lot of it. It tends to end up with yer two fighters standing about six feet apart aiming punches and kicks at the air between 'em. And looking like total divots. And you have to stand still to fight. Can you spell 'dogshit'? We knew you could.



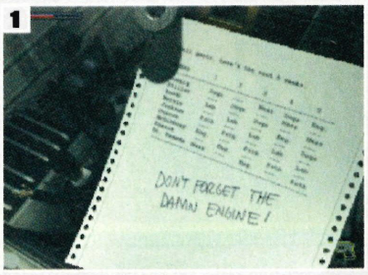




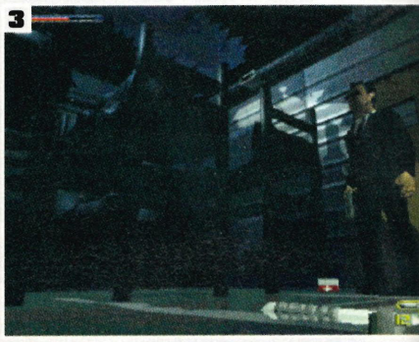
1 The fighters circle, stopping to aimlessly punch and kick the air 2 Then it's time to close for the kill. Kick him. Again and again... 3 Or use those astounding uppercuts and jabs to knock 'em dead... Or perhaps not

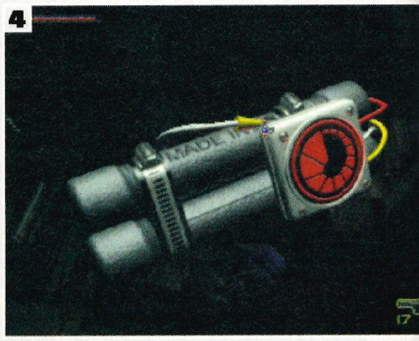
Puzzles

It ain't all combat. Which is pretty helpful, considering the combat's about as appealing as some of those things you see lurking round U-bends in public bogs. You've got to read stuff, find objects and use 'em to solve little puzzles. The puzzles are all kinda common sense, but they keep the noggin ticking over...









1 All sortsa little clues 'n' shit are scattered around the shop. Pick 'em all up... 2 Restrain your natural urge to shoot the dog, you gotta feed it later 3 It's a case of 'collect everything, try everything everywhere' again... 4 Defusing bombs is a lot simpler than you'd imagine...

Guns

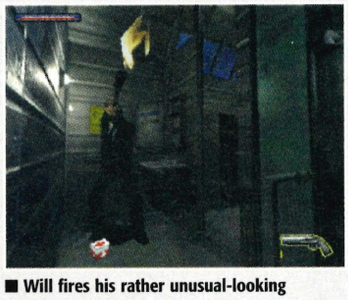
Cool guns were big in the film of Men in Black. Boy, were they big. And you'll get to get your mitts on a few of 'em in the game. Smokin'. But the sad fing is, they don't quite pack the special effects punch that they had in the film. Doh! That said, the firing range where you get to check 'em out is way cool...



■ Blam! Blam! The firing range you can practice on is top dog



■ Especially when you get to check out the real premium weaponry



■ Will fires his rather unusual-looking shotgun in a shed

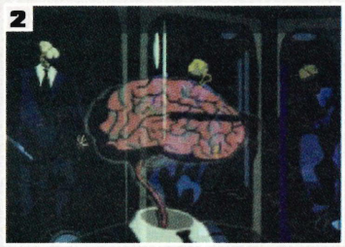


■ We can't quite put our finger on what it is, but there's summat funny about that pistol...

Toon raider

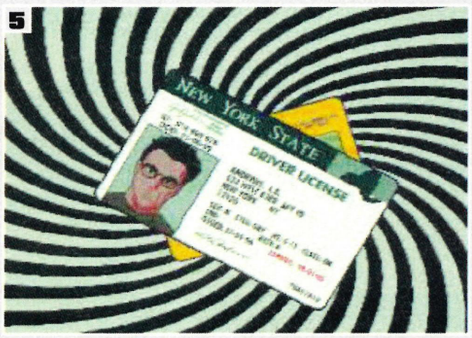
Once you've earned yourself the right to walk tall in those snappy shades and that sharp suit, you're whisked off to... Antarctica, of all places. That sure wasn't in the film. And if you're big fans of Tommy Lee and little Willie, be warned: loadsa the action here's based on the cartoons of Men in Black, rather than the film...











1 Every time you cop it, you get a cool(ish) cartoon death **2** And then everything's spiced up with dark and doomy cartoon bits **3** Even yer mission briefings come fully cartooned-up **4** But have that many people read the comics? You have to wonder **5** Another blast of toon-y weirdness...

plus

We'd like to say...

Thing abaht this little number is that it's up against some shit-hot competition in the 'moseying around finding stuff and killing whatever wanders into your gunsights' field. Like, Resident Evil 2, see? And this is so much shitter than Res 2, that it just leaves you wondering why they bothered...

Voices

It's just one of the rules, innit? You put a couple of funny voices on a game, and it's kind of... better. Well that's wrong. We don't need witticisms everytime you open a door or look at a wall. Especially when you can tell the voices ain't the real deal, like on here. Come back, Will. Please...







1 We know you're not really Will **2** 'Now that's what I call New York's finest.' Be quiet **3** You're a bad Tommy Lee Jones impersonator, aren't you?

A couple of reasonable puzzles an' stuff, but combat is startlingly crap, and Will and Tommy look, walk and talk like shit. Doesn't live up to the film, not by a long chalk... **Rob**

PlayStation plus RATED 69%

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

XENOCRACY

The longest loading times ever. For this?

High-octane blast 'em up action with a tinge of heavy-duty space opera. Sounds good? Well that's what this would have been. If it hadn't been programmed by chimps...

What we don't like

Quite a few things

Charging £40 for this is theft. It looks about as fresh and attractive as Bet Lynch. The sun looks like a yellow dinnerplate. Lights flaring across your screen look like a row of snooker balls. Spaceships look like blotchy cereal boxes. And everything jerks around bigstyle throughout. Believe us, this stinks bad...



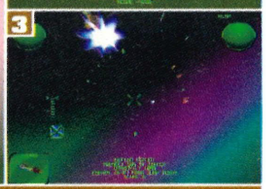
■ That's to be the sun flaring onscreen...



■ And that's high-adrenalin space battle



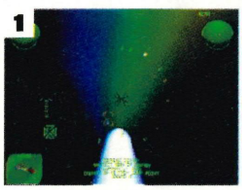




1 That, believe it or not, is meant to be a planet... **2** Take that plunge into hyperspace. Alternatively, watch some dots grow longer **3** Make it stop. Please

Gameplay

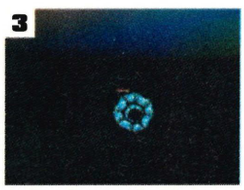
You're out in a black bit full of white dots. It's supposed to be space. Strange polygons fly at you, and sometimes straight through you. They're supposed to be spaceships. Sometimes funny shapes sprout out of the bottom of the screen. That's supposed to be you firing lasers. Epic solar war? Not from where we're standing...



■ A funny blue bit flicks on and off. That's your laser, that is...



■ A space freighter. Could've fooled us



■ Marvel at the effects as your ship dives into the warp...

Beyond the realms of mere bollocks. This is so atrocious, it's almost funny. But not quite. Graphically abysmal, and a real pedigree dog to play. You will hate this. **Rob**

PlayStation plus RATED 20%

■ **OUT** JUNE ■ **BY** INTERPLAY ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, ANALOGUE PAD

CRIME KILLER

The crime rate's rising, the roads are full of scum. But you're the souped-up cybercop who's gonna start dishing out the death penalty.

Police brutality's a good thing in future land. You're a kick-ass cop who can put a bullet in the head of any law-breaking gobshite. No matter if they're wanted for murder or parked on double yellows, they're crims so they're gonna pay.

What we like

Hot pursuit

This game's so fast your eyes'll go haywire just trying to keep up. It's one big car chase, kicking in the siren and steaming after Jonny Robber. When you get the sucka in sight, lay into the bast.



■ You've got the law-breaker in sight so kick in the turbos...



■ When you get up close, open fire or ram the git off the road

Gameplay

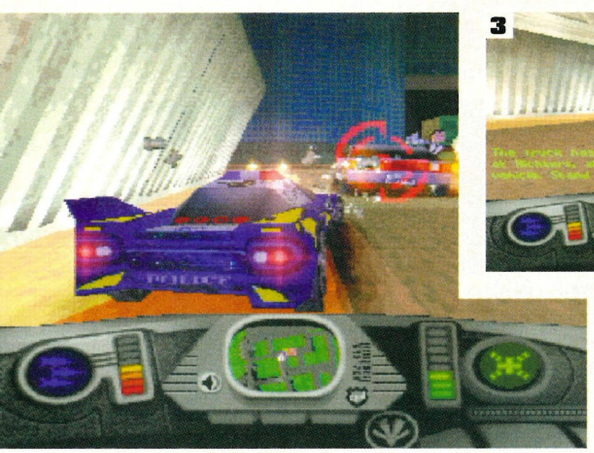
It's cops 'n' robbers, right, so you've got to patrol the city streets and bust the perps. Basically you've gotta use the scanner to locate the nearest lawbreaker, then get to the crime scenes as fast as possible. When you find the crims, use cannons to blow 'em away or the Pacifier to disable their engines.

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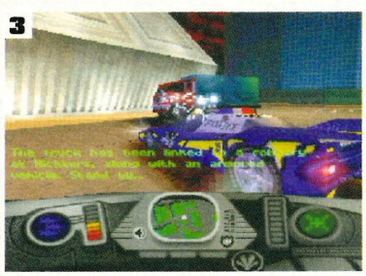


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■ A red target means destroy the scum, green is for pacify. It's the hardened scum that get whacked. Petty crims are pacified

1 Perps appear as coloured dots on the map at the bottom of the screen **2** When you've checked out where the bad guy is, you've got just a few seconds to get there **3** When you've disabled the target, you're automatically given summat else to do

Levels

There's 15 missions which are set in and around the city. Weaving through the streets is tough 'cos there's not much room to move around, especially when there's some dumbass driver swaying all over the place. The construction site isn't so cramped, but while the levels look different the objectives are pretty much the same.

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1 Civilian cars are everywhere **3** Scenery changes, but you've still do the same thing **3** Country streets aren't as cramped **4** Stop illegal bike races

Gear

Your car's kitted out with two main weapons. The cannon's great for blowing things to bits, while the Pacifier will only disable the bad guys. There are also secondary weapons which are dropped by crims who've been killed. These can be anything from cluster bombs to flechette rounds, which tear through armour.

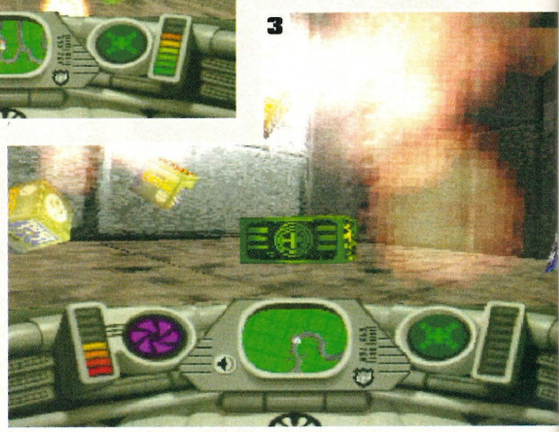
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1 Your main cannons have got infinite ammo and even though they're extra basic, they're great for blasting other vehicles **2** The Pacifier's your man if you're ordered not to destroy your target. It'll bugger up the crim's mota **3** Bonus boxes are left around by bad guys for you to pick up. They contain health as well as extra weapons. Sweet

Vehicles

The future's a bit different from today. You don't see coppers driving round in rusty Fiat Pandas, or sitting on top of some shagged-out horse. Nope you've got three hi-tech vehicles on offer, all kitted out with some meaty weapons. The vehicle's automatically picked depending on the mission though, so you'll have to master each one to get all the perps banged up.







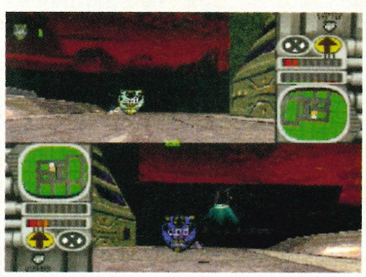
1 A bast to control, 'cos you've gotta control height as well as steer left and right 2 Fast but shaky, the bike is great for high-speed hot-pursuits 3 The car's the easiest to drive and it's pretty fast too

plus We'd like to say...

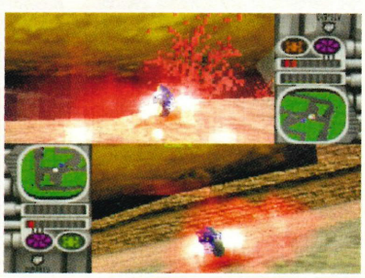
It's dead simple but Crime Killer's still a laff. The chases are edge-of-the-seat stuff 'cos the game's so smooth and fast. The other cars are thick as shit though, ploughing straight into you even though your sirens are blaring. Stupid twats.

Two-player

Fed up with fighting crims? Then face off against another copper. The two-player's pretty cool 'cos there are two modes. Holotag's a test to see who's the best driver: whoever collects the most tags wins. Weapons test is a damnsight more straightforward, 'cos you've just gotta find the other guy and let rip with your blasters.



■ The holotags look like shields. Collect 'em before your mate to win



■ The weapons test is all-out war. Whoever's got the biggest guns takes the gold medal

Fast and smoother than a baby's arse, Crime Killer's finger-lickin' good. But you'll get bored of doing the same old thing 'cos there's bugger-all variety. **Alex**

PlayStation plus RATED 81%

■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** ACCLAIM ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-8
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE JOYPAD, MULTITAP

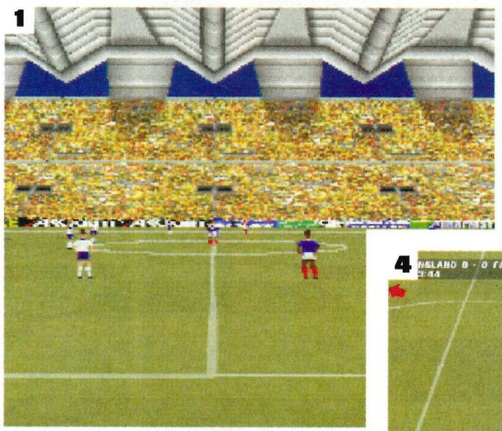
SUPER MATCH SOCCER

Must have been made by people who hate the beautiful game.

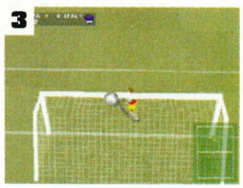
If World League Soccer and World Cup 98 are at the top of the Premiership, and Three Lions is languishing in the Vauxhall Conference, Super Match Soccer is too pissed to even play in the local pub side.

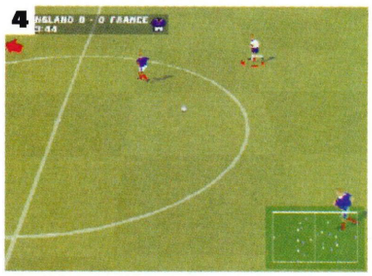
Gameplay

Playing Super Match Soccer ranks somewhere between ironing Y-fronts and catching Percy in yer zipper. It all looks bloody dreadful, players move like dribbling geriatrics with Parkinson's and having a kickabout is just painful.









1 From a distance things look pretty poor... 2 But get up close and you see just how ugly players are 3 Ball movement is really dodgy at times 4 This shit makes bowls look exciting

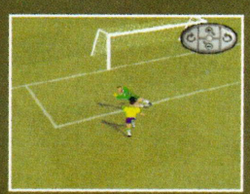
What we don't like

Stoopid controls

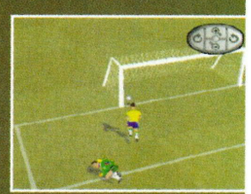
Forget pass, shoot and cross buttons. With Super Match Soccer you just get kick buttons, which makes it arse to play. The makers say they wanted to make it just like real football. Duh. When we want something just like the real thing, we take a ball down the rec.



■ Simply passing the ball around is a major headache



■ Scoring spectacular goals is just out of the question...



■ In fact, scoring is only possible 'cos keepers are crap

Don't even think about flashing the cash for this. It's ugly with no commentary or realistic teams, only a couple of stadiums, and to top things off it's a yawn to play. **Jon**

PlayStation plus RATED 33%

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

VIPER

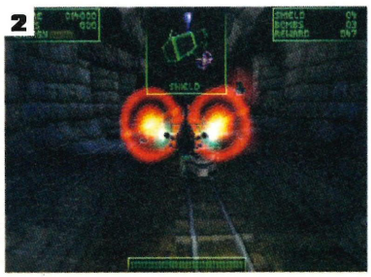
Shoot first. Don't even bother asking the questions later...

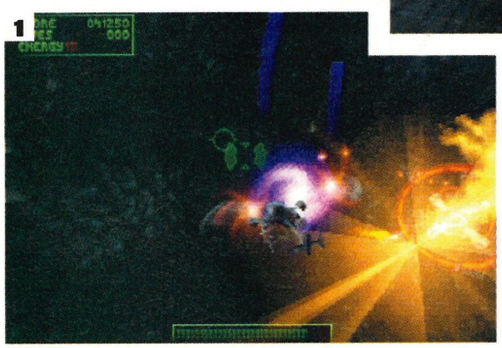
Jump into your sci fi chopper. Power up your lasers. It's that time again. What time's that? Time to make everything around you die in pain, of course. Don't ask why, new boy. This is for the war effort, y'understand?

Bosses

It's the law that bosses in games always have one weak spot. That's the bit you shoot at to kill 'em.

If you didn't already know that, you will by the time you've gone a few rounds with Viper. There's bosses aplenty here, and the trick to offing these bad boys is to find their one Achilles' heel...









1 This nasty fellow'll blast a big scythe of red stuff atcha. Avoid 2 Huge train-type things have a kind of neck bit you gotta shoot. Sore 3 That'll settle your hash, big fella 4 You may be big, but you've got a little red bit that can hurt you bad...

Killing for fun and profit

God, those careless, littering aliens. It makes us mad. No sooner've a bunch of aliens moved into a place, than they've covered it with their rubbish. Bastards.

And what is it that they're dropping? Empty McDonald's boxes, Opal Fruits wrappers? Nah, it's boxloads of smart bombs, laser power-ups, shields and heat seeking bombs, of course. How convenient for a pilot who wants to blast 'em clean off the face of the earth...









1 Pick up smart bombs to cause widespread pain and widow-making everywhere you go. Ouch 2 Don't miss out on flashy energy bits along the way or you'll be sorry later on. Oh yes you will... 3 Get hold of heat-seeking missiles to take the pain out of aiming. Just fire and forget. Easy as pie 4 Pick up 'nuff weapon power-ups and you'll be causing big hurt...

What we don't like

Cacky controls

The control system won't exactly get your hairy warrior standing to attention. In fact, it's pants. If you want to dodge incoming fire, you have to dive down and out of the action, meaning you can't shoot at folks at the same time. And you don't need us to tell you that that's way bollocks...



■ Lurch! Oops. It's way too difficult to keep aiming straight while avoiding guns



■ And why do you want to dive off into the corner like that. Oh. You don't?



■ We reckon you'd be wanting a 'roll' or 'strafe' button about now...

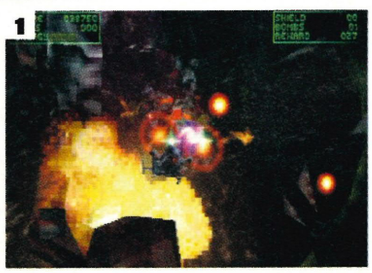


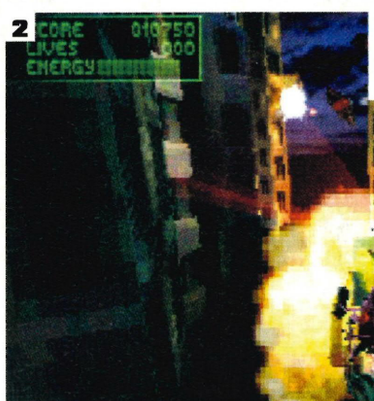
■ And you just don't have one. That really hurts, dunnit?

Back to my routes

This is kind of like the bastard child of all those games where you used to just fly straight at hordes of aliens with yer laser set on 'medium charred'.

But 'cos Viper's in 3D, there's usually a choice of routes for you to take, so you get to face different sizes of boss, or go for bigger, better power-ups...





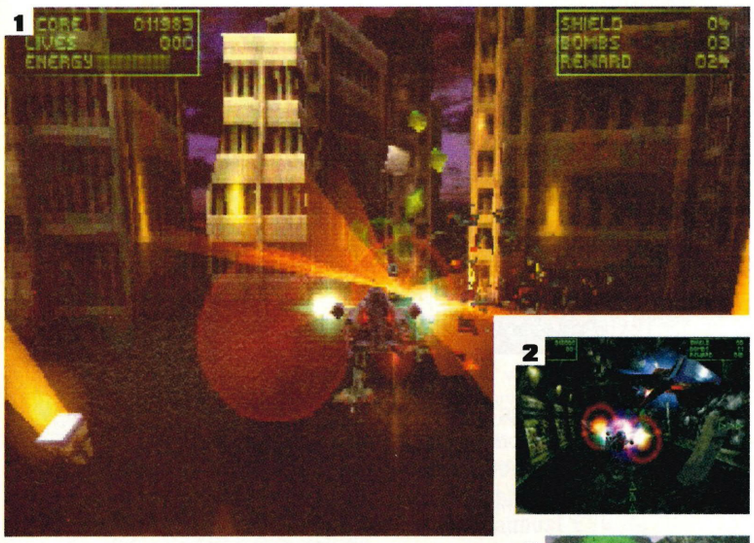




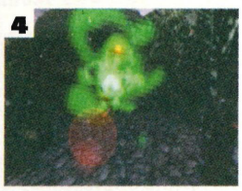
1 Left? Right? Down one path lie loadsa bonuses. Down the other's swift death... 2 Shoulda gone for the other one, we reckon 3 Mmmmm. Bonuses...

The colours, man...

There's no standard-issue gun when you join up in the alien army, that's for sure. Every new bug-eye who wanders into your gunsights is proudly showing off some new hi-tech laser-lightshow type gun. It's like Fireworks Night squared. It's sometimes a tad confusing, but it sure is damn pretty...







1 Ooh. The crowd roars. What a beautiful way to die... **2** Very nice to look at. Not very nice to fly through, though **3** Jaysus. Nasty big red thing. Stay out of reach, or you're toast... **4** Spraying green stuff. Bad for your health, we've heard...

Anatomy of a badass

Did we mention the big-ass bosses before? Did we? Huh? There's bosses dotted through all the levels to light up your life, but every so often, like every couple of levels, you'll come up against a real bad mutha. These boys'll usually go through about four incarnations before retiring to push up the daisies. Here's one. Be afraid...









1 Looping missile effort causes extreme agony in the nads **2** But then he comes back, and you gotta dive down this blue tube... **3** Kill 'im again, and it gets totally unfair. What's with the sheets of red fire..? **4** A couple more shots and the boss'll find out who really wears the kegs in this relationship...

Rent it We like bosses. And we like big flashy lights. Viper's got 'em both in spades, but the bollocks control system means it doesn't punch it's weight. **Rob**

PlayStation plus **RATED 70%**

■**OUT** 5 JUNE ■**BY** EA ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

ROAD RASH 3D

Stinky metallers rev up their hogs and get ready to ruck...

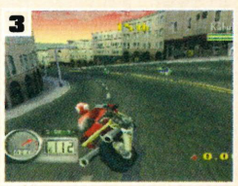
Strike a blow for deodorant use and musical taste by chasing American bikers and hitting them with blunt instruments. It sounds like a bloody good idea, and it plays pretty damn swell, too...

You give me road rage

Greasy, hard-livin' bikers aren't gentlemen, and out there on the open road they'll do stuff that makes Schumacher look like a model of fair play. Draw up close, and these geezers'll start twatting you with weapons ranging from planks of wood to nunchucks and even firearms. Ouch. The good news is you can grab the weapons off 'em and start hitting back. Those who live by the sword...







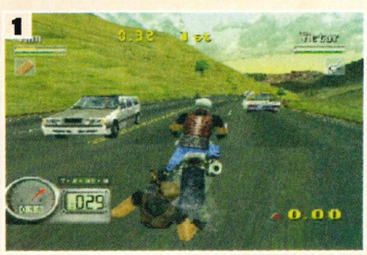


1 Yeah, try it, bitch! No-one challenges the stickmeister... **2** Ouch! Ouch! I won't cut in front of you again. Sir **3** A faceful of bike chain, anyone? Nope? **4** Too many hits and you'll go flying off. Time to dust off and get straight back into the action

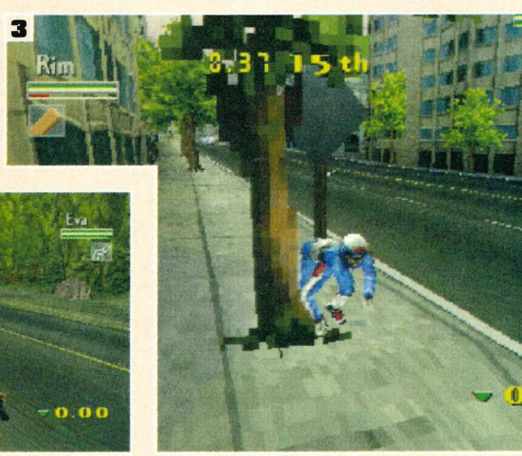
Car blimey

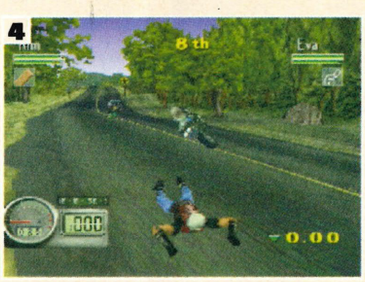
Of course, other bikers ain't the only reason that you might end up skidding facedown along the tarmac. The fing is, you're racing along roads that are in use, so there's other cars and pedestrians an' stuff.

And since you won't exactly be observing the highway code as you barrel along at 150 miles an hour, there's plenty of opportunities to go tits up...







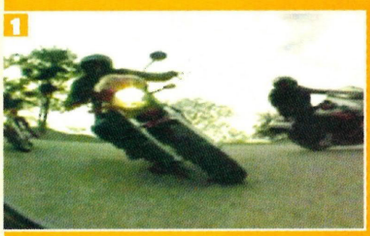


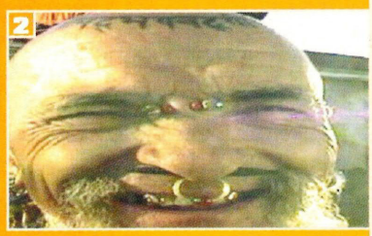
1 He didn't observe the green cross code, kids. What a silly man **2** Doh! You can fly for miles if you go head-on into someone... **3** Even a humble roadsign can have you heading for the stratosphere... **4** Skidding along the road for miles is all part of the fun...

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Ruff! Ruff!

There's a couple of pretty sniffy things about Road Rash. The total lack of a two-player mode makes us angry. So does the godawful music. And the collision detection's a bit gash, while we're on the subject. The whole game's on the ruff 'n' ready side, but it's kinda fun, so we'll forgive it its little faults. Ain't we nice?









1 There's too damn many of these dumbshit FMV bits... 2 And the music's by people who look like this. Oh dear 3 Collision detection, anyone? No? Mosht shtrange... 4 What's happening here? We dunno...

Stupid stunts

Wheelies and shit are all part of the package here, and if you've got the bollocks for it, you can even do jumps over cars. Of course, there's every chance you'll end up doing a Barry Sheene. But this being a videogame, you can jump back up, brush yourself off and get back on the road. Cool.











1 Wheelie! 2 Now to get ambitious. A wheelie up the back of a pickup 3 Leading to a slick little jump. Sweet. Did we tell you we like stunts? 4 Wheelies can be a damn good way to get the upper hand in a ruck

Rent it Huge big long tracks with plenty fun to be had along the way. This ain't the most polished game we've ever seen, but there's barrels o' larfs in here. **Rob**

PlayStation plus
RATED 80%

■**OUT** JUNE ■**BY** SCI ■**COSTS** £34.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1
■**COMPATIBILITIES** MEMORY CARD

FRENZY

You know Colin Hunt, The 'zany' geezer from the Fast Show? He loves this game...

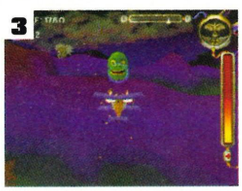
It's a once-in-a-lifetime offer! Pay just £34.99 and get a game worth 34p, knocked up by a Les Dennis fan in his lunch hour one Friday afternoon. 'OK,' he thought. 'It may be shoddy, short and only half-playable. But at least it's fun.' Wrong.

Gameplay

Frenzy doesn't need gameplay. Oh, it does? Well, that's a shame, since flying a bi-plane through loadsa wacky levels shooting everything that moves before moving onto the next, er, wacky level and doing exactly the same thing doesn't exactly qualify in our book. We'll stick with good games if it's all the same to you.









1 You fly around shooting stuff 2 And things do get a bit – ahem – frenzied 3 But that's all there is to it 4 Shoulda paid attention to that warning sign...

It's rag week

There's zany, wacky antics galore here. The sort of industrial strength comedy offspring of every Comic Relief fundraiser, every rag week stewdent, The Chuckle Brothers, Freddie Starr and those rubbish children's TV presenters on ITV. And it grates like having somebody run sandpaper along your nuts.



1 Stonehenge monuments: I think I've ruptured meself laffing... 2 A fridge: oh stop, before some real damage is done 3 Bond's Lotus: we've actually died of crap comedy overdose...

Frenzy?

Well, yes, the game's fast and even fun for about the first 45 seconds or so. Then you get that creeping feeling that this is all there is to it. That Frenzy has nothing else to offer, that you're going to be doing exactly the same thing for the whole game. You're right. Aaaagh!





1 Better kill that then. But haven't I been doing the same thing for 20 minutes? 2 I'm losing my will to live here. Kill me then, go on

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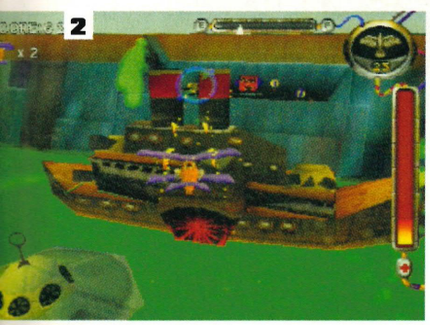
We'd like to say...

Frenzy wants to be a fast and fun arcade shooter. Actually, it is fast (but not fun). The thing is, there's nothing to it. No extra modes, no two-player game... nowt. It's not varied, the levels are short and samey and the music stinks. And you're expected to pay almost £35 for it! Think about that. Think what else you could do with £35...

Bosses

Once you've bust your seams laughing your way through each level, you then have to fight a tedious boss before you can progress any further. Bet that took a huge leap of imagination to come up with. The bosses are the best bit of the game. But then, that's like saying that carrots are the best bit of a pile of puke.







1 Godzilla: your first boss. And by now, you're getting that sinking feeling 2 It's a boat to shoot. Floating on snot. These bosses sure are imaginative 3 Look at the boss on the ice level. OK then, don't bother....

Frenzy should be driven down a long road in the country, forced to kneel, then shot through the back of the head. That'd wipe the stupid grin off its face. Andrew

PlayStation plus

RATED 16%

■**OUT** JULY ■**BY** TELSTAR ■**COSTS** £44.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-2
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, ANALOGUE PAD, MEMORY CARD

WRECKIN' CREW

Perhaps Sir would like some miniature carnage with his racing...

And you thought road rage was all about hefting a baseball bat through the windscreen of the geezer that cut you up. Nah. It's about dumping white bunnies on the road. Or shrinking other cars. Or powering-up an industrial magnet...

Motas

These are hotrods you're racing here. Choose one of eight mean machines packed to the gills with deadly gizmos and driven by the kind of weirdo you don't expect to find outside of a chemical weapons testing facility. Then spend an age getting to grips with the different hurtage they have to offer...











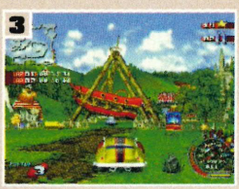
1 Ma: she releases booze so other drivers get drunk 2 I.Q: thicker than month-old yoghurt, and owns a nasty Rottweiler 3 Sir Cuss: geddit? He's the one with the bunnies. Don't ask... 4 Kid Cranium: chucks money on the track. And that's a weapon? 5 Choose 'weapons off' and you get go-karts

The race is on

Racing in Wreckin' Crew is a gas. Think Wacky Races goes to the stock car track and you're on the right lines. No worries about spinning out and oversteering here, you can fling your hotrod about like nobody's business. Once you've bashed and shot your way to the front you think you're home dry, but there's always some bastid around to put you out of the running with a freakazoid weapon.





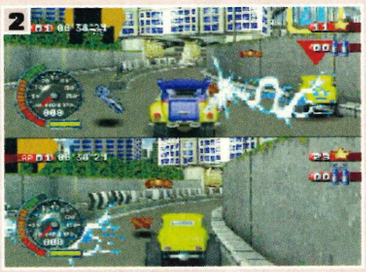




1 And they're off! Twat 'em cowboy... 2 That speed ring'll give me just the boost I need... 3 Avoid the pirate ship. Tsk. They get everywhere don't they? 4 Eat blue radiating attack, swine!

Modes

There's loads to get into here. To get on in the game you have to play through tournaments. Winning these'll open new tracks and cars – but be warned, they're rock hard. Then there's a cool two-player option, and a Time Trial where you have to beat the clock...







1 The tournament mode chucks in a stunt track. Which isn't that great, to be honest **2** Two-player uses a split-screen and is still pretty fast. Play either deathmatch, or against other motas **3** Time Trial: without other bastids around, here's your chance to cane them tracks proper

plus

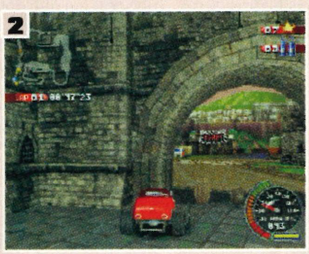
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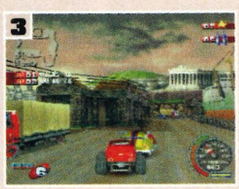
Everyone knows Mario Kart 64 is a top racer for the N64. And this is along the same lines. OK, so it ain't got that monster's supreme playability, but if you want a rest from the more, er, technical racers on the PlayStation, Wreckin' Crew makes a cool change.

Cheating

Yup, there's nothing the stinking peeg dogs won't do to get ahead. 'Course the wacky weapons they chuck in your direction, that's part of the game, innit? But the sudden bursts of speed..? Well, let's just say they must have a lot more nitros than you...







1 You're way out in front here. Choke on my dust losers **2** Oops, a little prang, nothing serious. Nothing that'll put me out of the race, like... **3** And suddenly you're back in sixth place. Hmm... Now, correct us if we're wrong but that's not very fair is it?

Rent it Wreckin' Crew's funner than fun pie. True, it's as hard as nails and unforgiving as hell, but don't expect too much and you'll have a blast. **Andrew**

PlayStation plus

RATED 80%

■**OUT** JULY ■**BY** EA ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-2
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD ANALOGUE JOYPAD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

WARGAMES DEFCON 1

All the fun of future war in your living room. Mmm. Napalm.

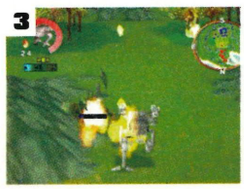
Another supercomputer goes mental and decides to kill the world. And guess what? Yup, it's got the usual army of psycho robots at its beck and call. Man the barricades. You're the last line of defence. Again.

Gameplay

You get behind the wheel of a posse of vehicles, one at a time, as you take 'em to different places on the battlefield to complete objectives. And while you're controlling one, the other lads'll defend themselves until you're good and ready to use 'em.











1 The slayer tank goes in to blow a few robot circuits... **2** Or you call together your lads for the next onslaught **3** Most of the fighting's one-on-one slugging it out against the baddies **4** But then you'll get really massive firefights building up... **5** See?

Power me up

Turning tanks, robots and trees into piles of smoking rubble can be a profitable business. Power-ups which do all sortsa useful stuff pop up regularly. The skill's in deciding which of your boys most deserves which useful doodah and pulling 'em forward to collect the goods...





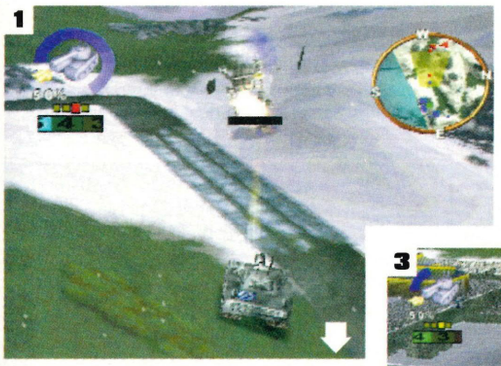


1 Repair powerups are like gold dust. Guard them well... **2** Others give you temporary armour. The bizz if your tank's on the way out **3** This 'un doubles the power of your weapons. That's gotta hurt...

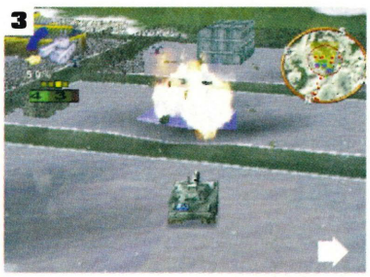
Your mission

Yer missions come pre-chewed into bite-size lumps of murder. You'll get a series of little objectives to do, and you'll move through the map, sending off vehicles to do their thang.

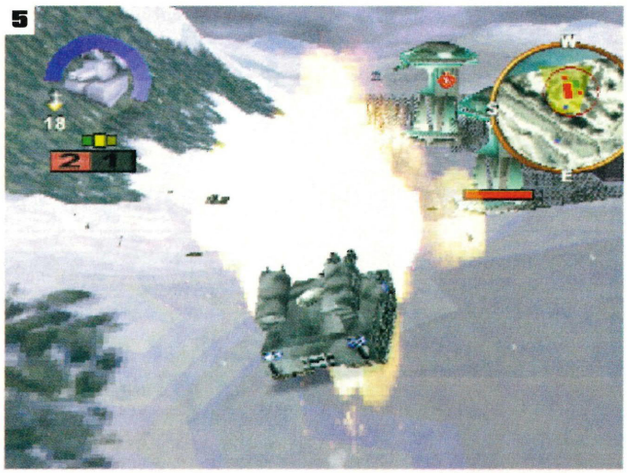
Most of yer objectives'll be particularly suited to one type of vehicle, so you send out yer reconnaissance tank to find out who's best to send in, then you take the helm and get to the killing...











1 Send in your recon boys, then it's time for the tanks **2** Further on, you defend a scientific installation **3** By killing the shit out of anything that moves... **4** Another e-mail comes in. You gotta take out a prison camp... **5** But that might not be so easy as it looked. Ouch! Bastard!

Multiplayer

In Deathmatch mode it's split screen and you and a mate get a selection of fine robots/tanks/gunships. Then you kill each other. Simple. But fun.



■ Diagonal split screen's a bit confusing



■ Follow the map to seek an' destroy bit

What we like

Phhh-war!

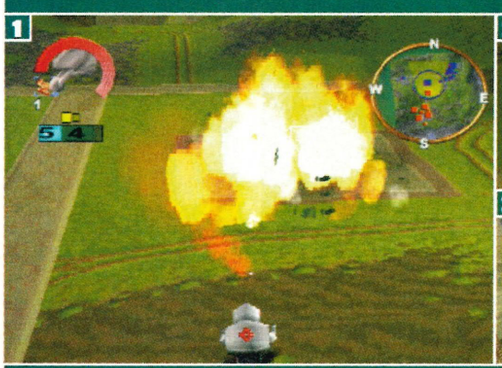
Most war games are so hung up on strategy that you miss out on the colourful bits of war, like torching fleeing ground troops or bombing shit out of defenceless reconnaissance vehicles. Not here you don't. This boils war down to the pure shit: using horribly powerful weaponry close up against the enemy. Choice.



■ Using the Slayer tank against ground troops isn't remotely fair. But it's fun



■ Burn trees! Destroy buildings! Spread death left and right!







1 Brave but stupid motorcyclist attempts to take on a posse of tanks... **2** Eat lead, y'little shits! Yer Star Wars-y walker people are a fine method of killin' **3** Assortment of small people meet Slayer tank. Messy, messy, messy

plus

We'd like to say...

This has got to get some kind of prize for being the movie tie-in most totally unrelated to the movie. Like, WarGames was about a supercomputer, sure, but all it did was sit there and plot nuclear missile flightpaths. And you could beat it by convincing it to play noughts and crosses. So where did the brigades of killer robots come from? Beats us...

Meet the boys

You decide whether to side with the robots or with the flesh and blood boys: each side has its own selection of vehicles, and as you get further through the game they get bigger and better. Just wait till you're mowing down ground troops with napalm strikes from gunships. It's a sweet feeling.









1 Slayer tank. Does what it says on the tin **2** APC. Way cool little person carrier **3** Walking robot. How Star Wars is that? Innit cool? **4** Little tank. Flamethrowers are good for torching ground troops

Do you like war? Yeah? You'll love this. This is full-on war action, with sackloads of atmos, graphics that'll make you stand to attention, and non-stop violence. Cool. **Rob**

PlayStation plus

RATED 90%

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

WCW NITRO

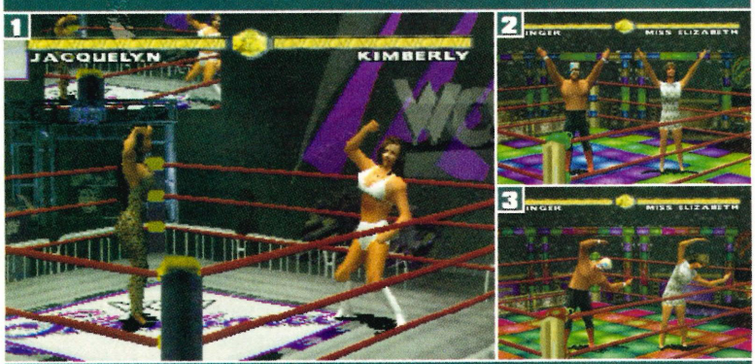
Loadsa banging around. Lots of colourful rings... And no, it ain't gay porn.

Steroid-pumped chimps with mullet haircuts pretending to have a fight. That's 'professional' wrestling, and it's a bunch of arse, mate. You want proof? Well, Americans love it. And that's enough for us...

What we like

Village people

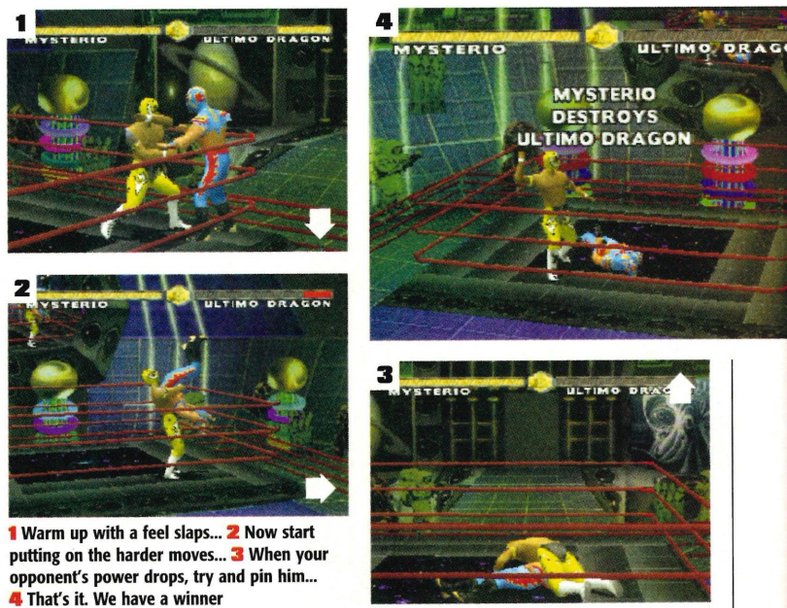
Since no-one actually does any fighting, taunting your enemy plays an important role in wrestling. WCW Nitro fighters have their own way of winding opponents up, which is a laugh. Mind you, things get much funnier when you get in the secret Disco ring. Taunt here and the boys give a rendition of the YMCA dance.



1 Each of the wrestler has their own special taunt 2 But get on to the secret Disco level and give it a whirl 3 Macho men start doing the distinctly un-manly YMCA groove

Gameplay

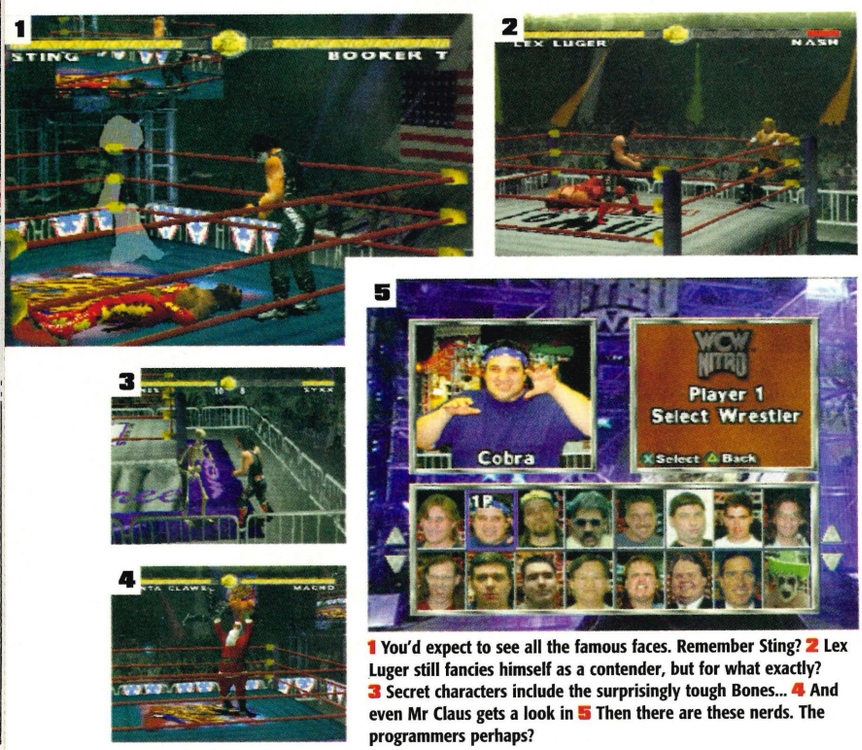
Thump each other a lot. Kick, punch, slap, drop, grapple and while you're at it don't forget to grunt and sweat. Climb up the ropes, use the corner pillars or jump out of the ring. When one of you can't stand, the game is over. If you can do it in real life, chances are you can do it in WCW Nitro.



1 Warm up with a feel slaps... 2 Now start putting on the harder moves... 3 When your opponent's power drops, try and pin him... 4 That's it. We have a winner

Stars

Oh my God, there's millions of the buggers. To kick off there's 16 to select, but if you win all the bouts you end up scooping a whopping 64. Beside a collection of all the top names, you'll also find a bunch of weirdo characters like the T-Rex, Santa Claus and Bones.



1 You'd expect to see all the famous faces. Remember Sting? 2 Lex Luger still fancies himself as a contender, but for what exactly? 3 Secret characters include the surprisingly tough Bones... 4 And even Mr Claus gets a look in 5 Then there are these nerds. The programmers perhaps?

plus

We'd like to say...

So we ain't the biggest fans of wrestling. No matter. If a game's good we rate it and we don't care what it's about. If someone came up with a knitting simulation that was a laugh... No. Sorry, that would be shite. Anyhow the point is we'd like a wrestling game if it was cool to play and this one isn't.

Moves

Not a bad selection of moves by any means, and each personality has a signature move. Graphics can get a bit glitchy with some of the throws, but otherwise attacks are quite meaty. The one problem, and it is a big problem, is that the controls are very slow. This makes pulling off cool moves frustrating and ends up hurting yer digits. Shame.



■ Bread and butter moves ain't nothing to write home about

■ Some of the throws and holds are a bit more meaty

■ You can also try jumping off the ropes

This has got big, bold graphics, loads of moves and all the stars. But, sadly, it's not much fun to play and it's very badly let down by sluggish controls. **Jon**

PlayStation plus
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Edge master

Edge Master mode is scrotum-tighteningly cool. You get set little tasks to complete, like finishing someone off using only combination attacks. Get yer task right, and you're given a new weapon. Choice. There's 70 exciting, sharp-edged ways to make people die up for grabs, and you KNOW you're a wuss if you don't collect the lot...





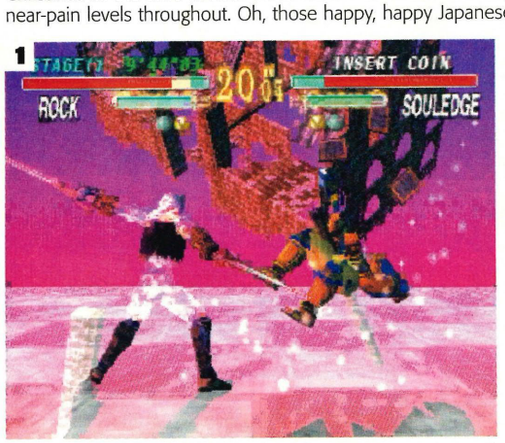




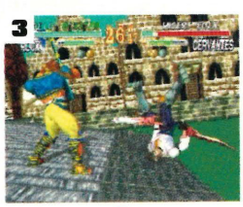
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The cheery chopper

Mmmm. Pretty, pretty, pretty. Soul Blade's a fine specimen, graphics-wise. Pull off a chop with enough vim and you'll light the screen up like Christmas. In fact, it's a bit like Christmas all the time in Soul Blade land. The colours and brightness are cranked up to near-pain levels throughout. Oh, those happy, happy Japanese chappies...







1 Wow, man. Like, look at the colours... 2 Tasty backgrounds are all part of the action 3 And some of the arenas are sooooo cool, like this floating board thingy...

Bonehead butchery

Hammer the buttons on the joypad, then watch yer bloke go 'Chop! Slice! Hack! Dagger up the jacksie!' Then sit and wonder how the hell you did that. It's pretty easy to come up trumps just by hammering the joypad like there's no tomorrow. This is A Bad Thing. It all looks damn nice, but skill-wise...



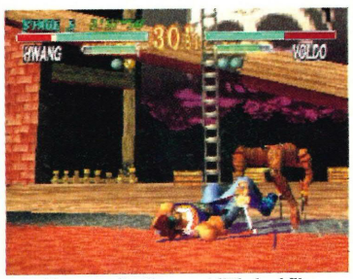
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■ Keep hammering and you'll tend to go into a huge big special move

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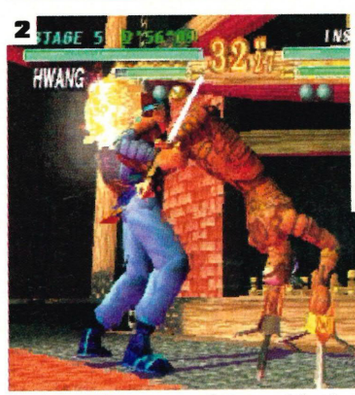
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■ Voldo can pull off a sweet little backflip which hurts people reeeal bad...









1 String together moves so that you get the chops in before yer opponent hits the crashmat: do it like dis... 2 Chop! 3 Rend! 4 Maim!

Not quite there with the top dogs, but definitely sniffing around their kennel. Tasty to look at, sweet to play, but maybe a little bit too easy for all you joypad Bruce Lees. **Rob**

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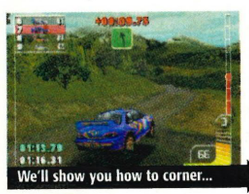
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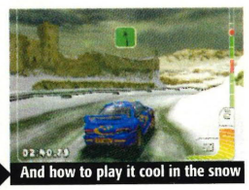
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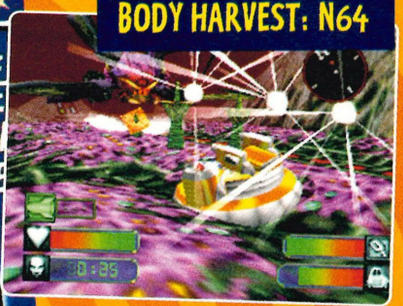
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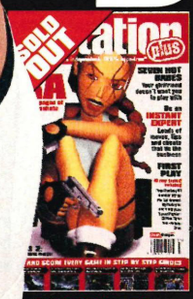
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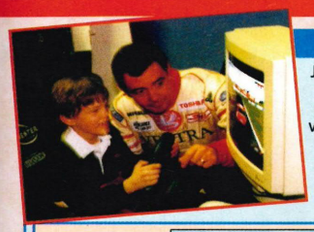
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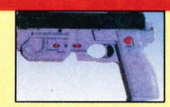
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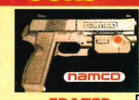


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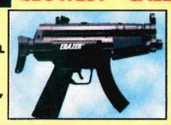
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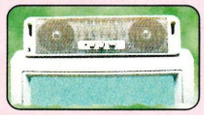
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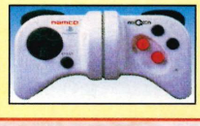


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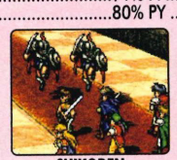


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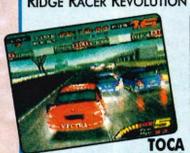


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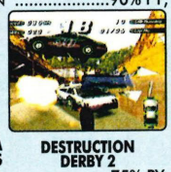


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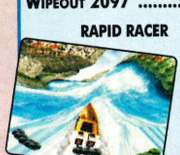


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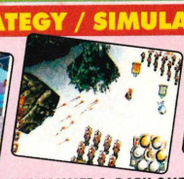
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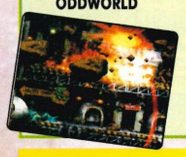
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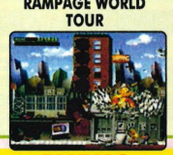

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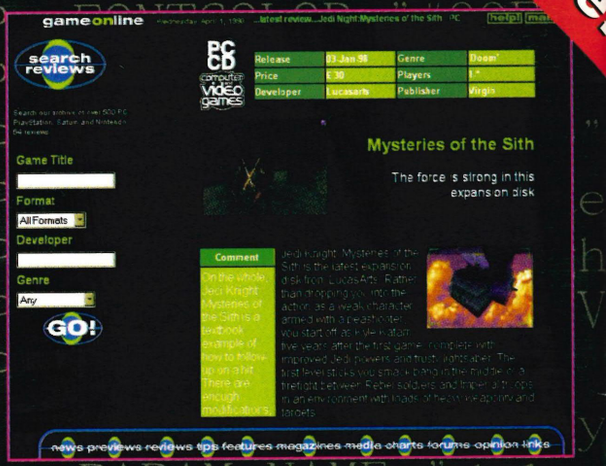
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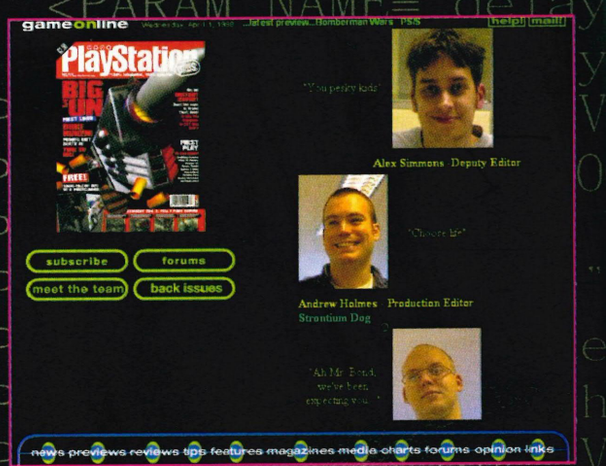
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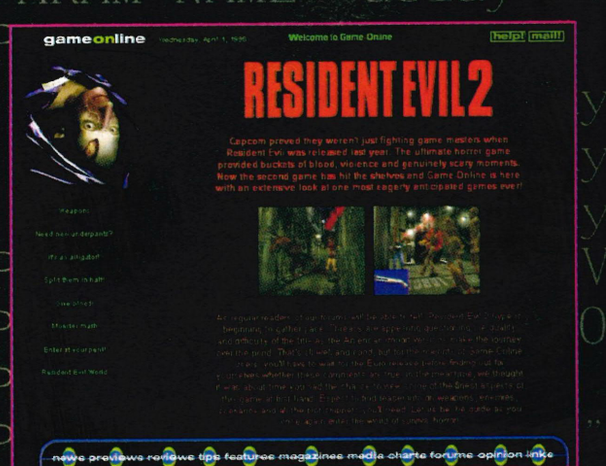
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51-60%.....Just toss
61-70%.....Only okay
71-80%.....Good, not great
81-90%.....Almost classic
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Rental Chart

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Wanna try before you buy? The hottest rentals this month

Key: (NE) New Entry
(RE) Re-Entry
(4) Position Last Month
(-) Same Position

1. **(NE) Gran Turismo (Sony)** Awesome racer grabs rightful place...
2. **(NE) World Cup 98 (EA)** Cup fever helps it get a high spot.
3. **(1) Resident Evil 2 (Platinum)** They come no better than this.
4. **(2) Tomb Raider (Platinum)** Ageing, but still wonderful Lara outing.
5. **(3) Tekken 2 (Platinum)** The best beat 'em up. Until later...
6. **(3) Micro Machines V3 (Platinum)** Mini-racing for up to four...
7. **(4) Die Hard Trilogy (Platinum)** Superb three-game set.
8. **(NE) Demonstration Disc (Sony)** Yup, you can get yourself a demo...
9. **(7) Crash Bandicoot (Platinum)** Budget Bandicoot bouncing.
10. **(NE) Three Lions (BMG)** Sadly, not very good at all.

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%**





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?

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**✗
Platinum
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
Tasty footy sim that looks brilliant but plays even better. **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**✓
Platinum
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**✗
Platinum
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%**

Campaign against Crap American Sweet Names

The campaign gathers pace...

Our struggle against renaming sweets with rubbish American names continues. And following the success of the letter to Mars complaining about Opal Fruits being renamed Starburst (result: two free sweet tokens), CACA HQ has received this letter from an ardent supporter:

I'm with you in your campaign against crap American sweet names. It's got to stop! But it isn't just happening to sweets. My dad came home with my weekly cereal, 'Coco Pops' and I found the name had changed to 'Choco Krispies'!! When will it end? P.S Print this and I'll subscribe.
Simon Cresswell, Godalming, Surrey



And *Mat Ives of Surrey* has lent his support. He writes:
I totally agree with CACA. I suggest you include all types of food in your mission. Stop the Americans trying to rename our beloved chips, French Fries. They're not even called fries in France!

Thass right. Simon says renaming sweets is WRONG! (And get that subs cheque in the post, Si). And Mat's also on the lookout for spreading Yankism among our fast foods. In the meantime, keep 'em peeled for random and unnecessary name changes... This is CACA HQ over and out.

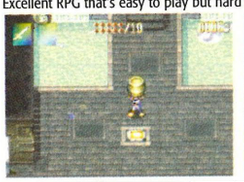
AIV Evolution Global — £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Good fun, pretty enjoyable, but overwhelming resource management sim. **86%**

Alien Trilogy — £19.99
Platinum
Company Acclaim **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Excellent Doom clone which captures all the scares of the films. **85%**

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%**

Alundra — £39.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent RPG that's easy to play but hard to put down. Winner **91%**




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 Sony **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%**

Armoured Core — £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Robotic shoot'em up. Worth a look. **86%**

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**✗
Cop show-style driving and shooting with lots of fizz. Rent it **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 Sony **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**✗
Fast punchy beat 'em up where the players turn into giant angry beasts. Winner **92%**




Bomberman World — £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Explosive cutesy murder 'em up that's a multiplayer must. **83%**

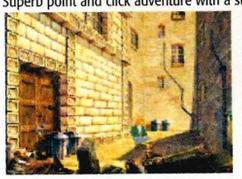
Break Point — £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Inoffensive tennis game, but moves take some getting used to. **73%**

Brahma Force — £44.95
Company JVC **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Techie-as-they-come robot-blasting shoot 'em up. **73%**

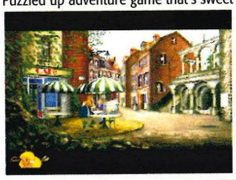
Breath of Fire III — £39.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cutesy role-playing epic involving dragons and things. **84%**

Broken Helix — £39.99
Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good ideas, but very dated shoot 'em up. **70%**

Broken Sword — £44.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Superb point and click adventure with a strong story atmosphere. Winner **91%**




Broken Sword 2 — £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Puzzled up adventure game that's sweet as a nut but hurts your brain. Winner **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%**

Best puzzle games

Five ways to hurt your head







1. Super Puzzle Fighter 2
Ryu and the gang stop the fisticuffs and instead drop wads of little gems on each other. A high-octane two-player smash...

2. Bust-a-Move 2
Impossibly cute dinosaurs burst different colour bubbles and drop bubbles on each other. More addictive than crack.

3. Kula World
Be a beachball. Collect keys and jump around 3D blocks floating in space. This 'un'll melt your mind and keep you awake till unhealthy hours...

4. Mr Domino
Surreal effort starring a waddling domino. Line up your domino chums and knock 'em down to get ahead in the world. Told you it's weird.

5. Tetris Plus
We've been in and out of rehab for our Tetris problems for years now. This ain't the best Tetris ever, but it'll keep you off the streets...

Bug Riders £39.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ugly, unplayable insect-riding racer. A load of cock. **34%**

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**✗
Platinum
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%**

Cardinal Syn £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Surprisingly good beat 'em up with swords. **82%**

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%**

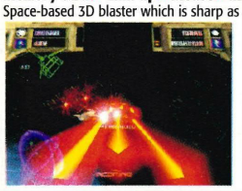
Chill £39.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Loads to do and cool two-player in another snowboarding clone. **82%**

Circuit Breakers £39.99
Company Mindscape **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Mini-racing effort that's a bit too much like Micro Machines. **80%**

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 £44.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Winner
Space-based 3D blaster which is sharp as a tack. Loads to do, too. **93%**




Command and Conquer £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Winner
Conquer the world in this fast-paced strategy game. A classic. **91%**




Command and Conquer: Red Alert £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Winner
Strategic slaughter 'em up that's even better than the first C&C. **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**✗
Winner
One player only, but this is still brilliant snowboarding fun. **91%**




Cool Boarders 2 £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Winner
Shit-hot snowboard sequel that adds a two-player mode to the original. **92%**




Courier Crisis £34.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
Good fun for a while, but limited bike 'em up. **79%**

Crash Bandicoot £19.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platinum
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**✗
Rent it
Great graphics, but this 3D beat 'em up still loses out to Tekken. **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 Sony **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**✗
Rent it
Looks great, but way too short: it'll take you an hour to complete. **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%**

PlayStation plagues

Ooh matron...

Playing with your joystick for too long is bad for your health. But what other diseases can you catch if you're PlayStation crazy? We check 'em out...

JOYPAD THUMB (FINGI BUGUD'UP)
SYMPTOM: Skin like old leather, no fingerprints, joints stiffer than a porn king's trouser meat.
CAUSE: Those Street Fighter 60-button combos are just too much.
CURE: If you're lucky you'll build up a natural resistance and the skin'll get tougher. Otherwise, learn to play with your toes.

SQUARE EYES (GOGELB OX VISI-ONI)
SYMPTOMS: Pissholes where your pupils used to be, bin liner-sized bags under your eyes.
CAUSE: You really should quit staring at Lara's bangers for hours on end...
CURE: Try blinking. And switching off the TV every couple of weeks.

GRAPEFRUIT NADS (SWOAL'EN TESTES)
SYMPTOMS: Bollocks so big you walk like John Wayne. Sticky white goo trickles from your nether regions every time you sit opposite a large-chested girl.
CAUSE: You're so tangled up with Lara you forget about relieving the strain on your filled-to-bursting nuts by bedding your girlfriend. Saddo.
CURE: Get hold of a one-handed pad and thrash away like you're going for it big-time on Track and Field.

PIZZA FACE (VISAGE II SHOT'GUN BLASTO)
SYMPTOMS: A face so spotty and pock-marked you're often mistaken for a deep pan sweetcorn and tomato supreme.
CAUSE: To you games are more important than decent grub so you gorge on junk food every night.
CURE: Junk food's a no-go from now on. You'd also better start dunking your face in super-strength spot cream if you want your skin to stop feeling like a Braille dictionary.



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%**

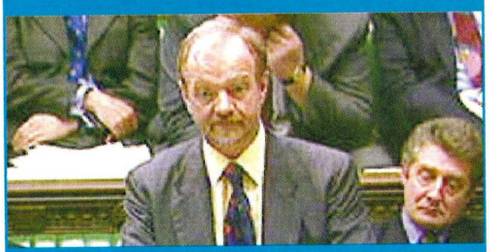
Dead Ball Zone £34.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Hyper-violent sci-fi sport game. With chainsaws. **88%**

Deathtrap Dungeon £44.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Tomb Raider-style adventure. But with swords. **90%**

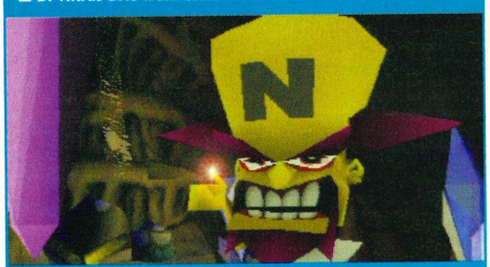
Defcon 5 £49.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
3D adventure with more wandering about than actual exciting action. **72%**

Lookylikeys

We bring together twins who were obviously separated at birth. None have written to thank us. Yet. This month: Robin Cook and Dr Nitrus Brio from Crash Bandicoot.



■ Dr Nitrus Brio from Crash Bandicoot



■ Sexual athlete Robin Cook

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. **91%** winner




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 ■ **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

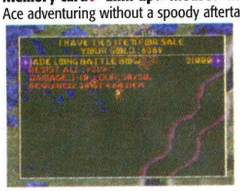
■ **Company** Psygnosis ■ **Players** 1 ■ **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
…er than the original, with faster cars and wider tracks. **89%**

Devil's Deception £39.99

■ **Company** Sunsoft ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
…idea: you play Satan's helper. But not well executed. **60%**

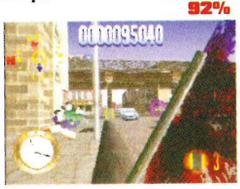
Diablo £39.99

■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ace adventuring without a spoody aftertatse. **91%** winner




Die Hard Trilogy £19.99

■ **Company** Fox Interactive ■ **Players** 1 ■ **Special** Gun/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Three top games for the price of one. **92%** winner

DiscWorld £39.99

■ **Company** Psygnosis ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Fantasy 'comedy' adventure with annoying puzzles. **71%**

Disruptor £39.99

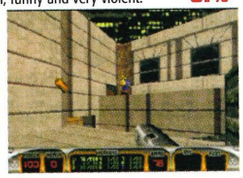
■ **Company** Interplay ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Slick ultimately yawnsome first-person shooter. Nice weapons though. **82%**

Doom £19.99

■ **Company** GT ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Bloody, dark shoot 'em up that's one of the all-time greats. **90%** Platinum

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. **91%** winner

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%**

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** SONY ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Sequel to Kileak the Blood fails to improve on a pretty poor game **64%**

ESPN Extreme Games £39.99

■ **Company** Sony ■ **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

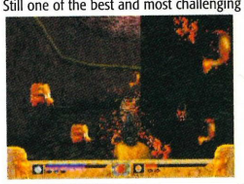
■ **Company** Sony ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A golf game that's - wait for it - fun! And great to play too. **85%**

Excalibur 2555AD £19.99

■ **Company** Telstar ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Merlin's niece goes sci-fi in this Tomb Raider wannabe. A near miss. **77%** Platinum

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%**

Extreme Snow Break £39.99

■ **Company** Microids ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Shite snowboarding rubbish. **50%**

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%** Platinum

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%** Platinum

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

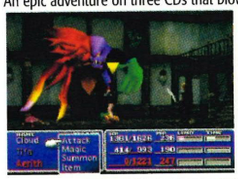
■ **Company** Eidos ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Beat 'em up adventure that's dull as dishwater. **66%**

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** Sony ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
An epic adventure on three CDs that blows away the competition. **97%** winner




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%** Platinum

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. **88%**

F1 97 £44.95

■ **Company** Psygnosis ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Improvements all round for this updated racer. **89%**

Formula Karts £44.99

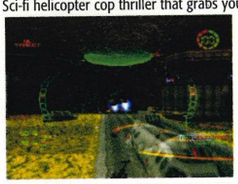
■ **Company** Telstar ■ **Players** 1-2 ■ **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Slick, nice-looking mini racing: fast and furious, but the tracks are short. **81%**

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** Sony ■ **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%**

Gex 3D £44.99

■ **Company** BMG ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very cool platform game. Loads of exploration and adrenalin. **91%** winner




Ghost in the Shell £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad, dual shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Manga-based robot shoot 'em up that's a bundle of laffs. **90%**

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%**

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%**

Help £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Road Rash, Myst and Broken Sword on one disc! **85%**

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 Sony **Players** 1-2 Rent it
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cool presentation and gameplay in Disney-inspired platformer. **81%**

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%**

Hybrid £39.99
Company Elite **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Could this be the worst PlayStation game ever? Almost... **14%**

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%**

Indy 500 £39.99
Company JVC **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad, steering wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Offensively average Indy car racing sim that's dull, dull, dull. **50%**

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 Platinum
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 £19.99
Company Konami **Players** 1-2 winner
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
One of the greatest football games on the planet. Enough said, we feel... **91%**




Different bosoms

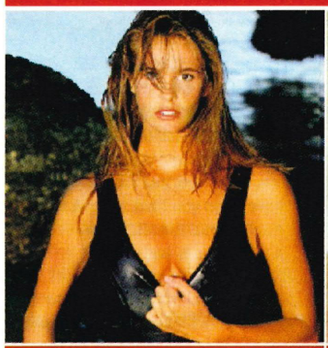
An I-Spy guide to boobs



The Spaniel's Ear
The least good kind of boob, Spaniel's Ears droop in an unappetising fashion. Old women usually have Spaniel's Ears. That's a good enough reason never to sleep with 'em.



The Fake Funbag
As worn by Pamela Lee, the Fake Funbag is a solid lump of plastic jutting out of the chest in an unrealistic fashion. Fake Funbags come in several sizes, from quite large to stomach-turningly vast.



The Hooter
A pleasant solid lump of bosom with perky nips. Hooters are fun for all. If you're a girl who suspects she might have Hooters, write to us at the usual address. We'll check 'em for you.



The Warhead
The Warhead is a pointed bosom that should be handled with extreme care. Warheads can be lots of fun, but they're not quite the dependable all-weather sort of boob Hooters are.



The Mighty Mama
Mighty Mamas ain't just your standard issue enormous tit. Owners of Mighty Mamas live in constant fear that their huge Mamas might turn into less attractive Spaniel's Ears.

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%**

ISS Pro £19.99
Company Konami **Players** 1-2 Platinum
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Soccer old-timer that's still slotting 'em in with the best of them. **91%**





Iznogoud £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Iz really no good. Iz shit, actually. **9%**

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 Sony **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 Sony **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 Sony **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 Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Perfect sequel to Jumping Flash, but not enough levels. A fiver more... **88%**

K1 £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%**

GEAR

Other stuff you need for your 'Station

PADS



Joytech Controller Plus £8.49

God this is cheap. It's less than half the price of the Sony pad. But it's much less than half the quality. And we mean that. This really is a worthless piece of junk.

Bringing it out will make people think you're living life on the grinding edge of poverty. Hell, they might even give you money...

Get it out for: Special occasions

Rated: You should file this up there with piles and herpes on your 'want' list. Working the directional pad takes more effort than many aerobics workouts, and you need a hammer to make any of the other keys go in.

In its favour, the turbos and shit do what turbos and shit do, but really you should buy this 'un only if it's for someone else. And you don't particularly like that person. And there are no other pads in the shop. Comprendo? **40%**

Gamester Clear Joypad £11.99

There's nothing inside! What new witchcraft is this? For about four seconds, this joypad's great, 'cos you're looking inside a joypad for the first time. Cool. Boy, that sheer joy of novelty consumer items. Then it gradually dawns on you that it's actually an icky piece of cheapo junk and that twelve quid isn't really a good price for four seconds of pleasure. Dang!

Get it out for: Looking inside.

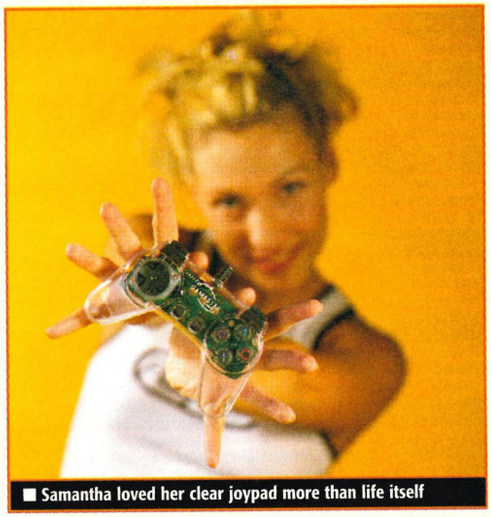
Rated: If you want to see inside a joypad, just take a gander at the picture. Cool, huh? Now you don't need to spend your good money on a lousy, ill-fitting pad with horrible little buttons on it. We have spoken. **40%**

Gamester Analogue Joypad £19.99

Ooh, those cheeky, cheeky lads at Gamester. This analogue pad looks more than a touch similar to the old faithful Sony pad, doesn't it.? It's even the same colour. Naughty, naughty. But don't let the resemblance fool you. See, the difference is all in the bollocks factor. This pad is bollocks. The Sony one ain't. It's all so simple when you think about it...

Get it out for: Disorientating your friends.

Rated: This works kind of like the Sony pad would if you spilt treacle into the little pad bits. You really have to work hard to make 'em turn round. And while we're on the subject, the buttons and stuff are pretty bollocks and all. You don't need us to tell you this'll do your gamesplaying no favours whatsoever. **60%**



■ Samantha loved her clear joypad more than life itself



■ Yes! Cool people just luuurve playing with crap joypads!

THE REST

ASCII Resident Evil 2 Control Pad £24.99

Gun-type control pad specially made for zombie murderers the world over.

Get it out for: Guess. Just guess.

Rated: Super-specific, but it does just what it says on the tin. **85%**

Sony Dual Shock Pad £24.99

Analogue pad that vibrates.

Get it out for: Impressing your friends.

Rated: Sweet. This'll melt your butter. It's top. **90%**

Hyperdrive £19.99

Stupid controller with wheely bit. Made by knuckleheads for knuckleheads.

Get it out for: Punishing those who displease you.

Rated: Total wank. Avoid. **50%**

InterAct ProgramPad £29.99

Joypad that 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%**



Gamester PSX I Control Pad £11.99

Pad that ain't kind to hands.



Get it out for: emergencies

Rated: If Santa brought you this, you'd kill Rudolph. **55%**

Sony Pad £17.99

Still about the best standard pad for your wonga

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%**

Explorer 32 Dual Format Control Pad £18.99

Looks like pus. Plays like shit.

Get it out for: Never, you hear us? Never.

Rated: Kill those responsible for this pad. Scatter their ashes to the four winds. **40%**

Analogue Pad £24.99

Feels chunky, plays great. Analogue function is dreamy.

Get it out for: Analogue games, especially racing games.

Rated: The usual joypad, but better. **96%**

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%**

PSX II Joypad £14.99

Yer basic joypad, but with turbos and autofires a-plenty.

Get it out for: 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%**

ASCII Grip £24.99

One-handed joypad that looks and feels a bit funny. For people with weird hands.

Get it out for: One-handed. Could be useful for Tomb Raider, eh readers?

Rated: Strangely relaxing, but shit-all use for speedy play **65%**



GUNS

G-Con 45 £59.99 (bundled with game)
This fearsome beast is hyper-accurate and sweet as a nut. Can be used with Time Crisis and other compatible games. By miles the most accurate gun you can get for the PlayStation. You have no excuse for not owning at least one of these, and if you want people to think you're cool, you have to own several...
Get it out for: Time Crisis; scaring the life out of petrol station attendants.
Rated: The best lightgun. This is an absolute dream to use, and it's so accurate it'll sift out the marksmen from the 'fire wildly in the right general direction' boys. Buy one. Now. **97%**

Joytech Real Arcade Lightgun £44.99
Slick cyber-sidearm with recoiling top bit. Budding badasses take note. Again, this'll only work with Time Crisis and a few other games. But don't let that put you off.

This is a well sexy item, and if you're looking for a firearm to annoy your mates with, the clicking noise this fella makes'll soon have their blood boiling...
Get it out for: 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. Still a top performer. **85%**

Predator £29.99
Tasty-looking lightgun that's pinpoint-accurate. And has flashing lights. Feels peach in the palm, and you could shoot off the head of a match with this 'un. Won't work with Time Crisis, though.
Get it out for: Die Hard Trilogy
Rated: It's well accurate, but too heavy for a long bout. If you're looking to murder a small-villages-worth of people you'll be fine, but any number of lads above the market-town level and your arm's gonna be hurting bad. **80%**

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%**



Hyperblaster £29.95
Looks crap, shoots like a mean bastid. Light, easy to use, and well accurate. Can't be used for Time Crisis, but we reckon you should forgive it. This is a piece you should be proud of.
Get it out for: Die Hard Trilogy.
Rated: Spot-on, brain-splatteringly accurate tool Until G-Con 45, this was the best gun in the business. Still, this is a tasty choice for any of your older pre-Time Crisis games. **95%**

Light Blaster £24.99
Dan Dare-esque death dealer that's got a cool little flashing light on top.
Get it out for: Kills and spills
Rated: Accurate, with murderously fast autofires and turbo buttons. We like this gun and not just because it makes us relive our Dan Dare fantasies. **85%**

GUBBINS

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%**

Gamester Memory Card £11.99
This is your average workaday memory card and it does the job fairly damn well.
Get it out for: Anything. Everything.
Rated: Does the job you want it to do. We like it. **95%**

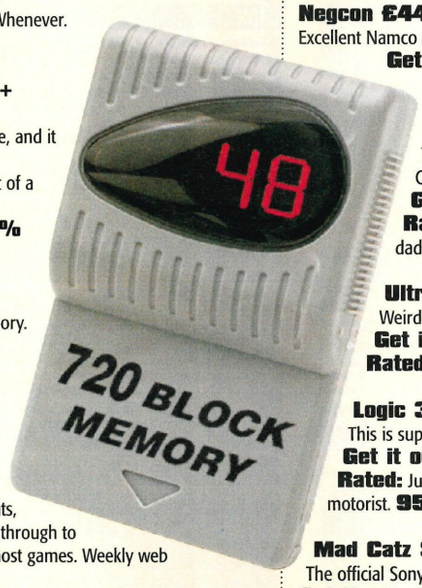


Sony Euro-AV cable £34.99
A sturdy SCART cable that delivers top picture quality.
Get it out for: Better pictures.
Rated: Does the job. **90%**

Sony Memory card £14.99
Stores up to 15 save points accessed automatically by the game. It works, and 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 bit of a challenge.
Rated: Prone to bugs. **60%**

Datel 720 Memory £29.99
Good golly. What a lotta memory.
Get it out: Not all games.
Rated: Pretty unreliable. **60%**



Datel Action Replay £39.99
Packed with stacks of cheats, it'll take you through to the end of most games. Weekly web updates.
Get it out: If you're stuck.
Rated: Useful. **80%**

Sony Mouse £24.99
It's grey, you get a free mat, and it works very well.
Get it out for: 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 for: No, don't.
Rated: Oops. **25%**

Sony Multitap £32.99
Designed for four-player games.
Get it out: To thrash your mates.
Rated: Smart. **95%**

Aura Interactor £24.99
Vibrating backpack makes your stomach churn with every bang.
Get it out: When you're feeling like stirring up your guts.
Rated: It works. But do you really want it to? **75%**

STICKS

Logic 3 Dominator £24.99
Big traditional joystick type stick which turns like a little sweetie..
Get it out for: Analogue compatible racing games.
Rated: For gaming grandpas everywhere it's nice to see the old joystick limping with us into the twenty-first century. **80%**

Sony ASCII Joystick £49.99
Big bashy joystick that's got the moves when it comes to chop-socky bashing action...
Get it out for: Annoying your mates at Tekken.
Rated: This oozes kung-fu class, but the turbos and autofires might make it a touch easy to come out tops in beat-em-ups. **80%**

PS II £34.99
Bashy arcade stick where the buttons are too big to get those Tekken combos a-flowin'.
Get it out for: Tekken 2, if you're not a combo fiend
Rated: A fine piece of kit with one obvious flaw... **75%**

Sony Analogue joypad £49.99
Big two-stick stick for budding Biggleses...
Get it out for: Air Combat 2.
Rated: Way specialist, but does the bizz. **70%**

WHEELS

Negcon £44.99
Excellent Namco games control, but not so good for Formula 1.
Get it out for: Rage Racer.
Rated: Takes a while to get used to. **90%**

Gamester II Wheel and Pedals
This goes all out to get rid of the faults of the Gamester I, and it does pretty damn well.
Get it out for: Tearing up the tarmac.
Rated: Not quite up to the gold standard of big daddy Logic 3, but still a tasty purchase. **94%**

Ultra Racer £29.99
Weird looking analoguey turning thing.
Get it out for: Rage Racer.
Rated: Use for Formula 1, but otherwise slick. **80%**

Logic 3 £69.99
This is super-slick. It's even got leather bits on it.
Get it out for: TOCA Touring Car.
Rated: Just about the ultimate accessory for the armchair motorist. **95%**

Mad Catz Steering Wheel
The official Sony wheel. It kicks ass.
Get it out: whenever takes your fancy.
Rated: Finger lickin' good. **93%**



■ Women often use steering wheels as weapons

The Knowledge: updated every month

Kick Off World — £34.99
Company Funsoft **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
OK-to-play footy effort that looks like it's from a bygone age. **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%**

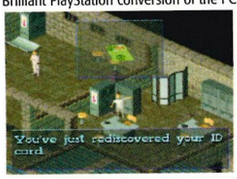
Krazy Ivan — £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Graphics win over playability in this robot game. **73%**

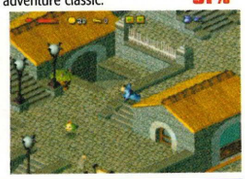
Kula World — £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very classy head-stretching puzzle game. **89%**

Kurushi — £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Block-based puzzle game that isn't going to be the next Tetris. **68%**

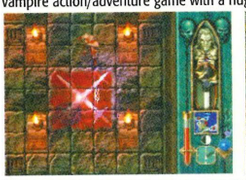
The Last Report — £39.99
Company Microids **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Adventure/puzzle game. Like Resident Evil except piss poor. **35%**

Little Big Adventure — £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Brilliant PlayStation conversion of the PC adventure classic. **91%**





Legacy of Kain — £44.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
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%**

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%**

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%**

Lucky Luke — £39.99
Company Infogrames **Players** 1
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Rent it!
A good laugh action game spoilt by shite platform bits. **79%**

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%**

Mickey's Wild Adventure — £39.99
Company Sony **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%**

Motorhead — £39.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Super-fast racer that pulls our chain. **92%**




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%**

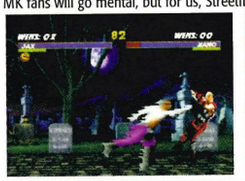
Micro Machines V3 — £19.99
Company Codemasters **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓ winner
The best multi-player game on the PlayStation. A real racing classic. **91%**




Monopoly — £39.99
Company Hasbro **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Multitap**✗
Smooth PlayStation version of the classic board game. **78%**

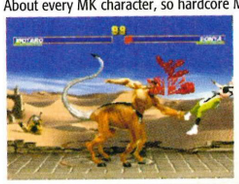
Monster Trucks — £44.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This off-road racer never really gets going... **82%**

Mortal Kombat 3 — £44.95
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
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**✗ winner
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 Grand Prix 2 — £44.99
Company Sony **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 Sony **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 Sony **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 Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
There is just too much dross on this disc... **71%**

Rabbits?

For and against

We analyse the pros and cons of one of Britain's fave household pets. Rabbits. They don't shit on you. They don't bite you. But do they actually do anything GOOD?

FOR:

Jessica Rabbit

Playboy bunnies

Rabbit pie



AGAINST:

They just sit there and eat lettuce and carrots. Just like road protestors.

Jive Bunny

Art Garfunkel's 'Bright Eyes'



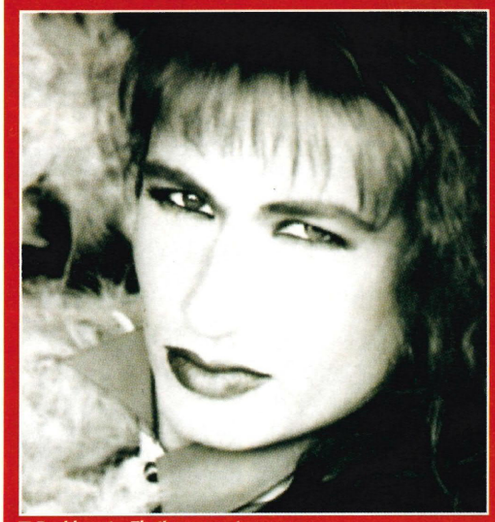
So that's what you used to look like...

We unearth the horrors lurking in famous folks' closets

DAVID DUCHOVNY

What could be more paranormal than a six-foot man with an Action Man jawline dressed up in a party frock and make-up? Sounds like a case for Mulder and Scully, right enough. Errr... well, it would be a case for 'em if it wasn't Mulder himself togged up in all the girly gear. Yup, you read that right. One of David Duchovny's earlier TV appearances was as a butch six-foot transvestite in Twin Peaks. And doesn't he look sweet? The truth is out there, sho' nuff...

And while we're talking X-Files, here's a picture of Scully (AKA Gillian Anderson). Not that there's anything surprising or new about them. We just like looking at her half-naked body. And so should you.



■ David, mate. That's no way to carry on



■ Ditch the gimp Gillian. We'll make sweet music together

Namco Museum Vol.4 £39.99

■ **Company** Sony ■ **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** Sony ■ **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 Fastbreak £39.99

■ **Company** Midway ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Very realistic but frustrating to play. **65%**

NBA Hangtime £39.99

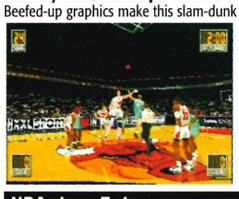
■ **Company** GT ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Basketball game. Bit of a laugh. Nuff said. Rent it **72%**

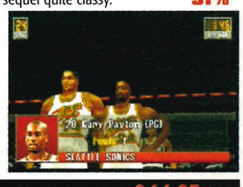
NBA in the Zone £44.95

■ **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. winner **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

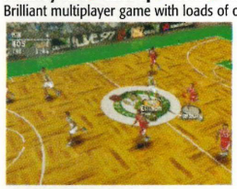
■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Uses the FIFA '96 graphics engine, and it shows all too clearly... **81%**

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. winner **91%**





NBA Pro 98 £39.99

■ **Company** Konami ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
We don't need anymore basketball games, thanks. **30%**

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... Platinum **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%**

Need for Speed III £39.99

■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2 ■ **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very fast, good-looking racer Miles better than one and two. **89%**

Newman Haas Racing £44.99

■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2 ■ **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A bit of a poor F1 copy. Only for die-hards. **75%**

NFL Gameplay £44.99

■ **Company** Sony ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pretty average in every department. **82%**

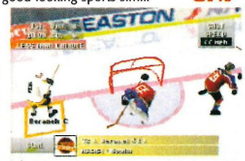
NFL Quarterback Club £39.99

■ **Company** Acclaim ■ **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Competent sports sim let down by blocky graphics... **75%**

NHL 97 £44.99

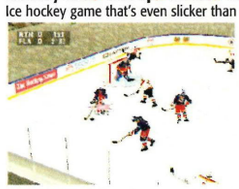
■ **Company** EA ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Polygon-based sprites make this a really good-looking sports sim... winner **91%**





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. winner **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** Sony ■ **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** Sony ■ **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. Rent it **70%**

Nightmare Creatures £39.99

■ **Company** Sony ■ **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. winner **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%**

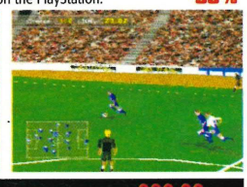
Olympic Games £44.95

■ **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. winner **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%**

The Knowledge: updated every month

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 £19.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Stunning effects instinctive gameplay puts other platformers to shame. **91%** Winner



Pandemonium 2 £44.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Big platformer, trippy visuals. Worth a look. **83%** Rent it

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 Sony **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%** Platinum

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%**

Phat Air Snowboarding £34.99
Company Funsoft **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Snowboarding-bandwagon-jumper that doesn't quite cut the mustard. **75%**

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%**

Pitfall 3D £39.99
Company Activision **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very playable platformer thankfully without cuteness. **84%**

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%**

Point Blank £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** G-Con 45
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Amazingly cool shooting-gallery-style compilation game. **92%** Winner



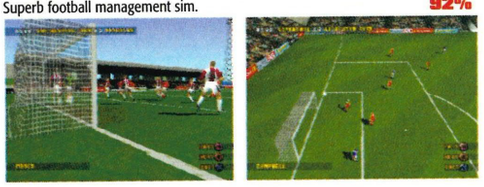
Porsche Challenge £19.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Driving game let down by lack of variety, and lack of tracks. **80%** Platinum

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%**

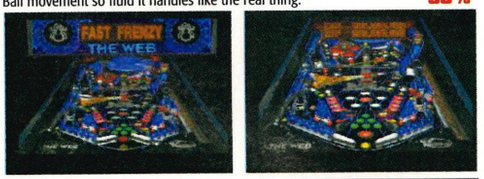
Power Soccer 2 £34.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Amazingly average footie game that won't hold your interest. **70%**

Poy Poy £34.95
Company Konami **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Cool multiplayer game. Not so good by yourself. **83%**

Premier Manager 98 £44.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Superb football management sim. **92%** Winner



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%** Winner



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%**

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 Sony **Players** 1 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Classic racing game. One of the best on the PlayStation. Buy it! **93%** Winner



Raging Skies £44.99
Company Sony **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%**

Rally Cross £34.99
Company Sony **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 Sony **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 Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Entertaining, but limited platform shoot 'em up. **80%** Rent it

Rascal £44.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Disappointing platformer made worse by cackola camera angles. **53%**

Rayman £19.99
Company UBI Soft **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Repetitive platformer with a lack of flexibility. **43%** Platinum

Ray Storm £34.99
Company Sony **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 Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Car chase game has some good action, but it's over far too quickly. **73%** Rent it

Real Bout: Fatal Fury RENTAL
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very stale and slow beat 'em up. Avoid. **30%**

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%**

Reboot £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Hover board game feels great to play, but limited. **83%** Rent it

Bad moments in life: number one

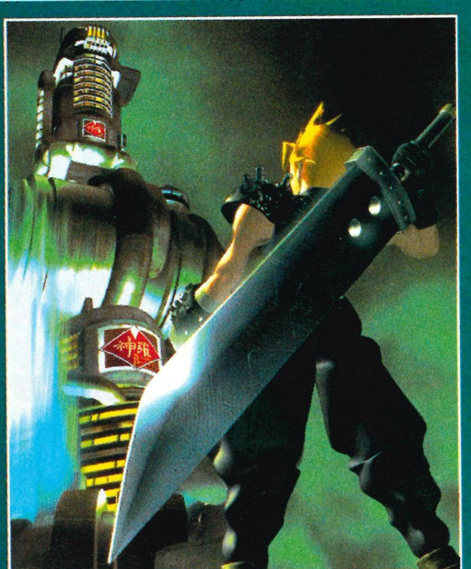
Final Fantasy bores

The bore says...

"And then, see I got the Omni-Quad-Summon up to level four right and I combined it in Cloud's left gimlet materia slot with a W-Slash mimic button, yeah, and that was gonna do 145,000 points of damage per round as well as giving an anti-magic shield and protecting against earthquake-based attacks, so I took out the Ultimate Weapon and went to fight Sephiroth, and I ate a couple of Zeio nuts and then used the Chaos Beast version of Vincent's level four limit break, see, combined with a Mimic materia and three Knights of the Round all at level four..."

What to do...

If confronted by someone using conversational gambits like this, do not respond. It'll only excite them. Sit nodding as if interested, but gradually move your hand to grab some sharp object. It's best to carry a combat knife in readiness, but an ordinary pint glass will do. Without warning, plunge your sharp object into the geek's torso and work it up and down till they're spitting blood and gurgling in agony. That'll shut 'em up.



■ Cloud Strife. Just don't talk about him, alright?

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**✗
This horror adventure is one of the PlayStation's finest games. Winner **94%**




Resident Evil Director's Cut £34.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cash-in version of the original that's got lots of nice touches. Winner **91%**




Return Fire £44.95

Company Warner **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
You take out enemy bases with a selection of army vehicles. Good fun. Winner **91%**




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 Sony **Players** 1 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent racing game, but lacking in tracks. Platinum **76%**

Ridge Racer Revolution £19.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Better than the original, with more cars and better controls. Rent it **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%**

Riven £49.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Clever and great looking puzzle game. But not for everyone. **84%**

Road Rash £19.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Straightforward, frustrating racing game. Platinum **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 Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Firefighting fun. A good laugh but more suited to youngsters. **78%**

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%**

Samurai Showdown Rental

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Abysmal rental-only beat 'em up. Rent it **19%**

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

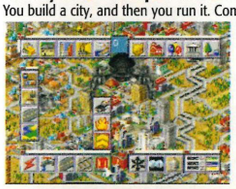
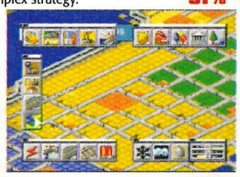
Company Core Design **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pretty second rate: levels are dull and grey, and action is very limited. **75%**

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**✗
You build a city, and then you run it. Complex strategy. Winner **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 Sony **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Slow, unresponsive game. You buy kit, but the actual matches are grim. **57%**

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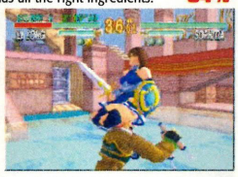
Company Sony **Players** 1-4
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Snow Racer £34.99

Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Lotsa fun racing game on boards and skis. **85%**

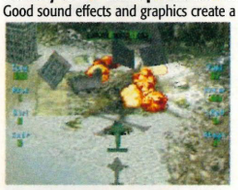
Soul Blade £34.95

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This classic weapons-based beat 'em up has all the right ingredients. Winner **94%**

Soviet Strike £19.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good sound effects and graphics create a classy 3D chopper shoot 'em up. Winner **92%**




Space Hulk £19.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Drag mercenaries around. Slow but good strategy/action game. Platinum **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%**

Spawn: The Eternal £39.99

Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Useless blend of beat 'em up and adventutre. Avoid. **32%**

Speed King £44.99

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%**

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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%**

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. Winner **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%**

Star Wars: Masters of Teras Kasi £34.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A shite bubble of a Star Wars beat 'em up. Absolute crap. **30%**

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

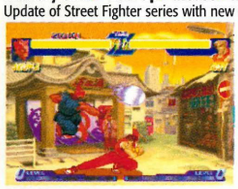
Company Mindscape **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull graphics, but 11 levels and variety of weapons can make this fun. Rent it **79%**

Steel Reign £34.99

Company Sony **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. Rent it **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. Winner **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. Winner **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%**

The Knowledge: updated every month

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%** winner




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 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... Rent it **81%**

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%** winner




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%** winner




Tekken — £19.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Namco's first beat 'em up. Interesting backgrounds, realistic characters. **90%** Platinum

Tekken 2 — £19.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Improves on a great original. One of the best fighting games around... **95%** winner




Tempest X3 — £34.99

Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
A PlayStation update of a justifiably great retro shooter. Rent it **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%**

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%**

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%**

Three Lions — £39.99

Company BMG **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Ugly, slow, boring and bollocks footy game that'll sap your will to live. **50%**

Tiger Shark — £44.99

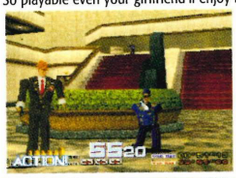
Company GT **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Impossibly high difficulty level ruins this otherwise excellent shoot 'em up. **72%**

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 Sony **Players** 1 **Special** Gcon 45
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
So playable even your girlfriend'll enjoy it. The definitive gun game. **93%** winner



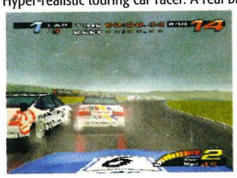
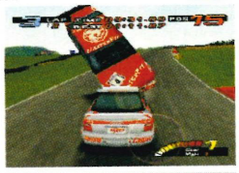

Tobal No.1 — £44.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
A fair beat 'em up improved greatly with the addition of a quest mode. **91%** winner




TOCA Touring Car Championship — £44.99

Company Codemasters **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Hyper-realistic touring car racer. A real blast. **91%** winner

Tomb Raider — £19.99

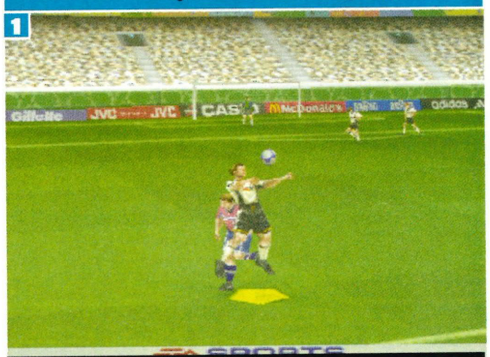
Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Top totty in Indiana Jones-style antics. One of the best games ever... **92%** winner




HMV Chart

What's everyone else buying?

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World Cup 98: it's a football thing

2



Gran Turismo: sleek

3



Resident Evil 2: burnin'

4



Tekken 2: hard

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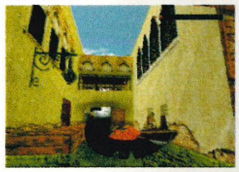
Men in Black: dark

Key:
(NE) New Entry
(RE) Re-Entry
(4) Position Last Month
(-) Same Position

1. **(NE) World Cup 98 (EA)**
Something to do with the real thing?
2. **(NE) Gran Turismo (Sony)**
Awesome racer worth your cash...
3. **(1) Resident Evil 2 (Virgin)**
Don't speak to us if you don't own this...
4. **(3) Tekken 2 (Platinum)**
Still on of the 'Station's best scraps.
5. **(NE) Men in Black (BMG)**
Will and Tommy Lee go at it...
6. **(2) Tomb Raider (Platinum)**
Nice price, superb game...
7. **(8) Crash Bandicoot (Platinum)**
Climbing a place. Funny, that...
8. **(6) Micro Machines V3 (Platinum)**
Small cars. Titchy price.
9. **(4) Die Hard Trilogy (Platinum)**
Brucey bonus. Wahey!
10. **(5) Three Lions (BMG)**
Dropping, 'cos it's pants.

Tomb Raider 2 £44.99

Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
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 Sony **Players** 1-8
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✓
Pretty damn fine basketball game with some excellent attention to detail. **83%**

Total NBA 97 £34.95

Company Sony **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 Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Derivative fighting game that would take a pasting from Namco any day... **76%**

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%**

Twisted Metal £39.99

Company Sony **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 Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Good sequel even grander in thrills and spills than the original. **88%**

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%**

V-Ball Beach Volley Heroes £34.99

Company Funsoft **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Kung-fu-esque volleyball effort that's plenty fun in two-player. **75%**

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%**

Vigilante 8 £39.99

Company Activision **Players** 1-2
Special Analogue pad, dual shock pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Excellent mix of racing and carnage, Superb. **91%**




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

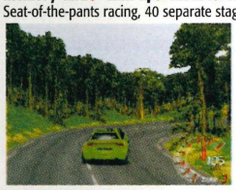
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
This is a great pool game which is a pretty realistic simulation. **85%**

VMX Racing £34.99

Company Funsoft **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Dirt bike racing game that looks like it's about a thousand years old. **50%**

V-Rally £44.99

Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
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%**

VR Powerboat Racing £39.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Special Steering wheel, analogue pad, NegCon
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Speedboat racing sim that is waaaay bollocks. **40%**

Vs £39.99

Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
L.A. gang war beat 'em up that's fun but looks a little bit ugh. **83%**

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 Sony **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Instantly playable, though controls are tricky at first. **82%**

Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey 98 £39.99

Company GT **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✓
Fast and furious, but won't last long. **74%**

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%**

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
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✓ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Bigger and better in every way than its great predecessor. **94%**




World Cup 98 £39.99

Company EA **Players** 1-8
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✓
Fast, tasty-lookin' footy sim that's cooking on gas. **90%**

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%**

World League Soccer £39.99

Company Eidos **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
This is the cream of the crop when it comes to footy games. Buy it. **93%**




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%**

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%**

Z £39.99

Company Sony **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%**

Quiz

Chopsocky or sushi?

Avoid embarassment in Jap restaurants with our useful quiz. Pick out which of the six names are PlayStation beat 'em up characters and which are, instead, sushi dishes. Are you in danger of ordering a Paul Phoenix instead of a rice paper roll? Find out below.

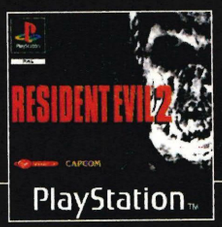
Fish/fighter?

1. Bakuryu
2. Ikura
3. Taishiji
4. Kazunoko
5. Sakazaki
6. Asamiya
7. Kohada
8. Hirame
9. Akagai
10. Shoshinjo
11. Nobunaga



Answers: Nobunaga and Taishiji are from Dynasty Warriors. Sakazaki and Asamiya are from King of Fighters 95. Shoshinjo is from Battle Arena Toshinden. Bakuryu is from Bloody Roar. Hirame, Kohada, akagai, kazunoko, Ikura and asamiya are assorted raw fish on vinegar rice with wasabe

#10 Resident Evil 2

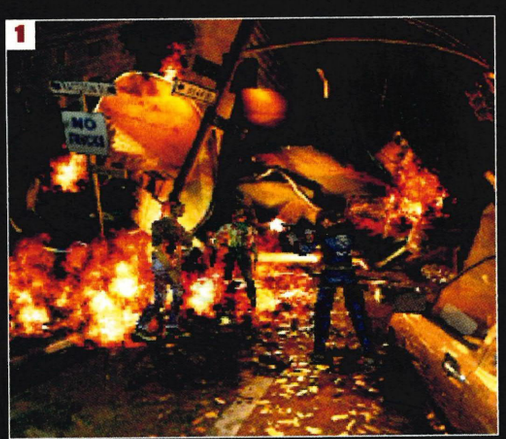


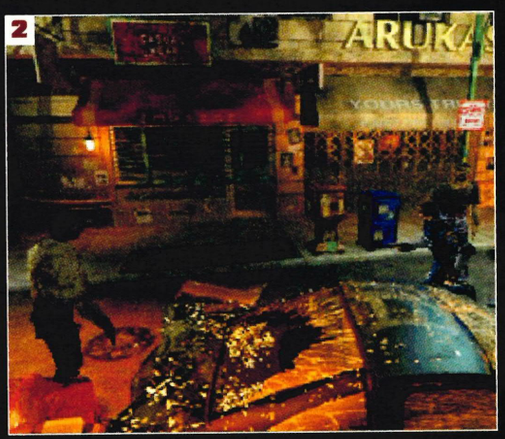
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Costs: £49.99
Players: 1
First Out: April 1998

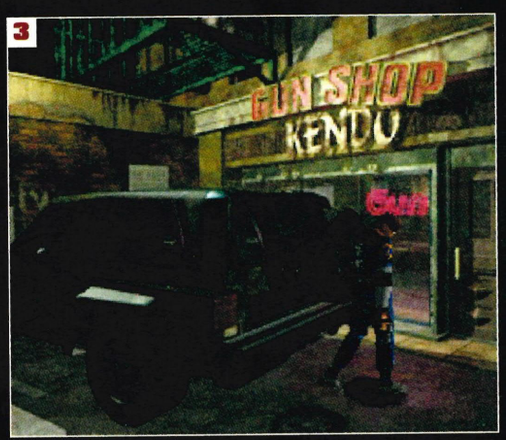
What we said then:

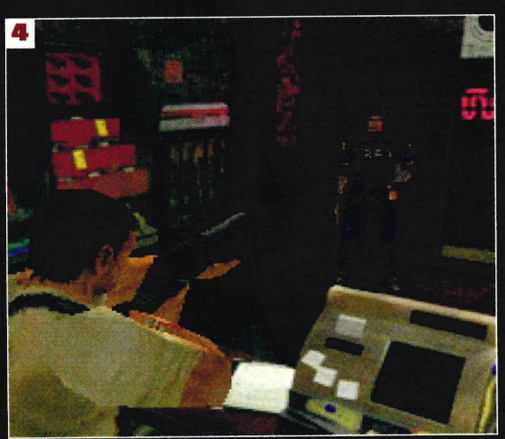
'When you see zombies' heads rolling around... that's when you know it's a classic. Get yourself some incontinence pants cos you're gonna fill 'em every couple of minutes. Resident Evil 2 is the absolute bollocks'

The story so far First day on the job for floppy-fringed cop Leon, and he's in a shitload of trouble. Zombies! Fahsands of 'em! And Leon's on the menu. Armed only with a puny pistol, he's got to get out of trouble. Fast.













That magic moment [1] 'Jesus H Bomb! There's zombies everywhere!' Leon may look like he belongs in a boy band, but he's gonna have to be ultra-tough to beat this lot **[2]** Ignoring the super-cool fire effects, he makes a dash for safety... **[3]** And runs smack bang into a gun shop. That's a bit of luck. Or is it? **[4]** The owner ain't too pleased to see him, and he's holding the only gun in the shop. Right at Leon's head. Yurk! **[5]** But then Leon shoplifting is the last thing on his mind when the undead suddenly burst in and... **[6]** Decide they're going to eat in tonight. Mmm, gun shop owner. Very tasty!

Why we like it No slow build-ups for Resident Evil 2. You start off right in the thick of things. There's no time to stand around admiring some jaw-dropping graphics, you gotta save your own ass. And it's a frantic race for survival. We say, if more games started like this, the world would be a better place.



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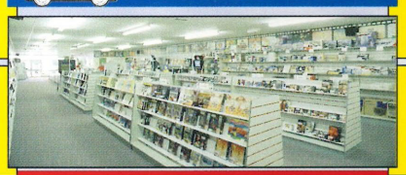
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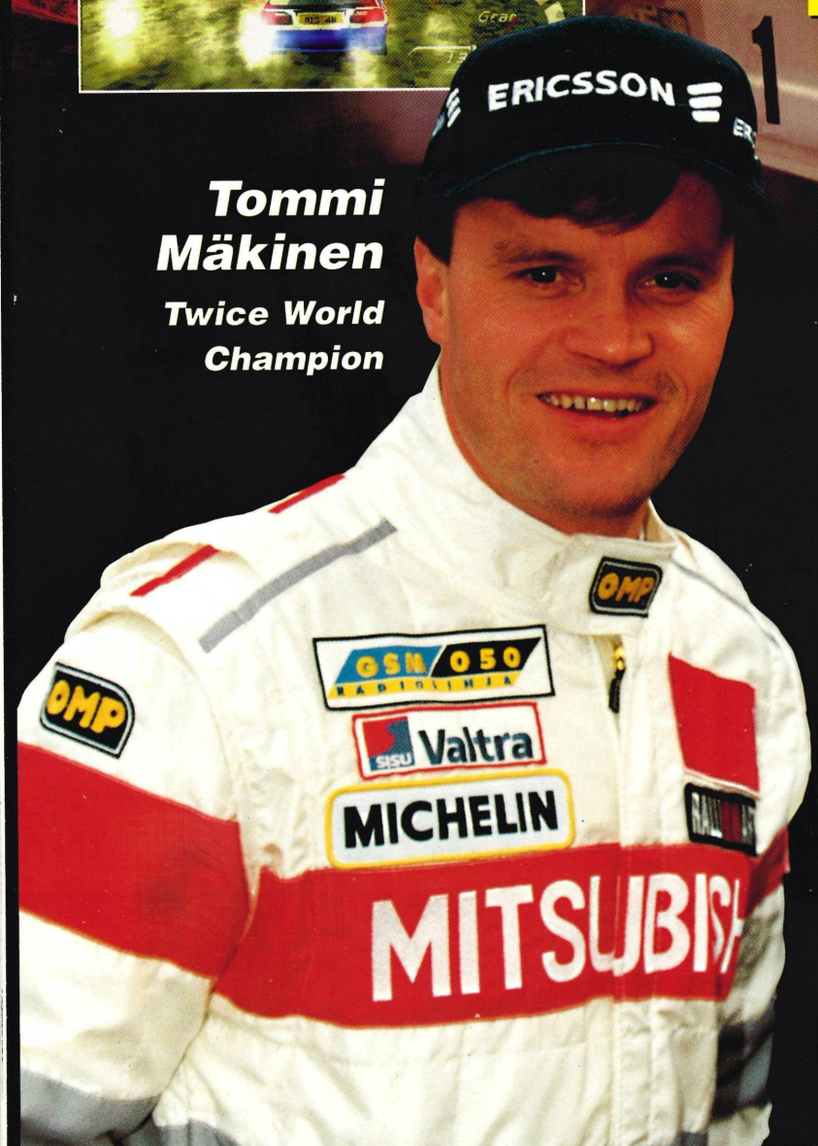




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