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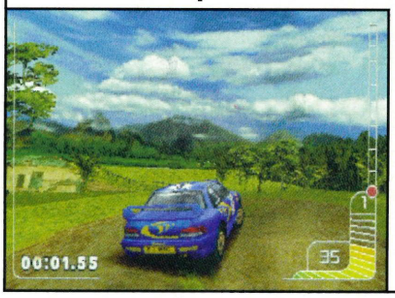


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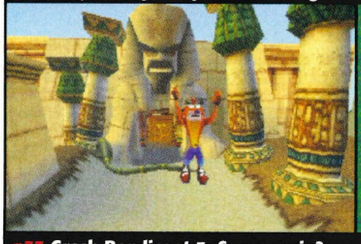
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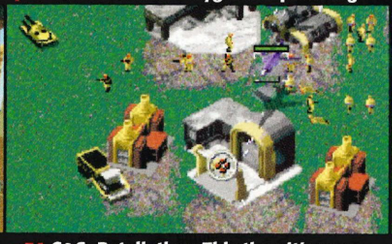
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The Works

FORMULA 1 98

p6 Leather all-in-ones bodysuits and helmets dripping in sweat. Strap yerself in, this is gonna be one helluva ride!



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What's the fastest thang you've ever driven? A shagged out Escort? Hey, you might even floored it in a souped-up Golf GTi. But you ain't seen nuthin' yet, 'cos when you're strapped behind the wheel of a million-pound Formula 1 car you're in for a ride that's even better than your girlfriend.

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1 Smart replays ahoy in this here game **2** Sneaky git! Just as you were going for first place, Hill pulls over in front **3** Probably best to stay on the track, really **4** Ooh, this crash is really gonna hurt **5** Just look at the gorgeous scenery

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The Works: F1 98 first play

What we like

Great behind

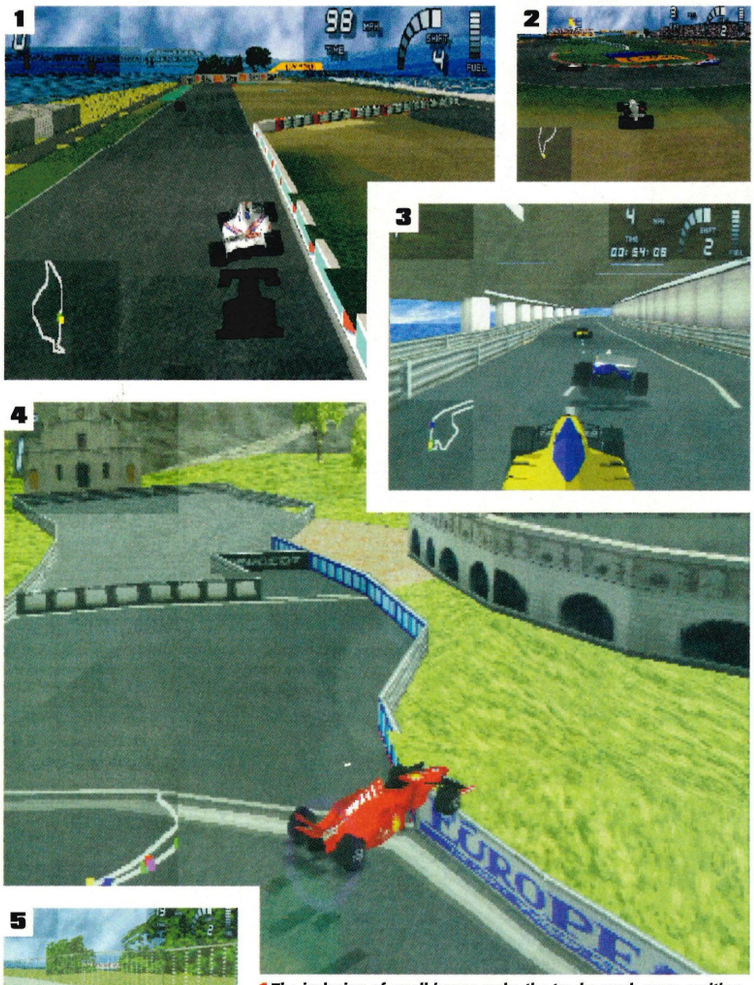
The backgrounds in most racing games look flatter than a teenage girl's chest. The ones in F1 98, though, are lush: jam-packed with detail. All the proper advertising boards are there, along with all the usual trackside detail you'll see when the races are on the telly. Smart.



1 Looks like you're drivin' in front of a capacity crowd so don't screw up 2 Even when the camera zooms out you can still see all the detail 3 Looks great here, even better when it's moving

Gameplay

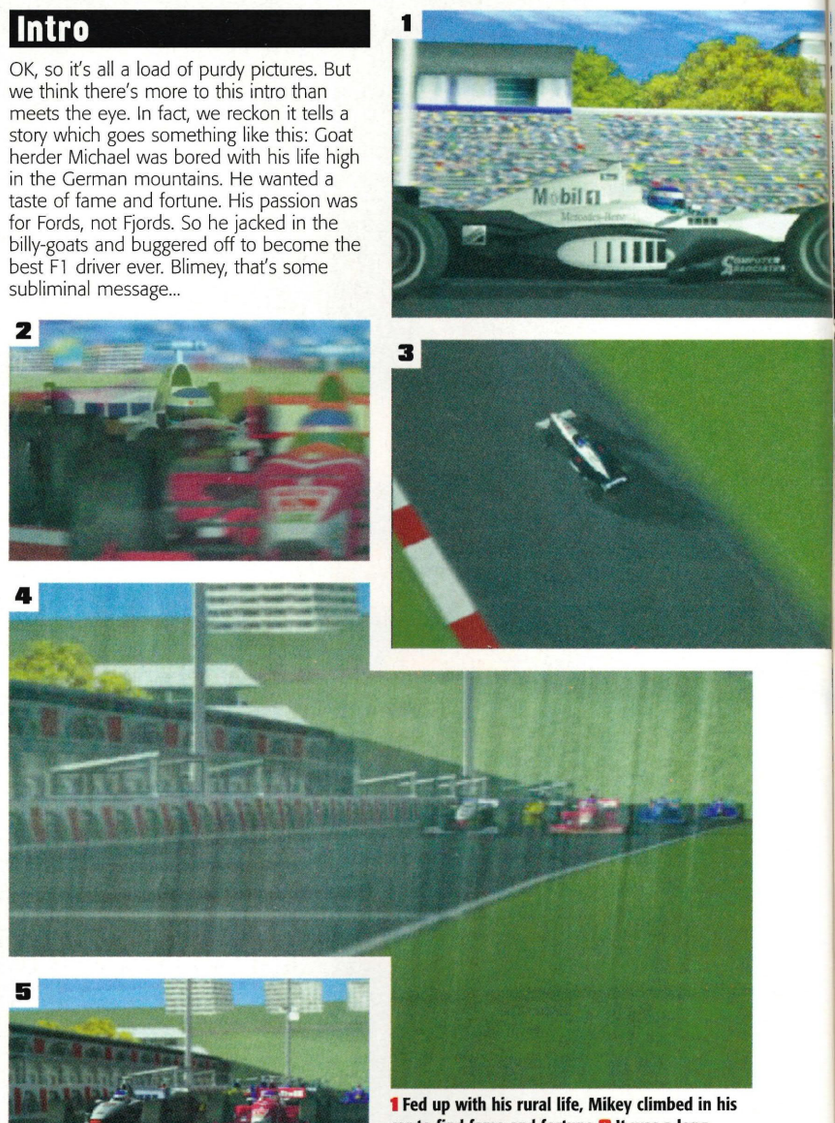
Formula 1 98 ain't no sloppy revamp, it's a whole new game. Yup, this baby is all-new, so it's gonna be pretty different from other Formula 1 racers we've seen. The whole point of this game is that it's dead easy to get into. It's much more arcadey than other F1 games. It's all about speed and action, not specs and stats. And, y'know, we kinda like that...



1 The inclusion of small jumps make the tracks much more exciting 2 Billy was chuffed with his trackside seat, even though it cost him the earth 3 Because F1 98's more action than simulation expect loadsa bump and grind action 4 'I knew I should've taken that last right...' 5 Take it easy or you'll trash yer car

Intro

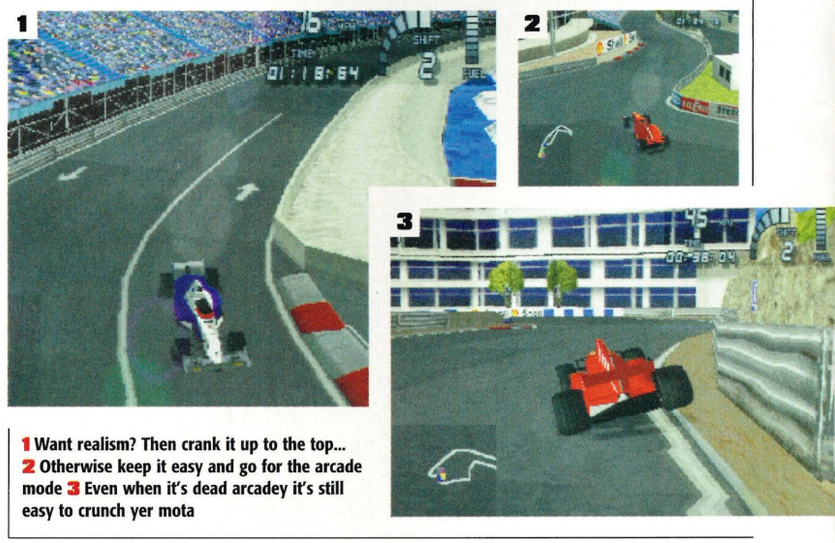
OK, so it's all a load of purdy pictures. But we think there's more to this intro than meets the eye. In fact, we reckon it tells a story which goes something like this: Goat herder Michael was bored with his life high in the German mountains. He wanted a taste of fame and fortune. His passion was for Fords, not Fjords. So he jacked in the billy-goats and buggered off to become the best F1 driver ever. Blimey, that's some subliminal message...



1 Fed up with his rural life, Mikey climbed in his car to find fame and fortune 2 It was a long journey, taking him through busy city streets... 3 And along desolate country roads 4 He even endured torrential rain... 5 But in the end... oh bollocks to this

Realism

Since Formula 1 98's the official F1 game, it's bound to be realistic right? And y'know? It is. Or as realistic as you want it to be, anyway. Fiddle around with the angle of the wings or switch between tyres to change the setup for different conditions, it's up to you. You can even muck around with gear ratios. So if you wanna get yer fingers dirty, go for it.



1 Want realism? Then crank it up to the top... 2 Otherwise keep it easy and go for the arcade mode 3 Even when it's dead arcadey it's still easy to crunch yer mota

'It's all about speed and action...'

Circuits

F1 98's got all the proper championship circuits and because they've been been completely re-done since Formula 97, they look pretty different. There's a lot more detail in the scenery and, unlike the last F1, the background objects don't spring into view so badly. Don't believe us? Then check out this tour around the Monaco circuit...



1 It's chock-a-block on the starting grid as the lights turn green. What are you waiting for, floor it! **2** Get through the pack quickly to take the first right on the inside **3** The circuit goes up a slight hill, then turns sharply to the right so ease off the gas **4** Slam on yer anchors to make it round the hairpin in one piece **5** Watch out for the right-hander just before you enter the tunnel **6** Squeeze dem brakes once more to ease around the left/right/left chicane **7** The swimming pool complex. What's so complex about a big puddle of water is beyond us though **8** And it's into the final bend. Take a right for the pits if you need more gas

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'This sport's about cacking yer pants at high speeds. Supersonic...'



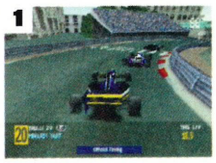
'It'll shift like shit off a shovel'

A year on...

Twelve months later and what's changed? Well, quite a lot and, um, not that much. Let us explain. The team stats have obviously been fiddled with, so all the right drivers are now signed to the right teams. The game itself has changed loads too. Have a gander at these comparisons and we'll tell you how...

Gameplay

This is the stuff that really matters: is it a floater or a sinker? You couldn't really fault F1 97's gameplay 'cos is was fun to play, but there were stacks of simulation bits that were a bit of a drag. F1 98's gonna have all the realistic bits too, but it'll be a helluva lot easier to get straight into the game without having to wade through pages of tedious shite. Sounds good to us.







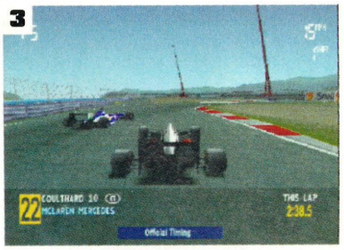


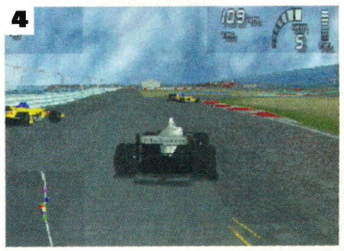
1 Before you got to race in F1 97 you had to struggle through loads of options 2 There's none of that now. Just go straight for the race 3 Since Formula 1 97's really sharp and detailed it's pretty slow 4 F1 98 isn't quite so crisp but it moves dead fast

Graphics

It's early days yet but check out how both games look. Formula 1 97 is in high resolution, which means it's crisp and detailed. However, that also means it's dead slow. F1 98's in good ol' low resolution which may mean it looks slightly blockier, but it'll shift like shit off a shovel.



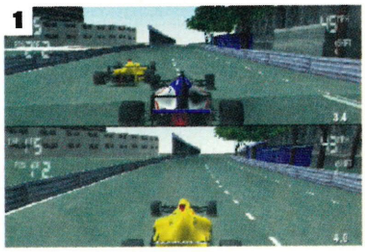


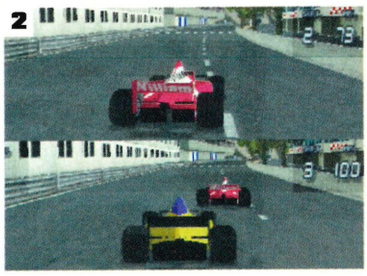


1 In the old 'un you could see through walls. Nasty... 2 That doesn't happen here though, 3 There's no detail in the sky in F1 97 4 Looks like rain back in 98 though...

Two-player

F1 97's two-player game wasn't up to much. There was bugger all trackside detail and there were no other cars to race against – just you and a mate. Yawn. That's all changed here 'cos now you can have up to four people playing at once. You can have up to 10 computer-controlled cars too. Goddammit, that sure is impressive.







1 In the two-player mode you can hardly recognise Monaco 'cos there's no scenery 2 Look, some background detail! That's more like it! 3 Hang on a sec, where have the crowd gone? 4 The sods must've turned up a year late

Cars

There isn't that much difference in the game's cars, 'cos they haven't changed that much in real life.

'Course, some of the drivers have moved about and most of the the motas have had a new lick of paint but apart from that, they're pretty much the same. Sorry, but that's real life for you.





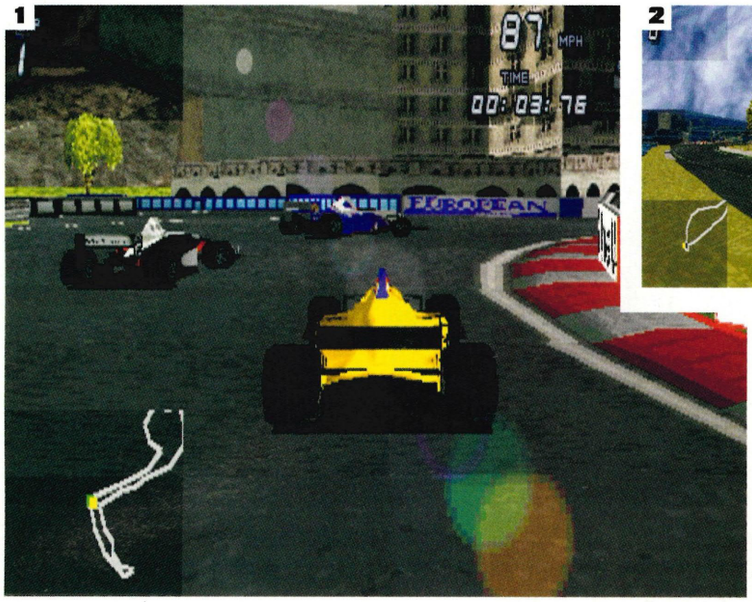
1 Last year the Williams was a shiny blue colour... 2 Now it's a lovely red. What a difference a year makes, huh?

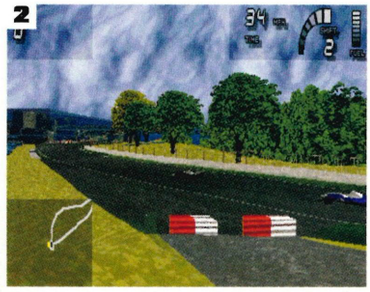
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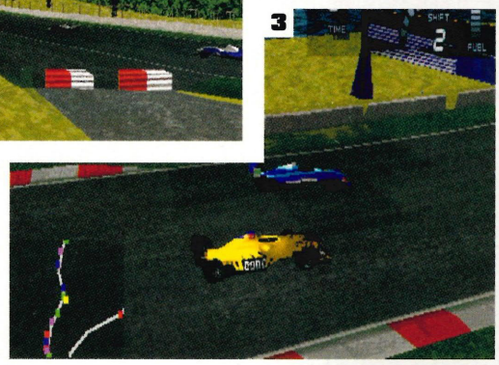
Graphics

Let's get this straight: Formula 1 98 is still a few months from being finished so there are still a load of things which've gotta be tidied up. There'll be tons more detail on the cars, a lot of the objects on the side of the track will be animated and the pits will have a real, working crew. Oh, the cars will have working mirrors too, so you can swerve out of the way of any bastid driver trying ram you from behind.











1 Check out the background detail. Nice, huh? **2** The replay views the race from stacks of different angles **3** OK, so it doesn't look that fast here. But it is. Honest **4** These are early shots but they give you a rough idea of what it'll be like... **5** The version you'll play will be much more detailed



Cars and teams

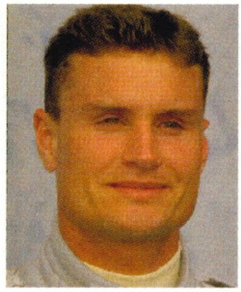
Damon Hill left Arrows and buggered off to Jordan. McLaren built a car which shat all over the others. All the tyres have now got grooves in 'em. OK, so it's not mind-blowing but these are some of the changes you can expect in the driver line-ups and the teams they're signed to. Jacques Villeneuve still hasn't bothered to turn up for the race though, so you'll have to make to with 'Williams Driver One' instead. Bah.



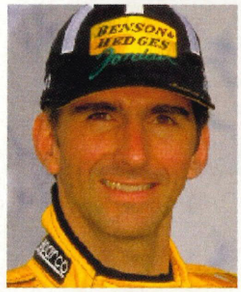
■ C'mon then, pick a car, any car...



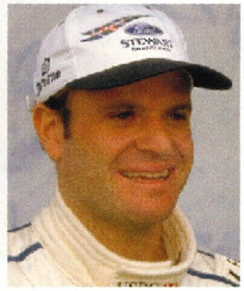
■ Have a gander at each mota's stats



■ 'Unlucky! I've got more championship points than you!'



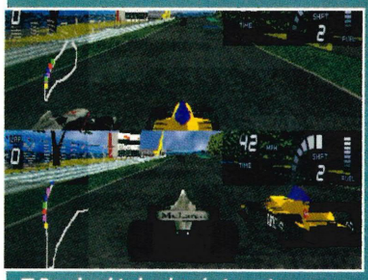
■ 'So what. At least I haven't got hamster cheeks. Ponce'



■ 'Don't take two bottles into the shower. Just wash 'n' go'

Two-player

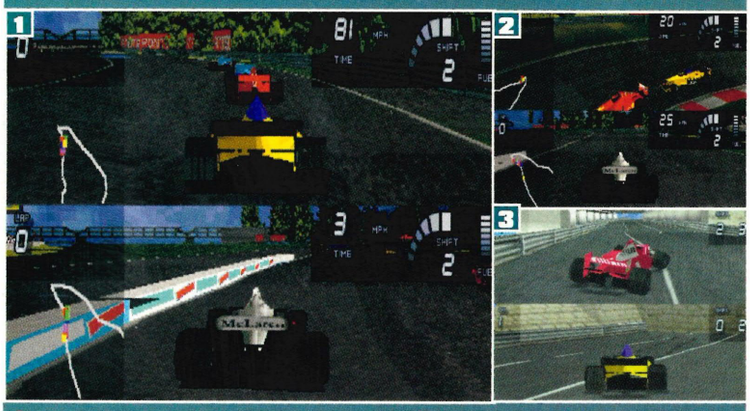
The multiplayer's sweet in F1 98. On top of the two-player you can have four blokes playing at once, linking two machines together and playing split-screen on each. Add that to the 10 computer cars and you get... well, loads of cars steaming round the circuit. But that's not the half of it. There's loads more track detail in the multiplayer game than in F1 97, so when you're racing around Monaco you actually get to see all the buildings. About time too.



■ Race head-to-head against a mate...



■ Or bring in computer cars for competition



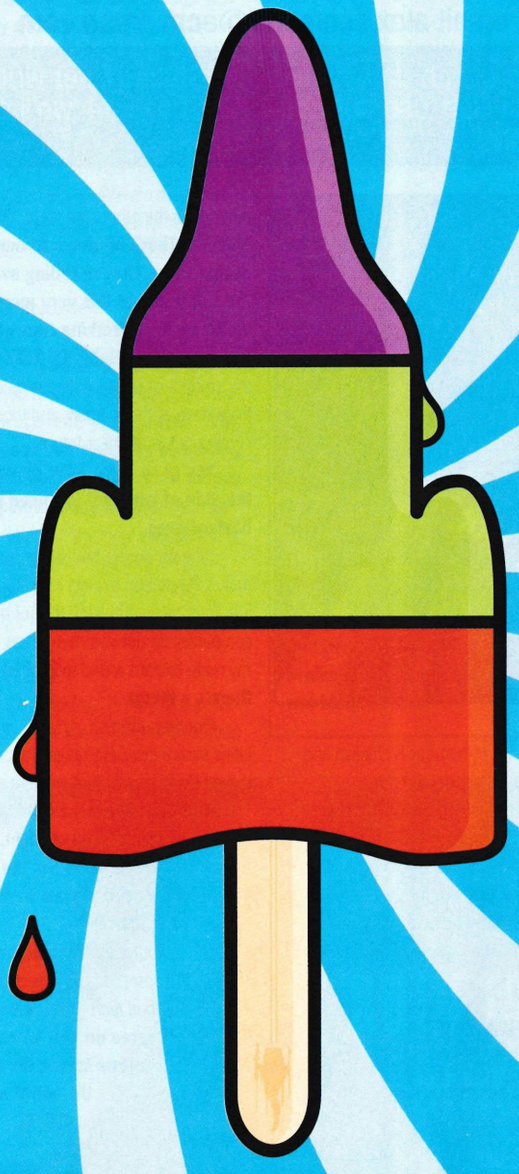
1 You can either play two-player with the split-screen... **2** Or four-player if you've got two machines linked together **3** There's no slowdown here so you've still gotta watch your speed

plus

We'd like to say...

You're thinking, 'Why?', right? We'll tell you. Formula 1 98's not just a cruddy revamp, it's completely new. OK, so it's got the same courses, cars and drivers, but if you're an F1 nut you'll love it. It's a damnsight faster too. The sport's about cacking yer pants at high speed so it'd be stoopid if it was anything less than supersonic.

RE - FRESH!



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■ Exclamation marks: model's own

YANKING OFF

After reading just one issue of your PlayStation plus, I was practically speechless. You people are sick. **Yup. But there ain't no medicine for what we got** You insult your readers and display unnecessary pictures of half-naked women. Your sense of humour is childish and immature. All of you are perverts.

In other words, you're my kind of people and I'm going to keep buying your magazine.

Daniel Wolfe, South Bend (USA) **Hell, for a nice letter like that we'll even forgive you for being a servant of Uncle Sam. But if you like ice hockey games your ass is toast**

arse A DOOFUS WRITES...

I have owned a PlayStation since Christmas. I can truthfully say it has been the best year of my life. **You maladjusted little dickweed** But my happiness was cut short upon buying your mag. **Shurely not. Our hearts bleed** It made me physically sick. And yet strongly aroused. **What a revolting thought** You don't even talk about games anymore, just girls and jerking off over Lara Croft's chest area. IT'S A DISGRACE! Next time, I will buy a decent mag because yours is just MAN FAT! **Come again? 'MAN FAT'?** Print my letter because **power to the people** people need to know. **Maybe lay off the 'becauses' for your next sentence, Baz, OK?** You had better print it because it is better than the shit you write in your mag.

I also think it is a national disgrace that you slag off Adam Ay, he's GREAT. **We stand by our view that he should be banned from reviewing games forever**

Barrie Reid, New Brighton **Barrie, we know your game. You're just trying to wind us up. Hey, you succeeded!**

TERAS KHAZI

Alison 'Teras-Kasi-is-great' Black said every character on Teras Kasi has more than 50 moves. So what? That doesn't makeup for poor graphics and gameplay.

In Tekken 2 each of the 25 characters has more than 50 moves, combos and throw combos: far more! Everyone knows that. **We're with you there** So, Alison, snap your Teras Kasi CD into a quadrillion pieces and buy Tekken 2 now! **You listening to the man, Alison?**

Matthew Kilpatrick, email geezer

CACKY GAMES

Yo, before I start I'd just like to say that I think your magazine is laid out so much better than the others out there. **Oh yes indeedy. That's all down to our super-slick design team. They're toiling away down in the salt mines at this very moment while we sit up here drinking cups of tea. Bless 'em** Now down to business. Just complaining at the amount of utterly shite games out on the Playstation at the moment and those that are coming out in the near future.

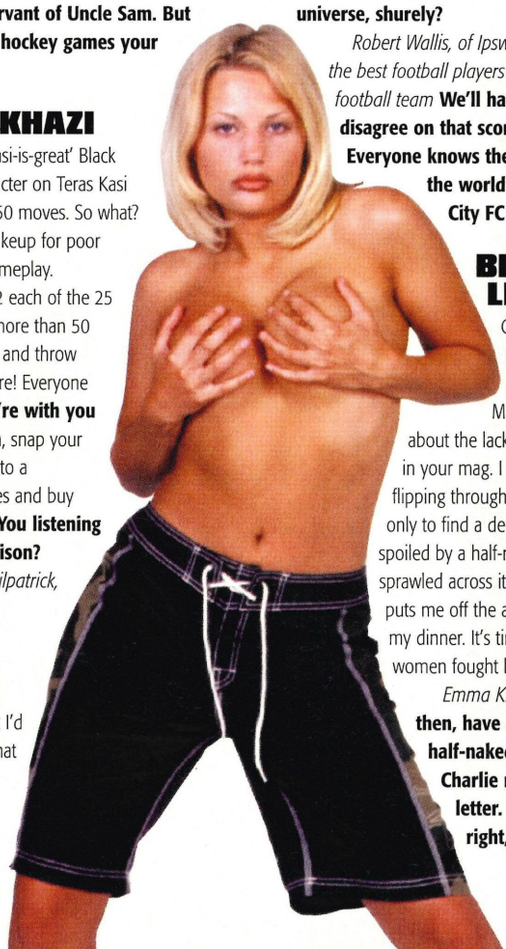
You're so right. Why do we tolerate this tide of garbage? We need guns. Big bastard guns

Why do people buy shit games? It just makes Playstation owners look stupid when they just keep buying the guff. If all of those companies do not sort there ideas out I will send my mate Richard round to beat 'em up. **Now there's a threat...**

One last question, why did you give Three Lions such a low percentage? Its shooting system is the best in any football game.

And there we were thinking you had your head screwed on straight. You meant to say that Three Lions has the most godawful shooting system in the known universe, shurely?

Robert Wallis, of Ipswich, home of the best football players and the best football team **We'll have to agree to disagree on that score, sadly. Everyone knows the best team in the world are Leicester City FC**



BIMBO LIMBO

Go Girls. I was so pleased to read Hannah Milton's letter about the lack of naked men in your mag. I get pissed off flipping through PlayStation plus only to find a decent article spoiled by a half-naked bimbo sprawled across it which not only puts me off the article but also my dinner. It's time us real women fought back.

Emma Knife **Go on then, have a picture of a half-naked pic of Charlie next to your letter. Serves you right, sourpuss**

Postie's sack

Little oddments that crop up

Why doesn't anyone bring out a Scottish football game? We're sick of the English hogging all the glory! **What glory?!**
5 Scottish lads, Scotland

Why don't you print pictures of women like Lolo Ferrari?
Psycho, Down South

Dear Playstation Plus,
I hate Ash and love naked women. Please remember me as I love you.
Duncan Breeze, Ipswich

People are now running away from me.
Ryan Wilson, Birmingham

Why do you always put nudey woman pictures in your mag?
Stuart Jarret and Chris, Cheshire

Dear idiots,
My husband loves playing Resident Evil 2 to pieces. It's quite funny watching him getting mad at the game, but that's another story.
Amanda Ling

I would like to know if you agree with my four statements...
Antonio Embidely

Shocked... speechless... vulgar... nude man... moral obligation... obviously oversexed woman.
A Sheen

Phew I'm glad I got that out of my system.
A Woods, Cornwall

MIGHTY MAMAS

Mighty mamas rule! Give us a picture of Anna Nicole Smith and everyone'll see what I mean! **Sigh. If we must** And while I'm here: thanks for giving games HONEST scores instead of the 'I-hope-we-don't-upset-the-software-company' marks dished out by other mags **It's not rocket science. Bad games get bad marks...**

Twink, Leicester

MRS GOGGINS

Upon the morning of May 21st, I sat on the doormat eagerly awaiting my very own copy of your latest, brilliant, fantastic, perfect, marvellous, godly, king of a magazine. **Aw shucks** I was delighted when it arrived, thanking Pat and Jess as they departed. I opened it, looking forward to a jolly time appreciating the female body. But I was mortified to find a distinct lack of babes wearing very little indeed, unlike other issues. **Sorry bout 'dat. The doctor warned us we had to lay off the scantily-clad babes or our wrists would atrophy. But we're back in peak condition now** Had Mrs Goggins been censoring it with a pair of scissors **Nah. Mrs Goggins was downstairs making our sandwiches as always. Now she's got her pills, she doesn't come charging upstairs with the scissors anymore** or was this a genuine mistake on your part?

From your friends in Cheshire

MUSHY PEAS WITH THAT, MATE?

Where can I get a chip from? **Try your local fish and chip shop**

Mark D'Ardeme, Kent,

MOANING GIT

Why is it when people write in with questions or statements, you insult them? **Dunno why we does it, we jus' does it. You twat. Oops, there we go again** Do you think that it is humourous to do this? **Oh yes**

I personally dislike your attitude towards your paying readers who are kind enough to write in and fill up the pages that you cannot fill with your mindless drivel. The best you can do is swear at them which evidently you think is dexterous and amusing. You're pathetic. **Ooh, get you**

Lovingly, Jonathan R, Lincoln ***we have his full address***

BOOM, BOOM, SHAKE THE ROOM

Is there a game called 'Boom'? Not Doom, 'Boom'. A mental mate of mine says there is a 'Boom: Ultimate' coming out for the Playstation.

David Airey, Liverpool **Boom? C'mon, pull the other one. Your mate's a tossbag. Ditch him before he starts telling you about Teatfighter Ex Plus Alpha and Womb Raider**

GIRLY IN THE HOUSE

I'm writing to say I totally agree with Vix from Reading. Lara Croft is a really great role model for both men and women. **Yup. We bin getting out there and spraying Uzi fire at dogs just like wor Crofty showed us** I'm a girl who is mad about the PlayStation and I love your mag. That picture of the bloke playing with himself in the June issue was well nasty. If there are women out there who want to see more pictures of naked lads in magazines perhaps you should stop complaining and buy a different magazine as I know that myself and lots of other female PlayStation readers aren't bothered by the 'girly' pictures. **Yay!**

Taja Naidoo, Berkshire

JOB APPLICATION

I've got to get a job to pay off the mortgage – is there any chance of a reviewer's job? **Nah. Why not downsize your home slightly by moving into a cardboard box, and then earn money to survive by panhandling passers by?** I've been messing around on the Playstation since they were bloody expensive and know a crap game when I see one.

Mark Rickson, Huddersfield

BABE TALK

Will the bird in 'The Fifth Element' be as cute as Lara Croft or as gross as the woman in Deathtrap Dungeon? **She is dressed entirely in Elastoplast, which doesn't tend to get Percy jumping to attention, but she was a regular scorcher in the film, wasn't she?**

Yours sexistly,

Simon Jones, Devon

RESIDENT WEEVIL

To Craig Riley from Bromsgrove who criticised Resident Evil 2 – you want puzzles, go watch Countdown. If you want to blow up zombies' heads, play Resident Evil 2. Hmm, what a difficult decision – half an hour with the well-groomed Richard Whitely or several hours with the hunky, floppy-fringed Leon? No contest. So I suggest you pull on your anorak and nip down to your local newsagents to buy a copy of Puzzle Monthly **Oi! Leave Puzzle Monthly alone! Its crosswords and wordsearches fill us with joy every month** and leave us serious gamesplayers to deal with the lickers. Hasta la vista, puzzle freak!

Paula Lewis, Gwent

Religious corner

The Pope smokes soap

I was deeply saddened to read Mrs H. P. Petit of Suffolk, the born-again Christian, complain about the swearing. **Oh so were we. Imagine if we lost our massive following among the born-again Christian population. God help us** How misguided this lost soul is – swearing is chuffing magic. I bloody love it, me!

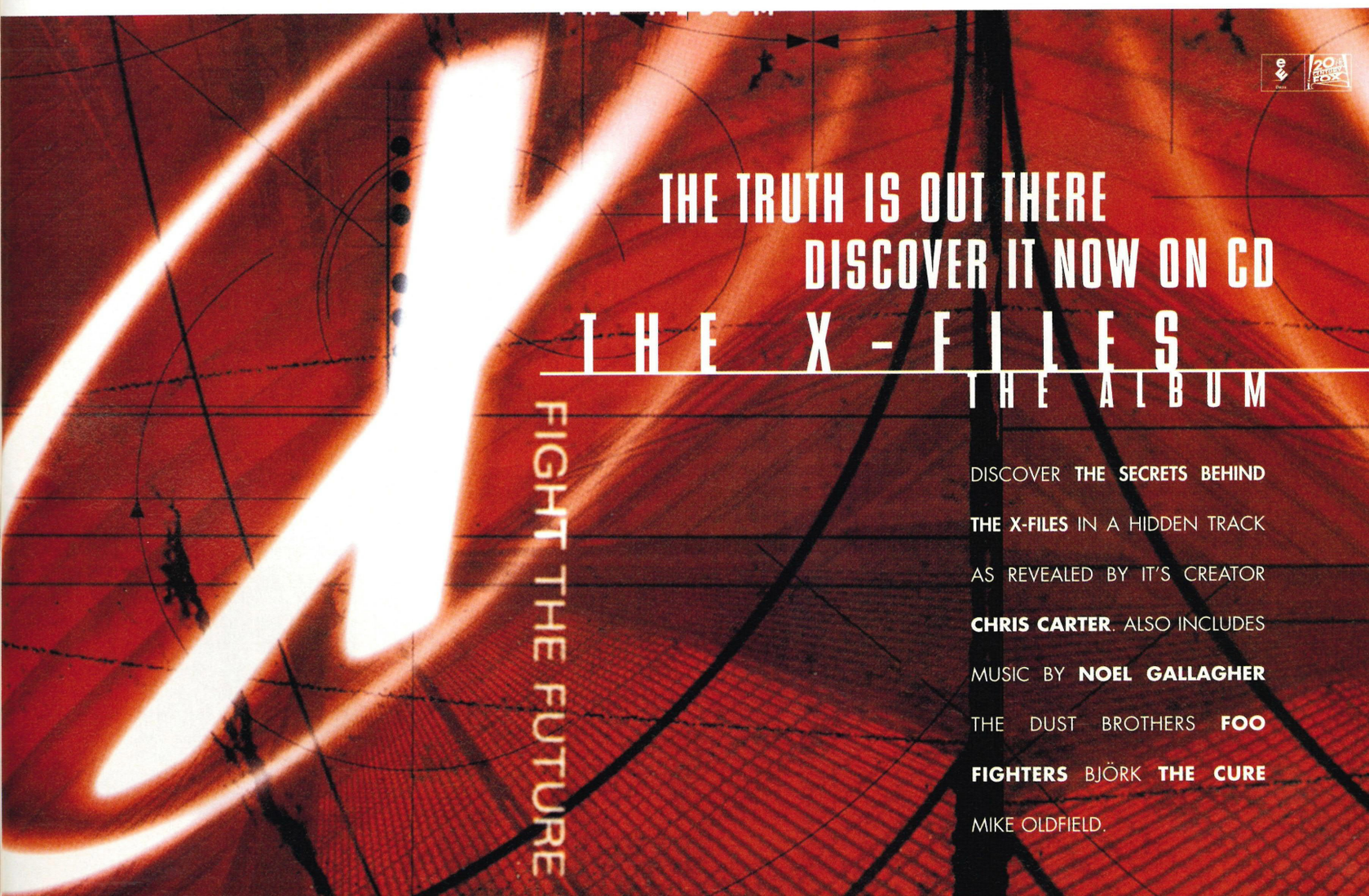
The Pope, The Vatican, Rome

PS: Any chance of some nun pictures? God bless. **Sure. We find piccies of the brides of Christ as arousing as any other red-blooded male**



■ **There y'go popey-boy. Happy now?**

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VERBAL

Zoe's back!

Our fave lesbian writes again!

Thanks for printing my letter last month next to a photo of the gorgeous Abigail! **Since you're so nice, we've gone and done it again** My companion Teri suggests you might prefer to see a photo of us 'getting serious' rather than 'mucking about'. **Hey, whatever you like** We would like to know if Abigail would like to make it a threesome. Her blonde hair would complement my own brunette crop and Teri's long red tresses very well. Abi can go in the middle if she wants... **It's a nice thought. Chuck in Polaroids and it's darn near perfect**

Sorry to hear you came over 'all funny' – what is that? Some kind of porno mag featuring comediennes or something? **Shit, rumbled...**

Incidentally, we find it strange the way many blokes seem to react to the idea of a couple of attractive lesbians – after all, it's not as if the blokes are going to get a look-in, is it? **It's not about getting a look-in. It's just about getting a look** Anyway, keep up the good work, and don't lose the great sense of humour, OK?

Zoe and Teri, Kent



SICK AND, TWISTED BODIES

I disagree with Hannah Milton's letter. What is so 'sick and twisted' about the human body? **Ever seen a fat person naked?** Anyway, most of the pictures of women in this mag are computer generated. If Hannah has a problem, maybe she should take it up with Sony, not our beloved Plus crew. I think it's great that girls like Kelly and Abigail have so much confidence in themselves that they can prance about in their undies for the camera. **Oh so do we, so do we...** One other thing – I really sympathise with you having to constantly repeat yourselves and say no to people who write in asking for free games. So I've sent you some games for a change. Following this letter, there should be a package containing ten copies of Metal Gear Solid, Colin McRae Rally, Tekken 3 and Sensible Soccer 2000.

Joanne Houlihan, Ireland **You're a little gem, you are. But the games ain't shown up yet. Bailiffs will be calling at your house to collect 'em, or failing that, to remove goods to the full value of the games you promised. Cheers**

SOLDIERS' CONTACT COLUMN

Please could you print this ad in your mag for my nephew:

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I love your mag, love the PlayStation and have enormous breasts.

Jackie **How enormous are they, Jackie? And as for your nephew, we wish him luck. And readers (er, female, that is), if you fancy a hunky male penpal, this is your chance**

THREE LIONS: BOTTY ACTION

In the advert for Three Lions you can quite clearly see Paul Ince is feeling David Seaman's arse and from the look on Dave's face he's having the time of his life. Why of all pictures did the makers of 'Three Lions' choose this one?

Kieran, Glasgow **Never mind the ad, did you see the mess they made of the game?**

MALES VS FEMALE

Why won't Hannah from Devon leave us male PlayStation gamers who like sexy babes alone, and stick to playing with Barbie dolls?

You got it wrong. It was PlayStation she liked playing with, remember? This is a PlayStation mag, not 'Your Dolly' If she doesn't like the pictures, why doesn't she sell her PlayStation and stop buying this class mag? **Now, now**

I think, just to annoy her, you should print a whole page of girls wearing as little as possible – that's if Mike Newson, the tosser who calls himself a designer, lets you. Who does he think he is, anyway? He's a deputy designer. **Deputy Art Editor, thanks very much. And 'Angry Mike' as we call him, ain't too happy with your comments** Isn't Jo Woodford supposed to be the person in charge?

No man or woman can command the force of nature that is Mike Newson. And anyway, last month he gave you all Emma Noble. This month Anna Nicole Smith. My, how quickly you forget his many acts of kindness...

I say you lot give him the sack and put as many pictures of women as you want on the pages. **Well bollocks to you, then**

Mr P. Laystation, Merseyside **What a silly name to choose. Don't do it again**

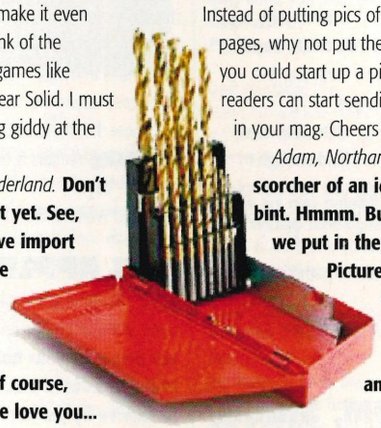
Home improvements

Thanks lads, no really

I think there could only be one improvement to your already great magazine, and that is to review import games.

It would be a great addition to you magazine and would make it even more popular. Just think of the thought of reviewing games like Tekken 3 and Metal Gear Solid. I must go now as I am getting giddy at the whole thought of it.

Ian Claxton, Sunderland. **Don't go getting giddy just yet. See, hardly any folks have import 'Stations. So we'd be reviewing 'em for three geeky people and one dog from Solihull. And you, of course, Ian. And much as we love you...**



Have you ever considered putting your magazine in some sort of plastic bag? It would stop them getting creased and stop all of the sad shop owners from taking out all those cool posters and stuff you put in.

Jonathan Foreman, Catford **Why not just take along your own plastic bag to the newsagents. Better still, subscribe...**

Instead of putting pics of babes on different pages, why not put them all together? Also, you could start up a picture page so that readers can start sending in pictures to put in your mag. Cheers

Adam, Northants **Now there's a scorcher of an idea. Condensed bint. Hmmm. But then what would we put in the rest of the mag? Pictures? NO! They go on the side of Jo's desk. And they're normally crap anyway**

It would really improve your mag if you put a free demo disc on it. Cheers

Toby, London **How much do you pay for our mag Toby? Now, how much do you pay for a mag with a 'free' demo disc on it? Still think it's free?**

class ANAL ZOMBIE HORROR

Having played Resident Evil 2 quite a lot, I have noticed something which has caught my attention during the game. Playing as Leon, I was cappin' some zombie arse when one of the bastards got me from behind and killed me. As I watched Leon get torn to shreds, I was lying face down and the zombie knelt down and started to roger Leon up the backside. I thought it was quite funny to watch – if you don't believe me, try it for yourself!

Jimbo, Middlesex

It's just one of those sad facts of life that once you become transformed into the living dead you tend to start liking botty sex. Many zombies become completely obsessed by thoughts of the 'trades-man's entrance'. Weird



■ Eat lead, 'zombie dirtbox fiend'

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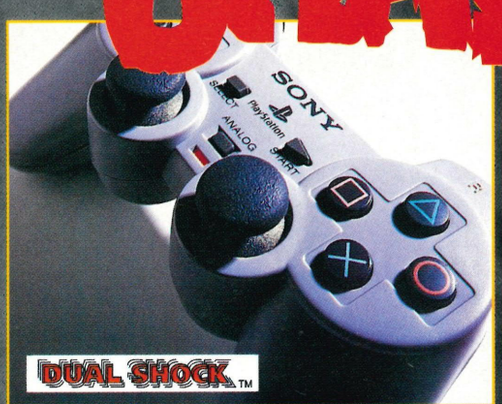
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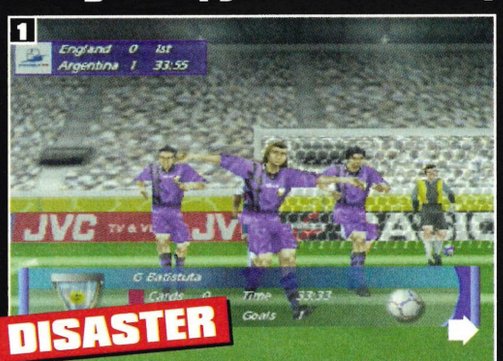
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Fantasy FOOTBALL

Football ain't coming home, 'cos we lost to the Argies. Never mind. Let's see if we can change the course of World Cup history. For this experiment we'll be using a copy of World Cup 98 and a dented pride...



1 The match has hardly kicked off when Simeone slips over Seaman. Batistuta drives the spot kick into the back of the net. Argentina take an early lead, we take an overdose...



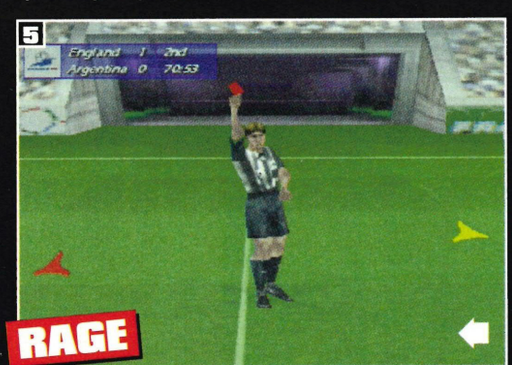
2 But – wait! – it ain't over yet. Minutes later Owen goes for goal and is crippled by a crunching tackle inside the box. Shearer steps up for the penalty and hammers it home. One all...



3 Beckham makes a blindin' pass, Owen turns on the speed. He fools one defender, beats another and slams it perfectly into the top corner. Goal of the World Cup. 2-1 to Eng-er-land



6 No golden goal so it's down to penalties. Arse. But wait! England put 'em all away, the Argies can't hit a barn door. England go on to take the Cup. The German team is knobbled in an air crash. Result!



5 Simeone and Beckham get tangled. Posh's boy hits the floor, right in front of the Ref. Tosspot Beckham kicks out at the fouling Argy git and the ref says 'See ya'. Bollox



4 On the stroke of half-time Argentina win a dodgy free kick. Instead of going for the long shot, they play around the wall and slot the ball in the back of the net. 2-2. Smug bastards

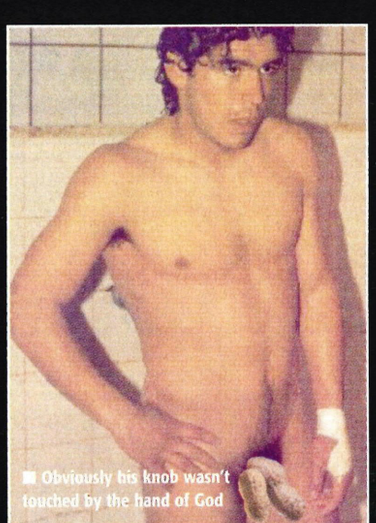


■ It's 1966, England won the World Cup



■ Let me 'ave a hold, y'bastar

'And if that ain't cheered you up, check out Maradona'



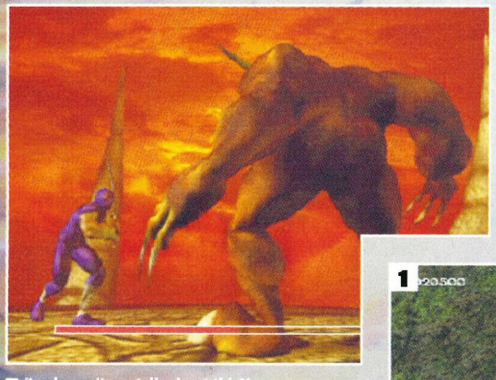
■ Obviously his knob wasn't touched by the hand of God

Blab

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Check you got a full clip. Zip up your flak jackets. Lock 'n' load. Here's where you get the first news on all the best games coming your way. And it could be dangerous out there...

'Cap hellspawn ass'



■ 'Look, can't we talk about this?'



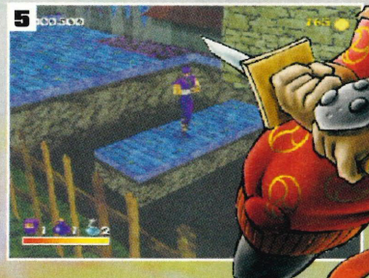
■ 'Come on, be scary for the camera... No, not like that!'











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

Ninja: Shadow of Darkness

update

No, YOU tell him he looks flippin' stupid in those jim jams...

Jeez. One of them doorways to hell has opened, letting in loadsa demons hungry for people paté on toast. It's up to you, Ninja man, to jump into your black pyjamas and plough through level after level capping hellspawn ass. Stormin'.

To Hell and back

To stop Big Daddy Demon spoiling the party for us here on earth, you've got to punch, kick and slash your way through armies of nasties across tons of levels. These range from forests and beaches to the depths of hell itself. The terrain can be tough but the residents are even tougher. Just don't forget your travel first aid kit.

'A doorway to Hell has opened, letting in loadsa demons hungry for people paté'

The lovely Debbie McGee

As well as the usual ninja arsenal like swords and knives, the Paul Daniels up your sleeve is magic. By gathering scrolls you can build your way up from weak and puny little lightning bolts to HUGE pant-filling bolts of instant death and destruction. Do you like your samurai extra crispy?

plus This chopsocky sword-swinger looks lush. Check out the review next month...







■ There's summat behind you!



■ Hah, missed me, log bast!





■ Ninja's overdone it with the BabyBio again

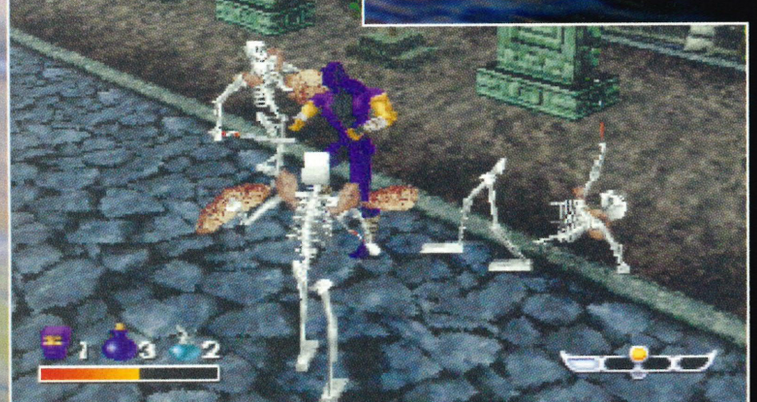


■ Ever felt a right prick?



















1 Nice hat, dumbass **2** That's one big insect under there **3** You kick 'em, they keep comin' **4** Ooh, hidden treasure **5** Watch out for them thar moving platforms **6** 'OK, OK, I'll have the barbecued chicken' **7** Three-on-one action **8** Call yourself a dragon? **9** Rattle dem bones **10** No sword? Punch 'em then **11** Muster up some magic for the big monsties **12** Oh shit... **13** Right, now I'm scared **14** Zombies chuck magic **15** Ooh, sparkly stuff **16** 'I ain't fighting anyone who wears pyjamas in the street'

■**OUT** NOVEMBER ■**BY** INTERPLAY ■**PLAYERS** 1
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK

R/C Stunt Copter

It's damn lucky we're not dyslexic, else we'd have a game ending with the word Stopter...

So it's a game where you fly a toy helicopter. Sounds weird and, y'know what? It is. Stunt Copter's more a straight-faced sim than a laff-a-minute arcade fest. You've gotta pilot your tiny chopper through loadsa different levels, popping balloons with your rotor blades and completing tasks before the fuel runs dry.

It's dead sensitive so you've gotta treat this beauty like a new-born baby, otherwise you'll spiral outta control and plummet to your death. Nasty.

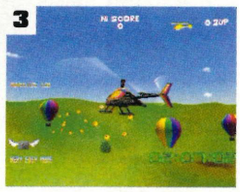
***plus** Simple idea which is too damn difficult to control right now. They're working on the handling and if that's sorted out this could be pretty nice.*

Arsey Stunt Copter

R/C Stunt Copter's designed to use the Dual Shock pad so you've really gotta go get one to get the most from this. The controls are pretty complicated – the left stick handles height and rudder while the other controls pitch and yaw, or speed in plain ol' English.













1 Burst the balloons to notch up some points **2** It may look easy but trust us, this game is nails **3** The faster you fly, the more points you get **4** Touch that house and you're dead, sucka **5** Keep a constant eye on the fuel gauge. Or die **6** On the later levels you've gotta nip through the balloons and hoops

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

Azure Dreams

Alright, dahlin'? How do you like your monster eggs? Fertilised?

Impressing the laydeez is always a tricky business. But spare a thought for this ginger fella. He's got to enter a foreboding tower rammed with bad-ass monsters and traps just to get himself a bit of the old nudge nudge wink wink.

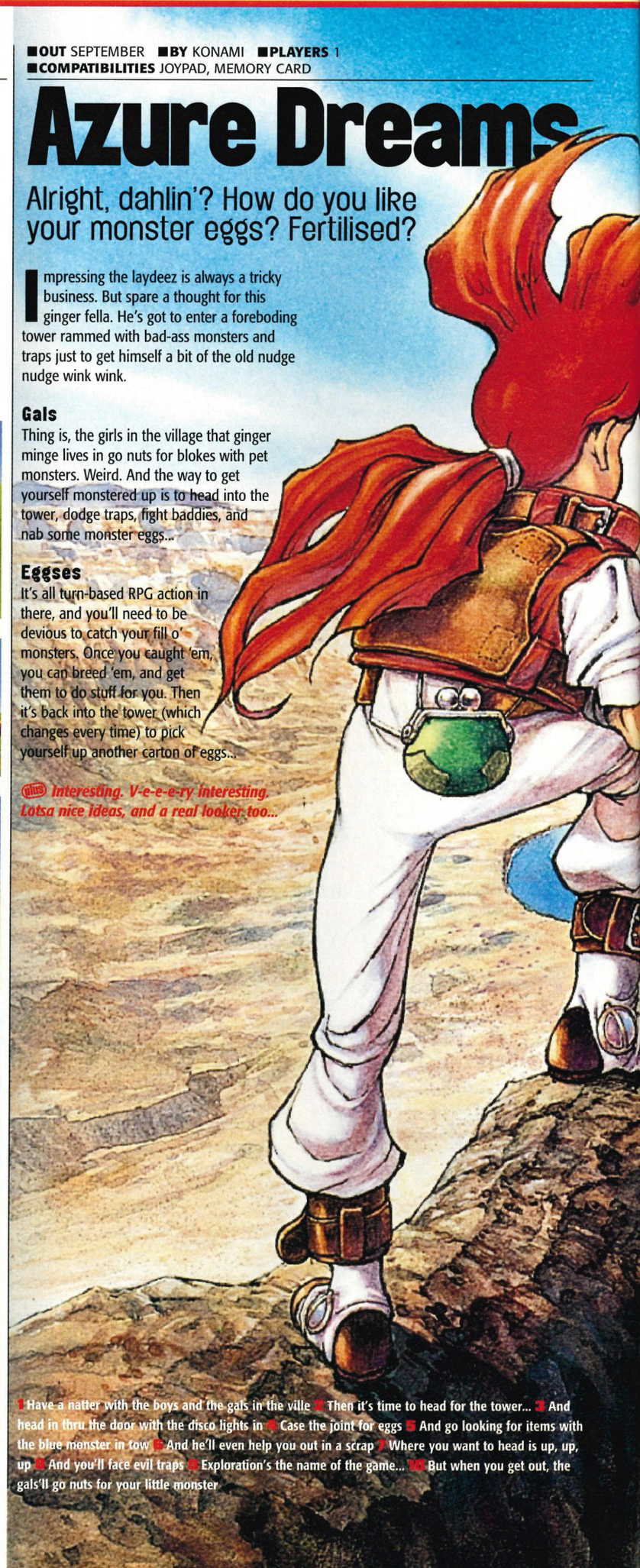
Gals

Thing is, the girls in the village that ginger minge lives in go nuts for blokes with pet monsters. Weird. And the way to get yourself monstered up is to head into the tower, dodge traps, fight baddies, and nab some monster eggs...

Eggses

It's all turn-based RPG action in there, and you'll need to be devious to catch your fill o' monsters. Once you caught 'em, you can breed 'em, and get them to do stuff for you. Then it's back into the tower (which changes every time) to pick yourself up another carton of eggs...

***plus** Interesting. V-e-e-e-ry interesting. Lotsa nice ideas, and a real looker too...*



1 Have a natter with the boys and the gals in the ville **2** Then it's time to head for the tower... **3** And head in thru the door with the disco lights in **4** Case the joint for eggs **5** And go looking for items with the blue monster in tow **6** And he'll even help you out in a scrap **7** Where you want to head is up, up, up **8** And you'll face evil traps **9** Exploration's the name of the game... **10** But when you get out, the gals'll go nuts for your little monster

■**OUT** OCTOBER ■**BY** GT INTERACTIVE ■**PLAYERS** 1-4
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD, DUAL SHOCK

Rogue Trip

Cross Wish You Were Here with Mad Max. It's a holiday from hell

Package holidays are a gamble. The hotel could be a half-built shack with dodgy plumbing and the beach is likely to be miles from the accommodation but right next to a sewage treatment plant... Mind you, things could be worse...

Weird trips

In Rogue Trip's future, tourism's gone mad. Rich guys pay millions at exclusive resorts, while black market trips are more dangerous than a hippo with the horn. Battle with other drivers for tourists. Once you've picked 'em up take 'em on a photo tour of the local sites.

Fares please

Meanwhile a load of pissed off tour guides want your fare. What this means is road carnage. Massive street brawls with more fireworks than the Chinese. Better pick up weapons and fight back.

***plus* A monster multiplayer blast, with loads and loads of laughs.**





1 Photo opportunity 2 Attack of the chickens 3 Power up here 4 Poodle-powered bitch
5 Blindin' effects 6 Grrrrr 7 Missile misses 8 Last one standing wins

■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** VIRGIN ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Rival Schools

Kick-ass kids go psycho in the schoolyard.

One look at this baby and you'll realise schoolyard punch-ups are a damnsight more serious nowadays. Forget screaming and squabbling over football cards, the little gits in this game go straight for the jugular. And if they don't think they can whup your ass one-on-one, they'll bring their mates along to help.

Bikini beat 'em up

Rival Schools is a 3D fighter, a bit like Street Fighter Ex Plus Alpha. It's dead fast and it looks the biz, but it's the 14 rock-solid slappers that we like. Choose from well-developed teens wearing skimpy swimsuits, to bastid teachers who don't bother dishing out detentions, they go straight for the cane...

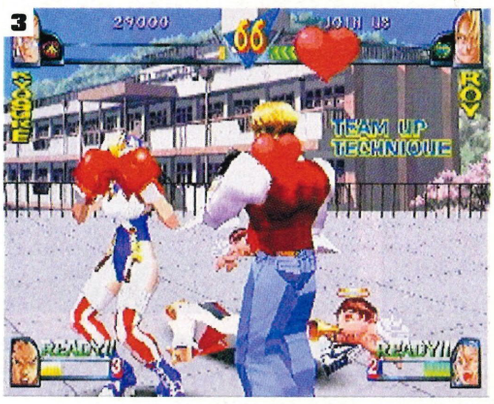
Tag along

The thing which makes Rival Schools more exciting than the bucketloads of other beat 'em ups around is the tag team option. You don't just pick one fighter, you choose two and then switch between 'em during the ruck. Some special moves use both of 'em at the same time, but you can't beat the awesome Burning Vigor attacks, where one guy holds the enemy and the other'll smack the shit outta him. Smart!

***plus** Cute girls wearing bugger all and spot-on gameplay's gonna guarantee this one's a biggy.*









■ There're stacks of throws to mess around with



'Forget schoolyard squabbling, these little gits go for the jugular'







1 Choose four fighters. Yes, four! **2** You're supposed to be chucking punches, not love hearts! **3** One down, one to go **4** That's one big mumma **5** Check out the Pub Fighter mode, complete with beer goggle vision **6** 'Sorry love, I got over my scare balloon phobia a couple of years ago' **7** Double attacks are easy with the awesome Burning Vigor attack

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

Assault

Non-stop slaughter. Giant weapons. Alien meat...

Son, we've got a mission for ya. We got big red Alien Commies from outta space in our own backyard. Here's a big gun: terminate with extreme prejudice.

Massive

We like the look of this baby. Massive 3D worlds filled with ugly, deformed aliens and you, carrying a gun big enough to bring down Godzilla. Sure, there's a plot somewhere, but who cares? Assault is packed to the teeth with the kind of mega death that gets us all slippery.

Juicy

Three things have got our juices flowing here. One: retina-ripping special effects. Get a gander at those explosions, for example. Two: aliens run around after you've shot their heads off. Surely the definition of fun? Three: mein gott, look at ze size of ze bosses. Ve are all doomed, ja?

***plus** Whoop-ass fun so far. If a few things get tidied up this will be a top-class blast.*



1 Smart bomb 2 Blast body parts off aliens 3 Destroy scenery 4 Kill giant robo bosses 5 Make stinky green clouds 6 Eat my beam 7 Huge explosions 8 Multi directional shooting 9 Beasts that look like sexual organs 10 Satisfying deaths 11 Run on to the next battle 12 Stunning special effects



■ Why is this bird wearing saucepan lids?

Blab

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

G-Darius

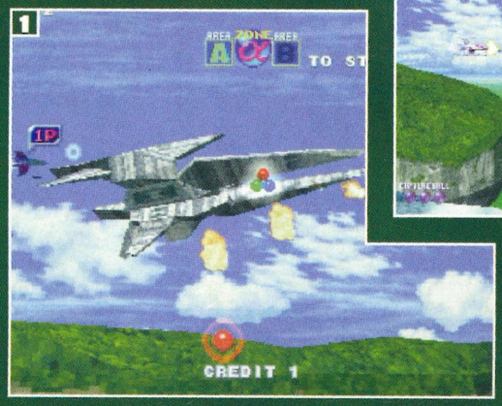
Cheaper than buying an arcade machine but just as much fun...

Fish. Nobody likes fish. With their big, bulging eyes, slimy bodies and porno mouth movements. So let's hear it for G-Darius, which gives you the chance to turn enormous mutant fish aliens into tasty battered cod.

Pick your own
Right, what you do is shoot lots, pick up shiny things and shoot bigger things. Simple. Fifteen levels provide more than enough plasma cannon fodder, weapons and shields are suitably silly and you can choose your own route through the game.

Nifty
Backdrops are pretty smart and varied, enemies are nifty and there's loads of 'em, but the icing on the cake has to be the mind-blowing bosses. When you meet one the game goes kinda cinematic, scaring the pants off you. Then the huge, ugly bastid attacks and you lose the plot...

***plus** Very cool looks with mad ideas. Only trouble is it's rock hard at the moment...*

















1 Pick up power-ups 2 Kill big things, and quick 3 Choose your own route through the game 4 Entering alien city 5 Argh! Giant fish attack 6 Bosses are harder parmesan 7 Giant pink rod of power 8 Dinos in the background can't be shot. Pah

■**OUT** OCTOBER ■**BY** VIRGIN ■**PLAYERS** 1-2
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Pocket Fighter

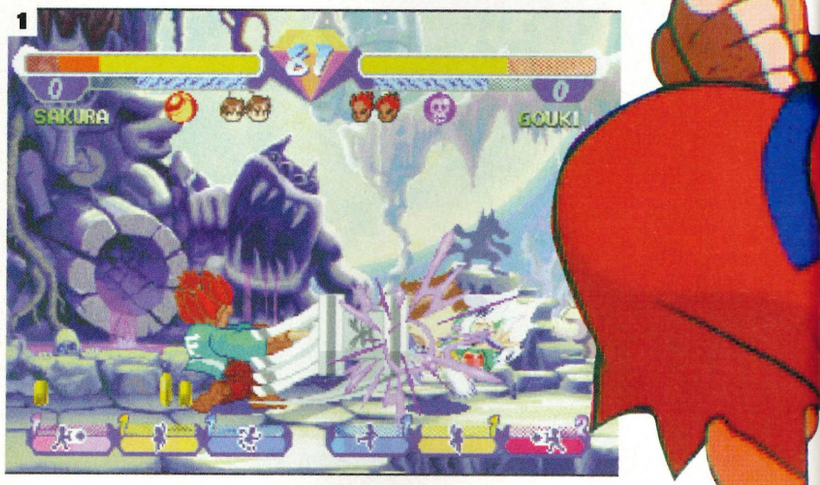
Short, stocky and hard as nails. And we ain't talkin' Dennis Wise...

Forget zillion-hit combos and dead muscly meatheads. Beat 'em ups with pint-sized punchers and big, coloured gems is where it's at. Pocket Fighter's ready for a ruck...

Death-dealin' dwarves
Just under a dozen mini-maulers are up fer it. Some you'll have seen before in Super Puzzle Fighter, others we ain't gotta clue where they came from. They're all jacked up with awesome moves and far-out special attacks, pulled off by practising for hours or fumbling frantically with the joypad and getting lucky.

Crystal powers
But here's the catch. You ain't gonna get nowhere unless you collect gems. The crystals are the key to stringing moves together – and if you finish off a bad guy with a super combo finish, look out for the blindin' kill sequence. Tasty.

***plus** This baby's small but perfectly formed.*

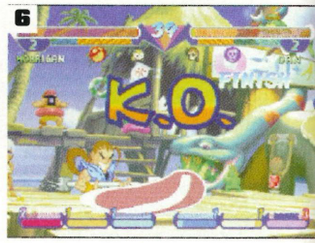












■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** ELECTRONIC ARTS ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

LAPD 2100 AD

Infiltrate L.A. gangland and end the crime wave – preferably with extreme violence.

Take control of a heavy duty machine that can walk as well as hover. That's right, the mad fools have gone and built a mechanoid version of Anneka Rice. Shame they didn't turn her arse into a special weapon.

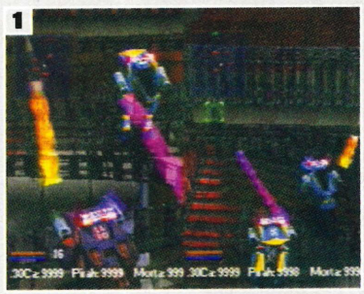
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It's the future (again) and thugs have divided Los Angeles into personal strongholds. Needless to say none of 'em are behaving in a polite manner... And you know what that means, don'cha? Yup, it's time to jump into your transforming hovercraft/walker and wipe the streets clean.

Features

Other than the smashing vehicle, this game has got 12 levels of armageddon, cool play areas where you get to smash everything up and wild special effects. Weapons range from infernos to volcano mines. We think you get the picture.

***plus** Massive explosions, enormous enemies. No way can this fail...*









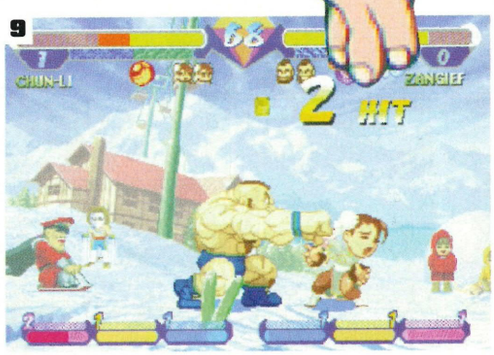


1 Shoot off yer plasma. Ah, that's better **2** One of the best parts of the game: total meltdown **3** Missile action **4** If you get bored of walking, hover **5** A building of science and learning. Quick, destroy it



1 Eat board, bitch **2** Morrigan chews uppercut **3** Super 10-hit combo **4** Ooh, gems **5** More gems equals bigger attacks **6** You win! **7** Bizarro umbrella attack **8** Ken puts the boot in **9** One minute he's a bloke... **10** Then an ape... **11** Then a caveman!

■ Ken was overjoyed at the thought of wearing womens' pyjamas







'Grab a load of gems, power up yer special move and deal instant death'

There are four of the bleeders. What is this, 'immortal' Kombat?

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

Mortal Kombat 4

update

Crack out the bandages – time for Kombat

Ok, so you know the score. If you don't know what Mortal Kombat is, you've obviously had your head up your arse for a long time. Guts, carnage and plenty of blood – that's what we like.

Mortal Kombat 4 gives you the same, only more. So pull out your sword, call the ambulance and let's fight!

Crash, bang, wallop

Basically, it's still Mortal Kombat but with weapons, less funny stuff (no friendships here) and 3D graphics. But what you want is blood and gore, right? Well don't panic – there's tons of the red stuff flying around here. And don't worry, it's still got the gruesome fatalities you love.

Another dimension

As well as the usual run and block buttons, there's now two sidestep buttons so you can dodge attacks. From what we've seen though, they don't work too well – besides, we'd rather feel the pain than run like a wimp. Take it like a man, that's what we say.

plus Just another Mortal Kombat? We don't think so. Fight!



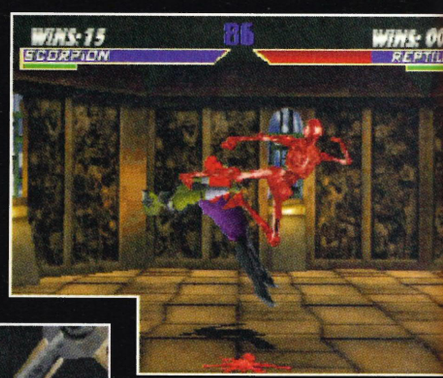




1 That's gonna hurt **2** Kaboom and all that **3** Let's dance **4** Throwing rocks is fun **5** Spin em' round...







■ A secret character? Perhaps...



■ And throw 'em in the fan. Mmm, lovely

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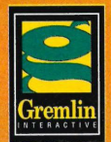
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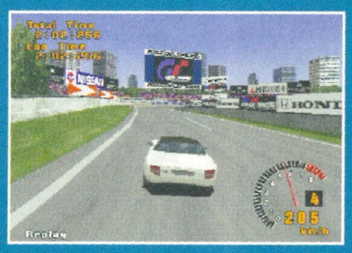
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■ Hit the Breaks and munch a Twix*...



■ Then power up for a super fast time

Grand final

The cream of the crop will go head-to-head for the prizes on Saturday 24th October. If you can't be bothered filling in the entry form, don't panic. Regional heats will be held at Virgin Megastores.



■ Hammer it round Grand Valley and send us yer time

The rules

1. No OAPs, you've gotta be 21 or under
2. Get a cool time - but no cheating. Those entering may be contacted by telephone to verify lap times
3. Fill in the form below, add five TWIX * wrappers and send the lot to us by 31ST AUGUST 1998
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■ **OUT** DECEMBER ■ **BY** SONY ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Crash Bandicoot 3

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to a game shop

Like him or loath him, the little furry critter with the stoopid grin is back. As you'd expect, not much has changed. The formula is still pretty much the same, but the graphics have got much, much better.

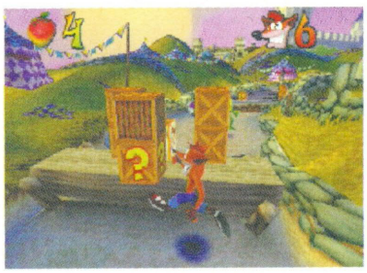
What's new?

Run in and out of the screen collecting apples and spinning into enemies, yah dee yah yah. Mind you, old dog Crash has learnt a few new tricks. For a kick-off he can swim underwater, do super-powered belly slams and slides and even use an apple bazooka. He also knows a thing or two about women these days...

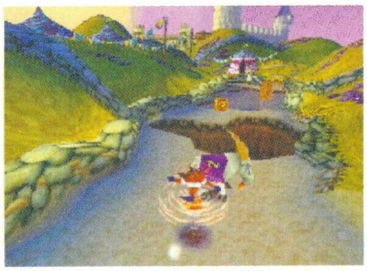
Go sister

For the first time Crash gets help in his quest in the womanly shape of sister Coco. She seems weak, but at least you get variation. Other than that, levels twist and turn more and graphics are super-sharp, colourful and solid. All in all, a very tasty-looking bit of kit.

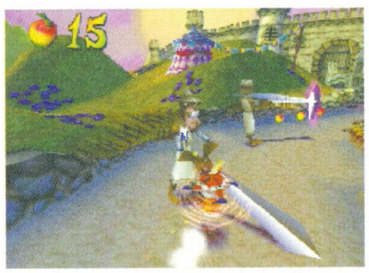
***plus** If you like the other two you'll go absolutely ape over this.*



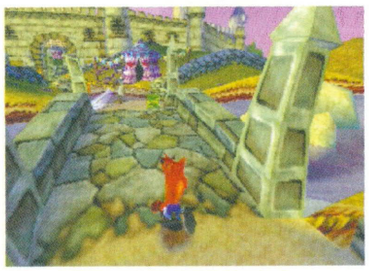
■ Smashing crates is nothing new



■ Crash is still armed with his spinning attack

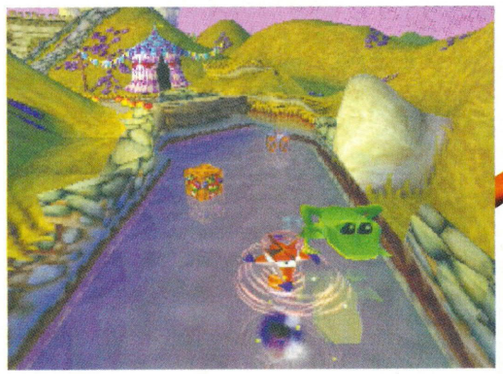


■ Mind you, enemies are really coo



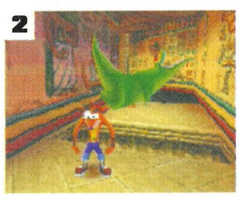
■ Graphics are just out of this world

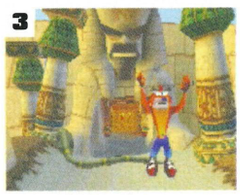




■ Watch out for the frogs. They try to kiss you





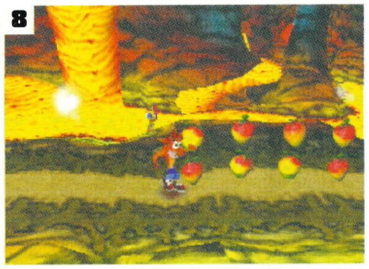


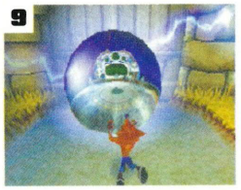












1 Tomb raiding **2** Croc from behind **3** Enter the temple **4** Mini-sub action **5** Pull lever then run **6** A walkway falls apart **7** Oooh. Pretty colours **8** Wouldn't you be sick of apples? **9** Nasty swelling, that

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** VIRGIN ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MOUSE, LINK CABLE

Command & Conquer: Retaliation

Fancy another helping of napalm-fried crispy commie? 'Course you do...













'Now there are even more ways to bring painful death to the bloodthirsty lackeys'



Yup, C&C: Red Alert, the top notch strategy 'em up's coming back for another tour of duty. And now there are even more ways to bring painful death to the bloodthirsty lackeys of the communist state. Ah, that sweet tang of nerve gas...

War is hell...

But how can this be? Well, you may have noticed smug PC boffins playing two extra mission packs for Red Alert. Bastards. But now both those mission packs have been crammed onto one stand-alone PlayStation game. That's 34 missions worth. Well enough to give you the thousand yard stare...

It's a gas

There are loads of new units to play around with, including the Demolition Truck, which can detonate a big fat nuke right in your enemy's backyard, and Shock Troopers, who carry ultra-deadly cattle prods. Sweet. And there's even four weirdo secret missions where you fight giant ants...

Lookin' like it's packed full of meaty goodness. It might even be bundled with a mouse! We'll keep you up to speed...





■ If you tackle an enemy base with just one tank, you're gonna be stuffed quicksmart



1 Ha! I am invincible! 2 But not any more. Nuts! 3 C'mon then, let's shock! 4 'Hey, any of you guys seen the john?' 5 Death from the coast 6 Airstrikes equal big explosions 7 Better get repairing them buildings 8 'Y'know, I'm sure Godzilla's been this way...' 9 Watch out, it's an ant attack 10 Looks like the reds've won it 11 Uh oh, surrounded... 12 Frying tonight! 13 Use mini nukes for big time kills 14 You'll need one helluva tub of insect powder to kill these off 15 Subs chuck missiles from the water 16 Ka-BOOM! That's one for the Ruskies

■OUT NOVEMBER ■BY SONY ■PLAYERS 1 ■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK

Spyro the Dragon



This is cute as hell but plays like heaven. Work that one out!

Grab the puke bag, 'cos Spyro's an ickle dragon, with ickle wings and ickle horns. Bleurgh. But wait a sec. Spyro's about the only ickle thing 'bout this game 'cos like the purple firechucker himself, this beauty's an absolute monster.

Lookin' good

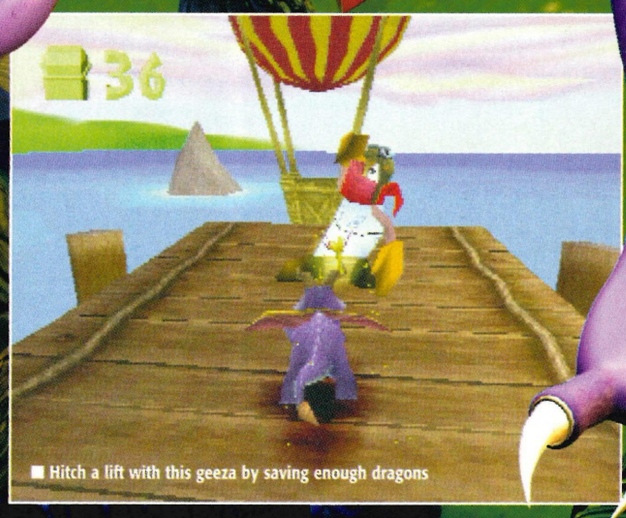
First thing you'll notice about Spyro is that it's looking finger lickin' good, y'all. This game's well detailed and the scenery's dead solid – y'know how the backgrounds instantly pop into view on some games? That doesn't happen here, no siree. It's all as smooth as a baby's ass. It's extremely crisp and sharp too, so you ain't gonna find any nasty blurred objects or 'orrible, blocky enemies.

Gnaughty but gnice

This lizard kid's got serious dragon breath so stand well back or break out the mouthwash. Hell, it's so bad he can fry enemy ass just by coughing.

He can also glide using his itsy-bitsy wings, flying across whopping gaps to reach his buddy reptiles. Why? Because they've been frozen by Gnorc the Gnasty and Spyro's the only geeza who can save 'em. Obvious, when you think about it.

plus This 'un's dead cute but ultimately, we think it's gorgeous. A bit like Kylie Minogue, really...



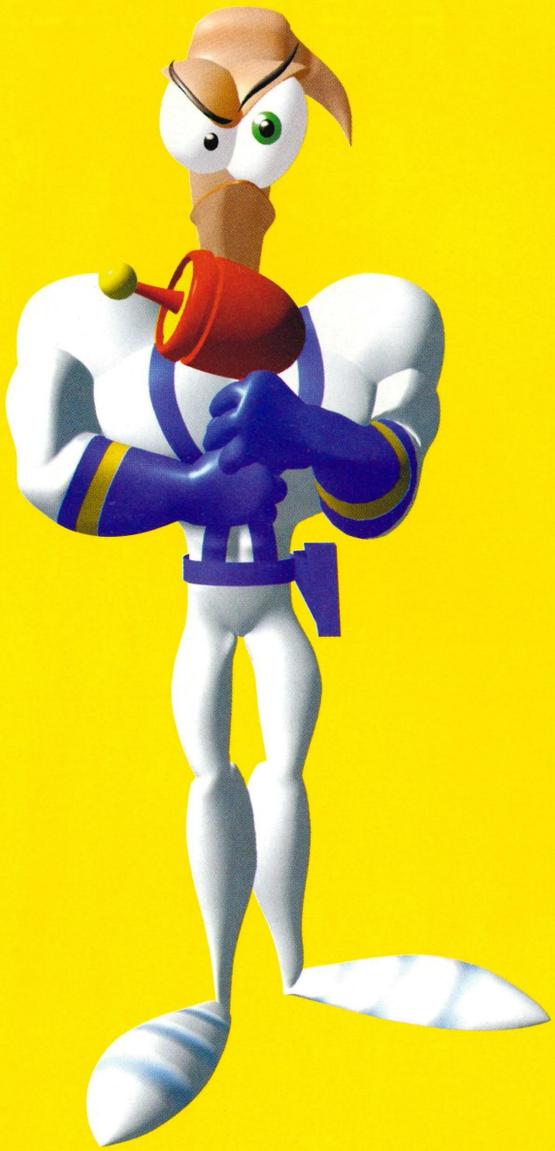
■ Hitch a lift with this geeza by saving enough dragons



1 Spyro can breathe fire... 2 Or headbutt bad guys 3 Li'l wings let 'im glide 4 Gems opening up new levels 5 Don't it look great? 6 Torch the fat lad 7 The 'look'-view is awesome



■ This scarecrow's one of the boss guys you'll fight



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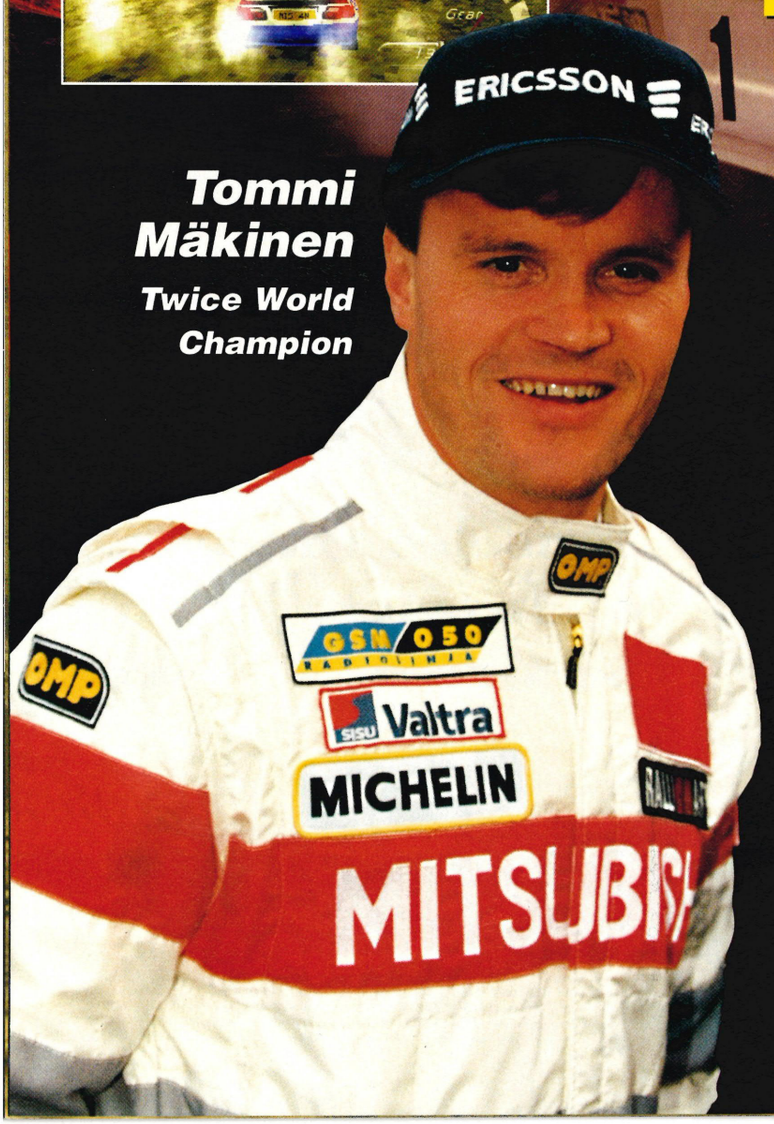




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■ **OUT** OCTOBER ■ **BY** INTERPLAY ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Wild 9

Not so much a seedy porno flick, more a full-on platform romp. Dammit.

The Wild 9 is a group of teens who are gonna save mankind. You play Wex, the square-jawed good guy and Wild 9 top bod. He's gotta team up with his eight alien buddies to battle bad bloke Karn – who want to take over the universe (natch).

Intergalactic

So what's to do? Well, Wild 9 is a smart-looking platformer where Wex has gotta leg it across a far-out universe. Basically Karn's cloned a loada dumbass robots and you've gotta show 'em who's boss by whipping out yer Rig and letting rip.

Another dimension

Most of Wild 9 is standard run-and-jump stuff. There are some pretty nifty bits though, including a high-speed bike chase through a swamp. There's a also a freefall battle against a bastard 'bot. It's dead fast and if you ain't careful you'll end up as pavement pizza...

plus ***A bit slow at the mo but it's got kick ass graphics. Crank up the speed and it could be creamy.***

■ In the future, artificial limbs still look like model kit spare parts











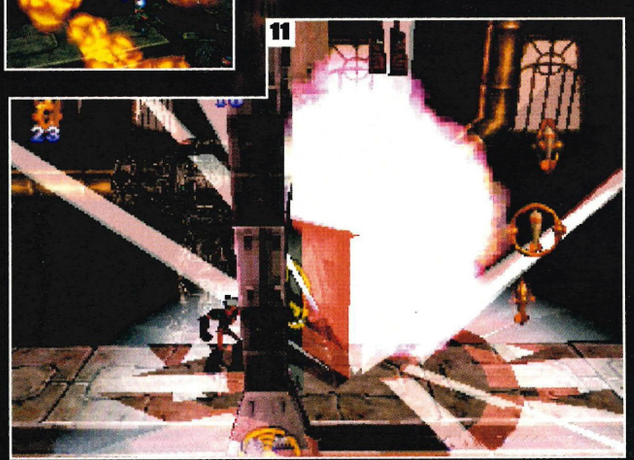












1 Wex's rig... 2 Is great for grabbing... 3 Pretty much anything 4 Use it to lift heavy blocks... 5 Or trash bad guys 6 Erk! 7 Spooky 8 'Ave some! 9 Purdy lights 10 C'mere! 11 Yikes!

■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** CRYSTAL DYNAMICS ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Legacy of Kain: Soul Reaver

Sink yer teeth into this tasty morsel. You won't be disappointed...

Let's get this straight: Soul Reaver's gonna shock the ass off ya. But not 'cos it's some gory bloodbath that's swimming in crimson. Nope, this'll have you filling yer Y-fronts 'cos it looks so frigging cool. Imagine Tomb Raider crossed with Dracula and you get a rough idea of what this blinder's gonna be like.

On the Raz

Soul Reaver's a monster adventure with a meaty storyline. You're a vamp called Raziel who's been chucked out of his clan by top knob Kain. Revenge is top of Raz's priority list then, chomping on Kain's li'l guys to feed his hunger and growing strong enough to kick the über-nasty's hairy ass.

Gory, gory Hallelujah!

Raz starts out as pretty weedy guy but gets stronger as the game goes on. Weapons make easy meat of bad guys, plus they're a top laff: we guarantee you crack a smile when Raz skewers a nasty on his spear, then lifts it in the air to watch the dumbass mutha slide down to his death.

The whole thing's topped off with a generous spattering of blood so it's a pretty nasty sight. But hey, we reckon it'll stir your genitals good and proper.

***plus* Gore galore and mind-blowing graphics? Let's face it, The girlfriend's gonna take a back seat when this 'un comes out.**



■ How many times do I have to tell you, you're a goddamn Vampire, not Jesus!



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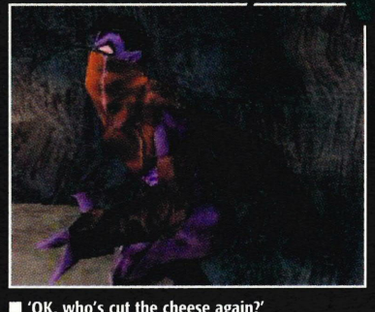
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■ Look before you leap, right

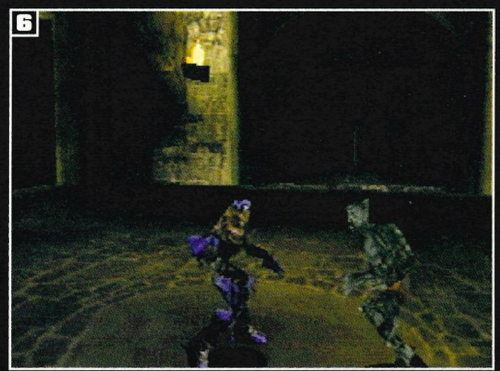


■ 'OK, who's cut the cheese again?'

'This'll have you filling yer Y-fronts 'cos it looks so frigging cool'



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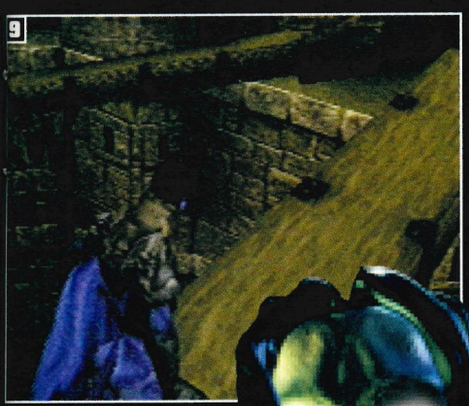


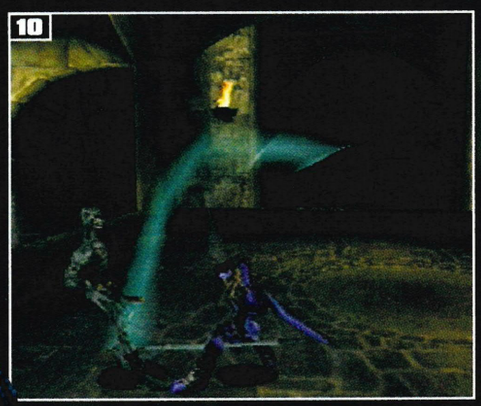
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'Skewer nasties and watch 'em die in a shower of blood and gore. Luverly!'









1 Background detail is goyjush 2 The camera angle automatically changes as Raz legs it around 3 Christ on a bike! Imagine the headaches that guy must get! 4 Ooh, sparkly glass... 5 Like the scenery, the bad guys look dead good too 6 Ah, it's Raz's first victim... 7 Whipping out his spear, Raziel skewers the li'l sucka on the end of his pole... 8 Then lifts 'im up in a shower of gore. Luverly 9 Don't look down 10 'I'll take lead, you follow. Now, one-two-three...' 11 Raz's cape even blows when he lets one off 12 There's no blood-sucking in this game, just a lotta soul searching

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

Streak

Like that bit out of Back To The Future III when they ride air skateboards.

Streak? Whassthis? A game that lets you rip yer kit off and leg it across a footy pitch? 'Fraid not. But that's OK, 'cos what you do get to do is ride hover boards at stoopidly dangerous speeds. Tasty.

Trick rider

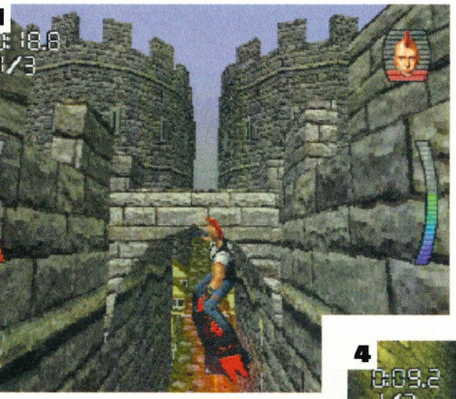
It's a race, right? Pick a 'radical dude surfer' dickhead, jump on a floating ironing board and you're all set. You've got limited turbo power, you can jump and duck and you can lean to turn quicker. And you can do tricks.

Of course

Tracks are pretty short, but they've been designed by loonies and there's loads of 'em. Sewer, graveyard, rooftops, prison junkyard, freeway to name but a few.

All the circuits here are packed with jumps and banked corners so you can go to town on flips and spins.

***plus* A surprise performer with great big, creamy dollops of speed, tricks and mad tracks. Lookin' good...**





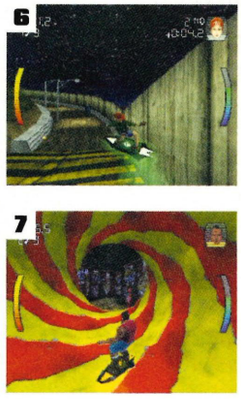
■ **Look. Our man rides goofy**











1 Mount the mount and head for Rapunzel **2** Bank on the face **3** Ride the tube, catch some air, graze yer knees **4** Nose as red as Schmeichel's **5** Dig that groovy tail trail **6** Pull midair tricks, like this fantastic turn **7** Oooh, err, chunder time in the time tunnel

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

Scars

It stands for Super Computer Animal Racing Sim. Snappy.

'Oi! Bastard! It's my turn now!' One of the shifty things about 'Station racing efforts is that you don't get the chance for four-player action. But that's gonna change: if you've got a multitap, you'll soon be able to race four blokes split screen in SCARS, a sci-fi racing shoot 'em up. And it's looking tasty.

The beast must die

Right. Deep breath. The 'plot'. Bonkers supercomputers (are there any other kind?) have got bored in the dark, lonely future, and they've started racing enormous motors shaped like animals. With guns on 'em. And it's your turn behind the wheel...

Animal Farm

For your racing pleasure, there's gonna be lotsa tracks, and lotsa motors done up to look like pointy-teethed zoo inmates. As well as a tidy little assortment of megadeath weaponry. Sweet.

***plus* Looking mighty fine. We'll keep you posted on how it develops.**



1 It's got tasty lighting effects aplenty... **2** And the gameplay ain't 'alf bad either. Result! **3** Win races by driving like a demon... **4** Or cheating and caning the other cars with missiles **5** The one-player game is pretty fast... **6** So is the multiplayer. Yes!

■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** CODEMASTERS

TOCA 2

A sequel to the ultra-sexy racer TOCA Touring Car is on the way, and reports suggest it'll be twice as cool. Smoother graphics, double the number of tracks to race, super-charged speed and pit stops are all promised.

On top of all these improvements expect a new set of cars for the 1998 season and up-to-date rules. The team behind the original are on the case – so it should be a corker.





1 We may be jumping the gun, but we think TOCA 2 will be awesome **2** Cars are even more detailed – you can even see drivers inside **3** Replays should easily be up to Gran Turismo quality

Silent Hill

■ **By:** Konami ■ **Out:** Dec

If Res 2 made you jump, Silent Hill is gonna scare the pants off you. It's a horror adventure set in a proper 3D world. The camera works just like in the movies, working you into a sweat about what's round the next corner. You've got to discover why townsfolk keep on disappearing, and the truth ain't pleasant.





1 Hi, my name's Jo **2** Mine's Barbara

■ **OUT** TBA ■ **BY** VIRGIN

Capcom Generations Vol 1 & 2

Classic arcade action, but this time with pretty decent graphics and mind-bending gameplay. Volume one features versions of the quality wartime airborne shoot 'em up, 1942. Volume two contains the awesome Ghouls & Ghosts series. Most retro packs are pure spod, but there's not an anorak in sight here...





1 World War II planes with 21st Century firepower **2** Ghouls & Ghosts: an all-time classic

Croc II

■ **By:** Fox ■ **Out:** Dec

Green platform jumping lizard is coming back, but with much sharper looks. In Croc II you've got to find the plucky fellow's parents, journeying through an Inca Village, the Wild West and a world of snow to name a few.

Tai-Fu

■ **By:** Activision ■ **Out:** Oct

Get yer growler out – tiger that is. This is a 3D platform beat 'em up where you play a big cat with kung fu skills. Learn combos and special moves, track down magic and cast spells, fight assorted beasts. There's also a plot but it's plop.

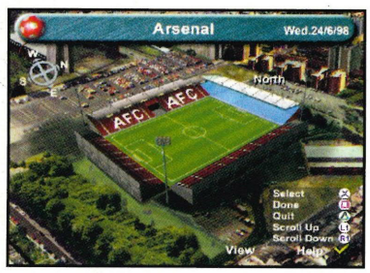


■ Oh bugger. Think I followed through

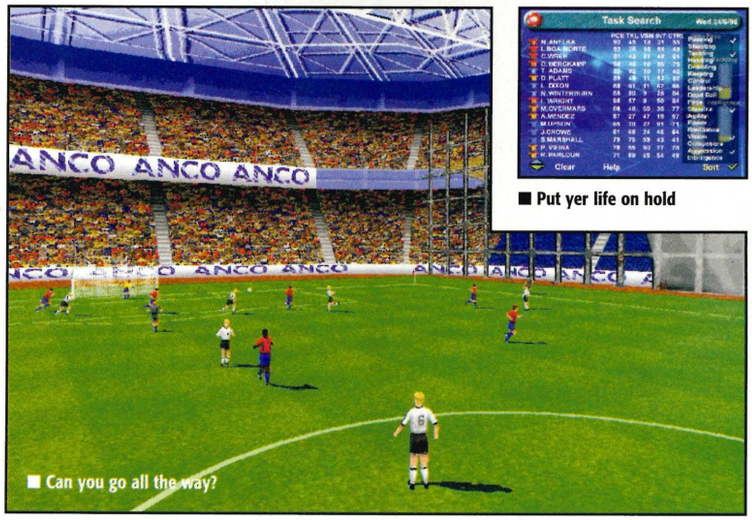
■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** ANCO

Player Manager: Season 98/99

We like the sound of this. A footy manager game that'll include all the new signings of the summer. That means Staam for Man U, Desailly and the rest for Chelsea, Sikora for Liverpool. Invest in youth development, train up yer squad, work on tactics and shout and scream from the touchline during every game.



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Big Air

■ By: Virgin ■ Out: Sept

Yet another snowboarding game, but we love 'em. This one claims to be the most detailed yet. Yer board kicks up snow trails, stunts are realistic, graphics are super-sharp. Hats even blow in the wind and you can ride half-pipe, big air, slalom or free ride.



■ Big Air has certainly got the looks

Addiction Pinball

■ By: Team 17 ■ Out: Sept

This Pinball game's meant to be pretty smart. It's got realistic balls, cool lighting and effects, two chunky 3D tables and some cool sub-games.



■ About as smart as pinball gets

R-Types

■ By: Virgin ■ Out: Sep

Probably the best shoot 'em up ever made is to get a UK release. R-Types, which stuffs R-Type and R-Type 2 on one disc, is bloody marvellous in a simple, 80s kinda way. Big alien beasts, top power-ups and glowing orbs of energy which you shoot off. We know, we know.



■ How did Barbara Cartland get in a game?

Shorts

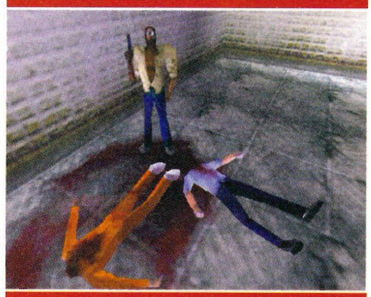
So new they're not even in long trousers yet

■ **ATTACK OF THE SAUCERMAN**
By: Psygnosis **Out:** December



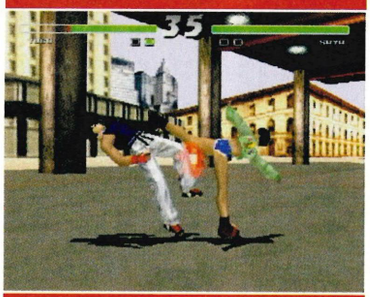
■ B-movie-style 3D adventure starring bug-eyed aliens. Interesting...

■ **SHADOWMAN**
By: Acclaim **Out:** January



■ Dark, moody Tomb Raider-style game where you've gotta hunt down serial killers.

■ **KENSEI SACRED FIST**
By: Konami **Out:** February



■ Realistic-looking martial arts beat 'em up introduces new 're-direction' button.

■ **X-MEN**
By: Activision **Out:** October



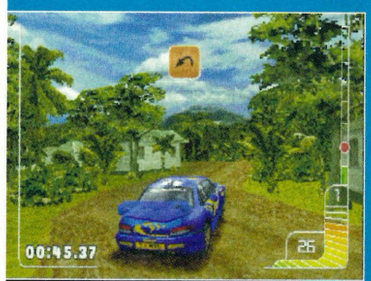
■ Comic characters keep their fingers crossed this 3D beat 'em up won't be pants.

Release dates

Wanna know what's coming out when? No probs. Just check out our extensive list of release dates. But before you go rushin' off with yer cash, check with yer shop. These dates have a nasty tendency to slip...

RELEASED		REVIEWED
10 JULY		
Circuit Breakers	80%	June 98
Colin McRae Rally	95%	July 98
Dead or Alive	94%	June 98
Heart of Darkness	88%	July 98
17 JULY		
Armoured Core	86%	June 98
N2O	89%	August 98
24 JULY		
Batman & Robin	73%	August 98
Kula World	89%	June 98
Point Blank	92%	June 98
Street Fighter Collection	87%	Jan 98
WarGames	90%	July 98
31 JULY		
Ghost In The Shell	90%	June 98
Sentinel Returns		
7 AUGUST		
Actua Tennis		
Blasto	56%	August 98
Bomberman World	83%	June 98
Medievil		
Pet in TV		
14 AUGUST		
R-Types		
Tombi	79%	August 98
WWF Warzone		
21 AUGUST		
Breath of Fire 3	84%	June 98
Fluid	84%	August 98
28 AUGUST		
Brian Lara Cricket		
SCARS		

RELEASED		REVIEWED
4 SEPTEMBER		
Command & Conquer Retaliation		
11 SEPTEMBER		
C&C Platinum	91%	Dec 96
Mortal Kombat 4		
Fifth Element		
Tekken 3		
X-Men Vs Street Fighter		
18 SEPTEMBER		
Knockout		
Hardball 6		
ISS 98		
Moto Racer 2		
Resident Evil Platinum	94%	Jan 98
25 SEPTEMBER		
Duke Nukem Time To Kill		
Madden NFL 99		
V-Rally Platinum	94%	Sept 97
2 OCTOBER		
LADP 2100		
NHL Hockey 99		
9 OCTOBER		
Spyro The Dragon		
Victory Boxing 2		
X Files (provisional date only)		
23 October		
Ninja		
30 OCTOBER		
Colony Wars: Vengeance		
Earthworm Jim 3D		
13 NOVEMBER		
Bust-A-Groove		



■ Colin McRae Rally: shit hot racer



■ Batman and Robin: shit happens, Batman



■ N_2O: faster than shit off a shovel



■ Blasto: worse than just shit

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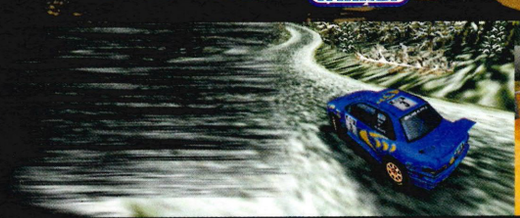
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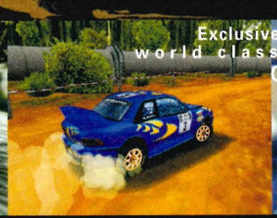
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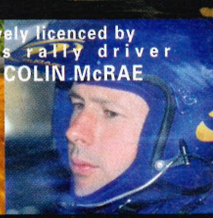
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Tomb Raider: The Movie

Loadsa Lara latest. We got it all...

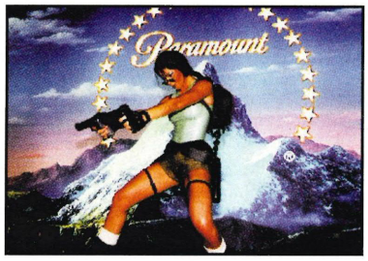
Filming on the Tomb Raider movie has already started, it's been alleged.

An unconfirmed report on an American website reveals the Lara Croft film is being shot in Guatemala with centrefold Carla Pivonski as its star.

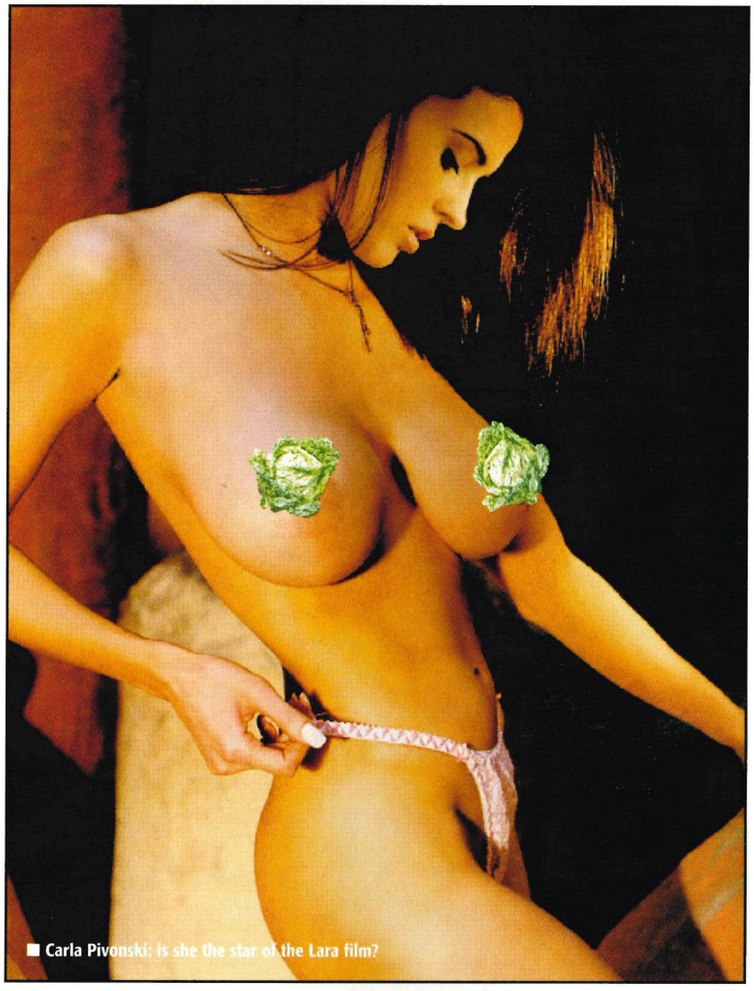
The report, said to come from a stagehand on location, says the film is shaping up well, but otherwise gave little away. Whether or not it's a wind-up has yet to be seen as Core Design, the firm behind Lara Croft, have yet to confirm any film details at all, beside the fact it's now scheduled for a late 1999 release.

Nell is round the corner

- Meanwhile, a new UK Lara has been appointed. She is model Nell McAndrew, perhaps best known for having her hair shaved off at the beginning of the year. She's currently wearing a wig for the role.
- And there are also plans for a Jeremy Paxman interview with Lara. If it goes ahead the interview will use the virtual Lara technique where Lara can interact with people live, even though she's on-screen.
- It's probably a similar version of the virtual Lara used in a video sent to us by reader J Coley of Lancs. Nightowl J came across a Euro music video where Lara punches the shit out of the band. Who the band is, or what the song's called, we don't know.

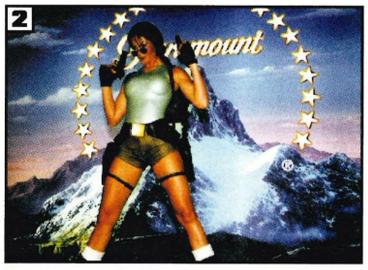


■ **Did anybody else see that mutt?**



■ Carla Pivonski: is she the star of the Lara film?





1 At a recent show, the guys behind Tomb Raider were happy to promote the new movie 2 And Nell McAndrew was there to hold up her end

GRAN OPENING

■ **A soundtrack album** to Gran Turismo has been released.

Called The Sound of Gran Turismo, the album's a compilation featuring a selection of bands including Ash, Blur and Garbage.

The idea's ace, and the CD's ace too, but what's it got to do with Gran Turismo?

For a kick off, the majority of tracks don't even appear on the game and secondly, it's missing the game's best track – the Chemical Brothers' remix of Everything Must Go by the Manic Street Preachers.



■ **The cover of the CD. Honestly**

Quake up, time to die

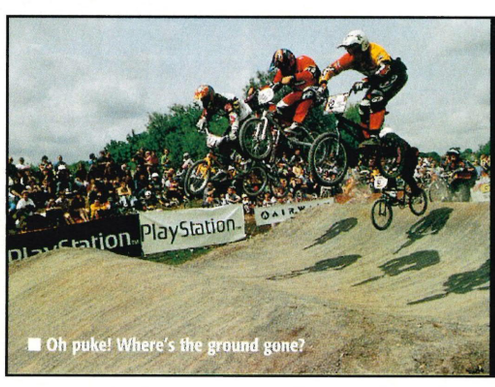
No bullshit. Quake II really IS coming...

Quake II has been confirmed for the PlayStation.

Despite the fact programmers found it impossible to convert the original Quake, it now looks likely they WILL be able to do the job for its much-improved sequel.

For anybody not familiar with Quake, it's a Doom-style corridor shoot 'em up which comes into its own in Deathmatch mode. Like the first one, it's been going down a storm on the PC and PlayStation gamers have long been demanding a version of Quake for their machine.

The games publishers Activision have said PlayStation Quake II will feature 'new' levels, but in actual fact this will probably mean either cut down versions of the PC or entirely new ones programmed to run effectively on the PlayStation. Needless to say, we'll keep you informed.



■ Oh puke! Where's the ground gone?

BMX-Large

PlayStation is lending its name to the 1998 BMX National Race series currently being held. The next races are being held in Farnham on August 9 (ring 01483 834 746 for details), and in Peterborough on August 30 (01733 558 203). The National Finals take place on September 26/27 at Slough (01753 542 213).

Platinum latest

Where's yer money going?

■ **TOCA Touring Car** and Time Crisis are both due to be released as Platinum titles – Sony's range of games selling for £19.99 each.

It's not yet been confirmed whether or not Time Crisis will be bundled with the G-con45 lightgun for its November release, However, the gun is soon to be sold by itself for £29.99. The Disney game, Hercules, is also set to go Platinum in November, while a date has not been fixed for TOCA's budget debut .

Meanwhile, Soul Blade, slated to go Platinum in in May, has been put back to the beginning of next year.



■ TOCA Touring Car: to you guv? £19.99

Final Fantasy VIII

The latest news on THE big game...

Here's the latest news on Final Fantasy VIII. But be warned, this little lot is for true fans only. But since we know there are so many of you out there, here goes:

Details of the game's battle system have been released and it's been changed significantly from FFVII. For a start, the displays will be easier to quickly refer to and new systems have been added. These are: Draw Command and Guardian Force.

Quick on the draw

The Draw Command allows you to take different types of magic from your enemy, and you'll need to do this since you won't be able to buy or find magic as you've been able to before. Word is, you'll be able to 'draw' the magic from your enemy before they've had a chance to use it.

May the force... etc

The Guardian Force is the name for the monsters you can call to your aid. It's not been revealed how this will work yet, but we do know you won't need materia to summon demons to help you. The Guardian Force can also be bred and raised in a similar way to the chocobos in FFVII and, depending on how good a parent you are, it can have increased attacking skills or hit points.

Another cool thing about the game looks like being Squall's Gunblade Combo. This sounds a bit like a Limit Break, but much better.

And finally, if this business about breeding Guardian Forces is right, WE DEMAND that you be able to use the forthcoming PDA to do it away from your PlayStation. That would be cool.

That's it, spoddery over. Normal service is now resumed.



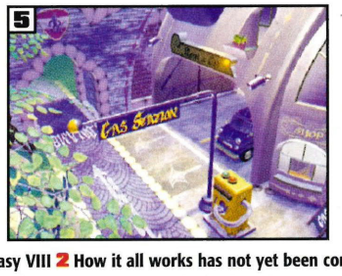
■ Yep, it's an in-game shot. And doesn't it look a booty?













1 Here are some combat shots from Final Fantasy VIII 2 How it all works has not yet been confirmed... 3 But never mind that, check the detail 4 These looks to be some of the best graphics ever seen on the PlayStation 5 That includes scenery 6 In-between's good too

Other stuff

Bits we couldn't keep to ourselves

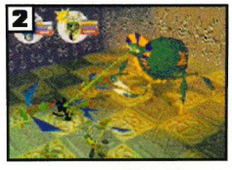
A Bug's life: Sony has signed an agreement with Disney giving them rights to the next three Disney games. A Bug's Life is first off the starting blocks with a planned release date in early 1999 This'll be followed by Tarzan and another game yet to be announced.

The Tour: One of those 'not-strictly-a-game' games, The Tour comes with a guitar plectrum **(or Virtual Music V-Pick, spod boys)** that you can strike on any surface to create guitar sounds of your own. The interesting thing is, it's gonna be two-player. But we don't quite know how yet.

Resident Evil 3 & 4: Before you start filling your underwear, no, there ain't DEFINITE news on Resident Evil sequels. However, the rumour is that both three and four are on the drawing board with number three taking much the same approach as one and two. Number four, on the other hand, will be a full-on 3D gore fest if the whispers are correct. Does that make you horny...?

Rat Attack: Pencilled in for a September release, Rat Attack's a mix of strategy and action. **(yeah, really)** You play a cat who has to stop mice eating away at the scenery





Duke Nukem: Time to Kill: Word is, the next Duke Nukem game, Time to Kill, is gonna have a kick ass multiplayer mode. Two players will be able to go head-to-head through six different levels chocka with coolio weapons like gatling guns and RPGs **(that's rocket launcher to you).** All hail to the King, baby.

Jeremy McGrath 2: Don't bother soiling yourself with excitement, the first one's pure cackola. Why make a second? Well, we have no doubt it'll be miles better...



1 A Bug's Life: Disney titles in the house! 2 Rat Attack: mix of action and rat catching 3 Duke Nukem: promising multiplayer

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We've already had loadsa shots we've been drooling over **(oh, and if you sent us a drawing or computer artwork, you'll be pleased to know it don't count),** but there's still time to get yours in if you missed the competition first time around. The closing date for the competition is 27th August. Now just fill in the form below – bearing in mind we'll need the consent of your 'model' (see rules) – and send it to us. Couldn't be easier, eh?

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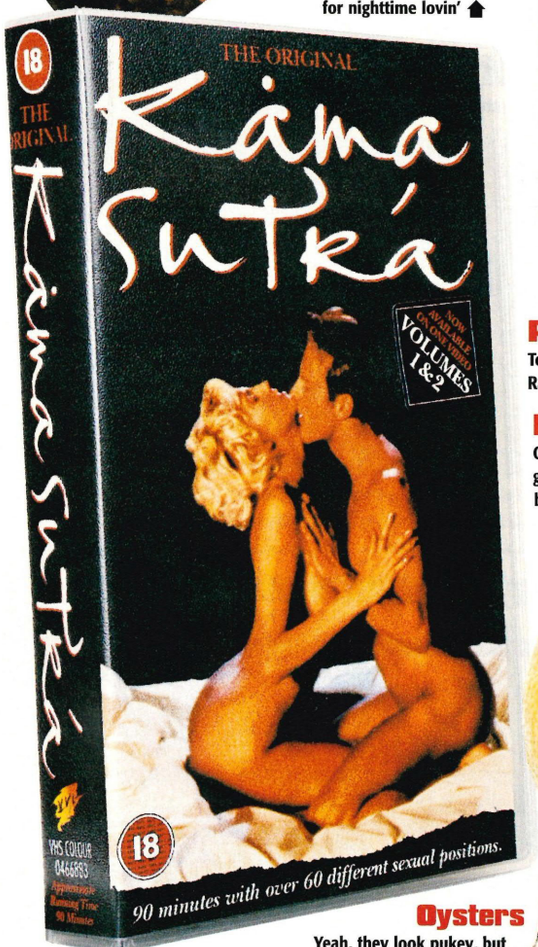
Weird stuff to pull the laydees...



Music
Lay on some super-smooth sounds for nighttime lovin'



Pheromone
To you? Pig's sweat. To a babe? Raw, unbridled sex..



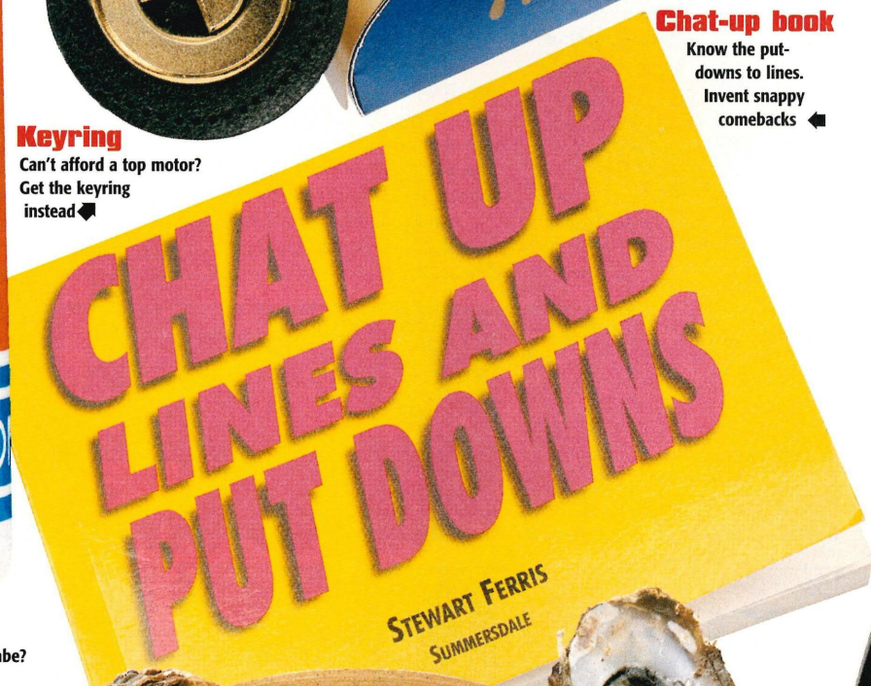
Kama Sutra
Once she's sussed your sex-god techniques, she'll be back for more

Oysters
Yeah, they look pukey, but they're an aphrodisiac. Apparently



Chocolates
We've yet to meet a chick who doesn't like chocolate...

Keyring
Can't afford a top motor? Get the keyring instead



Chat-up book
Know the put-downs to lines. Invent snappy comebacks




Fake Tan
Hey, could be you've just got back from Hawaii
SMIFFY'S
TEMPORARY
TATTOO
GARNIER
AMBRE SOLAIRE
DUO TAN
INSTANT TAN MAKE UP
Washes away
A tinted cream gel for an immediate natural tan.
For face and body
MID TAN
Tattoos
Gives you that 'bit of rough' appeal
LOVE
HATE
FIRE BRIGADE
FIRE CHIEF
Flowers
Show her your sensitive side with a nice bouquet
Helmet
Every laydee loves a man in uniform
So go on, show her yer helmet
CHAMPAGNE
Champagne
Laydees love romance. So get 'em in the mood with food...
Money
If yer boat race is a bit rough, you'll find hard cash affects their eyesight
BRITISH GROWN
SAINSBURY'S
Fresh Flowers
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Ickle pussy
If I show you mine...

Playin' the field

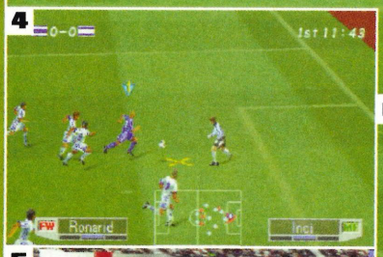
Devastating looks and gameplay. Have we died and gone to football game heaven?

The World Cup is over. We've got memories of heartache and joy. Our beer bellies are bigger, we've lost our girlfriends and our fingernails are bitten to the bone. What do we do now? Replay the whole thing on our PlayStations, of course...





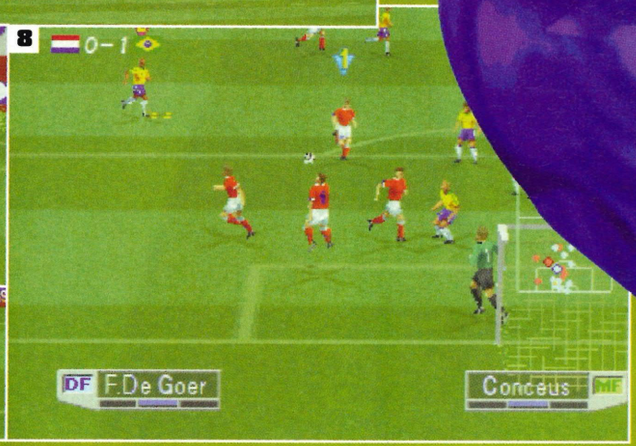












1 It's just like it is on the telly 2 Place shots exactly where you want 'em 3 Giant stadiums with giant flags 4 Pulse racin' action 5 All the heartache 6 All the pain 7 All the glory 8 Battles of epic proportions

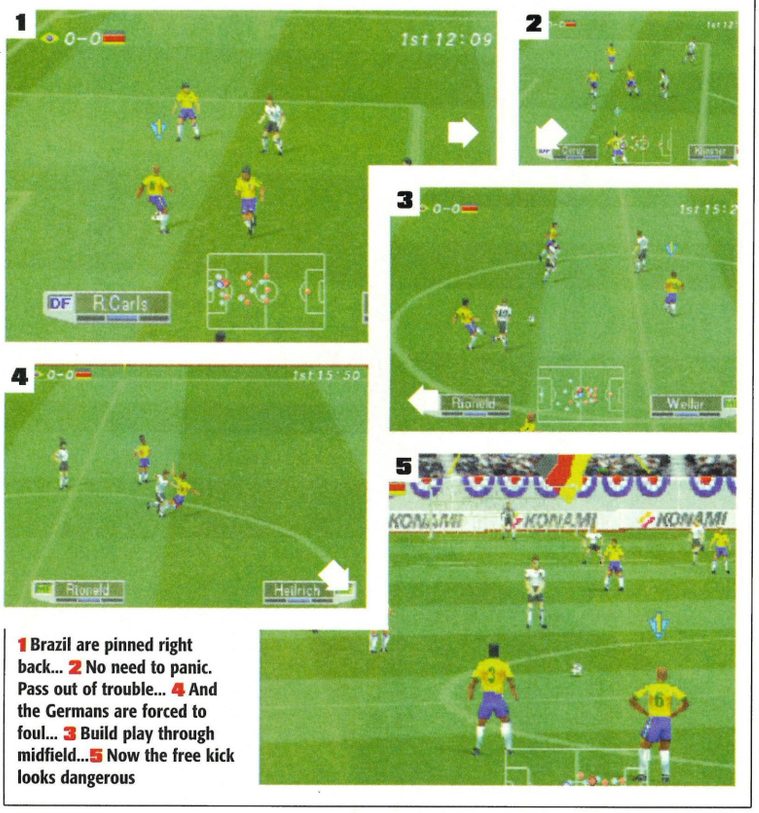
■**OUT** SEPTEMBER ■**BY** KONAMI ■**PLAYERS** 1-2 ■**COMPATABILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD
■**WE LOOK AT** GAMEPLAY, SPEED, GRAPHICS, MOVES, STRATEGY, REPLAYS, TRAINING, STADIUMS, COMMENTARY



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Gameplay

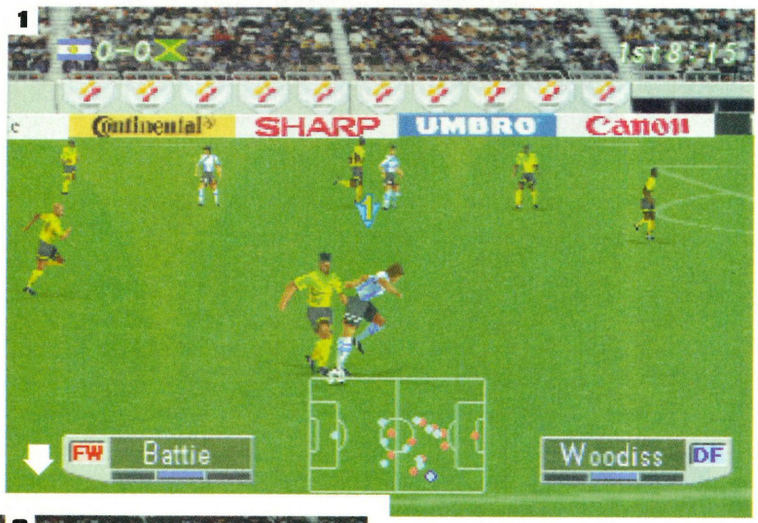
It's just like the real thing. Unlike a lot of other footy games you'll find battles rage all over the pitch and serious play isn't just confined to scoring areas. It's worth defenders playing the ball out of trouble, building play in midfield and waiting for an opening.

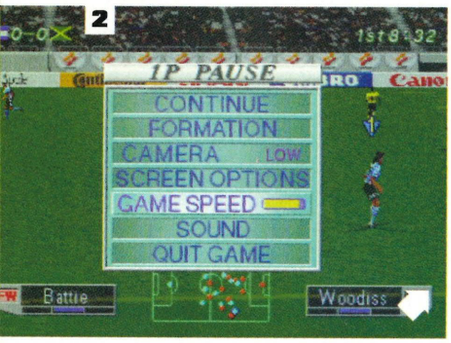


1 Brazil are pinned right back... 2 No need to panic. Pass out of trouble... 4 And the Germans are forced to foul... 3 Build play through midfield...5 Now the free kick looks dangerous

Speed

Some like it hard and fast, others prefer it slow and leisurely. No matter, 'cos this babe can go at any speed you want. Press pause any time during a game and you can choose to have it running like an arcade machine or like a boring PC sim. Nice one lads.



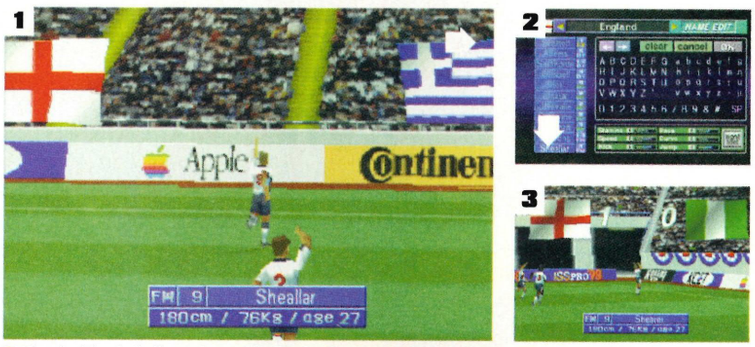




1 Getting bored with the tempo of the game? Don't just suffer... 2 Pause the game, fiddle with the menu 3 And turn that speed right up to 11

Name calling

From our shots you'll notice players have got slightly silly names – comes from not having an official licence, see. If, like us, you'd rather see the proper names, don't fret it. There's an editor thing where you can turn Sheallar back into Shearer no probs.



1 Who the bloody hell are they calling a Sheallar? 2 If you've got time you can set all the names straight 3 Ah, that's better. Make sure you brush up on your spelling, though...

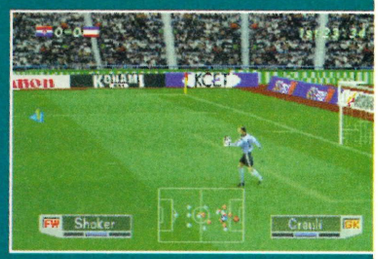
What we like

Graphics

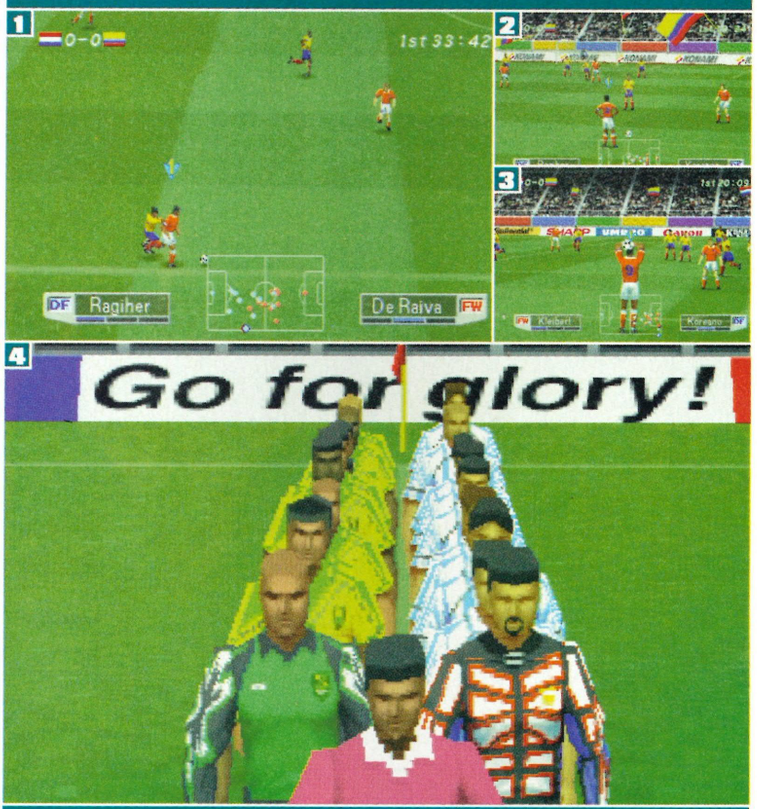
Wow. Graphics as smart as these should be sitting boffin exams at University. Smooth, neat, sharp and the animation is 100% quality. You can even spot famous players. Check out Valderrama from Colombia. Another nice touch is the way players' heads follow the movement of the ball.



■ Mr Hair himself – Valderrama



■ Some aren't so lucky. Check this slaphead

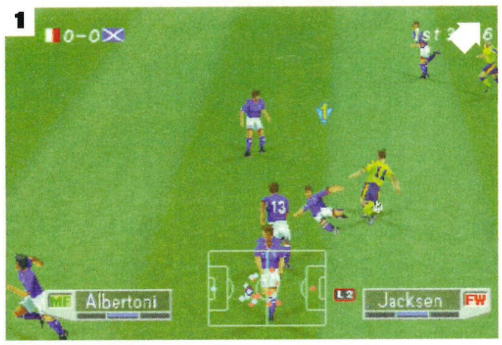


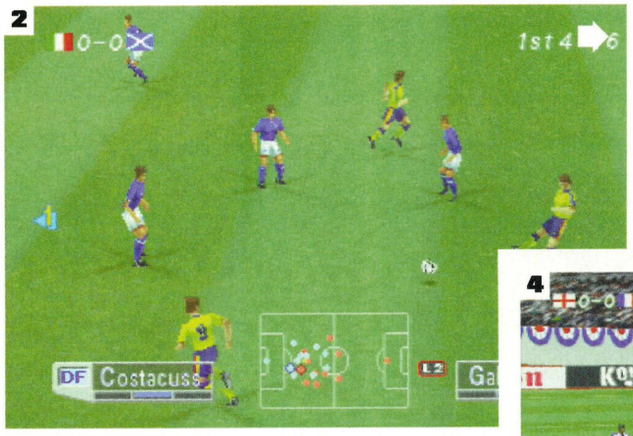
1 Pulling players' shirts is a laugh 2 With flags that size imagine the size of the crowd's arms 3 Graphics are always smooth as you like 4 Come on out boys. Show us what ya got...

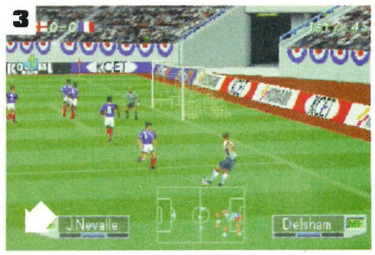
Moves are deadly to use...

Moves

Through-balls, one-twos, short or long passes, flicks, volleys, back heels, one-touch balls, low or high crosses, chips... the list just goes on and on. More importantly, all these moves are simple to get the hang of but deadly to use.

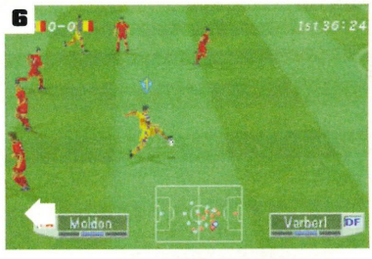


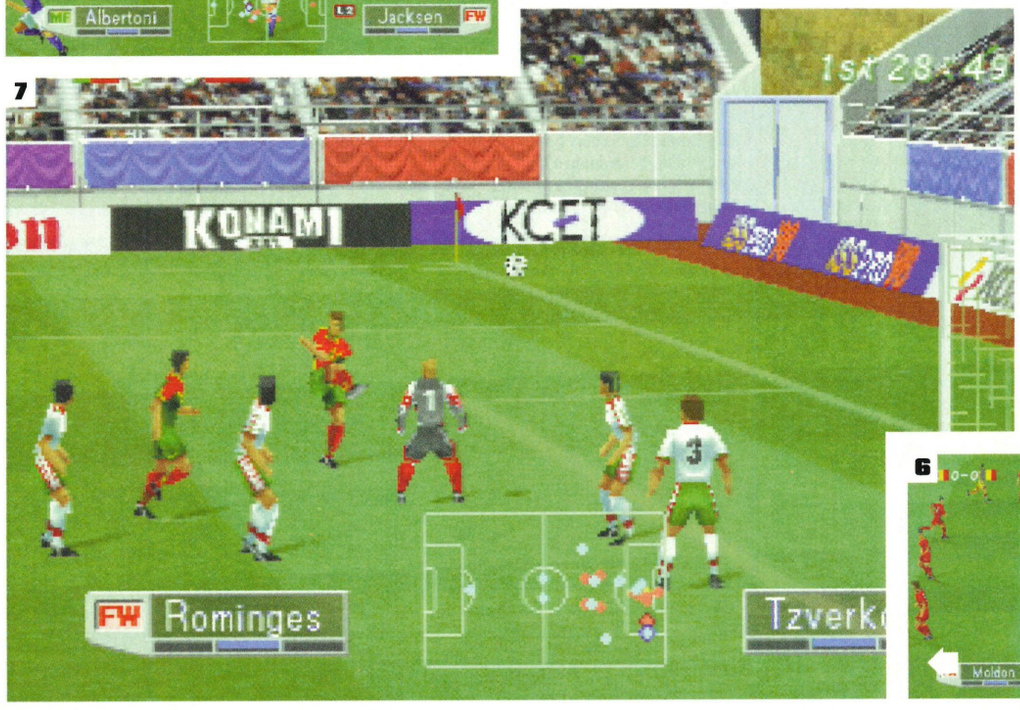












1 Dribbling round players is so satisfying **2** Through-balls have to be judged **3** Crossing is simple **4** Timing headers feels natural **5** Scoring from free kicks is a nightmare **6** Watch this bloke control a long ball **7** Volleys: hard to keep down

Strategy

Think you could wear a sheepskin coat better than big Ron? Now's yer chance to find out. Mess about with the starting line-up, pick formations and perfect some sneaky tactics. In the dressing room you can pick from a list of strategies, like counterattacks. Now out on the pitch you activate plans using shoulder buttons.





1 Make up yer mind about team selection... **2** Now pick yourself a couple of strategies... **3** Use the shoulder keys to execute your plans

New kit

These days kits change faster than a pro after she's been paid, but this beauty is bang up-to-date. The Croatians even have to wear itchy socks. Programming types have also decided to put in loads more teams than before, so you've got plenty to get stuck into.







1 So many teams to pick from **2** Ah, that'll be the new Australian kit **3** If you want the best 'uns go for all-stars

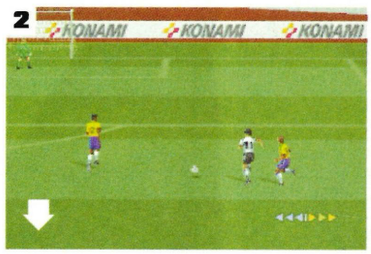
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Replays

There's only one thing more satisfying than scoring against a mate – and that's rubbing it in. In replay mode you can centre cameras on each player, zoom in and out, turn the pitch around, the lot. One problem: you only get replays after a goal, so no disputing decisions.







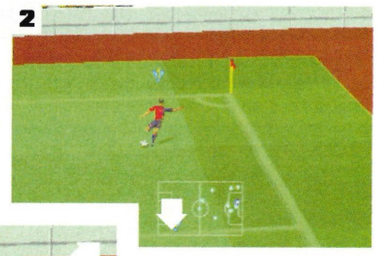


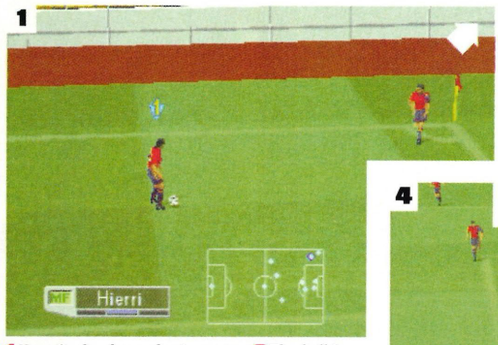


1 Not a pleasant sight, Germany celebrating... 2 The move begins with a perfect through-ball... 3 Number 11 takes it in his stride, leaving the marker behind... 4 A free shot on goal. Who would your money be on? 5 The South Americans hang their heads in shame

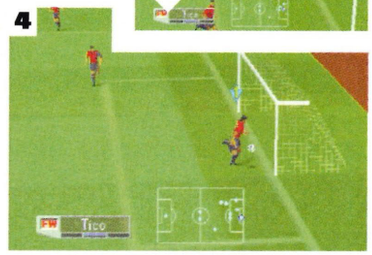
Training

Another new feature is the ability to wander around an empty pitch, practising moves and styles. Without anyone else to hassle you, it's a good way to work out timing of headers, get a feel for how much power to use on shots and play around with corners and free kicks.





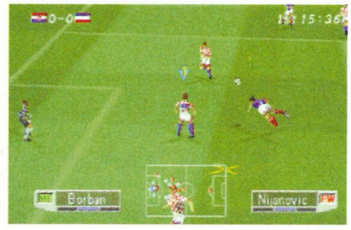




1 Here Spain play a short corner... 2 The ball is returned and then whipped in... 3 One of the forwards gets a glancing header in... 4 The other is there to clean up

Camera action

Once upon a time you could only watch ISS Pro from the side. Poo we said. It's a good angle to watch on telly, but it's not much use when you're hammering buttons. Thankfully, this version has got a few to choose from, including a view up the pitch.



■ A slightly zoomed-out view is cool



■ Playing at pitch level is hard work

Stadiums

As yer team lines up for the national anthem you get a real sense of being in some huge great stadium. It's not like you've got accurately designed pitches from around the globe, but who cares? The five on offer should do the job nicely.

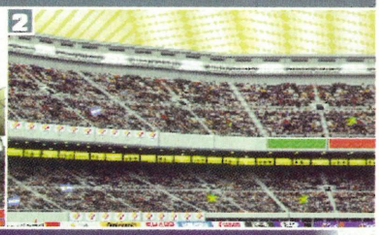


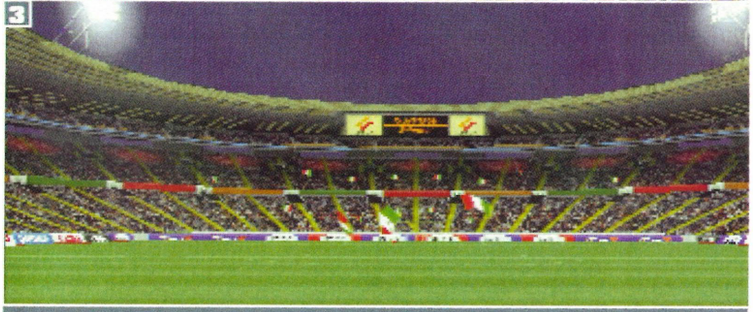
■ Walking onto the pitch sets up atmosphere



■ Fair play? Bunch of arse, mate







1 This stadium has got an English second division feel 2 Football in a big top. Watch out for three lions 3 Wow. Now that's what we call a setting

Commentary

Nothing too flashy going on with the commentary, but that's cool. Good, solid work from Tony Gubba and surprisingly all his waffle fits together quite smoothly. Gone are the days of stuttering rubbish like: Germany... ARE playing Bra-zil.



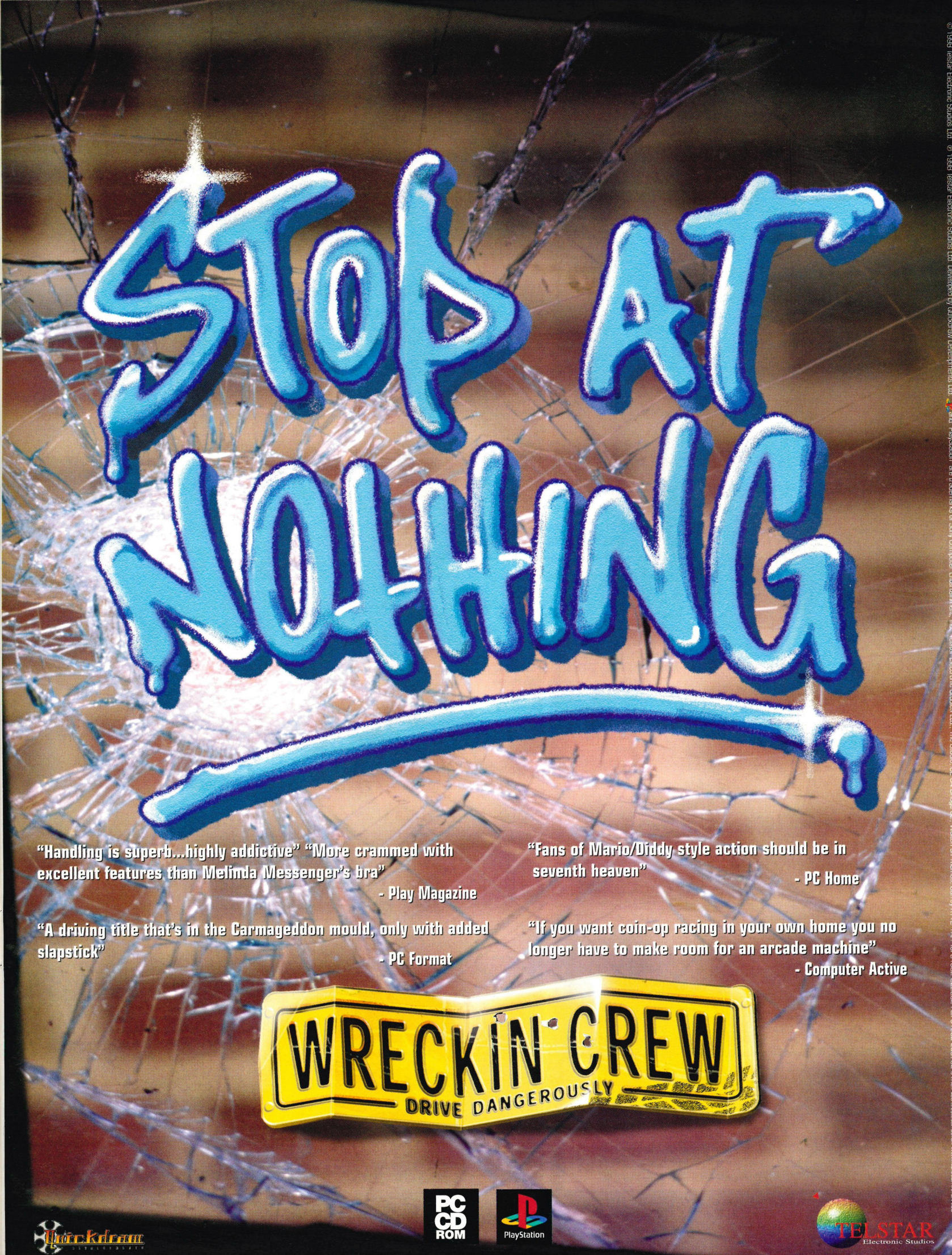




1 'Tight ball control – he's got a head to it' etc 2 'He's making a run' (cheers for that Tone) 3 'Hello I'm Tony Gubba and we're seconds from kick off'

plus We'd like to say...

We went mad for the original ISS Pro when it was out last year. 'One of the greatest football games on the planet,' we said. Gave it 91% we did. Well, from what we've seen, the updated version is miles better. Might as well get the beers in and sack the girlfriend now.


STOP AT NOTHING
"Handling is superb...highly addictive" "More crammed with excellent features than Melinda Messenger's bra"
- Play Magazine
"A driving title that's in the Carmageddon mould, only with added slapstick"
- PC Format
"Fans of Mario/Diddy style action should be in seventh heaven"
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Losin' it

An illustrated guide to joypad throwing

Just been fragged? Pipped at the finishing post? Then take it out on your joypad — with style.

The Knot (main pic)

How: With both hands, take the joypad and begin to exert some not-too-gentle pressure on its ass. Yeah, you're not going to break it this way, but it'll make you feel better and the joypad's gonna know who's boss.
When: You've just failed the going-round-the-tyres test in Gran Turismo. For the fourth time. You know you can do it, but frustration's starting to set in...

The Tyson Nash

How: Tell it, 'This is gonna hurt me more than it hurts you.' And it might. But even if your dentist complains, the pride doctor'll give you a clean bill of health. How'd you do it? Bite it. Hard.
When: When you really wanna get mediaeval on its ass. The Tyson Nash is an up-close-and-personal kinda move, so save it for those times when the game's logic has really turned against you — the Doom books puzzle in Resident Evil.

The Bolus Whirl

How: Teach it some manners with this throw that'll instantly add 2,000 points to your cool tally. As with the Sledgehammer Shatter, first take the pad by its lead. But instead of smashing it straight to the floor, begin twirling it, lasso-style. At its fastest point let go of the pad for max impact destruction...
When: The Bolus Whirl's good for those times when you know you can do no more. Say, Resident Evil 2 when you've been wandering around for hours without saving your game. Then suddenly you die. Aaarrgh!

The Funky Floor Sma...

How: You'll need two hands for this one. Simply raise the offending piece of plastic above your head and throw it straight down at the floor. For extra height and power, jump up at the same time. With any luck (and the right kind of floor surface) the pad will be destroyed upon impact, hence the name 'Floor Smash'.
When: A throw with even less finesse than The Boomerang, the Funky Floor Smash is one for those sudden 'can't take this no more' moments. When, say, you're playing a right button-basher at Tekken 2 and you've just lost for the 11th successive time. Vom!

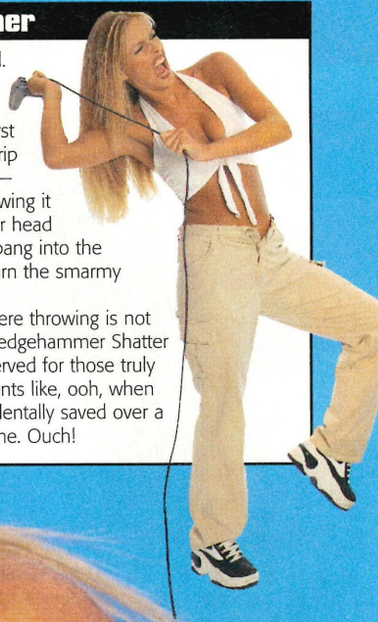
The Spag Bol Boi...

How: Not so much a throw, this is more the ritual and humiliating destruction of your pad. Stop playing, count to ten slowly, then take your pad and immerse it in a pan full of boiling spaghetti. One ruined pad, but boy, are you gonna feel better.
When: The Spag Bol Boil is no ordinary throw. It's a studied destruction for those puzzle moments when a game's melted your noggin. You'll be using The Spag Bol Boil for Broken Swords 1 & 2, Discworld, and even parts of Tomb Raider have Spag Bol Boil moments.

■ Photography Adam Lawrence Model Sam

■ Sam got stuck on the Palace Midas level of Tomb Raider. So she knows...

The Sledgehammer



How: Easy. Grab your pad. Shake that bastid till it fears for its life. Then, just as it thinks the worst is over, change your grip to grab the lead and – without warning – swing it over the top of your head and – KERAK! – bang into the ground. That'll learn the smarmy plastic shit.

When: When mere throwing is not enough. The Sledgehammer Shatter should be reserved for those truly special moments like, ooh, when you just accidentally saved over a previous game. Ouch!

The Boomerang

How: Take hold of one end of the pad, raise it over your shoulder and throw out and down – just like a boomerang. The pad's unlikely to come back, though. Aboriginal grunt is optional.

When: A spontaneous hurl and one with little finesse. Likely to come in most useful for those sudden, unexpected disappointments: a mate sneaking up behind you in Deathmatch Doom, the computer car overtaking you at the line in Rage Racer.

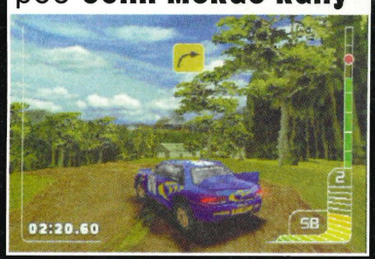
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When Maradona scored with a handball during the 1986 World Cup he claimed it was the 'hand of God'. Well, we're cheating over the next 24 pages. Hand of God? Nah mate, dog's bollocks...

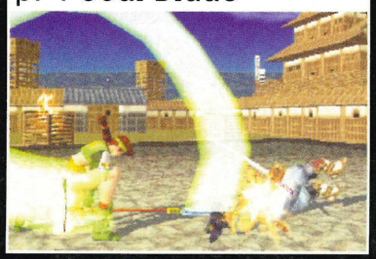
Torn apart this month...

p60 **Colin McRae Rally**



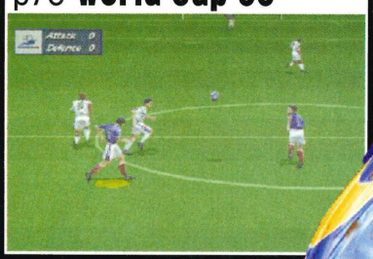
■ It's slippy and slidey. But pay attention to our guide and you'll soon get a firm grip

p74 **Soul Blade**



■ Killing men and women with massive steel swords made easier. God, we're good to you

p78 **World Cup 98**



■ Re-live the real World Cup. Without Kevin Keegan

plus

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COLIN McRAE RALLY

One of the best racers in the business also happens to be rock. Luckily you've got us to point you in the right direction.



DETAILS	
GAME:	Colin McRae Rally
PRICE:	£44.99
COMPANY:	Codemasters
REVIEWED:	July 1998
SCORE:	95%
VERDICT:	A must for rallying enthusiasts

THE BASICS

LEARN YOUR CAR

■ The best way to corner is brake early, go in easy then add power halfway in to increase grip. This method is important in the rain and snow.

■ Your car accelerates faster in a straight line and brakes quicker when turning. Get a feel for these characteristics before you race a full season.



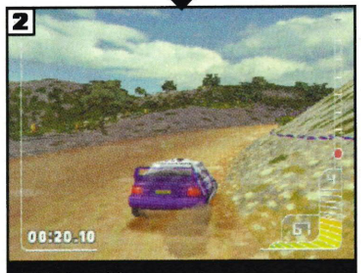
■ Jam brakes early...



■ Straighten up for max acceleration



■ Feed through the power for more grip



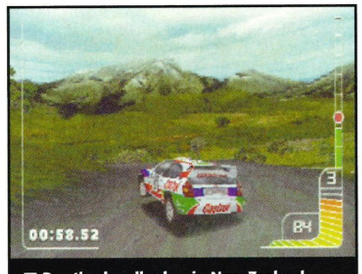
■ Brake quicker as you turn

■ If you crash think about the quickest way out of where you are. Stay calm and decide if you should back out or hammer the throttle and spin around.

■ Use the handbrake sparingly, it slides the car out a lot easier and can slow your time. Practise around New Zealand to get used to braking.



■ If you crash stay calm



■ Practise handbrakes in New Zealand

LISTEN TO YOUR CO-DRIVER

■ As each corner is read out in advance you've gotta make a mental map of how the road ahead lies. Key words are used instead of accurate descriptions, so 'narrow gate' may mean a fence ends close to the road. Heed the warnings. You may like driving by what you can see, but the warnings will tell you to be careful. Many hazards are similar in colour to the environment so beware!



■ Pay attention...



■ Or pay the price

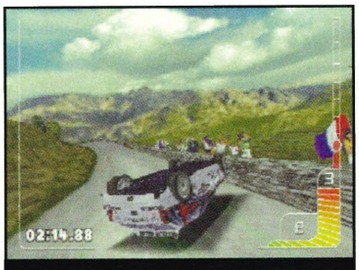
Colin says...



■ ***Keep it up.*** *Just because you're ahead don't take it easy. Each driver is different. They all have strong and weak points and, most importantly, the ambition to win. Watch you don't get pipped at the post.*

REPAIRS

■ Look at your repair schedule before thinking about setup. The different sections of your car should be repaired in the following order:
1. Engine, for all-round speed.
2. Gearbox, for acceleration.
3. Handling, speed is nothing without it.
4. Brakes, low priority but still important.
5. Electrics, fix if there's a night stage coming up.



■ If you've got repairs to make



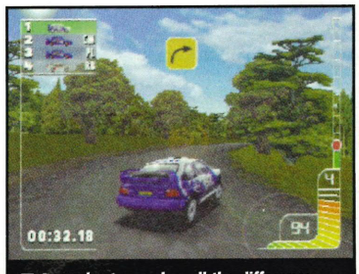
■ Go for the essentials

SETUP

■ Getting the right setup is absolutely essential. The choice between tyres, for instance, could mean winning or losing. Look carefully at the VIEW STAGES section and decide how to configure your car for the best performance. Either that or take a gander at our recommended car setup tables.



■ Always check the stage map



■ A good setup makes all the difference



■ Get it wrong and the race is over before it starts

SETUPS EXPLAINED

■ ***SUSPENSION***

Soft: Easy ride over rough terrain, but less precise handling.
Normal: All-rounder. Ideal for changes in road conditions.
Hard: Good control but crap on rough terrain.

■ ***BRAKES***

Front bias: Gives understeer. Useful if your car is twitchy.
Even: No handling effects.
Rear bias: Gives oversteer. Slides out back end.

■ ***GEAR RATIO***

Max Acceleration: Top acceleration but seriously limits top speed. Useful on windy tracks.
Good Acceleration: Good for twisty stages.
Balanced Speed: Good top speed and swift acceleration.
High Speed: Good speed and acceleration. Best on open stages
Max Speed: Max top speed but slow acceleration. Useful on very open stages only.

■ ***STEERING SENSITIVITY***

Low: Precise on open stages.
Average: For general use.
High: For severe bends.

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THE TOUGHEST TRACKS

We pick out the hardest sections of the toughest tracks. With this info at your fingertips you'll be prepared for anything the game throws at you.

SWEDEN: STAGE 1

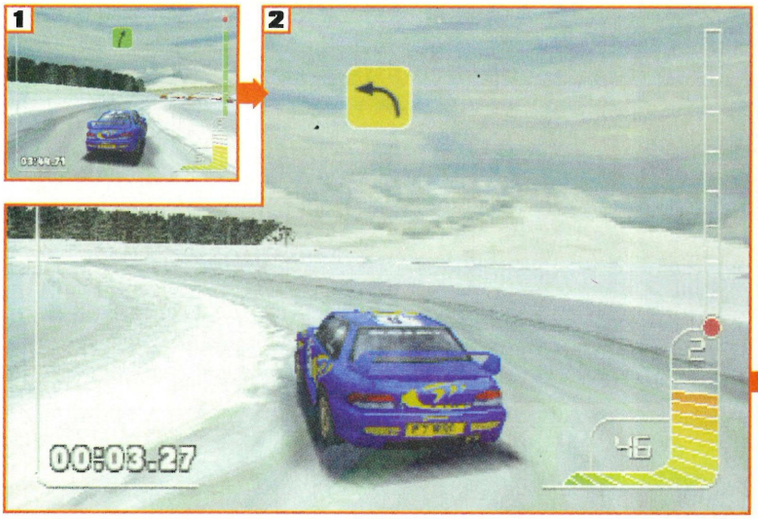
COURSE NOTES

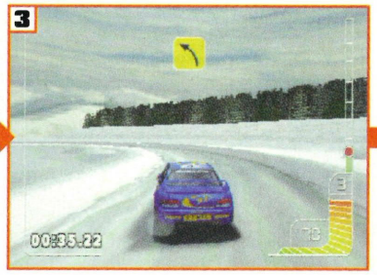
■ A rough introduction for the perils of driving in the snow here. Remember to brake early for corners and feed the power back halfway through the bend for extra grip.

RECOMMENDED SETUP

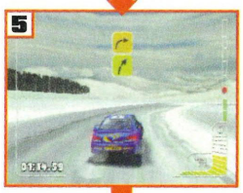
STAGE 1	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
	Spikes	Stiff	Even	Medium	Maximum

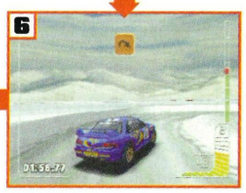


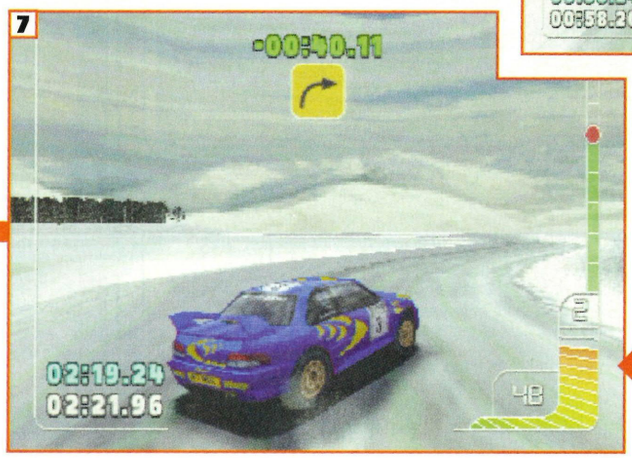














1 Accelerate through the first left and keep to 2nd gear for the right/left/right **2** Reach the checkpoint and step up a gear for two easier corners ahead **3** Now prepare for a hard right which switches left then back again. Speed up for the long corner **4** Next up is an easy right that gets tighter and tighter, so watch it **5** Nasty bit this. Hairpin right, tiny straight, hairpin left **6** Sharp right, sharp left. Watch you don't catch yourself on the high banks **7** After a long left make sure you get yourself setup for a quick left/right **8** Now cut hard into the last right to get up to maximum speed over the line. You've done it!

Colin says...



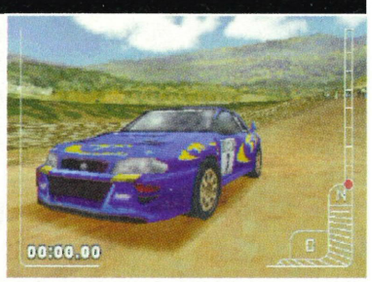
■ ***When driving through*** *Sweden, try using an out-of-car view. This'll help you to see exactly how you're positioned. Now concentrate on keeping yourself in the middle of the tracks. Running into snowdrifts at the edge loses loads of time.*

Car lowdown

■ **SUBARU IMPREZA WRC**

Good all-rounder with a surprisingly high top speed. An ideal first car.

DRIVE	4 wheel
BHP	300
TOP SPEED	160.0 mph
BRAKING	Good
HANDLING	Good



■ **Difficult to pronounce, good to drive**

SWEDEN: STAGE 3

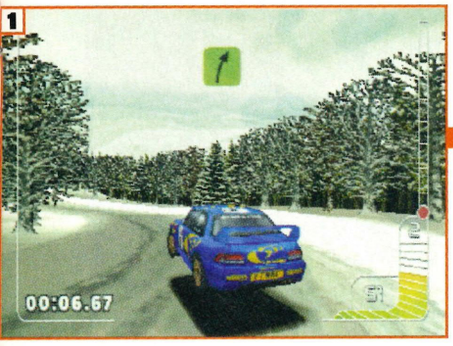
COURSE NOTES

■ The design of this track ain't that bad, but two things will give you headaches: the very high banks and the quick corners. Watch you don't catch the sides and roll the car.

RECOMMENDED SETUP

STAGE 3	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
	Spiked	Stiff	Even	Medium	Balanced





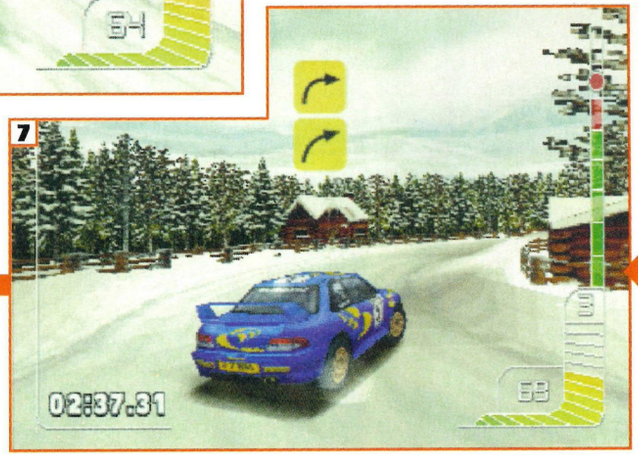


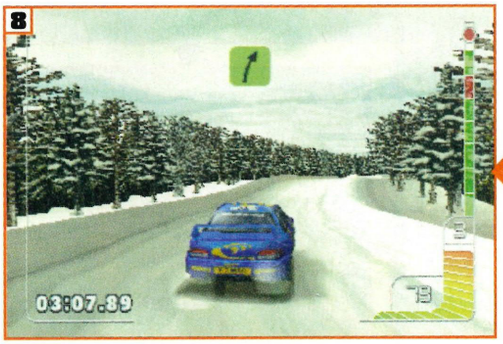












1 Uneven ground makes the first bend a real bitch to get round in one piece. Chances are, it'll take a few goes to master properly **2** Just past the checkpoint and mind the hard right **3** This right rapidly becomes a real nightmare **4** The long straight looks a doozy, but is actually full of bends hidden by bumps in the road, so stay alert **5** Slam on the brakes at the end of the straight and slow down for a long left **6** Medium left into a totally crap-your-pants left. That's the kind of game this is **7** Spot the huts early and brake like an absolute maniac for a heavy right/left **8** Power round the easy right before the finish

Colin Says...



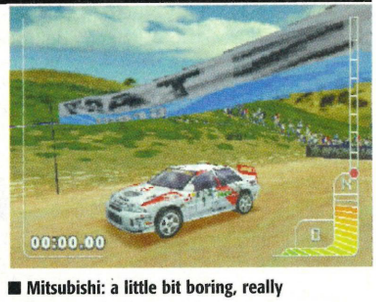
■ ***The snow in*** *Sweden's suited to spikes, but don't assume all snow is the same. In Monte Carlo, for example, it is very thin and wet, making it super-slidey. So to get the right kind of grip, make sure you pick wet grooves instead of spikes on this type of surface.*

Car lowdown

■ **MITSUBISHI LANCER E4**

Big, solid, reliable. Middle of the road performance makes it a yawn.

DRIVE	4 wheel
BHP	300
TOP SPEED	149.9 mph
BRAKING	Good
HANDLING	Good



■ Mitsubishi: a little bit boring, really

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Instant Expert: Colin McRae Rally

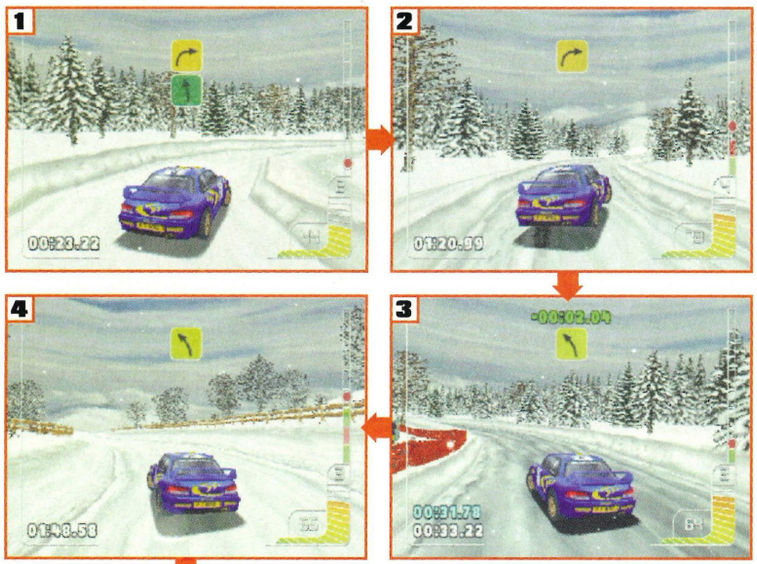
SWEDEN: STAGE 5

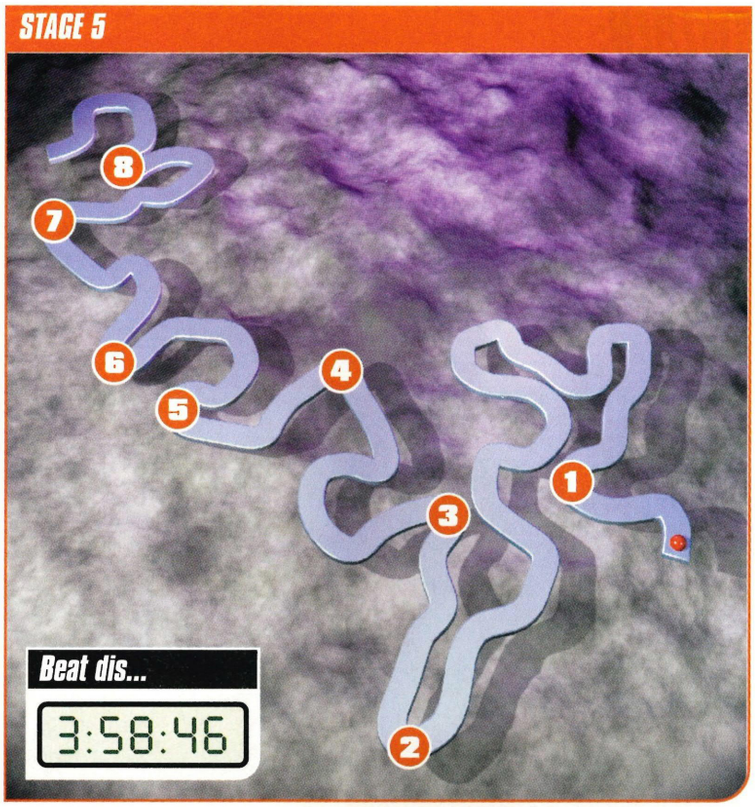
COURSE NOTES

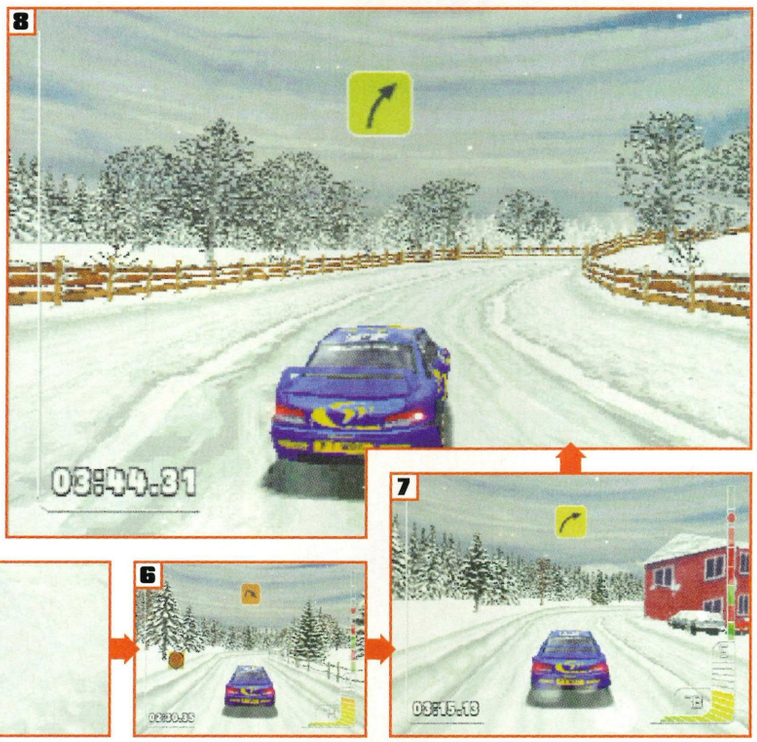
■ Wow. Driving along these roads is like shooting down a bobsleigh run. Watch out for changing road conditions – the differences in grip could catch you out...

RECOMMENDED SETUP

STAGE 5	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
	Spiked	*Stiff*	*Even*	*High*	*Maximum*







1 The first major right you hit is pretty darn tight, so make sure your speed and positioning is right **2** Red fencing means you're coming up to a sweeping right. Try and keep the revs up **3** Just past checkpoint one is a tricky left. Don't panic 'cos the road surface is good **4** This two-stage left-hander could catch you out **5** Pass two houses on a long right. Now watch for an unexpected left **6** Straight after the next checkpoint dab the handbrake for a hairpin right **7** Keep your eyes peeled for the long, sharp right after the house **8** Once you spot fencing again you're about to hit a hard right/right/left combo

Colin says...



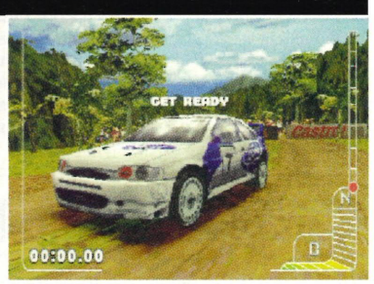
■ ***If you're not*** *using an analogue, dual shock or steering wheel, go get one. It's not that the game is unplayable or you can't finish with a digital pad, but we find analogue steering brings you closer to the game, giving finer control.*

Car lowdown

■ **FORD ESCORT WRC**

High revs, grips the road well and stops so hard you'll lose yer lunch.

DRIVE	*4 wheel*
BHP	*290*
TOP SPEED	*149.9 mph*
BRAKING	*Very good*
HANDLING	*Good*



■ Escort: Essex girl not pictured

CORSICA: STAGE 1

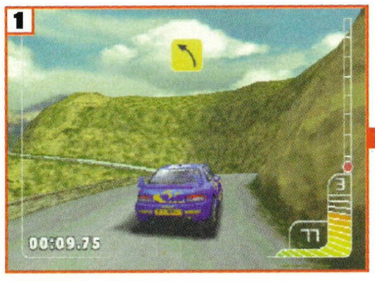
COURSE NOTES

■ Right turns on this course are harder than normal 'cos the side of the mountain blocks your view. Watch out for uneven roads and sudden dinks in the track...

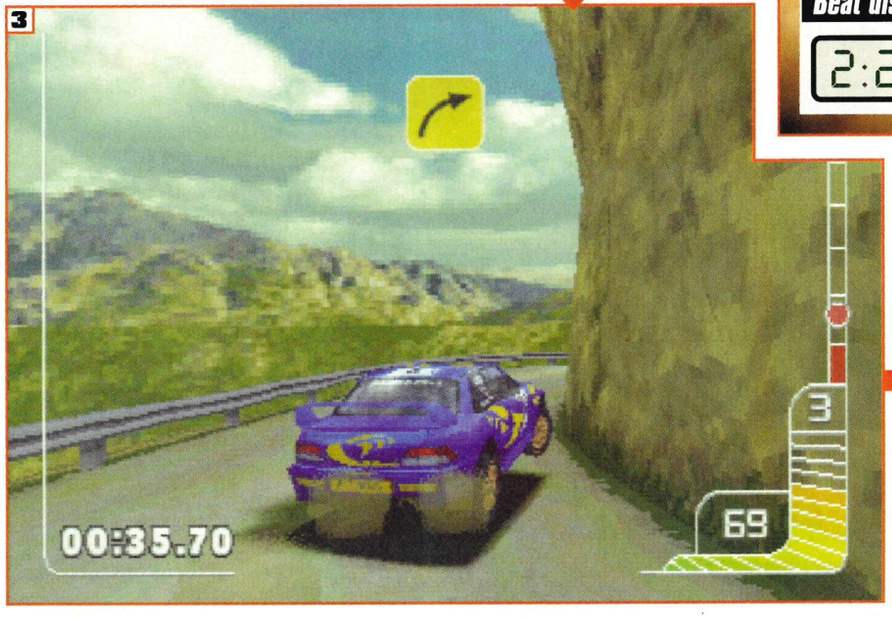
RECOMMENDED SETUP

STAGE 1	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
	Slicks	Medium	Even	Medium	Balanced



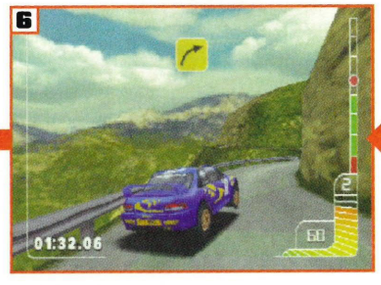
















1 On the second left the outside wall cuts into the track **2** Run through the checkpoint and get set for a quick left, hard right **3** Two hard lefts are followed by an uneven hard right **4** Pass the checkpoint and when the wall turns into a crash barrier expect left, hard right, hard left **5** After the caravan power through a long right/left/right combo **6** Speed over the bridge but watch out for the left and uneven hard right **7** Another checkpoint and the road dinks left. Now ease off the gas for a long, sharp right **8** Your last problem on this course is a tough hairpin right. Here use the handbrake before sprinting for the line

Colin says...



■ ***Corsica has some*** *harsh corners protected by walls. If you take corners wide the car will scrape against the obstruction and you will be knocked back onto the road. This causes only minor damage, but don't do it on night stages 'cos you'll lose headlights.*

Car lowdown

■ **TOYOTA COROLLA WRC**

Don't be tempted by top speed and looks. This bugger is a handful on corners.

DRIVE	*4 wheel*
BHP	*290*
TOP SPEED	*170.0 mph*
BRAKING	*Poor*
HANDLING	*Good*



■ Toyota: a birrova handful

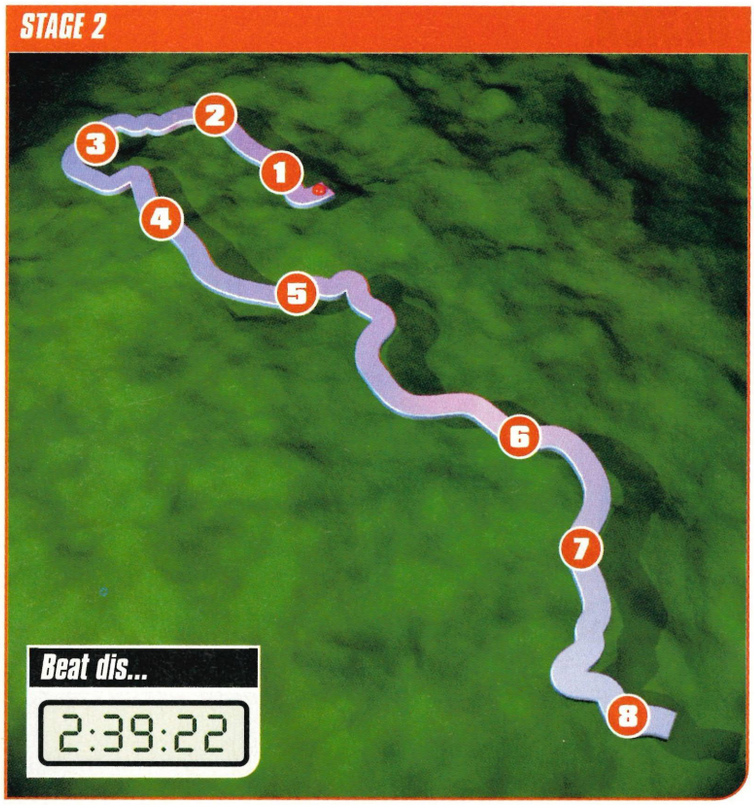
INDONESIA: STAGE 2

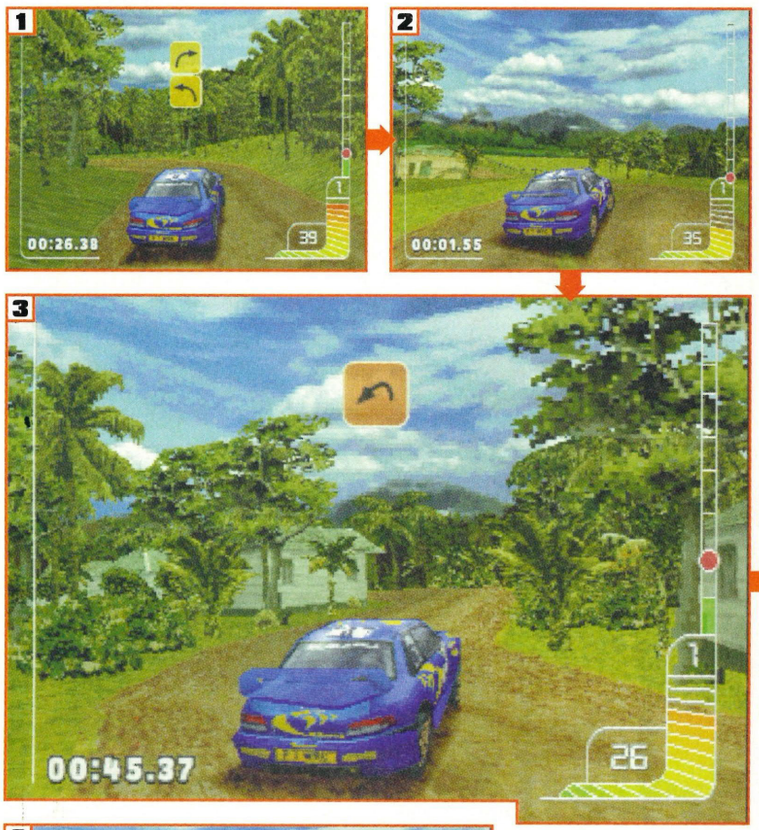
COURSE NOTES

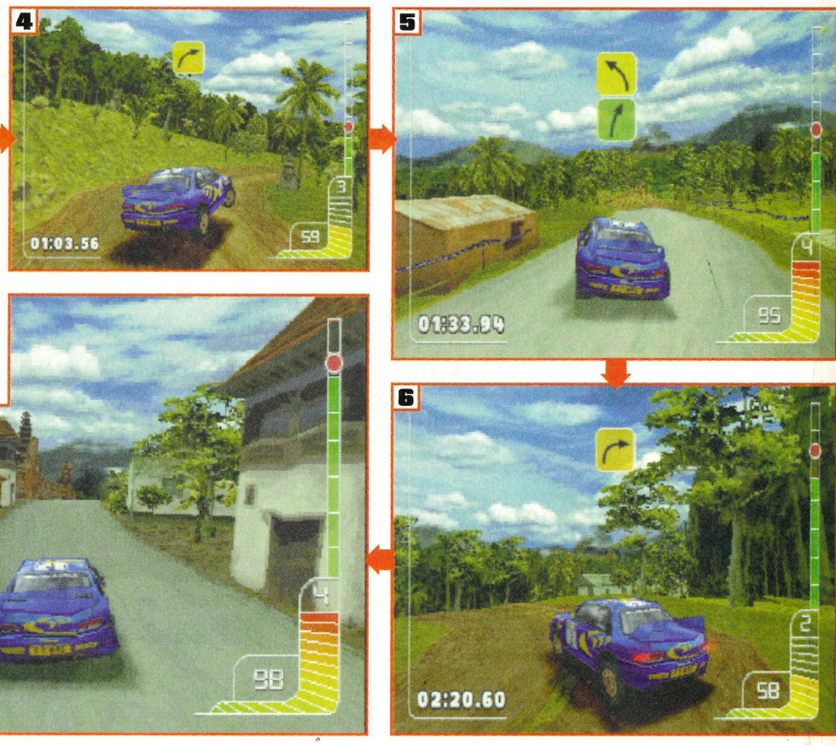
■ Long uneven straights followed by blind corners. Concentrate keeping on the track over fast sections to pick up time. Be over-cautious on the bends or you'll crash.

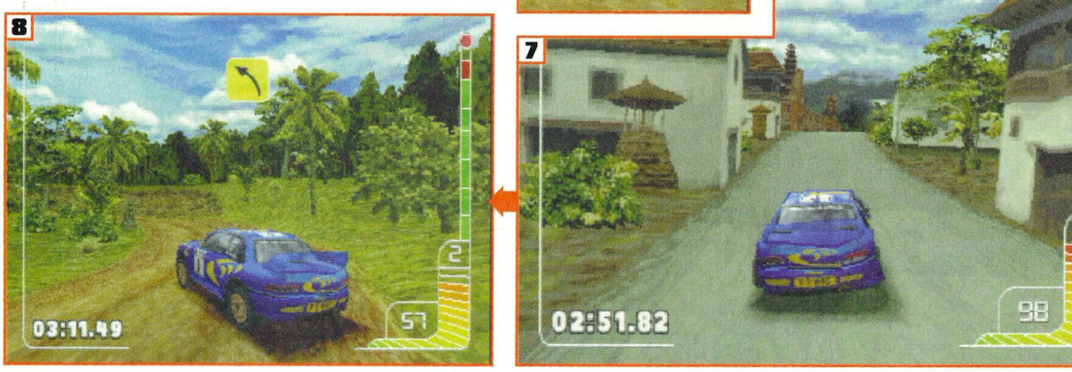
RECOMMENDED SETUP

STAGE 2	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
	Dry	Soft	Even	Medium	Good Accel.









1 Start out slowly, watching for the sudden right/left 2 After the raised, fast section of track get ready for some windy roads. You'll find this happens a lot on this course 3 Slow right down for these two hairpins or you'll go arse over tit 4 Watch out for uneven ground after the village 5 Another raised section ends in suicidal bends 6 Yup. Yet another straight stretch ends in some bastid corners. Ease off 7 Don't cut corners through the village or you'll hit a house. And you wouldn't want to do that now, would you? 8 Racing ends with a long left. Power through, and show it who's boss for a good time

Colin says...



■ ***Left foot braking*** can be useful on long corners. Simply press the brake button (not the handbrake, mind) at the same time as holding the accelerator button. This'll have the same effect as if you were using both feet in the car...

Car lowdown

■ **SKODA FELICIA KIT CAR**

It may be a Skoda but it's a real laugh. Like driving a remote-controlled car.

DRIVE	2 wheel
BHP	240
TOP SPEED	145.0 mph
BRAKING	Good
HANDLING	Good



■ **What do you call a...? Oh, never mind**

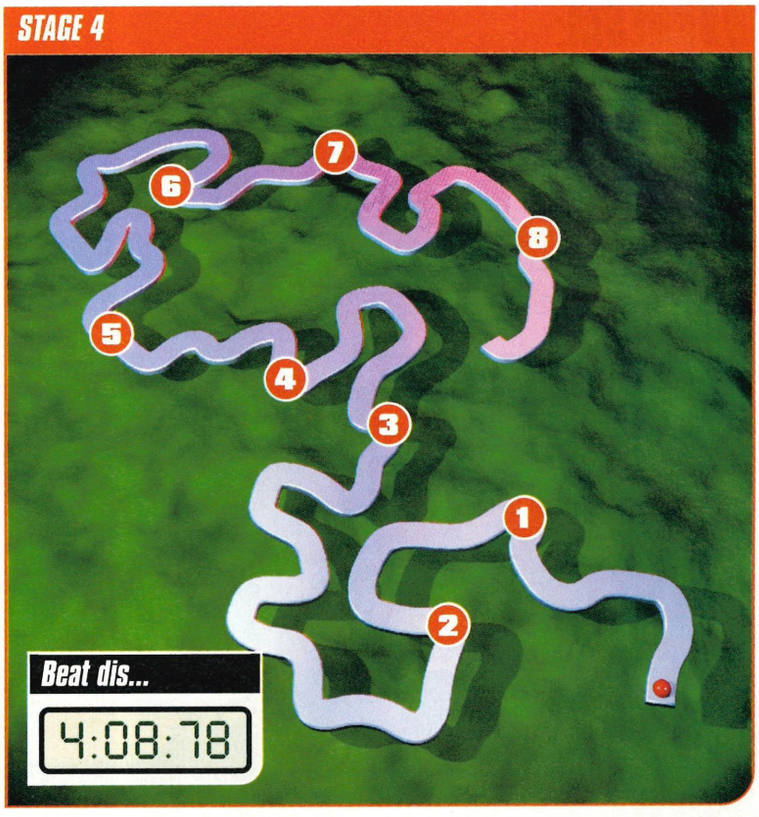
INDONESIA: STAGE 4

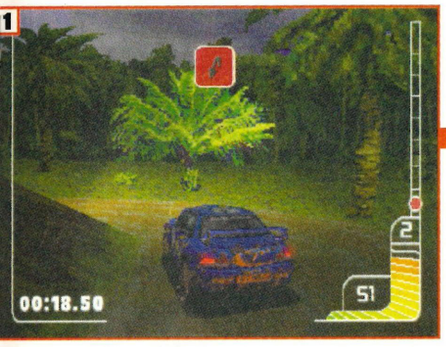
COURSE NOTES

■ This section has got everything you don't want on a course. It's raining and muddy, it's nighttime and the road is narrow and winding. Just take things easy.

RECOMMENDED SETUP

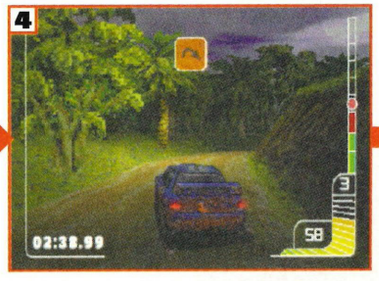
STAGE 4	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
	Wet	*Medium*	*Rear*	*Medium*	*Maximum*

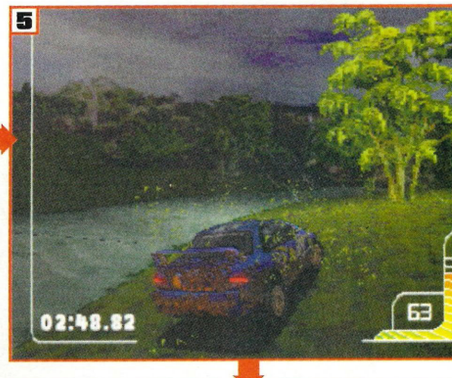






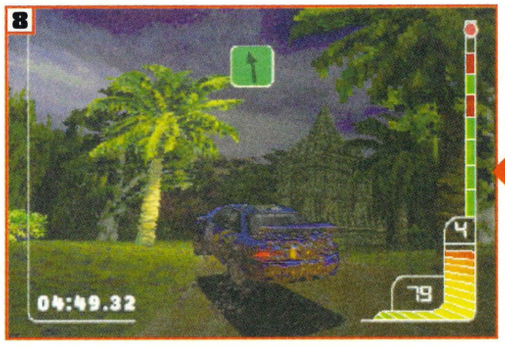












1 Hard right, hairpin left: ouch **2** Another hairpin (hairpin city, this section), this time to the right. Watch out for the bank on the left. Hit it and you're toast, mate **3** After the village get ready for a slow hairpin left. Use the handbrake **4** Take the jump, slam the brakes and slide around the quick right. Thrilling stuff if you get it right **5** Easy right, but stay on the track (obvious, really) or you'll end up in the water **6** Handbrake through the left hairpin but watch out for the fence **7** Hardish left with bank then swing right for a hairpin **8** One last hairpin. Now take care over the jumps or you'll mess up yer finish

Colin says...



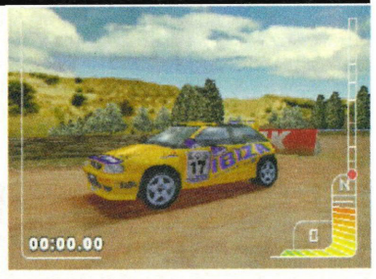
■ ***On night stages*** *turn your brightness up and on bright stages turn it down. If that sounds like cheating, it's not. There are all kinds of adjustments you can make to a car and adapting the car to the environment is essential to successful racing.*

Car lowdown

■ **SEAT IBIZA KIT CAR EVO 2**

Lightweight and pokey, plus the steering is a bit skittish. Can sometimes be fun, though.

DRIVE	*2 wheel*
BHP	*230*
TOP SPEED	*150.0 mph*
BRAKING	*OK*
HANDLING	*Good*



■ Seat: see what?

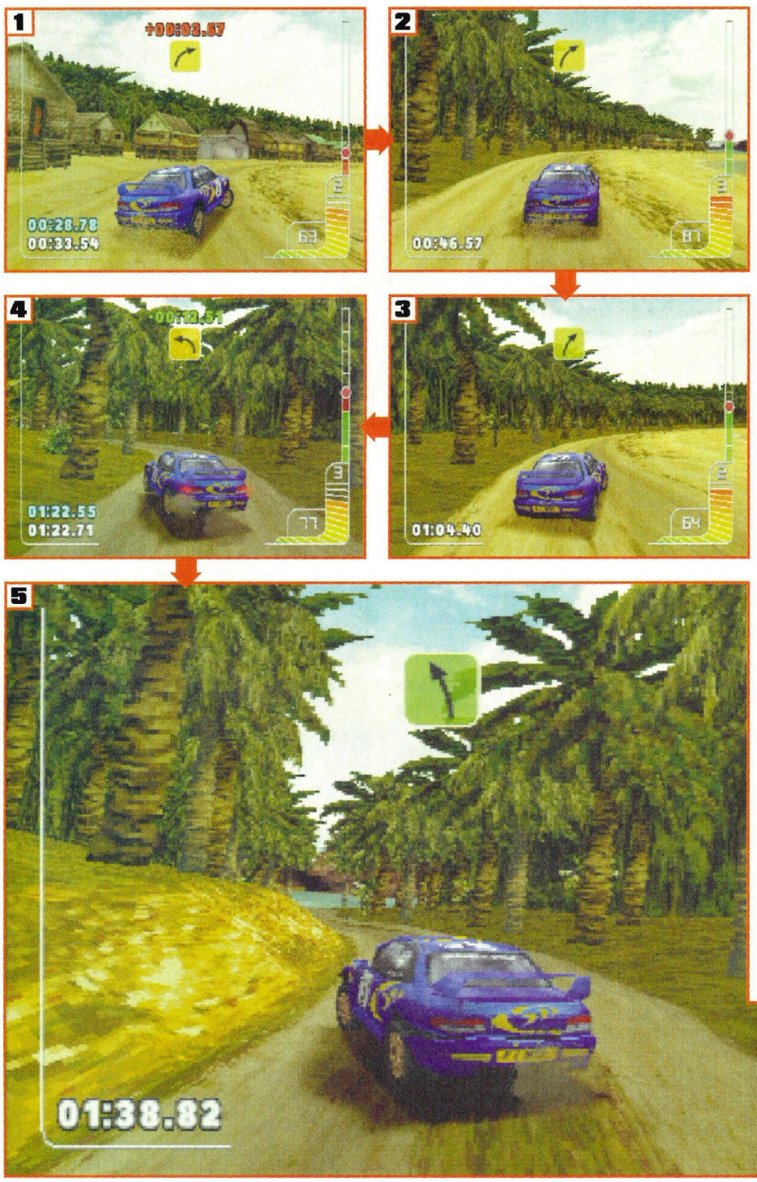
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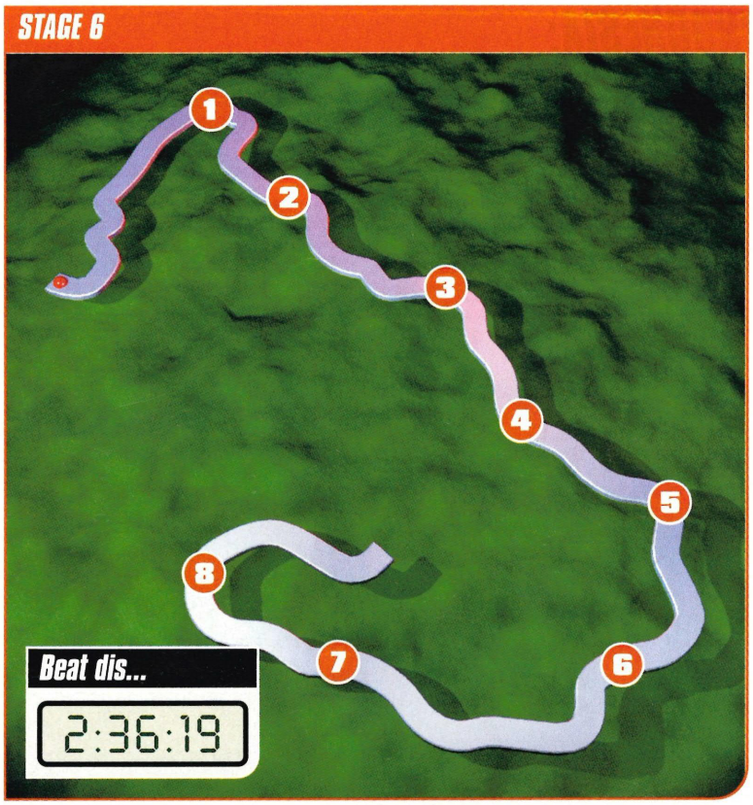
COURSE NOTES

■ Virtually no grip on sand, but good grip in the jungle. Beaches are wide open, forest tracks are narrow. Keep it tight at all times or you'll lose loads of time and damage the car.

RECOMMENDED SETUP

STAGE 6	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
	Dry	*Medium*	*Rear*	*Medium*	*Balanced*







1 Your first problems are the sharp rights into and out of the village. Can be nasty unless you take them right **2** After the second checkpoint watch the slippery corner before the huts **3** As you hit the third checkpoint get yourself ready for a long right **4** Enter the trees and slow right down for a very narrow left **5** Look for a bank on the left, go past two easy corners and watch for narrow right, right, left **6** Spot the high bank on the right. Now prepare for a series of chicanes. The rights are harder **7** Once out of the trees be careful of a lack of grip on the left turns **8** As you go back into the trees take it easy through two rights

Colin says...



■ ***Areas to the*** left and right of the track will slow the car right down. Time is everything on this section and although cutting corners might seem a good idea it can slow you down more than you had thought.

Car lowdown

■ **VW GOLF GTI KIT CAR**

Rock-solid handling with plenty of balls. The best two-wheel drive car

DRIVE	*2 wheel*
BHP	*250*
TOP SPEED	*145.0 mph*
BRAKING	*Very good*
HANDLING	*Good*



■ **Kinda like a... like a V... VW**

UNITED KINGDOM: STAGE 1

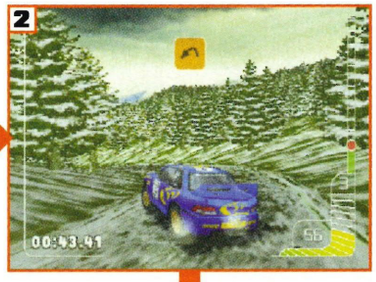
COURSE NOTES

■ Logs on the side of the road ain't no good for you bodywork, but some are useful to get you around corners. Again, watch out for changes in road conditions.

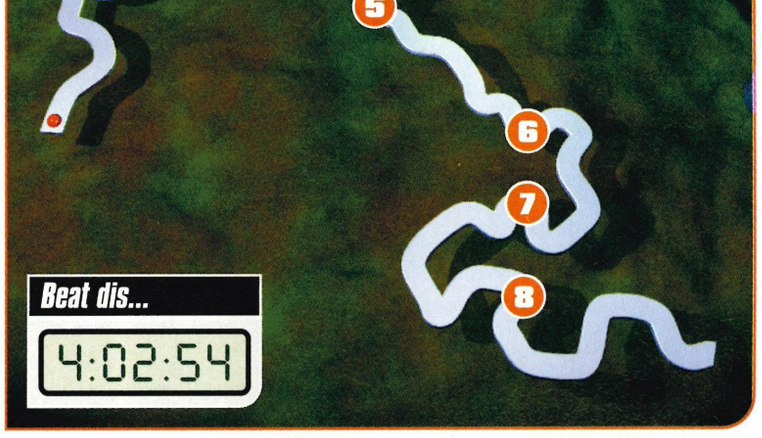
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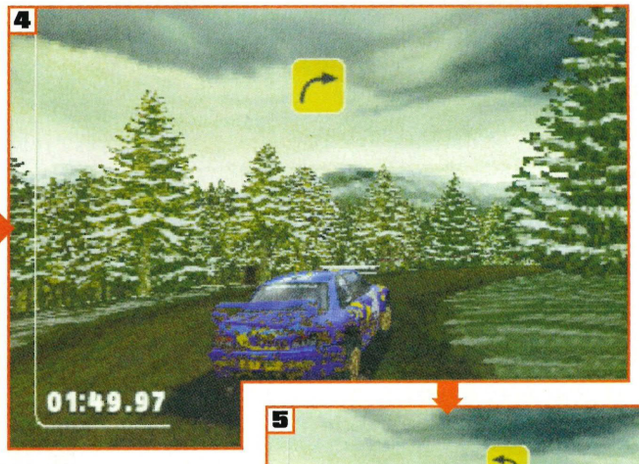
STAGE 1	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
	Wet	*Medium*	*Rear*	*High*	*Maximum*

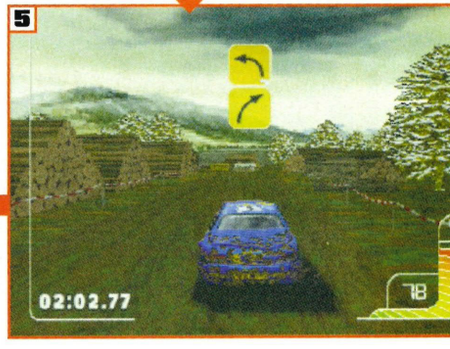




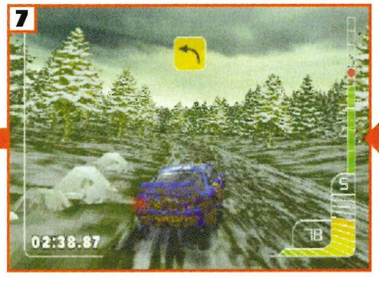














1 If you overcook the corner, the logs should help to keep you on track **2** Not the worst of hairpins but make sure your line is good **3** Keep an eye out for the sign. When you see it, it means it's time for a hard left, quick right, hard left. And you'll need to be on your toes for this one **4** Watch out for the last right on this series of bends **5** As soon as you enter the lumberyard things get confusing **6** Look out for the fallen tree. When you see it, it's time to brake hard for a tight left **7** Careful of the boulders, now prepare for a left/right chicane **8** From this corner it all goes a bit mad. Keep cool and remember the basics

Colin says...



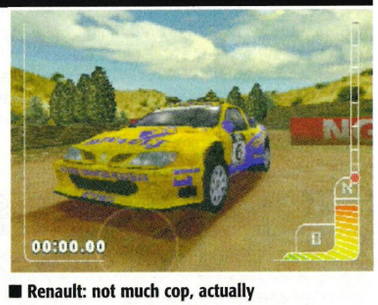
■ ***Nothing beats knowing*** *how each route is laid out. Spot the local landmarks and note what the road layout nearby is like. Remembering them can be the key to knowing what lies ahead. So keep your eyes peeled.*

Car lowdown

■ **RENAULT MAXI MEGANE**

Crap. Not much punch and handles like a tank. Useful for picking up shopping.

DRIVE	*2 wheel*
BHP	*250*
TOP SPEED	*140.0 mph*
BRAKING	*Very good*
HANDLING	*Poor*



■ Renault: not much cop, actually

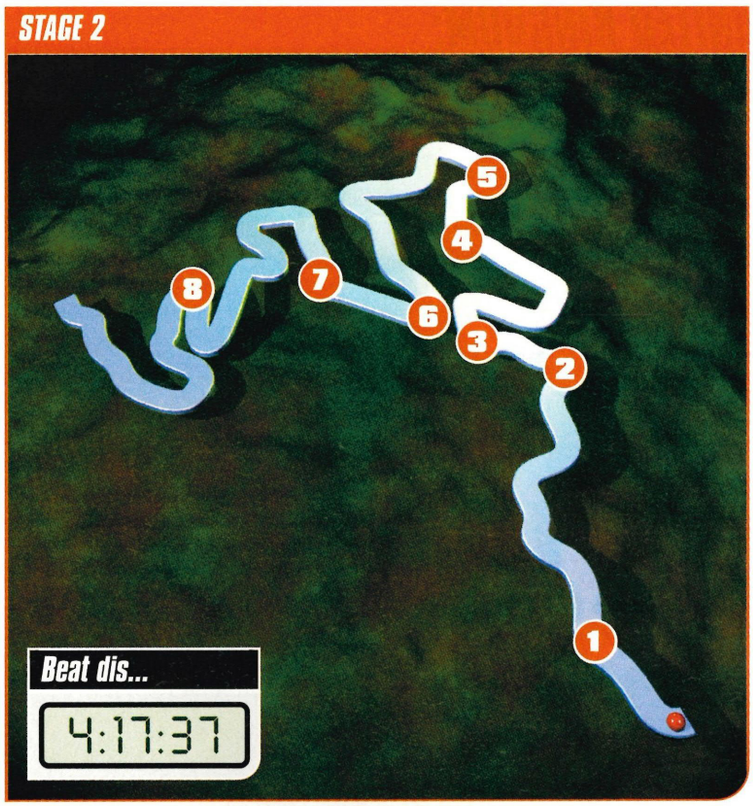
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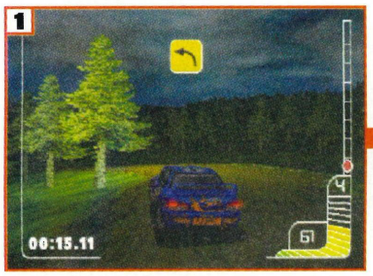
COURSE NOTES

■ The first section of this course has no grip whatsoever and the whole thing is really bloody narrow. If you go into the trees you'll be drivin' blind. So don't, OK...

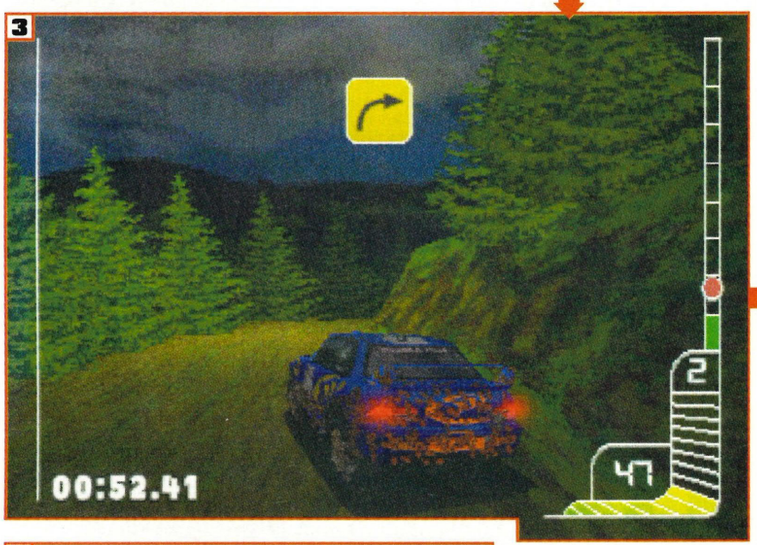
RECOMMENDED SETUP

STAGE 2	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
	Wet	Medium	Rear	High	Maximum



















1 A hard right followed by a sneaky left. Make sure you mind the ditch **2** Stay in tight for this left or you'll slip away **3** Road drops down, heads right and the corner gets even tighter **4** Bitch of a right here, but swing the back out and you should be OK **5** Watch out for an evil left as you go from the snow to mud **6** Just past the gravel is an easy hairpin right **7** Another patch of gravel here, then an easy to hard right. Be careful of that fence, though **8** Again, keep an eye out for the roadside objects. Here, you've got striped tape to the left, a house to the right and that means a left hairpin perfect for a handbrake turn

Colin says...



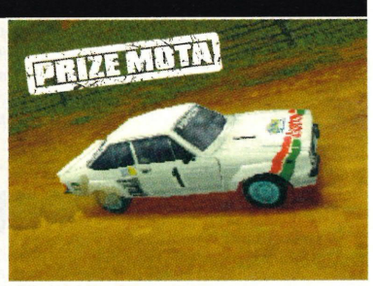
■ ***If water is*** *spread across the road, use this to your advantage by turning and sliding slightly. When you come out of the other side you will be facing in the right direction and you can power ahead in a straight line.*

Car lowdown

■ **FORD ESCORT Mk II**

More of a laugh than a serious motor. Mind you it handles pretty smart.

DRIVE	Rear wheel
BHP	160
TOP SPEED	140.9 mph
BRAKING	Good
HANDLING	Good



■ Escort Mk II: top choice geezer

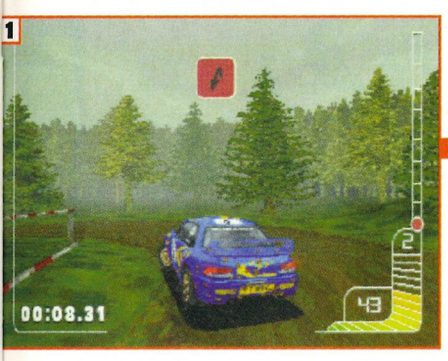
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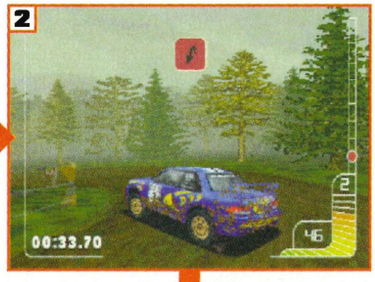
COURSE NOTES

■ Not a nice course. Wide, but fog and dangerous hairpins don't go well together. Without good vision you must listen carefully to the co-driver. Use him as your eyes.

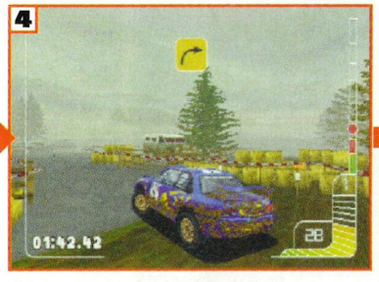
RECOMMENDED SETUP

STAGE 5	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
	Wet	*Medium*	*Rear*	*Medium*	*Maximum*

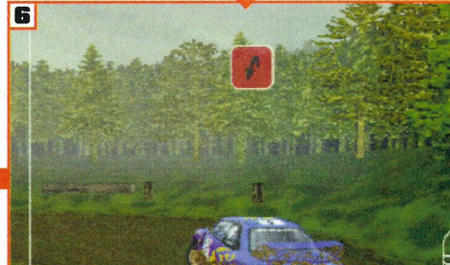


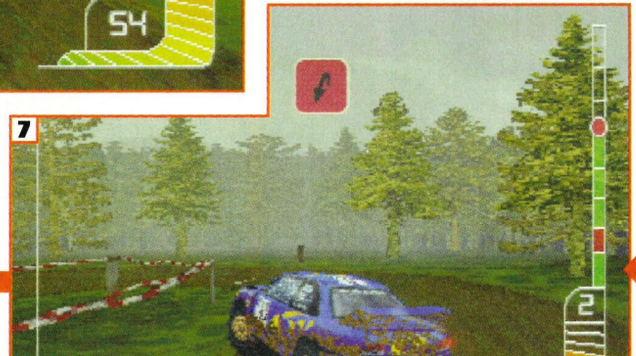


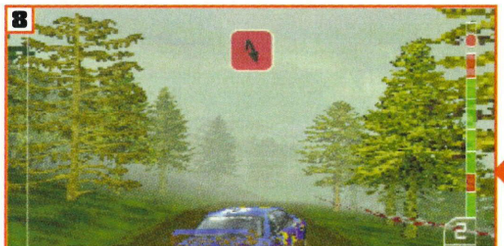














1 This first long right is immediately followed by a sharp hairpin left **2** Another short, tight hairpin. Keep revs up and use the handbrake **3** An easy hairpin climbs up towards two tough rights **4** Listen to your co-pilot. He'll be going on about a narrow gate. Use the handbrake as you go in and out of the carpark **5** Nerveracking right into an easy hairpin here **6** Another hard right, tiny straight and a sharp left hairpin with logs. Yoiks **7** Get ready for these seemingly neverending hairpins to the right, left, right and left **8** Tricky hairpins (what? More of the bleeders!) to the right and left in the closing stages of the course

Colin says...



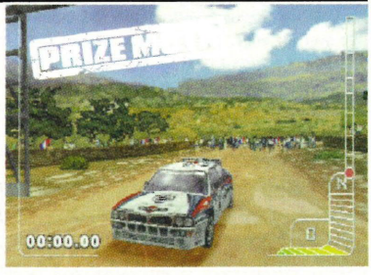
■ ***If there is*** *a ditch on the inside of a tight bend cut the corner tight and dip the front inside wheel into the ditch. This makes the car swing out just enough to take it round the corner. The advantage is you can really speed into the corner.*

Car lowdown

■ **LANCIA DELTA INTERGRALE**

Ooh baby. Top quality all-rounder and not too fast to keep on the track.

DRIVE	*4 wheel*
BHP	*420*
TOP SPEED	*185.0 mph*
BRAKING	*Very good*
HANDLING	*Very good*



■ Lancia Delta: we like...

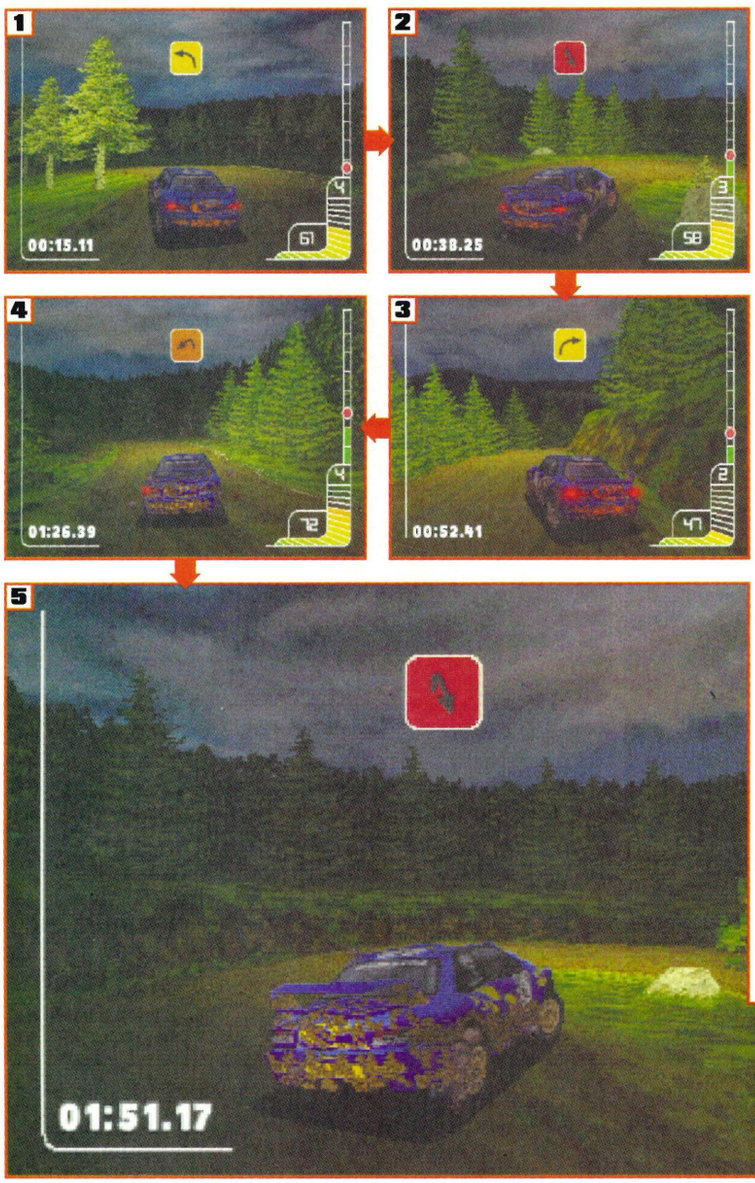
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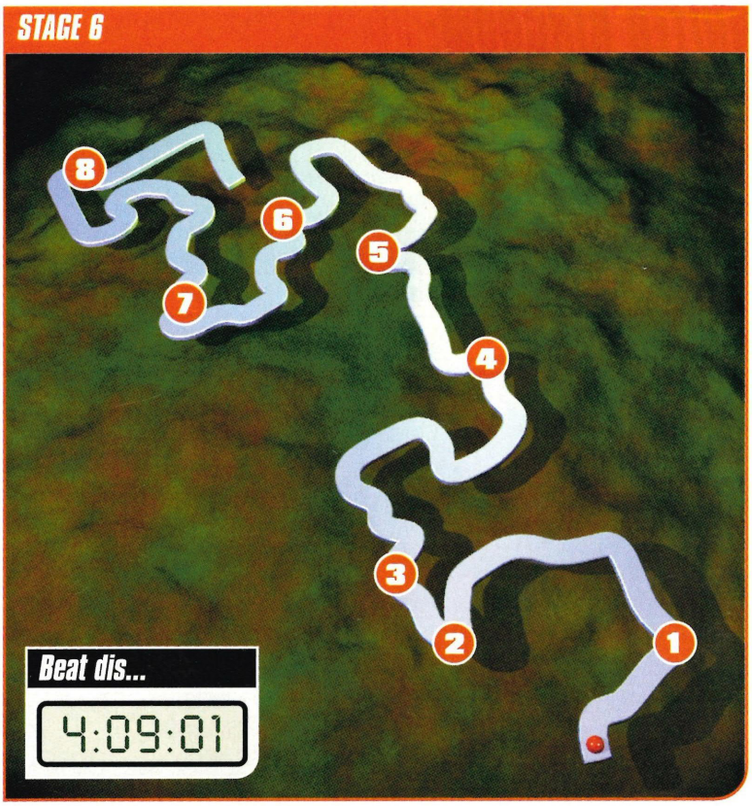
COURSE NOTES

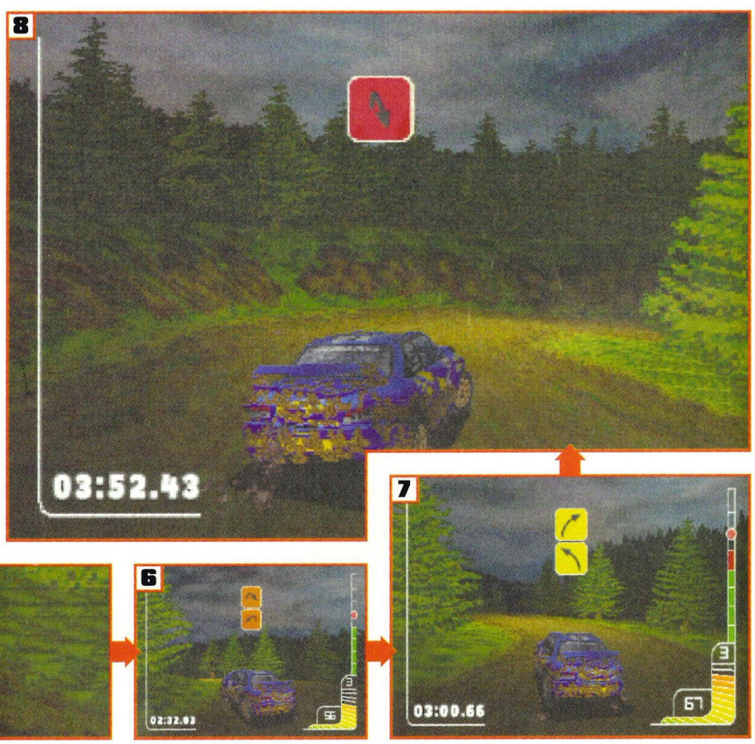
■ Hairpins are a problem, but some of the hard corners are worse. 'Cos this one takes place at night in the rain and you'll be knackered come the finish line. Trust us.

RECOMMENDED SETUP

STAGE 6	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
	Wet	*Medium*	*Rear*	*Medium*	*Maximum*







1 Over a jump and straight into a hard left. Watch out for the ditch **2** Touch the handbrake for this hairpin right through rocks. You'll find it helps **3** As the road goes around a bank, mind you don't go over the edge. It might hurt **4** You'll see this hairpin late as you drop down the hill **5** The bank to the left signals a tight hairpin. Cut close to the rock **6** Water splash, up the hill then a hard left/right hairpin **7** The hairpin isn't the problem here. You've really got to make sure you prepare for a supremely bad ass left/right chicane **8** Teach this tight right/left chicane some manners before a triumphant dash to the finish

Colin says...



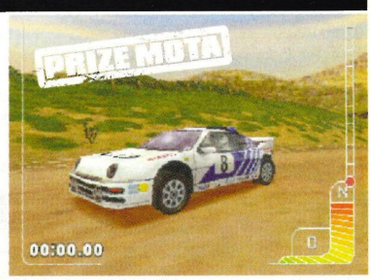
■ ***Constantly feather the*** *throttle through winding tracks. Tight corners mean pedal to the metal ain't possible most of the time, but you don't want to be slamming on the brakes all the time either. So keep pumping the gas.*

Car lowdown

■ **FORD RS200**

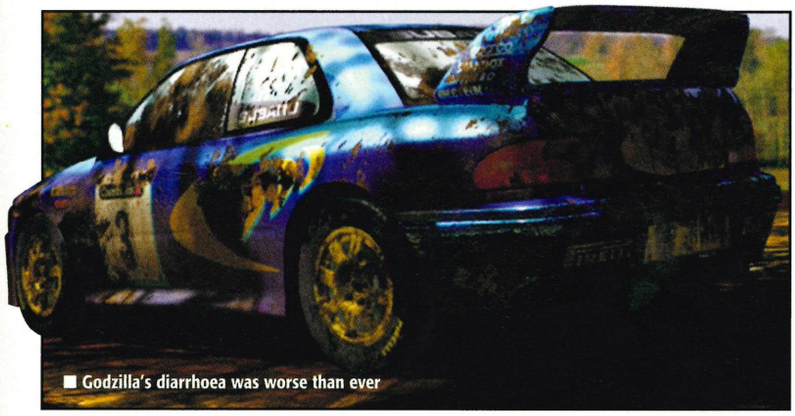
Goes like a rocket and even takes corners. Get to grips with the RS and you're unbeatable.

DRIVE	*4 wheel*
BHP	*560*
TOP SPEED	*210.0 mph*
BRAKING	*Outstanding*
HANDLING	*Good*



■ Ford RS200: just say yes

RECOMMENDED CAR SETUP



■ Godzilla's diarrhoea was worse than ever

CORSICA

TRACK NUMBER	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
1	Slicks	Medium	Even	Medium	Balanced
2	Slicks	Medium	Even	High	Balanced
3	Slicks	Medium	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
4	Slicks	Medium	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.
5	Slicks	Medium	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.
6	Slicks	Medium	Rear	High	Balanced
7	Slicks	Medium	Rear	Medium	High Speed

GREECE

TRACK NUMBER	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
1	Dry	Soft	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
2	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.
3	Dry	Soft	Even	Medium	Max
4	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Max
5	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
6	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Balanced
7	Dry	Soft	Even	Medium	Good Accel.

SWEDEN

TRACK NUMBER	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
1	Spikes	Stiff	Even	Medium	Max
2	Spikes	Stiff	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
3	Spikes	Stiff	Even	Medium	Balanced
4	Spikes	Stiff	Even	High	Max
5	Spikes	Stiff	Even	High	Max
6	Spikes	Stiff	Even	Medium	Max

AUSTRALIA

TRACK NUMBER	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
1	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.
2	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Balanced
3	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	High Speed
4	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Balanced
5	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Balanced
6	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
7	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Max

Colin says...



■ ***Check our tables*** *for recommended car setups on every course. These'll be an excellent guide, but they are just that, 'a guide'. You must remember to adapt these setups to your personal driving style.*

MONTE CARLO

TRACK NUMBER	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
1	Wet	Medium	Even	Medium	Max
2	Wet	Medium	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
3	Wet	Medium	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
4	Dry	Stiff	Rear	Medium	Max
5	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.
6	Wet	Medium	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.

UNITED KINGDOM

TRACK NUMBER	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
1	Wet	Medium	Rear	High	Max
2	Wet	Medium	Rear	High	Max
3	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Balanced
4	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Max
5	Wet	Medium	Rear	Medium	Max
6	Wet	Medium	Rear	Medium	Max
7	Wet	Medium	Rear	Medium	Max

INDONESIA

TRACK NUMBER	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
1	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
2	Dry	Soft	Even	Medium	Good Accel.
3	Wet	Medium	Even	Medium	Max
4	Wet	Medium	Rear	Medium	Max
5	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.
6	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Balanced

NEW ZEALAND

TRACK NUMBER	TYRES	SUSPENSION	BRAKES	STEERING	GEAR RATIO
1	Dry	Medium	Even	Medium	Balanced
2	Dry	Soft	Even	Medium	Balanced
3	Wet	Medium	Rear	Medium	Balanced
4	Dry	Medium	Rear	Medium	Balanced
5	Wet	Medium	Even	Medium	High Speed
6	Dry	Soft	Rear	Medium	Good Accel.

Winning cars

■ Come first in the Super Special Stages to unlock hidden cars. Here's what you win from each race:



■ Greece



■ Australia



■ Corsica



■ United Kingdom

Car lowdown

■ **AUDI QUATTRO**

A beast. It may have excellent brakes and handling, but you'll crash loads.

DRIVE	4 wheel
BHP	560
TOP SPEED	210.0 mph
BRAKING	Outstanding
HANDLING	Good

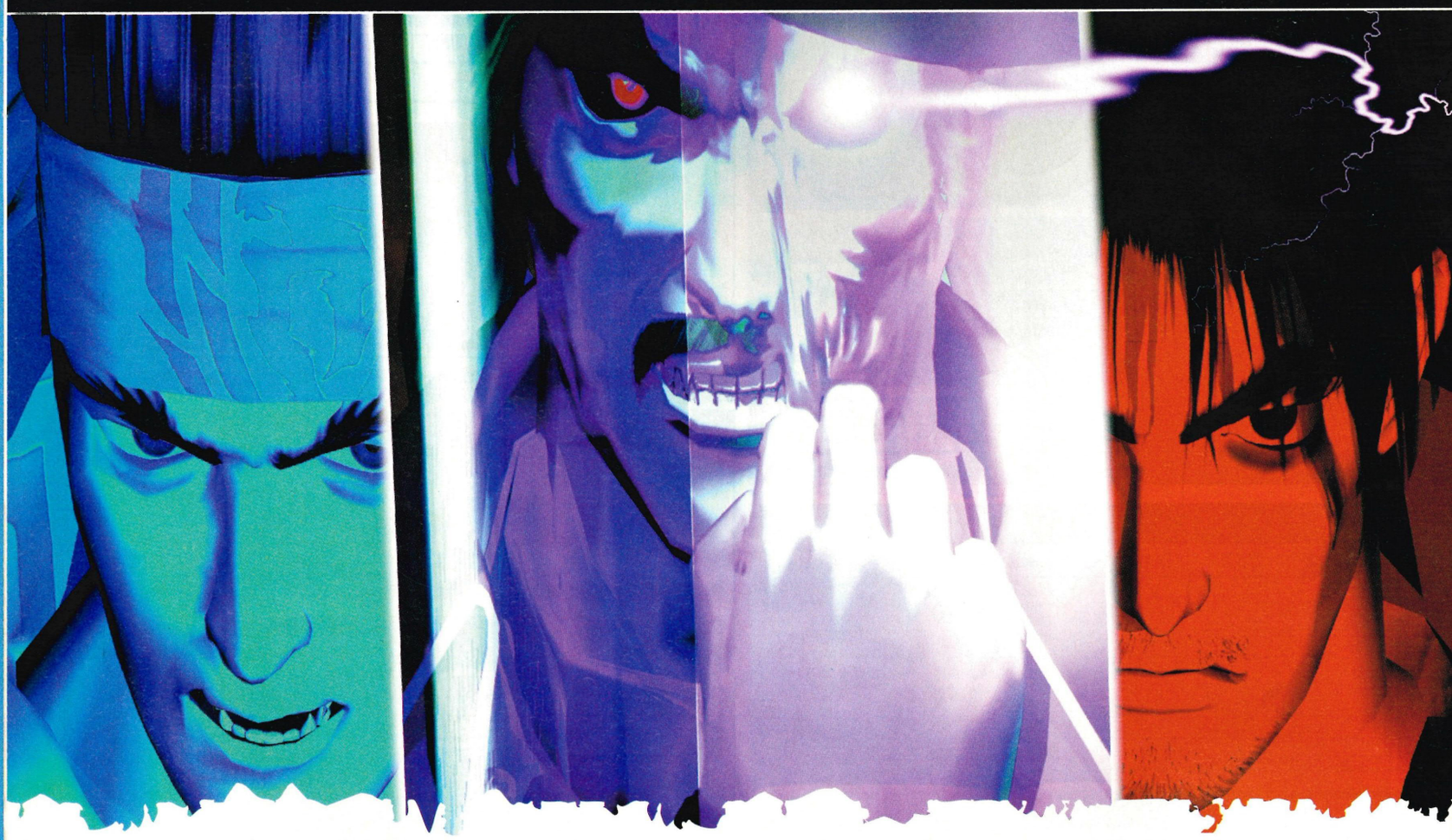


■ Audi: excellent handling

SOUL BLADE

With Soul Blade coming out on Platinum, here's a complete guide to take you through this stunna of a game. Whether you play like a demon or suck like a lemon, you'll find everything you need to know right here...

DETAILS	
GAME:	Soul Blade
PRICE:	£19.99
COMPANY:	Sony
REVIEWED:	July 98
SCORE:	90%
VERDICT:	High-octane slashing action



KEY

■ All the moves in this guide are described as if you were playing on the left-hand side of the screen facing right. If you're on the right, facing left, just switch them round .

QUICK ATTACK	□
STRONG ATTACK	△
KICK	○
GUARD	✕

CROSS DRESSING

■ Variety the spice of life right, so if you're bored of yer girly wearing the same old clobber, get her some new togs just by pressing some buttons. Each character's got more clothes than Top Shop, so keep yer opponent on their feet by tapping the following keys on the character select screen.

FIRST COSTUME, FIRST COLOUR	□
FIRST COSTUME, SECOND COLOUR	△
SECOND COSTUME, FIRST COLOUR	○ □
SECOND COSTUME, SECOND COLOUR	✕ △
THIRD COSTUME	○

FIGHT LIKE A NUTTER

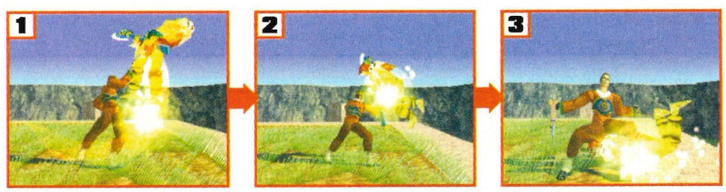
■ To become a true Soul Blade expert, you'll need to learn a few key pointers first. First up is the sidestep: by tapping either down, down or down, up, you'll skip around your opponent. This allows you to avoid oncoming attacks and can even start some combos.

Then there's the Impact Guard : by pressing forward and Guard as you block an attack, you'll stun the enemy long enough to give them a quick kicking before they know it.

Remember: practice makes one tough bastard. Or something like that.



■ Use the sidestep to dodge an attack, then retaliate with some serious combos



■ Alternatively use the impact guard, stunning the enemy then attacking before they come to

HWANG SUNG KYUNG

USE HIM IF...
You're a beginner. He's an average Joe among swordblokes – nippy and strong with good moves, but nothing special. Get used to the game with him, then move on up to the big boys!

BEST WEAPON
Hwang's Phantom is super-tough to use, since you can't really be sure if you're going to land a hit until it's too late. We reckon it's better to go for the Thunderous Fire instead.

UNBLOCKABLE ATTACK — Atomic Blast:



FLOATING COMBOS — Best Beginner Combo:

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Intermediate Combo:

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Expert Combo:

CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Chasing victims:



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Steel Explosion:

MITSURUGI HEISHIRO

USE HIM IF
Your next step up is this guy. Slightly better than Hwang at everything (except dress sense), he's the don when it comes to cheap slashing. Go to it!

BEST WEAPON
This time, the best is also the last. Stick to the Murasame and you'll be carving through people like a hot knife through butter in no time.

UNBLOCKABLE ATTACK — Hammer of God:

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Beginner Combo:



FLOATING COMBOS — Best Intermediate Combo:

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Expert Combo:



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Ticket to Styx:



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Cross the Styx:

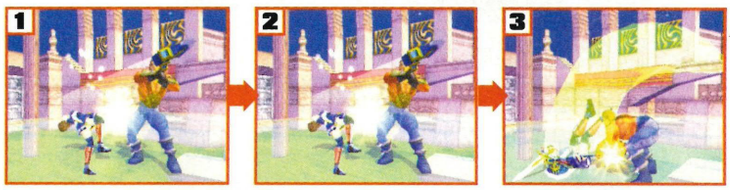
ROCK

USE HIM IF...
You prefer power over speed. Rock is slow but well-built and packs a punch to match. If you think you can get them before they get you, do it!

BEST WEAPON
The War Hammer is the king here, but it might well slow you down. Still, can't be any worse than you are already...

UNBLOCKABLE ATTACK — Full Moon fever:

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Beginner Combo:



FLOATING COMBOS — Best Intermediate Combo:

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Expert Combo: (close)



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Devastator:



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Heart exploder:

TAKI

USE HER IF...
You like the dark, mysterious type. Taki is certainly the best of the birds with lightning speed and a groovy pile of moves.

Her bad side is her defense though – miss a move and she'll open longer than a Seven/Eleven. Just watch it mate.

BEST WEAPON
For pure hack 'n' slash, widow-making action go for the Spirit Blade – you've worked hard to get it, so why not use it for a change? If you don't fancy playing up there with the big boys just yet, you'd better make sure you keep hold of that trusty old Tanto dagger...

UNBLOCKABLE ATTACK — Haley's comet:



FLOATING COMBOS — Best Beginner Combo:

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Intermediate Combo: Sidestep +

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Expert Combo: (far away)



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Wind of death:

SEUNG MINA

USE HER IF...
You like giving people a bit of stick (boom boom). Seung Mina is great at long distance attacks thanks to the size of her pole.

Sadly, you can usually see her attacks coming from miles away but at least she's got a kick-arse Critical Edge...

BEST WEAPON
Chuck the stick back in the cupboard and try something new for a change. If you don't want to go for the big Spiked Mace (which we would, and you should at least try) then you could always get out your Sickled Spear. Great for cutting folks' legs off. Ouch.

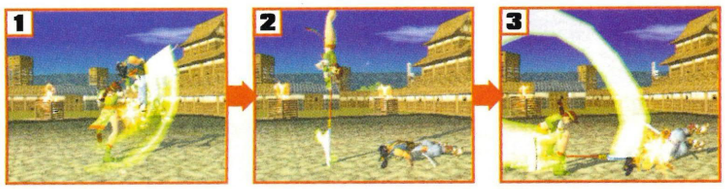
UNBLOCKABLE ATTACK — Killing Vault:

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Beginner Combo:

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Intermediate Combo:



FLOATING COMBOS — Best Expert Combo:



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Crystal Cyclone:

VOLDO

USE HIM IF...
You're some kind of masochist. To be honest, Voldo is a big pile of arse. He's tall (so a lot of his high moves miss completely), not especially powerful and dresses like an S&M freak. Just don't go and look at his puppies.

BEST WEAPON
The Buffalo Horn (don't ask us where they get the names from) seems to do just as much damage as the Soul Blade, plus it gives you your energy back. You don't have to be a genius to decide to go for that one...

UNBLOCKABLE ATTACK — Blood Follows Blood:

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Beginner Combo:



FLOATING COMBOS — Best Intermediate Combo: sidestep +



FLOATING COMBOS — Best Expert Combo:



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — House of Pain:

LI LONG

USE HIM IF
You fancy yourself as a bit good... Because he's got nunchuckas rather than a sword, his attack range is a bit limited. If you can get in close however, his speed will make sure Mr. Opponent gets the kicking of his life. Cool.

BEST WEAPON
Choose between the Phoenix or the Asura. The Phoenix isn't quite as fast, though so we'd tend to go the other way. At the end of the day, though, it's up to you to experiment with what works best for you. Go to it.

UNBLOCKABLE ATTACK — Circle of Destruction:

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Beginner Combo:



FLOATING COMBOS — Best Intermediate Combo:



FLOATING COMBOS — Best Expert Combo:



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Fire and Brimstone:

SIEGFRIED SCHTAUFFEN

USE HIM IF...
You want the best of both worlds. You see, Siegfried has a bit of speed in his boots as well as just about the biggest sword you've ever seen. Give us a choice we'd choose him any day of the week. Honest. Make sure you've locked all your doors, 'cos here's Siggy!

BEST WEAPON
Ooh, tough one, this. Only joking, not really... Just pick up that Soul Blade and go kick some arse! If you can't get that one though, stick with the Flamberge. It should see you through some sticky spots and you've always got Siggy's speed to help you out.

UNBLOCKABLE ATTACK — Earth Divide:

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Beginner Combo: (close)



FLOATING COMBOS — Best Intermediate Combo: sidestep +

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Expert Combo:



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Command the Blade:

CERVANTES DE LEON

USE HIM IF...

You want everyone you play against to hate you. Okay, so Cervantes is possibly the most powerful character in the game but he's also a complete git. It takes no skill to win as him and so you'll just be making a twat out of yourself, especially if you lose. Don't say we didn't warn you...

BEST WEAPON

If we were you, we'd stick with the Soul Blade (again!). Even though he's got other swords, this one's the bomb. And let's face it, playing with Cervantes you could probably cane everyone using a plastic chip fork. Remember, this character is the ponce's way out.

UNBLOCKABLE ATTACK — Heroic Act: ▲ ■ △



FLOATING COMBOS — Best Beginner Combo: ▲ △ ■ ■ ■ ▲ ■ △

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Intermediate Combo: ▲ △ △ △ △ ▲ ■ △

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Expert Combo: ▲ △ ► ▼ ▲ △



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Hunter of Shadows: ■ △ ● ► ▲ ▼ ■ ●

SOPHITIA ALEXANDRA

USE HER IF...

You enjoy being the Hwang of girls – basic but good. If you don't know what you're doing but like looking at a bit of skirt, then give Sophitia a whirl.

BEST WEAPON

A choice between the Valykyrie and the Rapier. As the Rapier is longer, it makes Sophitia a demon when it comes to long-range attacks.

UNBLOCKABLE ATTACK — Guardians of the Law: ◄ ◄ ◄ ■ △

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Beginner Combo: ▲ △ ► ■ ▲ △ △ △ △



FLOATING COMBOS — Best Intermediate Combo: ► ▼ ▲ ■ ► ■ ▲ △ △ △ △

FLOATING COMBOS — Best Expert Combo: ► ▼ ▲ △ ► ▼ ▲ ■ ▲ △ △ △ △



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Soul Asylum: ■ △ ● ▼ ▲ ► ■ ✕



CRITICAL EDGE EXTENDERS — Asylum of Fire: ■ △ ● ▼ ▲ ► △ ✕

CARRY A BIG STICK

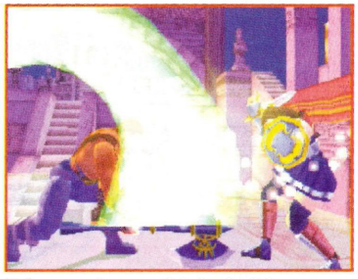
When you get to the end of the Edge Master mode, you've still got one weapon space still to fill. To get the last weapon go back one space on the map (usually to Italy) and fight there again. If you win, then hoorah. If not, then you'll end up running all over the map to find it again. The easiest way to get the weapon is to beat Soul Edge, then move back one space and SAVE THE GAME. Fight there and win to get the last weapon, or simply reload the game if you get your ass whupped!



For every Edge Master stage you complete...



You get a super-cool new weapon



Some are heavy and do loads of damage...



Others are light meaning they're quick to use



It's the ultimate sword you're after though



And to get it you've gotta complete the game

SECRET ENDINGS

Didn't know about each character's secret ending? During each of the 10 fighter's endings the letterbox bars will lift for an instant. This is your chance to 'change' the ending by entering a few button presses. If you get it right (it's not too hard), the ending will carry on immediately.

HWANG	Press ■
ROCK	Press △
TAKI	Press ✕
SOPHITIA	Press ►
MITSURUGI	Avoid the incoming bullets, press ▲ to run towards him and ■ or △ to kill him!
SIEGFRIED	Press △
SEUNG MINA	Press ▼, then ▲ as if you were sidestepping
LI LONG	Hammer the ■ and △ buttons constantly
VOLDO	Press ▲ and ▼ quickly and repeatedly
CERVANTES	Press △

WHAT, NO BOSSES?

For those of you wondering why we haven't included Soul Edge and Han Myong in this guide, it's because their moves are virtually identical to Cervantes and Hwang.

If you use the tips for those characters, you'll be a diva with the bosses in no time.

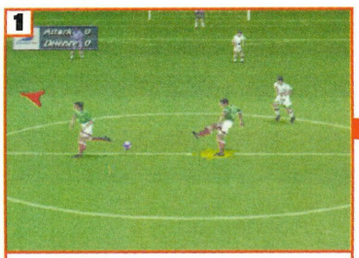
WORLD CUP 98

Fed up with doing a Sheringham? Then learn to score every time with our ultimate World Cup 98 guide to getting 'em in the back of the net. C'mon Eng-er-land!

DETAILS	
GAME:	World Cup 98
PRICE:	£39.99
COMPANY:	Electronic Arts
REVIEWED:	June 1998
SCORE:	90%
VERDICT:	Tasty-lookin' footy sim

BACK TO BASICS

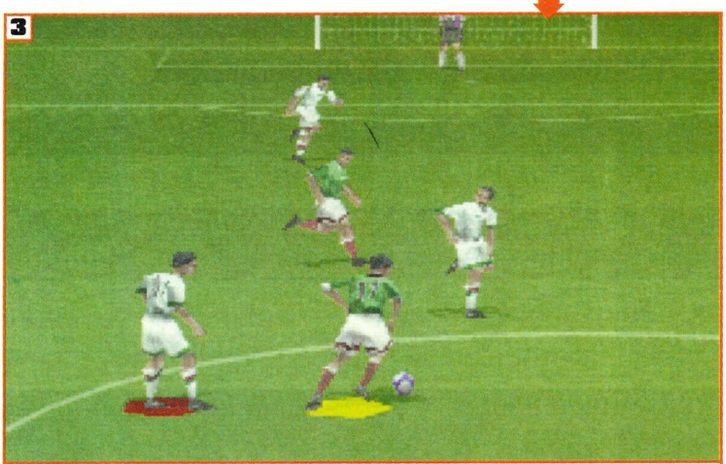
■ To win the World Cup you're gonna need to know how to work yer way up the field if you've any chance of going for goal. There are tons of ways of passing – use the one-two passback **(hold L2 R2, press R1 to pass then run into space and press ✕ to pass back)**, or even the off-ball if you're feeling flash **(hold L2 R2 and press L1 to ask for the ball)**.



■ Play the ball out quickly...

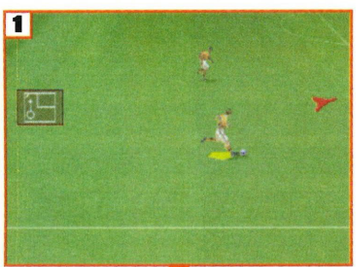


■ Then knock it back in again



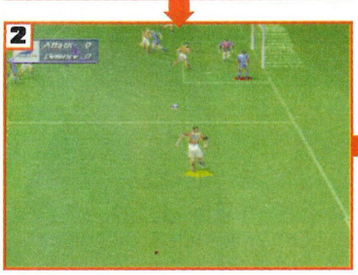
■ All this just to confuse your opponents? Suckers...

BE OFFENSIVE



■ In an attack move your men into space. Use the wingback run **(hold L2 R2, then press △)** or the through run **(hold L2 R2 and press ✕)**, but watch for the offside trap. Once you're in the box, take a shot or put in the cross. To nut the ball after a cross, you've got three options: hold ■ to knock it across the box, ✕ to play it to your teammate's feet or ● have a shot.

1 Pass it out to the wing and leg it along the sideline... 2 Wait till you've got some support in the box and lob it over... 3 And BLAM! It's in!





GREAT BALLS

■ There are shitloads of moves you can use to get one over on the opposition. Try flicking the ball over an oncoming defender by holding R2 and pressing ■. By holding R2 and pressing ●, you can spin around 360° and dodge opponents. Make sure you watch out for sliding tackles, though. Pressing L1 makes you jump over sliding players, while holding R2 and using the Dpad will make your man dribble cautiously and pull fakes if you change direction. If that doesn't help, try to draw the foul by holding R2 and then pressing L1 ....



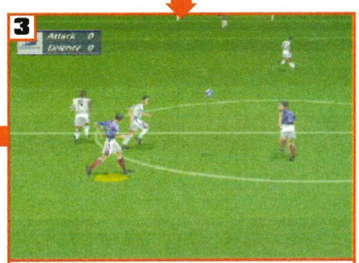
■ Wanna get round the player in front? Don't bother dribbling...



■ Time it right and you can skilfully flick the ball up into the air...



■ Get it right and you'll get a free kick by taking a well-timed dive



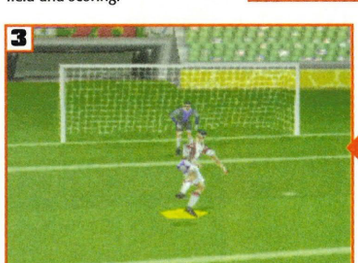
■ And lift it over his head. Don't hang around though, there are goals to be scored

FLASH BASTID

■ You've knocked a few in the back of the net and you're feeling pretty smug, right? Try summat a bit harder, like doing a rainbow kick, then bicycle kick for a goal **(Hold L2 and press■ to flick up, then quickly tap then hold ●)**. Alternatively use the flick to beat the goalie on a breakaway **(Hold R2 and press■)**. If your goalie's got the ball, press △ to make him drop the ball, then show off by taking him up field and scoring.



■ Go on, be a smartass and score with the keeper



■ Then go for glory with the bicycle kick



■ Zip past the defence with a little flick...

Q&A

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 84

AIR COMBAT

Got any cheats or tips on Air Combat. I'm struggling on level 4. Help!
J Patey

plus To change the colour of your plane, hold R1 and the ◉ button while the game loads. A weirdo screen with CDs doing loop-the-loops will pop up.

Now hit ↑ ↓ ← → ↑ ↓ ← → and R1. A little jet icon'll appear, and when you play, your plane'll be a different colour. We hope this colour change gives you the inner strength you need to complete level 4.

BATTLE ARENA TOSHINDEN

Have you got any cheats for Battle Arena Toshinden?
Mark J Odell

plus To play as Gaia, wait till the options are flashing past on the title screen, then bang in ↓ → ← ▣. A voice'll say 'fight'. Now highlight Eiji on the character select screen, hold ↑ and press any of yer attack buttons.

To play as Sho, enter the Gaia code, play as Gaia, and lose to the computer. Hold off from continuing, and let the time run out. The game should reset. Again, wait for the options to scroll past on the title screen, then press → ← → ← ▣ on your second controller. Now highlight Kayin, hold ↓ and press ▣.

Once you've got those two, play, lose and let the timer run out again. This time, while the options are flashing by, press ↑ and ✕. That mysterious voice'll say 'Fantastic'. Now you can trigger your super attacks by holding SEL and all four shoulder buttons.

BREATH OF FIRE III

Where are the Masters in Breath of Fire III?
Phil Hart

plus The Magic Master, Mygus is hiding in a tree stump north of the town called McNeil. Go down into the stump, and he'll offer to make one of your lads his apprentice.

The Master D'Lonzo is wandering around behind a coffee shop near Windia, but you'll only get to speak to this Master if you've got 15 different kinds of weapon.

The Master Emitai you'll only get to meet once you're older: go to the Ogre Road and go up the path to the North. Emitai'll sort you out, but only once you've paid 'im 10,000 zenny to help with his mortgage. Scrounging bastard.

The Secret Master only pops up once you get to Windia the second time. Second time round, there'll be a tiny gap in the wall around Windia. Head on through to the Master's house.

And the Strength Master? What you got to do is get about halfway through the game, then head back to Bunyan's cabin. He'll do the Master thang for one of your characters, meaning more attack and defence points but less intelligence and HP when you gain levels...

BROKEN SWORD 2

I'm stuck on Broken Sword 2. Where do you go from the rock that looks like a needle? And please can you give me a demo disc of it?
Warren Sturgess

plus Rock needle, huh? Yup, it's a puzzler. What you want to do is grab yourself the creeper that's lying up against the rock, then use it with the net. Then use the marker on it. Now use the whole shebang on the rock needle. Bingo. You've made some form of marker to look at with yer theodolite thingy. Now head up, then go right. You should be at a cliff point. Bang the theodolite into the holes, use it. Look through it till you see the marker blinking away in the distance. Do it right – George'll tell you when – and a new exit'll open up. Zang! Oh, demo disc? Why do want one when you've got the game?

C&C: RED ALERT

Have you got cheats for C& C: Red Alert?
Lee Pickering

plus To get a level skip, press △ during the game to highlight the sidebar. Then highlight these in sequence: ✕ ▣ ▣ ◉ △ ◉. After highlighting each, press the cancel button. Once you've done that little lot, you should get an instant win.

And if you fancy an instant nuclear strike, just do all the above nonsense, but highlight and cancel ◉ ✕ ◉ △ ▣ △.

COURIER CRISIS

Any cheats for Courier Crisis?
Rob Saunders

plus Just a couple. To get rid of the game's timer, just hold L1 and R2 at the neighbourhood selection screen, and you'll be able to deliver them packages at whatever speed you please. And the secret characters? Bang in FDFKFKHCJK as a password to get Zaskar, or go for KFKFKFOEKJ to get Pantera: for STS-1 enter IFKFKFKGKJ.

DEATHTRAP DUNGEON

Can you tell me some cheats for Deathtrap Dungeon?
Scott Davies

plus But of course. To get yourself a level select, bang in L1 R1 △ △ ▣ ◉ R1 L1. Now go to LOAD game: there should be a sweet little list of levels for you to choose from...

Shadow Master

Master them shadows. Master 'em good...

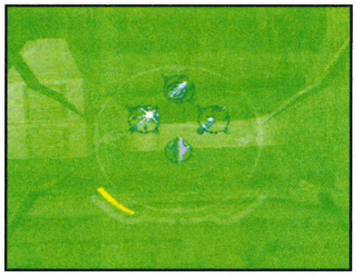
Can you tell me if there are any cheats for Shadow Master like invincibility or infinite lives, please?
Chris Jennings

plus Why, yes, now that you ask. For all of these, you've got to head on into the first room of the game, grease the two ugly muthas you meet in there, and then just sit there and bang in these codes:

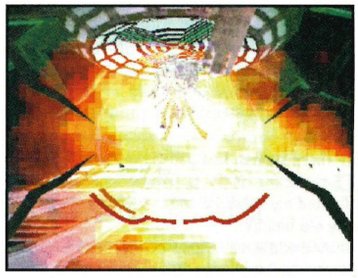
For invincibility, press and hold L1 L2 R1 R2 then ✕. A blue light'll appear to show you've done it right.

For a shedload of bonus weapons, press and hold R1 R2 L1 L2 then ◉. A red light'll flick on.

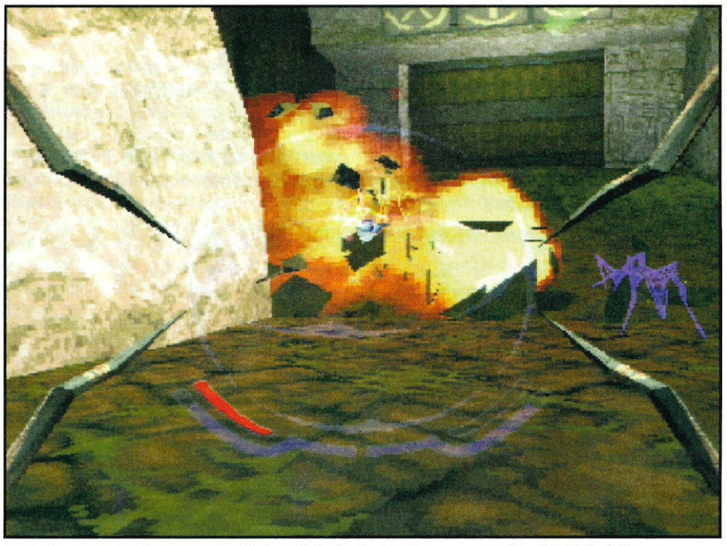
And for a level skip, press and hold L1 L2 R1 R2 and △. A green light'll show you you've done it right. That's your cue to hit start, exit the level. Back at the main menu, you'll be able to choose where you start up.



■ Get it right, and the screen'll flash...



■ And you can skip to bad boys like this...



■ And you get to play around with horrifyingly destructive weapons like this little fella...

Sorry, but no

Sorry boys, you shit outta luck...

A polite but firm no goes out to these unlucky young fellows. Sorry lads. You want us to help you, you'll just have to buy some different games in the future.

Are there any cheats for Gran Turismo?
Ben Wilde

plus We've looked high and low. Not a sausage.

Any cheats for Duke Nukem?
Roy Koruth

plus We've said it before. We'll say it again. Nope.

Any cheats for Resident Evil?
James Cork

plus Would a simple 'No' suffice?



Cabbage corner

We despair, we really do

Me want cheats for ISS Pro. GIMME! GIMME! GIMME!
Simon 'Apeman' Fitzpatrick

plus Simon, Simon, Simon. You maybe didn't realise your pitiful attempt at humour makes you sound like a total penis. Oh but it does. Take it from us.

Are there any cheats for Myst?
Marc Bevan

plus Come on, Marc. What were you looking for in Myst? An all-weapons cheat? For a game that's like looking at a series of pretty picture postcards? You silly man.

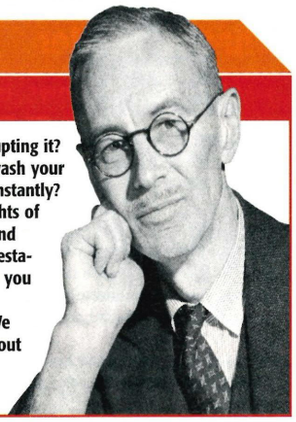
How do you get Lara Croft naked in Tomb Raider one or two?
Terry Durak

plus How many times do we have to tell you? You can't. Tossbag.

Instant Expert: Your problems solved

Psychologist's couch

Tell us all about it...



I bought Tekken 2 last week and I took out the CD and some of my fingerprints went on the CD and I wiped them off the CD gently with cotton wool and it left little smear marks. Will this damage the game?
Andy Emmanuel

plus Errr... nope. We reckon you're worrying perhaps a little TOO much, here Andy. Just lie down on the couch and tell us all about it. Do you often wipe stuff with cotton wool, convinced that stains and filth are covering and corrupting it? Do you wash your hands constantly? Do thoughts of disease and insect infestation keep you awake at nights? We worry about you. We really do.

DIE HARD TRILOGY

Is there a cheat on Die Hard Trilogy for unlimited time or lives on Die Hard 3?
Michael Hilton

plus There sure is. Just pause the game, hold R2 and enter ◀ ● ▲ ▼ ■ ▶. You'll get an unlimited number of chances to defuse those nasty old bombs...

And while we're here whorrabout infinite super turbos? Just hold R2 and enter ● ▶ ▼ ■ ▲ ◀ Super turbos last longer and you go faster.

Vigilante 8

We got more codes than Jamaica got mangoes

Are there any cheats for Vigilante 8?
Daveo Stateo

plus You done come to the right place. To get all the extra levels, characters and useful doodahs that money can buy, just go to the options screen, pick GAME STATUS, choose whatever driver takes your fancy, then punch in:

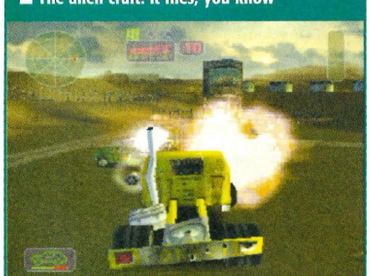
WMNNWLHTSCUCLH. No, we can't work out what it means either.

Or for monster truck tyres, batter in: MONSTER WHEELS. Makes sense.

And for super-deadly homing missiles, go for DEADLY MISSILE.



■ The alien craft: it flies, you know



■ Secret level: innit pwetty?

DYNASTY WARRIORS

Are there any cheats for Dynasty Warriors? Thanks.
Jamie Littlejohns

plus Awww, bless. He says 'Thanks' and we ain't even given him what he wants yet. But he's been lucky this time. To get all the secret blokes just bang in ◀ ◀ ▲ ▼ △ ■ L1 R1 on the title screen. That'll get you all the bosses and the super-special bonus bloke Sun Shang Xiang. Try saying that after a couple of drinks...

FIFA 97

Do you have any cheats for FIFA 97?
James Jones

plus FIFA 97? It's painfully bad, innit? But you knew that. And to be honest with you, the cheats ain't gonna melt your butter neither.

To get to see a bunch of fine fellows from Electronic Arts play footy, just choose a friendly match, choose the USA league and go for Dallas or New York. Wow. A lot of programming gimps playing football.

And to hear John Motson sing, just put the CD in as an audio CD and play track six. And he's in fine voice. Oh yes.

G-POLICE

If you want six secret missions on G-Police, go to the password screen and put in PANTALON and the missions will be in the training screen.
Cameron Bruce

plus Why thank you, Cameron. What a guy, ladies and gents! Let's give him a big hand!

GHOST IN THE SHELL

Got any cheats for Ghost in the Shell?
Phil Wilson

plus One of our underworld contacts told us that if you bang in R2 R1 ■ ■ ▲ ▼ ■ ■ R2 R2 on the main menu, you'll get a level select.

HEXEN

I'd just like to say that in April's issue, you told Barry Grant there weren't any cheats for Hexen, well there are. Enter the options from the main menu and select pad configuration. Press and hold down R2 then hammer in ▶ ▼ ▶ △ and ✕. You'll hear a noise. When you start up a game, pause it, and there's a cheat option for God mode, all weapons and keys.
Ryan Wilkins

plus Well. Ain't you just a little clever clogs. OK. We admit it. We boobed.

But don't you go getting all cocky. You got one over on us once. That doesn't make you the cheat daddy.

Command & Conquer

First one grinding yer nads?

Any cheats or passwords for Command & Conquer?
Kevin Benson

Mais oui. Just bang in 'covertops' on either disc as a password to unlock a sackload of rock-hard extra missions. Or if you fancy a crack at the secret GDI mission, go for the password 'PATSUX'.

And if a big bag o' extra missions doesn't float your boat, pause the game during play and enter ▶ ▼ ▼ L1 ◀ ▶ ▼ ◀ to get $5,000. But if you fancy free hardware, punch in ▶ ▼ ◀ ◀ ▼ ▶ ▶ ▼ ◀ ✕ ▲ ✕. That'll get you an instant nuclear strike.



■ One of the covert operations. Very... covert

JAMES BOND

Are there any James Bond PlayStation games coming out?
Matthew Salter

plus Wor Bond's latest film outing Tomorrow Never Dies is gonna be a-coming to PlayStation. Wee Jimmy Bond's gonna be getting into all sorts of action in a plot that kind of follows on from what happened in the film.

Early word says it's gonna be top banana, but we'll let you know any developments as we get them...

JUST GLOW AWAY

Can I get my PlayStation sprayed or something so it will glow in the dark because that would just kick ass!
Ad Jones

plus Well... we guess you... could. Technically speaking. But our expert on bottoms and things that kick 'em sez glowing PlayStations don't, as you so crudely put it, 'kick ass'. You berk.

NEED FOR SPEED 3

Do you have any cheats for Need for Speed 3?
Carl Parker

plus Do we ever. To get yourself onto the way cool hidden tracks, go to the user name screen in the options menu, then enter one of these little devils:

Mcityz: Empire City bonus track

Gldfsh: Scorpio 7 hidden track, which is an underwater space colony effort

Mnbeam: Space Race. Which is a race. In space

Xcntry: Autocross. Race in a canyon

Playtm: The Room. It's a toy track in a kid's room. Way cool

And to get yourself a super-sleek Jag, just enter Ljagx. And if Inspector Morse action don't suit ya, enter Amgmrc to get yourself a Merc...

Final Doom

Doom! Shake the room!

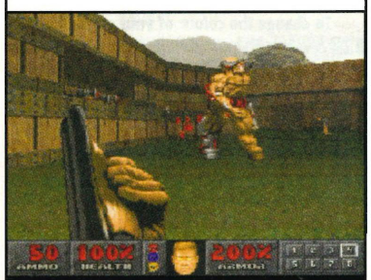
Please help! Do you have any cheats for Final Doom?
R Nelhaus

plus Yup. Kick demon cheeks in style with these fellas:

To see the whole map, pause the game and enter △ △ L2 R2 L2 R2 R1 ■

For bags o' ammo and all the guns, pause and punch in ✕ △ L1 ▲ ▼ R2 ◀ ◀

And to get weird glowing yellow eyes and a pleasant feeling of invincibility, pause and enter ▼ L2 ■ R1 ▶ L1 ◀ ●



■ He ain't gonna hurtcha. You's invincible...

Colony Wars

Colonic irrigation

Do you have a cheat for invincibility in Colony Wars? I'm stuck.
Chris Watson

plus Step this way, young Mr Watson. We've got cheats of all shapes and sizes.

For infinite energy, enter Hestas*Retort as a password.

For infinite secondary weapons, go for Memo*X33RTY.

And for a level select, just bang in Commander*Jeffer.

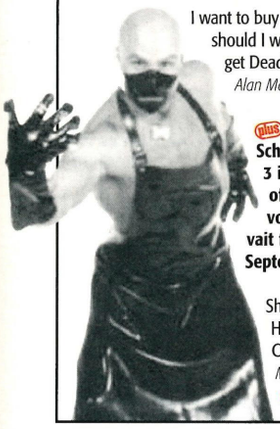




■ Those invincible fleets of deathspitting spacecraft'll fall at your cheated-up hands...

Uncle agony

He's cruel to be kind...



I want to buy a fighting game: should I wait for Tekken 3 or get Dead or Alive?
Alan Mansell

plus You insult me, Schweinhund! Tekken 3 is ze finest flower of ze games crop. It vould be folly not to vait for T-day in September...

Should I buy Tokyo Highway Battle or Crash Bandicoot 2?
M Fox

plus Fool. Ze bandicoot vill fulfil your needs. Forget zis piffling Tokyo Highvay Battle.

What would you buy: Time Crisis and the gun, or Gran Turismo and the Dual Shock?
Adam Hoare

plus You must buy Gran Turismo and the Dual Shock. You must. I haff spoken.

Is it worth buying the King of Fighters 96 on import, or should I buy StreetFighter Alpha 2?
Simon Emmanuel

plus Vhy do you incessantly plague me with these dummkopf qvestions? Streetfighter is most definitely 'vhere it's at'. Obey me, or suffer, peeg.

Brahma Force

Brahma drama ding dong

Any cheats for Brahma Force?
Dan Cope

plus You want cheats? You the man. To make all the enemy drones ultra-stoopid, just hold down ◆ ⊗ ■, then punch ST► on the 'Press Start ' screen.

But if easy ain't your bag, press L1 R1 L2 R2 ■ ⊗ ▲ ● on the title screen to make everything dubble tuff. Nasty.

And to skip a level, select memory card options and load up the level you're on. While it's loading, keep hammering the ST► button until the save game message pops up. When you restart, you'll skip.

De-fib-rillating

They tell porkies, they do

On Porsche Challenge, my game has 4 tracks, yet on the box it says it has 24 tracks. Can you help?
Bryan Leech

plus No-one can help you, Bryan. Porsche Challenge does have four tracks but when you've, ooh, unlocked extra sections of the tracks etc. there's probably about 24 different *variations* of the same four.

This is a trick a lot of software people like to play. Y'see, on the back of yer average game, they'll say there's, say, 4,500 tracks, but what they're meaning is that you get to play the same four tracks in the rain, mirrored, backwards, at night, when it's snowing, with a slippy road surface, when it's cloudy etc etc blah de blah de bollocks. Ooh those racing game manufacturers...

PREMIER MANAGER 98

What is happening with Premier Manager 98. The release date keeps changing. I've heard it's Sony who aren't happy with the game due to bugs. Is it true?
William Cherry

plus You heard wrong, Mr Cherry. The reason Premier Manager 98's been sitting around twiddling its thumbs is that those clever chappies at Gremlin are holding it back till Premiership fever takes hold again next season. Soz to ruin your conspiracy theory, but there ain't no bug infestation...

RAGE RACER

Can you tell me all the cheats for Rage Racer?
Jon Skelton

plus Yup. For a mirror mode where all the tracks'll be backwards - even the writing on the signs goes the wrong way round - just select Race Start and hold down L1 R1 SEL and ST► until the race begins...

RAPID RACER

Do you have any cheats for Rapid Racer?
Michael Harrison

plus Guess so. To get yourself all the boats, just enter your name as 'BOA' with a space before the 'B'.
Or if you want the super-special cheat boat, enter your name as HURR.
And if it's tracks you're after, enter RRIM for all the mirrored tracks, '(space)DAY' for all the day tracks and '(space)NIT for all the night tracks. And finally, to race as a duck, enter your name as '(space)DUK'. A wacky cheat. Your cue for near-fatal levels of hysterical laughter. Or something.

RAYMAN

What is the cheat for the last level on Rayman?
Ashley Brown

plus For a level select, bang in FJSJIC620P. So easy, it's almost unfair.

RASCAL

Do you have any cheats for Rascal?
Jon Miller

plus Cheats? Ooh you little rapscallion you. As a matter of fact, though, we've got one gathering dust round these parts: enter HOUSE as a password then press R1 during play to select a new level or R2 to choose a room. Hope that suits your needs.

RAW PENIS GLUE

What the hell does RPG stand for?
Kevin Kaye

plus It stands for Role Playing Game, a phrase well-known to pus-ridden gimps and social inadequates the world over. What it refers to is a game where you play the part of a character in a story. RPGs usually involve elves, magic swords and dark lords of the other world. Geek shit, in other words. Congratulations for not knowing the lingo. We wish we didn't. You're probably quite a normal guy.

REBOOT

Do you have any cheats for Reboot?
Andy Smart

plus Sure thing. To play as Enzo, just bang in ▲ ◀ ▼ ◀ ▼ L1 R1 ► ▼ ► on the main menu. Restart and you'll be playing as Enzo.

And for an extra shield, just hit: ▼ R1 ◀ ► ▼ L2 R2 ◀ ► ▲. An extra protective shield'll pop up every time you get to a Glitch...

SENSIBLE SOCCER 2000

Will Sensible Soccer 2000 have a management option similar to the Amiga version, where you can have a 20-season management career?
Ryan Seabury

plus So far as we know the game as it stands has got some management knobs on, but there isn't the full-strength management option you got on the Amiga version.

Like, you'll be able to tell your lads when to man-to-man mark and stuff, but you won't be able to desert your club if a peachy job comes up elsewhere. That's the state of play at the mo.

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Toyne story

She's bootiful



I beg you tell me the name of the girl who modelled T-Shirts in April's issue.
Defw Tomos

plus Her name's Abigail Toyne, and she regularly shows her face and other pink parts of her body in The Sun. Sadly, though we doubt she'd be much interested in you. Both her last two boyfriends have been called Defw too, and she's a bit afraid she's getting into a rut, see?

COMPETITION HOTLINES

WHO IS THE STAR OF TOMB RAIDER?

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Resident Evil 2	-	08901-202706
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Instant Expert: Your problems solved

The Fing is, though, Sensi 2000 for the 'Station is just a twinkle in the programmers' eyes at the min, so don't get too downhearted y'hear? There's still hope that there'll be a full management option when the game hits the shelves sometime in 1999. You never know, they might be reading this...

STREET FIGHTER EX PLUS ALPHA

Could I have any cheats for Street Fighter Ex Plus Alpha?
Jeeshan Ahmed

plus We don't see why not. To get the hidden barrel game, highlight the practice option on the mode selection screen and press ST►.
Now press ↑ ↑ → ↑ → ↑.

You'll get to play the bonus barrel game from Street Fighter 2. Isn't that just what you've always wanted? Nice.

TEST DRIVE 4

Are there any cheats for Test Drive 4?
Tom Watson

plus To get yourself all the hidden tracks, just start up a game on normal difficulty with traffic and checkpoints. If you manage to finish in the top twenty you'll get the chance to enter your name. Enter it as SAUSAGE.

If you fancy mirrored tracks, do the same as above, but put in your name as KNACKED.

And if you fancy a few nitro boosts for your car, do all the same stuff, but enter the name as WHOOOOSH. Almost too easy.

THEME PARK

Are there any more cheats for Theme Park?
Jonathan Foreman

plus More? We slogged our guts out to bring you them last issue. There ain't any more!

THE ONE AND ONLY

What games would a Logic 3 Dominator work with?
Andy C.H.

plus Should work with most of 'em. It's got a clever little switch, see, that lets it change from being an analogue joystick to being a digital one, and even lets it pretend to be a NegCon twisty-type controller. What a clever little joystick it is. Bless it.

THREE LIONS

Any cheats for Three Lions?
Barry Gill

plus You poor devil. Forty smackeroons on a game less entertaining than having your gonads savaged by a rottweiler. Ah well, better luck next time, eh?

There are cheats, but nothing good enough to make up for the true horror you must have experienced when you whacked in the disc for the first time:

With all of these, what you wanna do is hammer 'em in on the team selection screen and then go looking for the new 'Secret' category that'll pop up:

For the England 1966 team, hit
L1 L1 L1 →

For the Brazil 1970 team
R1 R1 R1 →

And for the all-time great team
L2 L2 L2 →

TOBAL 2

I recently bought Tobal no. 1, which is cool, but I'm having problems tracking the sequel, Tobal no. 2. Please help.
Dave Lingwood

Motorhead

More for your Motorhead

Got the level codes for Motorhead?
Ben Farmer

plus Level codes, schmevel codes. You come schlepping in here with your 'Level codes this, level codes that'. Enough with the level codes already.

Oh all right then. Here's the whole kaboodle:

As a password, bang in
COWRULES:
that'll unlock all the Division 2 cars and tracks

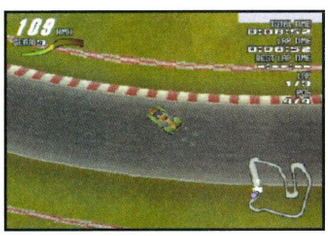
FRAGTIME:
Unlocks all the Division 1 tracks

TURBOMOS:
Unlocks Nolby Hills

And there's more. Each of the tracks also has its own in-game cheat on it. Clever, huh?

SUPERCAR

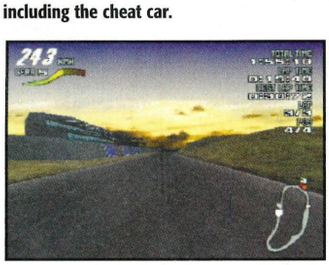
Gives you a weirdo overhead view that'll totally bollix up your driving...



■ See? It'll mess you up real good...

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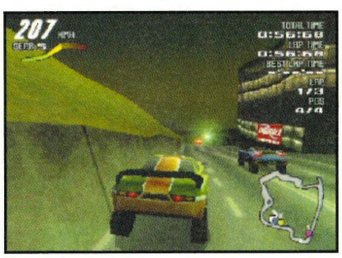
Unlocks all the tracks and all the motas, including the cheat car.



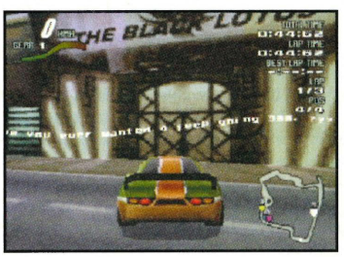
■ The secret track. Clever, huh?

Ruhrstadt

A particularly useless cheat up for grabs here, but it should raise a smile. For a second or two. What you got to do is race round to the shopping mall-type bit, and then draw your motor up slap bang in front of the Black Lotus club. Just stay parked there for about ten seconds, and a little message'll scroll across the screen. When you restart, you'll have weird jeep wheels on your motor. And you'll bounce a lot.



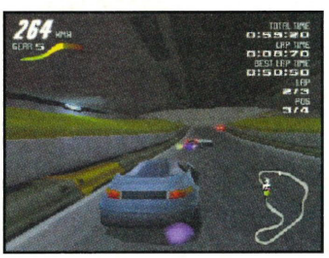
■ And voila! You've got enormous wheels. Chuckle, chuckle, snarf, snarf...



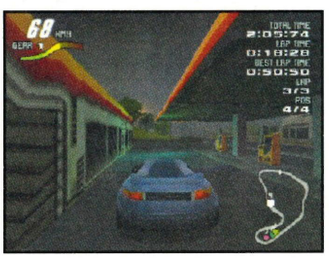
■ Park here for about ten seconds,and one of them messages'll appear...

Goldbridge

Just drive backwards round the gas pumps a coupla times and pass the door at about 40 km/h. You'll get coloured smoke out the back of yer motor. And you get to read a message saying 'Hold your breath! It's time for radioactive disco smoke!'



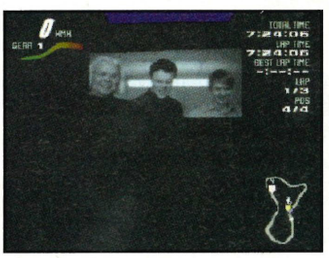
■ Radioactive disco smoke in full effect



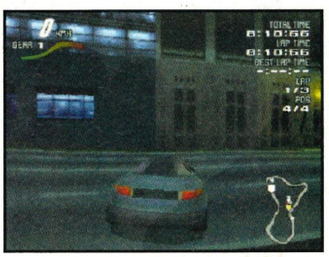
■ Drive backwards through here. Do it fast

Neocity

Below the first long hill where there's the disco, drive through the wall on the first house to the left, and you'll get the exciting chance to see pics of the exceptionally hideous programming team. Now there's a cheat you'll go back to time and again...



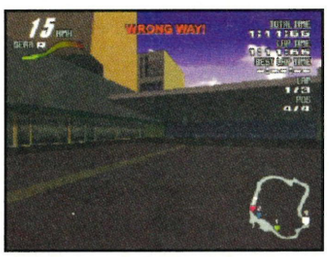
■ Oh those handsome programmers...



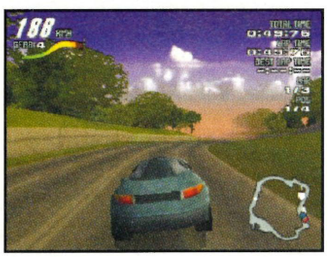
■ Drive through the wall to see 'em...

Atlantika

To get jumping cars, what you got to do is head into the alley opposite the Atlantika Central Station, then turn round and go into the carpark type area shown in the pic. Restart, and you'll all have bouncing motors. Joy to the world!



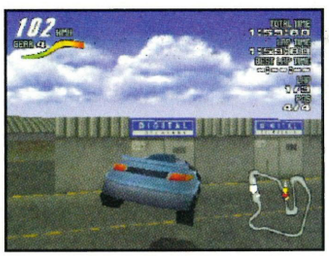
■ Head in here to get the cheat working



■ You're bouncing. Happy, happy, happy

Nolby Hills

Smash into the leftmost garage door in the row of doors with the Digital Illusions signs on 'em. Really put your foot down, though, 'cos you've got to hit it at about 75 km/h. One of those cer-razy Svedish messages'll pop up and you'll get reduced gravity...



■ Jump at the door for the low grav cheat

Pitfall 3D

Pitiful at Pitfall? Worry not...

Any cheats for Pitfall 3D?
Bill Wickstead

plus Surely have.

For an extra life, enter the password GIVEMELIFE.

For 99 of the bastards, enter STEVECRANEME.

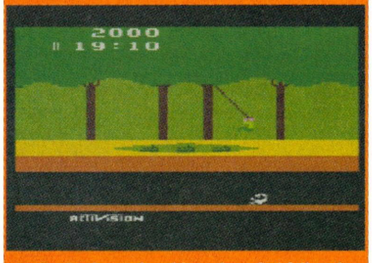
To get the ability to fly, bang in ZEROGHARRY.

And to get one of those ever-so-amusing big head modes, go for BIGHEADHARRY.

And to play the original PItfall game, go for CRANESBABY. But be warned. It's a dismal piece of shit.



■ Pump up yer Pitfalling with a coupla lives



■ Or check out the old version of Pitfall. Ugh

plus It don't look like Tobal 2's gonna show up round these parts. The UK release has been canned, sad to say. Life's a toughie.

TREE THING

In Final Fantasy VII on disc one, how do you get past the tree thing that Sephiroth drops on the ship that is heading out of Junon. What methods do you suggest?
Adam England

plus You don't have to do nuffink special, really. It's just a question of making sure you've selected your best boys when you get the chance earlier, and then slugging away at Sephiroth's pet tree with the baddest stuff you got...

WCW NITRO

Got any cheats for WCW Nitro?
Jamie McNiven

plus WCW Nitro, huh? A game more drab and abysmal than Crossroads reruns. Don't go expecting these hidden arenas and geezers to spruce it up none. Nothing can.

To get all the hidden fighters, hit R1 four times, L1 four times, R2 four times, L2 four times then SEL at the character select screen. You'll hear a noise, and you'll get all 48 of the hidden fighters.

And to get more wrestling arenas, bang in L1 L2 R1 R2 L1 L2 R1 R2 SEL at the Options screen. You'll get all sorts of weirdo rings like a psychedelic one, one in a graveyard, one in a spaceship. Wacky, wacky, really wacky...

WIPEOUT

How do you get the hidden tracks on WipEout?
Kaspa Hazlewood

plus Easy to those in the know. On the start up screen, highlight one player, Now hold down L1 R1 ➡ ST ■ and ●.

With them still held down, press ✕. You'll get access to the hidden track, Firestar, which you'd normally only get to by winning the Rapier class.

While we're talking Rapier, to get onto Rapier class, all you need to do is highlight one player on the startup screen, then bang in L2 R2 ⬅ ST and SEL Keep holding 'em and press ✕. Cheating's easy when you know how.

ZERO DIVIDE

How do you get Zulu on Zero Divide?
Stuart White

plus All you got to do is beat him with all the eight characters.

And you can make that even easier by setting the difficulty to easy and the timer to 30. Now all you got to do is hit 'im once and keep on dodging him till the timer runs down to zero. Easy, eh?

And by the way, to get a crack at the retro game Phalanx, just hold ST and SEL on the second pad while the game loads...

The collectors box

Collect and WIN!

It makes our hearts glow when we get these letters. The letters where people just ask us for cheats for their entire games collection. We especially liked the lad who said he had 'Scum', our spoof game out of the April issue. Sharp fella, that 'un. And here's some more blokes who want to share the contents of their games boxes with us. Innit cute?

Have you any hot shit cheats for: Red Alert, FIFA 97, Tekken 2, Croc, Fantastic 4, WipEout 2097, ISS Pro, ESPN Extreme Games and Victory Boxing?
Mark Ojomoh

plus Ooh get you. What a lot of games you've got. You lucky little fellow.

Have you got any cheats for FIFA 97, Rayman, Xevious, Porsche Challenge, Crash Bandicoot 2 and Tekken 2?
Dave Wilson

plus And our Dave's a lucky, lucky guy too. Gosh he's got a nice collection. Thanks again for sharing it with us, Dave.



■ A fine stack of games. We're impressed

Got any cheats for Hardcore 4X4, Star Gladiator, PGA Tour 97, Soul Blade and MDK?
Nick McBride

plus And here's another young fellow with a fine stack of games. Well done, Nick. And thanks for taking the time to write. Get the hint. Specific games or cheats only, please...

Warhammer: Dark Omen

Getting darker, lads

Could you please give me some cheats for Warhammer: Dark Omen?
Jim Muir

plus Your wish is our command. For a chapter skip, blat in R2 R1 L1 R2 R1 R2. When you resume, you'll have jumped forward one chapter.

And for a helping hand when you're really up against it out on the field of battle, press SEL on the deployment screen, then type in this code

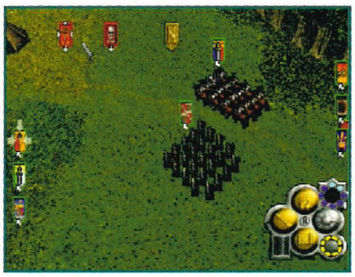
R1 R1 L2 L2 R1 R2 to skip battle.

Or try R1 L1 R1 L2 R1 R2 to get a wad of extra cash.

Bang in R2 R1 R2 R1 L2 R1 to make your lads reload faster.

Or R1 L1 R2 R2 R1 R1 to make 'em hit a whole lot harder.

Once you resume yer game, the cheats'll take effect...



■ Hurt those goblin bastards bad. Pump up yer boys with a couple o' cheats...



■ Or skip out the tricky bits. Building an empire's so easy when you cheat...

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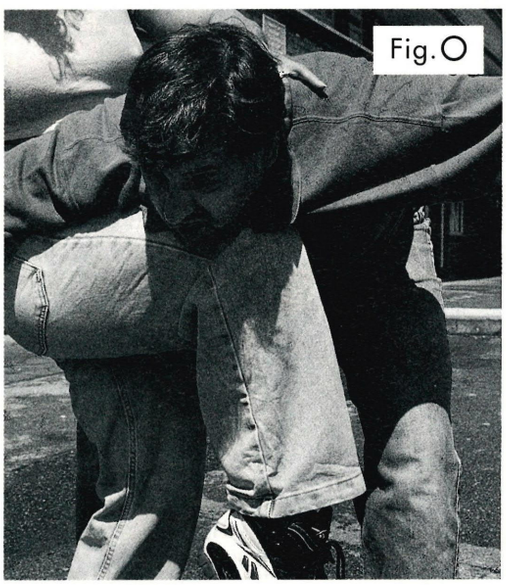
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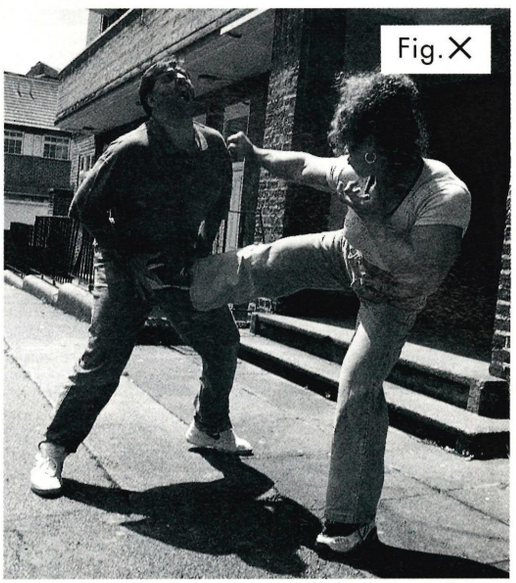






Fig.△	I find the best way to deal with trouble is to *start* it.
Fig.○	This is one of my favourites, I call it the *Short Range Lariat.*
Fig.×	A swift pivot kick into the danger area and—*voilà!*
Fig.□	*Observe.* One brained baddie spilled out on a tarmac grave.



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Our pub bore Bert tells you how to do things HIS way. The right way, in other words...

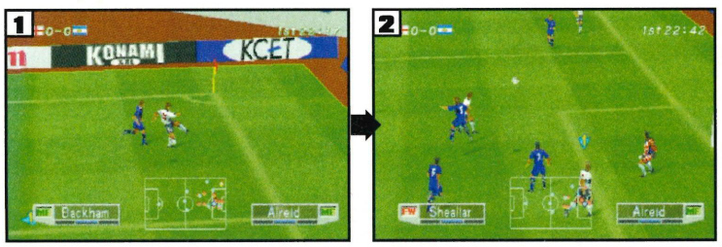
It's a fact of life that years down the boozer pickling your internal organs in Guinness and Woodbine smoke gives you a strange, unearthly wisdom. Meet Bert, who's been in the pub so long he now knows everything about games. We picked his brains for tips on how to be top dog. And he was only to happy to oblige... Yeah, some of his ideas are pure gold, and others you might want to experiment with, but for top-of-the-range gaming knowledge, you just can't beat Bert...

Football games



First touch, last laugh

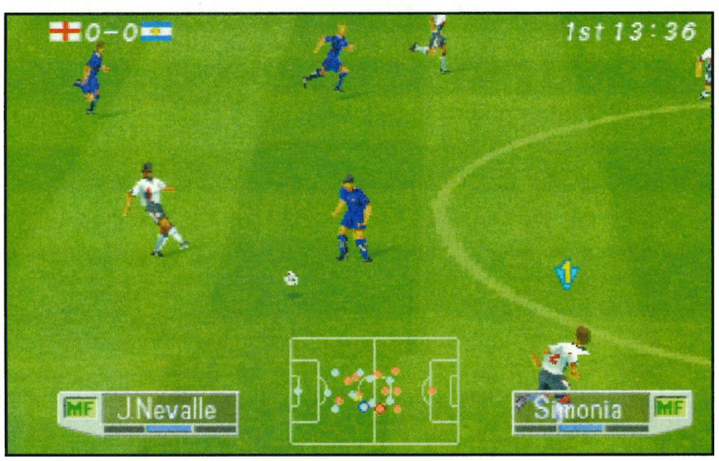
Bert says: If you wants to rack up the goals, you got to use crosses into the box and time that first touch right. Just like in real football, see? And if you're on the receiving end, don't commit the defence too early. Wait till it's time to go in...



■ Don't 'ang around son, knock it in quick, like ■ Come on, get yer 'ead on that ball

Dribbling on the pitch

Bert says: You can't chase the ball all the time. You got to keep flicking between your lads till you get people in the right position to tackle. When it comes to dribbling and passing, just remember it's the computer who handles the passes. He's a clever lad that computer: keep passing, don't hog it. That'll see you right.



■ Lovely little tap. Wait a sec, son. Now GO! Go on lad, leggit!

Puzzles



Just lever alone, orright?



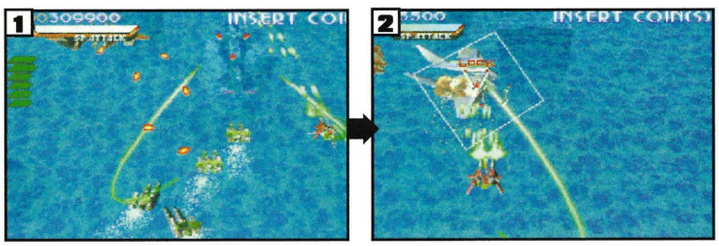
Bert says: What you wants to do is always try every object with everything you see, starting with the ones you picked up most recent, like. And while we're talking puzzles, I've happened to notice that when you got to push three levers, always push the rightmost lever, then the leftmost, then the middle. Dunno why it works, mate. But thass life, innit?

Shoot 'em ups

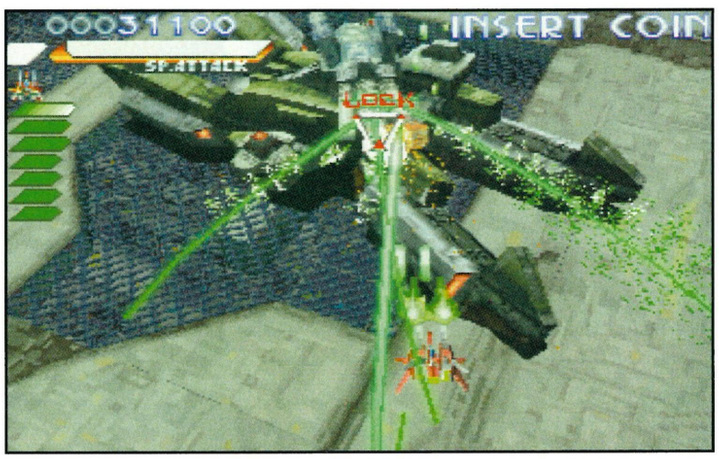


Baddie barbecue

Bert says: People come to me with their shoot 'em up problems. And they don't even know how you got to be looking at the patterns the enemies move in and where they're coming from. And they can't figure that you got to weigh up which blokes take the most hits and which'll give you the worst pasting, when you're deciding who to shoot first. Kids today. I despair.



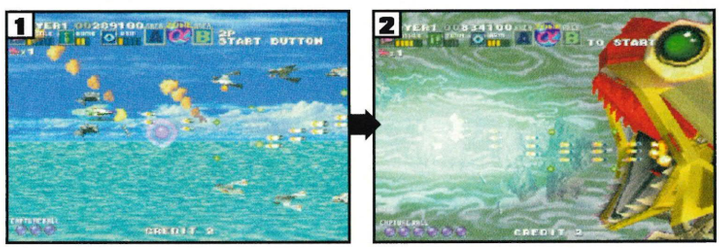
■ Enemies arrive in patterns... ■ So suss 'em out and start shooting



■ With the bosses, watch their patterns, and look for the weak spot. Simple, eh?

We got the power

Bert says: Power-ups, is it? Let me tell you. Now see my brother Ken? 'E's got a particular problem with shoot 'em ups. He just uses up those power-ups soon's he sees 'em. 'Save 'em,' I tell 'im, 'Wait till you know what's round the next bend.' Does he listen? Does he hell.



■ Power-ups are all over the shop ■ But save 'em for when you really need 'em

Beat 'em ups



No joy with pads?

Bert says: People ask me 'Bert, how do you hold your joypad when it comes to beat 'em ups?' And I tell 'em: 'Wot you got to do is hold one hand off of yore joypad, see, so you can tap them buttons with all your fingers. So much faster, innit?'



■ This is the way most geezers do it, like...



■ But why not try it this way? Works for me

Button up your bashing

Bert says: And then I have to watch bleedin' idiots hammerin' away on one button. 'Hold on a mo there, mate', I'll tell 'em 'If you're such a nonce that you have to hammer buttons, at least change the buttons you're hammering so you're a bit unpredictable, know what I mean?'



■ Hitting the same button ain't sharp



■ You should vary it for different strikes

Low down dirty shame

Bert says: And another thing. I hate to see people going into a fight with their heads held up high, see? And that's 'cos they're too dim to figure that you got to stay down low to dodge hits and get in below the other guy's defence, right? Learnt that little trick when I was a bare-knuckle fighter, I did.



■ First blow stuns 'im a bit ...



■ Then go in low and hard for a cool finish

Soft shoe shufflin'

Bert says: I always say the most important thing with your beat 'em ups is to keep moving in and out. 'Keep on your toes' I'll say to folks, 'Cos you got to tempt 'em into punching thin air, and then you can get your retaliation in first'. But do people ever listen to old Bert?



■ Wait till Heihachi (left) commits himself



■ Then move in for the killer blow

'Tempt 'em into punching thin air, and then you can get your retaliation in first'

Racing games

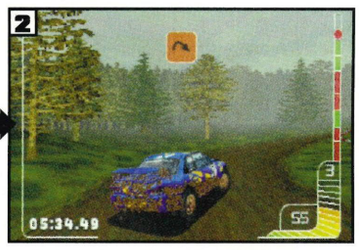


Powerslide for fun and profit

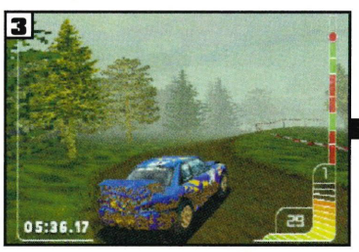
Bert says: Racing games, is it? Lemme tell you, I've bin playing racing games since you was in nappies. And the powerslide's the smart man's way to get ahead. You take a peek at these pictures and then try and tell me I got it wrong.



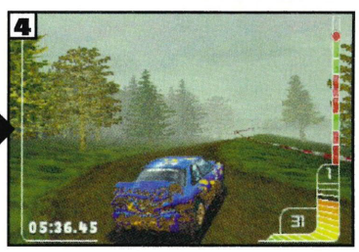
■ Approach the corner wide, full steam...



■ Then cut across, jamming on the brakes



■ When the back end starts to slide out...



■ Turn the opposite way and floor it

In, out, shake it all about

Bert says: The inside car view's good, see, for judging your turning circle on corners, and it makes the game work faster. And if you go for the outside view, it makes it a bit easier to get through bits where your car's rocking from side to side. It's your choice, at the end of the day.



■ Judging corners is easier inside yer mota



■ But you'll get to see further ahead outside

Brake dancin'

Bert says: Here's a funny thing. Loads of folks don't seem to 'ave clicked that the way you hold your joypad for a racing game's like this, see? That's so you can tap the brake without taking your finger off the accelerator. Common sense, innit?

■ Do it this way and you have to decelerate to brake



➡ This way you can 'dab' the brakes...

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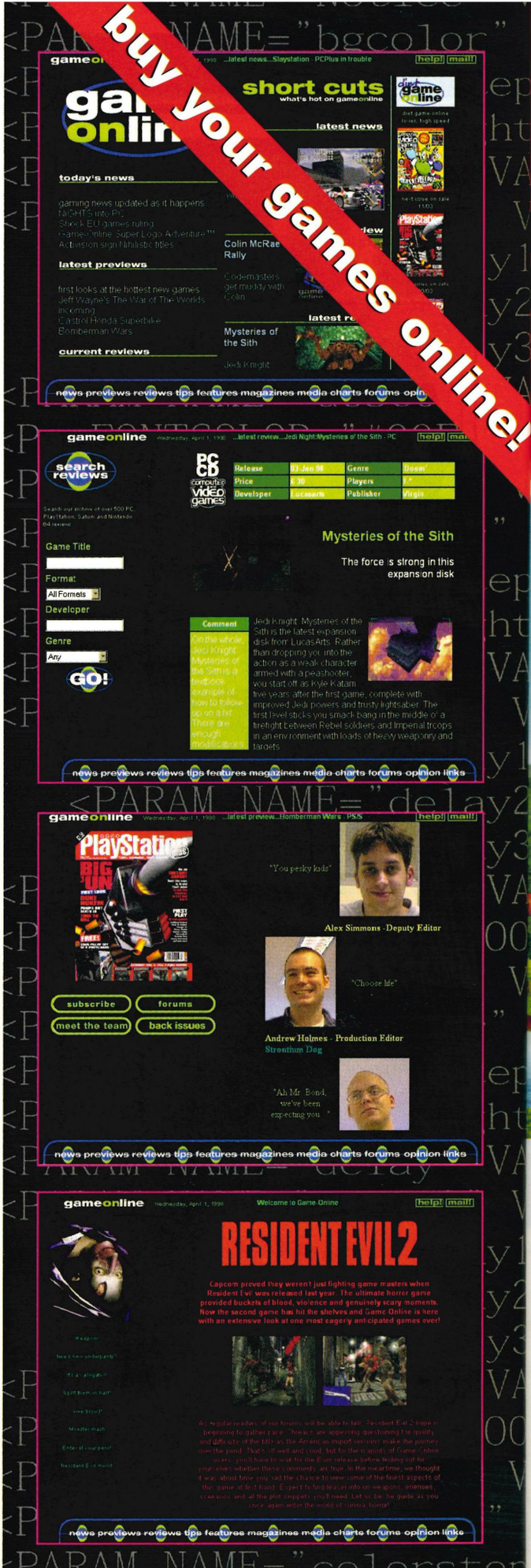
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Tombi: played it till the RSPCA shopped us for rampant pig abuse...

How we rate stuff

0-50%	Total toss
51-60%	Just toss
61-70%	Only okay
71-80%	Good, not great
81-90%	Almost classic
91-100%	Essential play

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

BLAST RADIUS

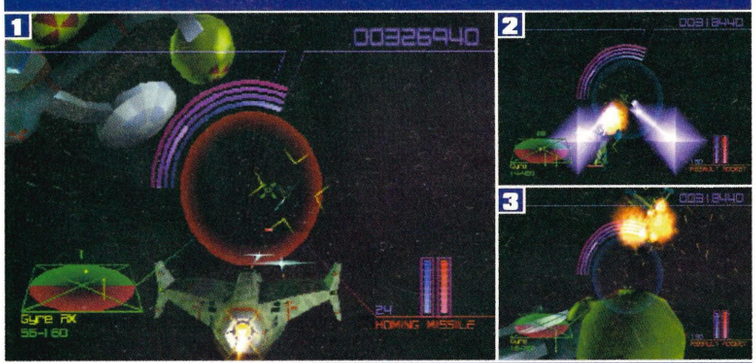
Get yer trigger finger ready. We's a-goin' spaceship shootin'.

What we have here is a real Jo Guest of a game. Face as saucy as you like, and a body built purely for pleasures of the flesh. Not a lot to get yer brains around, but it'll keep you shooting for some time. Oooh baby...

What we like

Gasp graphics

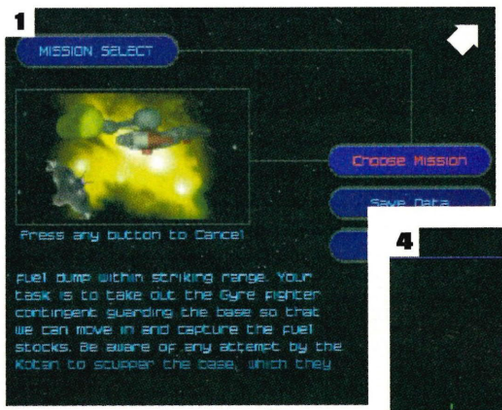
Hubba, hubba. Would you look at those lovely pert, shapely graphics. Ships shoot past at high speed but you can still catch how smooth, shiny and detailed they are. You've got more lights than a rave here: explosions cause colourful ripples of energy and engines leave glowing traces.



1 As smooth and good-looking as a bar full of Sacha Distels 2 More lighting effects than you can shake a stick at 3 Burn baby burn

What you do

Go shoot things. Harmless little fighters, gunships bristling with weapons, giant destroyers and whole spacestations full of civilians. Collect credits to buy weapons and kit, then go shoot more stuff. To progress you've got to complete missions, which involve – wait for it – killing everyone.



1 Sit though your mission briefing... 2 Now go and kill everything that moves... 3 Win yourself credits to buy smart weapons... 4 Then go wipe out another lifeform

Bastids

Alien scumsuckers come in all shapes and sizes – nimble and sleek ones, chugging hulks, and sci-fi film rip-offs.

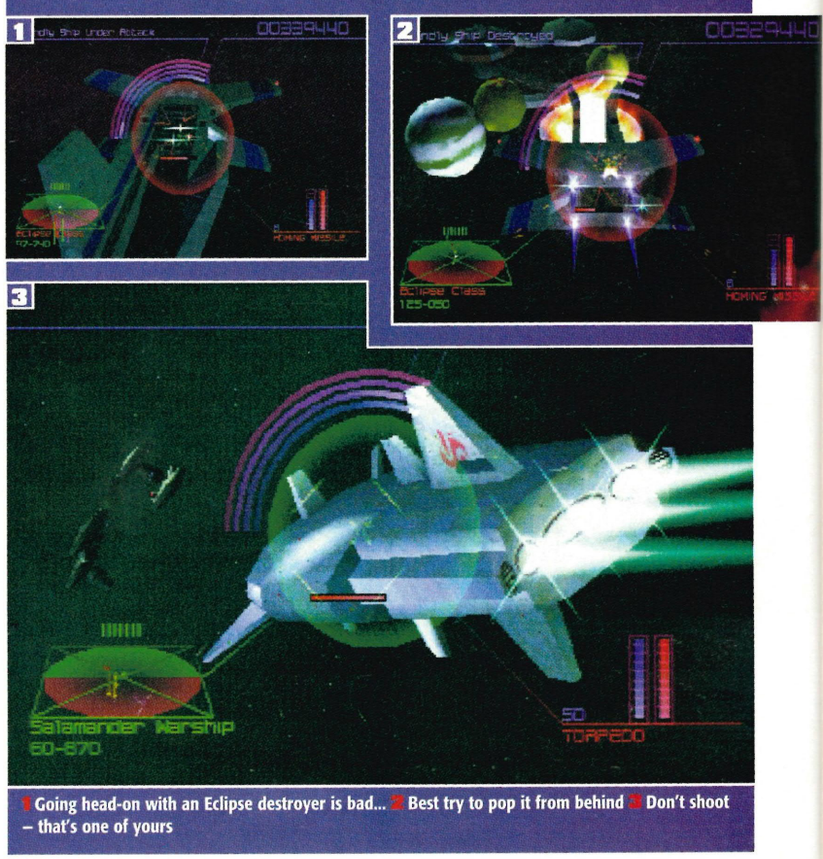
It's fair to say one thing links 'em together: they're all stoopid. They attack a bit at first then offer their arses to be shot. Bigger muthas offer more resistance, but you usually win 'cos you can shoot faster.



1 Tyrant: more of a hindrance than a threat 2 Gyre: often used as decoys 3 Broadsword Gunship: heavily armed but slow 4 Viscera: packed with missiles

Mother ships

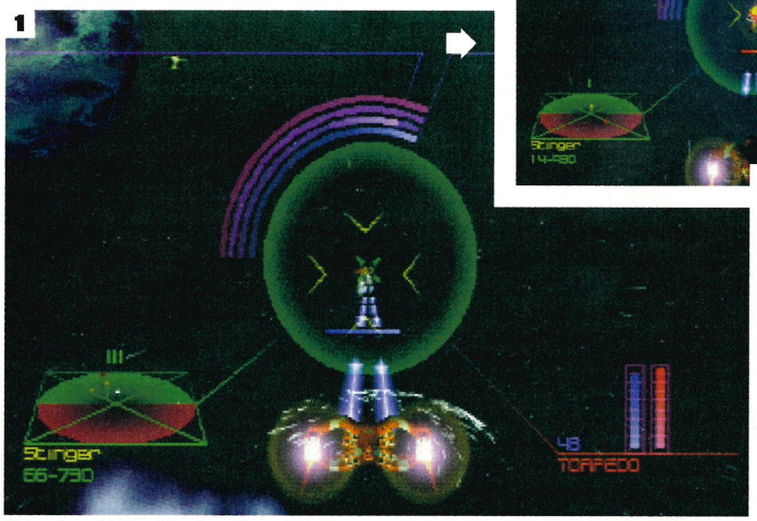
Along the way to saving the universe expect some big momma enemies: and these are super cool. Head in for combat and you'll feel like a minnow darting around a whale. Swoop over the surface to the back, check out the engines and you're almost blinded by the light. Now take 'em out and watch the fireworks.



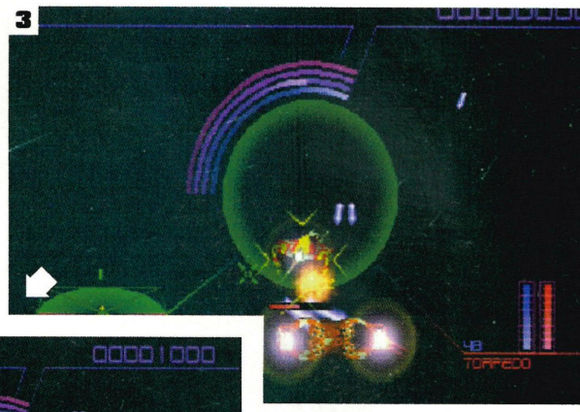
1 Going head-on with an Eclipse destroyer is bad... 2 Best try to pop it from behind 3 Don't shoot – that's one of yours

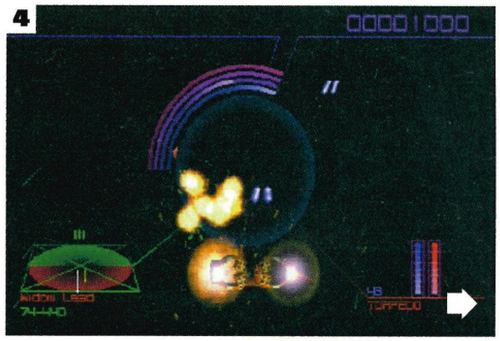
Power mad

Ship bashing gets you power-ups and this is like eating a box of chocs without a choice card. Who knows? You might get a shield power-up (yea!) or (yuk) a fondant fuel centre. Double strength goodies are the real power-up daddies...











1 First drop shields with a frontal attack **2** Now get on the tail of the sorry sonofabitch... **3** Take big, tasty bites out of his energy... **4** Wait for the fireworks to end... **5** Now chomp into the power-up at the centre

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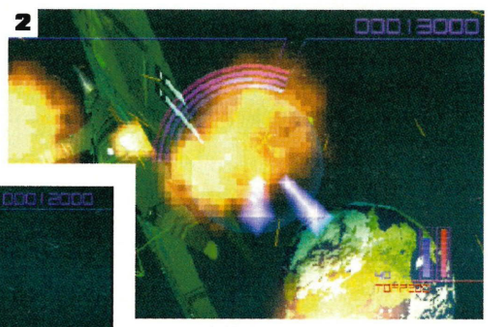
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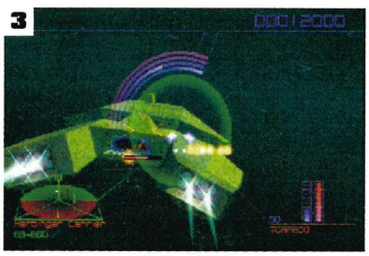
Look, we like Blast Radius, it's pretty smart. But gameplay is the same old same old. Use a standard radar to find enemies, line 'em up in yer sights, fire a lot and move on to the next target. Bog standard dogfights against pretty bloody stoopid enemies. Good fun, but We think you deserve a bit more.

Save me

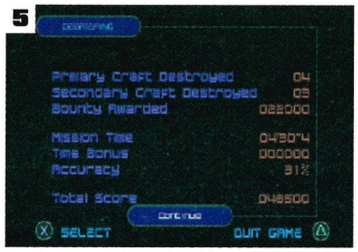
Getting through Blast Radius will take a lifetime. Not just 'cos it's hard, but also 'cos of a lack of save points. You can't just decide to stop for a bit and come back later, you have to complete loads of missions first. This means you spend ages going over the same old ground. Again and again. Yawn.











1 Make it through the first battle... **2** Next protect a supply ship **3** Have a go at a couple of carriers **4** Just time to kill a few stragglers **5** At last. A chance to save. Die before here and you'll have to do it all again

What we don't like

Death

As a space ace, death is only a laser blast away. Fair nuff. Danger comes with the territory, but how come there are so many other ways to die? Getting caught in the blast ring of an enemy you've shot is bloody annoying and blowing up just 'cos you forgot to stop at Texaco for gas is madness.



■ Pissy little things don't cause much bovver



■ Big buggers stand a bit more chance

Ship shop

Before you head out into the inky void you'd better grab a ship. You get the choice of something with speed and manoeuvrability, a slow ride built like a tank, or an all-rounder. At this stage you just get basic kit, but don't panic, you'll get a chance to try all kinds of shit.







1 The Starski may look like Starsky and Hutch's motor, but you try jumping on its roof **2** Best death bringer, in our opinion, is the Hammerhead. Not much style, but hey... **3** If you like to turn tail and run, pick the Stealthshadow, you chicken

Rent it A fat old space blast with drop dead gorgeous looks. Trouble is you'll soon get bored with doing the same old things. **Jon**

PlayStation plus
RATED 83%

■**OUT** NOW ■**BY** PSYGNOSIS ■**COSTS** £34.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-2
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

ADIDAS POWER SOCCER 98

Bad call, lads. Truth is, you really should've stuck to making shoes...

There's some real heavyweight footy games for the 'Station these days. So come on, what cruel bastard shoved this snivelling little weakling into the ring to take 'em on?

Roger irrelevant

And it's not just the passing and stuff that's rough as arseholes. This has the worst commentary of any footy game in the history of humanity. Brian Moore sits there spouting the most irrelevant shite: 'Ticket touts have been charging more than three times the cover price for this game!' You what?

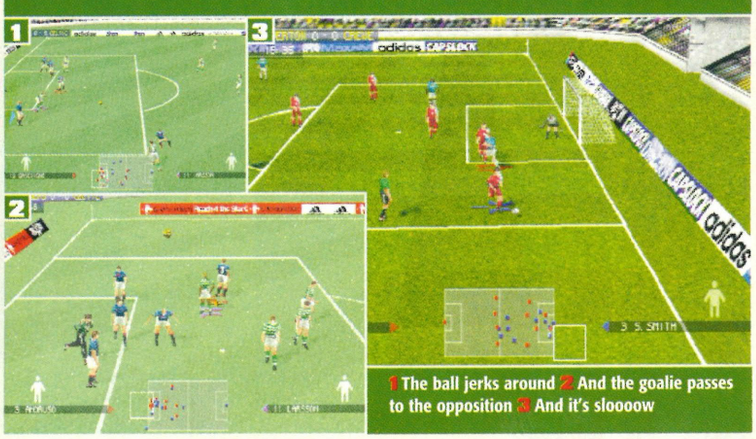


1 'Football in the nineties blah blah blah blah.' Bollocks 2 'Both sides have quite a few hard men...' Shut it! Shut it! 3 Please Bri. Just tell us one thing about the game. Please?

What we don't like

Many, many things

Where do we start? How's about with the way the ball jerks when you're trying to control it? And the players move like they're drugged, until you press speed-up. And then lose control of the ball. Oh, and the passing and goal kick system...



1 The ball jerks around 2 And the goalie passes to the opposition 3 And it's sloooow

The stench of bollocks is strong in this one. Crap commentary, jerky, sluggish gameplay with loadsa bollixy bits. This ain't gonna trouble the footy top boys. **Rob**

PlayStation plus
RATED 55%

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

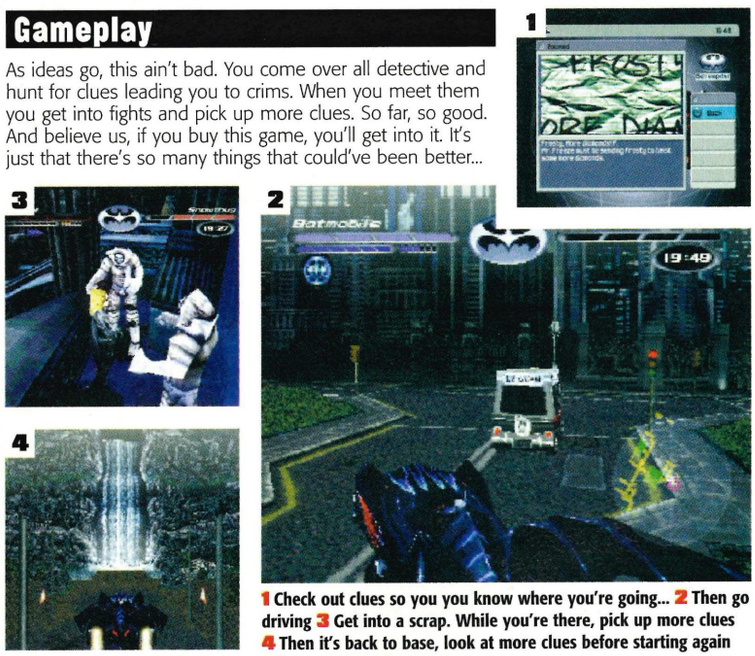
BATMAN AND ROBIN

It's your birthday. You really wanted a Playboy subscription. You got socks...

If that sounds like disappointment, wait till you pick up Batman and Robin. See, you've already gawped at the gorgeo graphics. You read our Blab where we told you it was shaping up well. Then it arrives... And it's really not the classic it should've been.

Gameplay

As ideas go, this ain't bad. You come over all detective and hunt for clues leading you to crims. When you meet them you get into fights and pick up more clues. So far, so good. And believe us, if you buy this game, you'll get into it. It's just that there's so many things that could've been better...



1 Check out clues so you you know where you're going... 2 Then go driving 3 Get into a scrap. While you're there, pick up more clues 4 Then it's back to base, look at more clues before starting again

What we like

Graphics

The graphics are nice. Whoever did the graphics deserves your praise, respect and a free pint. They gave the game a truly moody, atmospheric feel and certain locations – the Batcave especially – look really cool...



1 The Batcave is the bomb. All dark atmosphere, just like the films 2 Moody! Yup, this cat's dark and danky 3 And Batman flying looks purty darn cool too

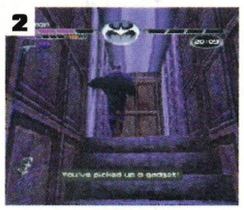
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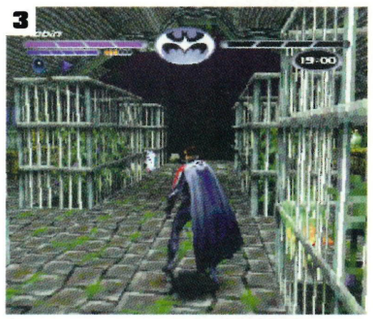
Gotham's a big place, and once you've sussed out where to go and driven there, there's even more stuff to explore. Some of the areas, like the museum, are fairly simple, but others are far more difficult to work your way through. Since the whole thing runs in real time, it means exploring the game's different places is always a race against time. Move yer ass, Batman!!



■ Swim through some levels



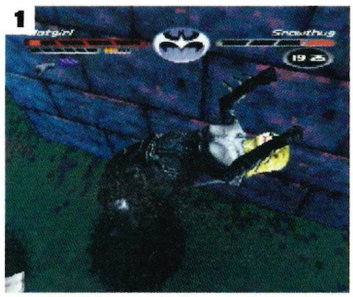




1 The museum's a piece of piss **2** World of Rings gets more complicated, with switches opening doors **3** And later, things get tougher. Yerk!

Pow! Whap! Crap!

Fight mode means getting to grips with combos and is generally good, with baddies well spaced out between exploring. Only trouble is, some of the camera angles are well ropey, making capping the ass off the foe a tricky business at times.



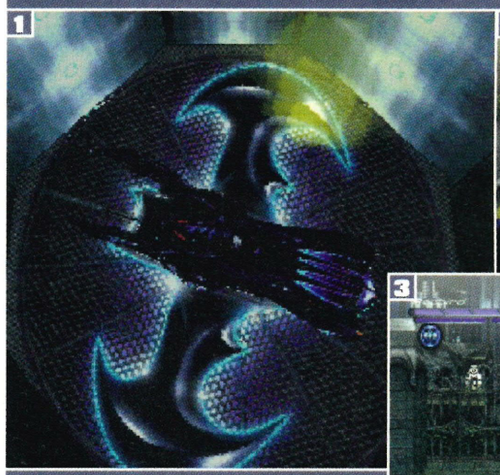




1 Batgirl's batflip is cool, but where have the nasty blokes gone? Oh, it's just that you can't see them **2** Shite camera angle alert! Not that you'd know it, but Batman's surrounded by loadsa Mr Freeze's henchmen **3** Two against one! Go Batgirl! Go kicking combo crazy

Baby, you can drive my car

When Bats (or Robin, or Batgirl, depending on which character you choose) has done a bit of wandering around the Batcave, he can get in his motor and go kick ass around Gotham. This means switching to a second control system. All told there are FOUR control systems for this game, not including in-game menus and stuff. And that's too many. You'll be referring to the manual a lot for what to do...







1 Damn that Batmobile make my day **2** For some reason, Gotham City's packed full of ice cream vans **3** And muggers. Pause a while. And shoot the shit outta them

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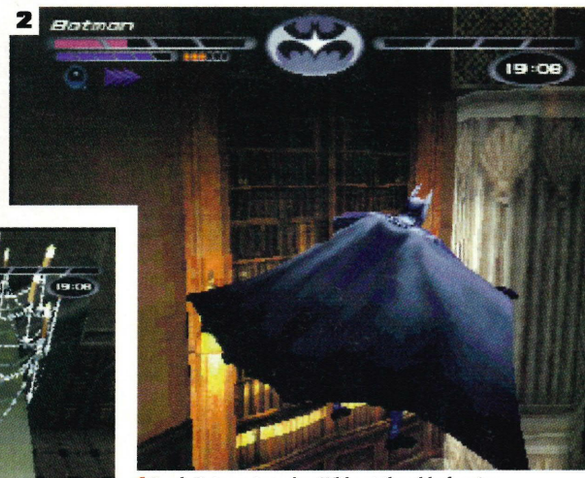
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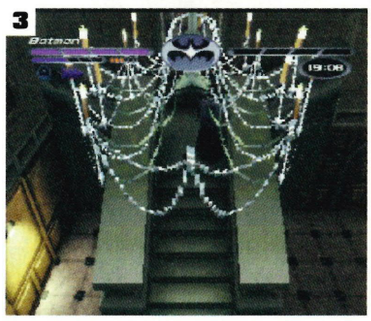
There's so much to do in Batman and Robin, it's no surprise there's lots bad about it, as well as lots good. To be fair, there are probably too many ideas here, and if it'd been just a little less ambitious, it'd be a miles better game.

Copybat

The guys who made this like the idea of Lara's house in Tomb Raiders one and two. So here you get to wander around Wayne Manor and practice some of the many skills you get in the game. 'Skills' in this case being the amount of buttons you need to know to get anything done.







1 Teach Batman to swim. Without the aid of water wings **2** Teach him to fly! **3** Check out Bats' chandeliers. Classy

Batman and Robin is something different and for that reason it's worth a look. It could have been better, but it's still an absorbing and good-looking game. **Andrew**

PlayStation plus

RATED 73%

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

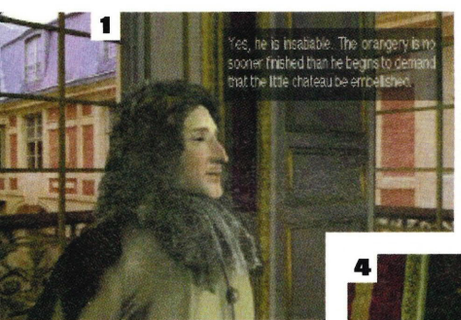
VERSAILLES

Scientifically proven to be more boring than Songs of Praise...

French ponces in wigs flounce around a castle. And you get to read all about 'em. In between solving shite puzzles. Ever wanted to be bored into a coma? Read on...

'Ow you do eet

You're a man dressed in a curtain. You've got a truly enormous wig. You gotta move between different still pictures of a palace, talking to crappily-animated cretins, picking up objects. And reading loadsa boring text. It's all dead historically accurate. And dreadful.







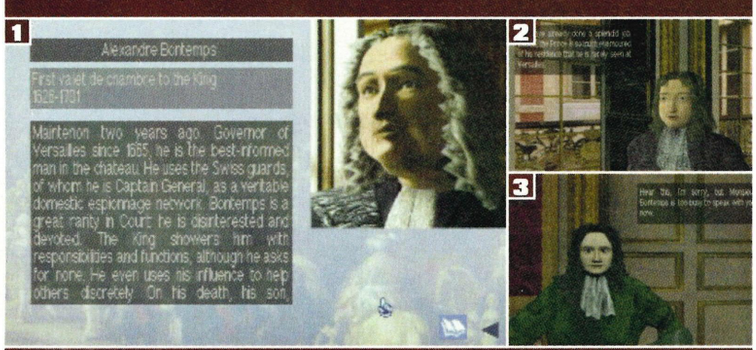


1 And then it's back to talking to... more twats wearing curtain! Joy! 2 And speak to posh tits wearing curtain 3 Solve wank puzzles like finding scissors 4 A couple more crap object puzzles...

What we ne like pas

C'est merde, monsieur!

Christ. This is meant to be 'educational'. Like it's gonna improve your mind to read endless little bits of shit about what a bunch of posh frog twats from 300 years ago did in their leisure time. Gaaah. And it's all sooo educational they kind of forgot to put a game in there. Remember now, lads? A game?



1 You have to read all about boring gimps like this. It'll hurt 2 Sadly, we can't show you how bollocks the animation is 3 Text. Lotsa lotsa text. Get used to it. There's lots more a-comin'

If games this bad are allowed to exist, how can there be a god? This is frighteningly dull, badly put together and... 'educational'. French wankers in wigs? Non merci. **Rob**

PlayStation plus
RATED 10%

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

N_2O

Oi mate – those insects were looking at your bird. Go get 'em!

This is the kinda game brain surgeons recommend you don't play. It's the speed of the thing, y'see. The flashing lights, the constant shooting. Luckily, we ain't brain surgeons...

What we like

When insects attack

Heck, it was a nice day. The barby was going a treat. That blonde from next door was giving you the eye. Then you got an attack of wasps and every bugger left. Pissed you off? Then here's your chance to take revenge. If you wanna annihilate some insects, N2O's yer man. Trust us, you'll feel better. And if that's not enough well, hey, the blonde was probably a Jehovah's Witness anyway...



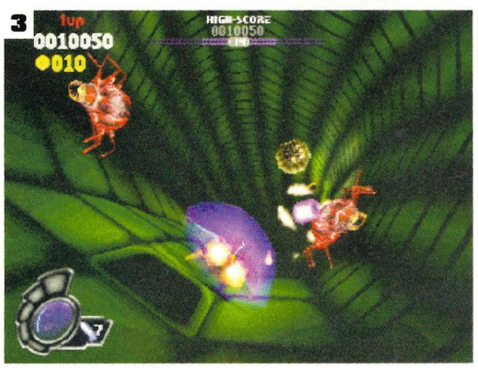
1 It's not insects we like 2 It's blowing their tiny brains out! 3 Insect mush coming right up

Gameplay

For off-its-head blasting, N2O is the dog's nads. The aim's simple: fly through levels full of insects. If it looks like a bug, shoot it. If it doesn't, collect it. Sounds easy but believe us, it ain't...









1 Bug attack! 2 Really, there are lots of insects... 3 In different shapes... 4 And sizes. See?

A dab of speed

N20 is speed central. Yeah, it might start off slowly, but the more critters you kill, the faster you hurtle down the tunnel. We're talking REALLY fast here. The kind of speed that reduces hardened astronauts to mewling lumps of jelly. Nurse, the screens!



■ The speed is awesome



■ Of course, these pictures don't move...



■ So you can't tell really, can you?



■ The lighting effects are stunning

plus We'd like to say...

N20 may be shit hot to begin with, but the icing on the cake is the ace speaker-shredding soundtrack courtesy of techno types Crystal Method. That, and the two-player mode really rocks, too.

Bosses

Each stage brings on a whole swarm of new insects including mosquitoes, spiders and even, er, ladybirds. But when all these babies are dead, the real big momma comes out to play and she is HUGE! No time for bug-spray, just scope the bitch!



■ It's boss time



■ Here's a mommy mosquito...



■ And a daddy spider



■ Argh! A huge ladybird! Run away!

Retina-wrecking stuff. This is fast, frantic, loud and fun. If you don't get this game, we'll come and sort you out good and proper. Remember, we know where you live... **Martin**

PlayStation plus RATED 89%

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

FLUID

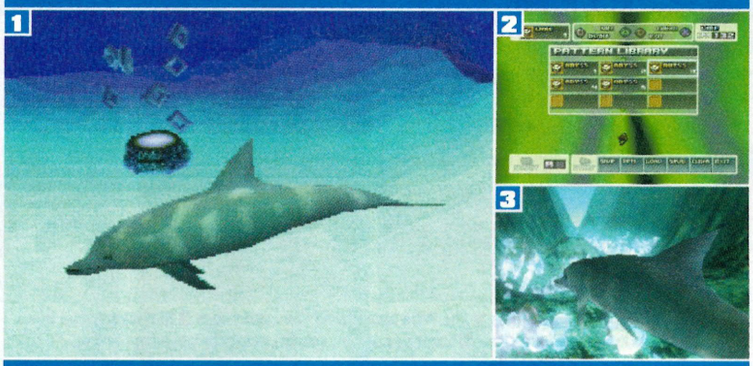
Make your own tunes, become a star, die of a drugs overdose...

What is it with dolphins? They're symbols of peace, love, unity and now, er, techno... See, in Fluid you use a dolphin to pick up bits of music, then go into a studio and mix 'em up to make your own bangin' tracks. And guess what? It's ace.

What we like

Not a game

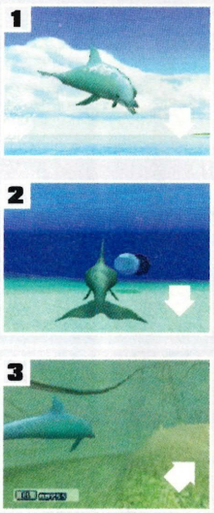
Put disc in PlayStation. Play game. Hold on. This ain't a game, but it's still a real laugh. Strange. And you'll never get bored of making tunes. Pity some smart visuals haven't been added. This could have been the ultimate chill-out accessory.

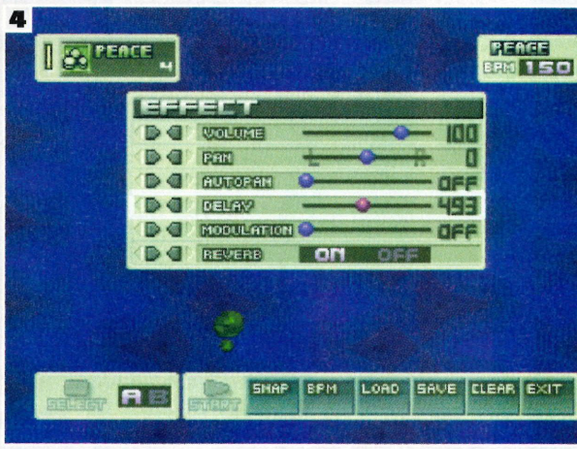


1 Loads and loads of beats, effects and sounds... 2 Means you can keep cutting new tracks 3 Perfect for impressing that bird you pulled at the club

What you do

Swim around picking up tracks. Head back to your underwater studio and mess about with sounds. Add effects, change speeds, drop in a new drumline and hey presto, you've got yer own tune. You can't make proper songs, but that hasn't stopped most stars.





1 Pull on yer dolphin suit 2 Knock into a stone thing 3 Journey through sound 4 Remix the bits and create your own track

The best idea since someone thought of making PaRappa rap. Forget high scores, spend hours on yer PlayStation and make your own tunes. It's da future. **Jon**

PlayStation plus RATED 84%

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

TOMBI

Cutesy platform action. With a side order of clever bits. What'll they think of next?

This is so cute it'll have you losing your lunch. As a 'thing you want your mates to see you with' it's up there with fat girls and kiddie porn. But weirdly enough, it's kinda fun...

Plots and little plots

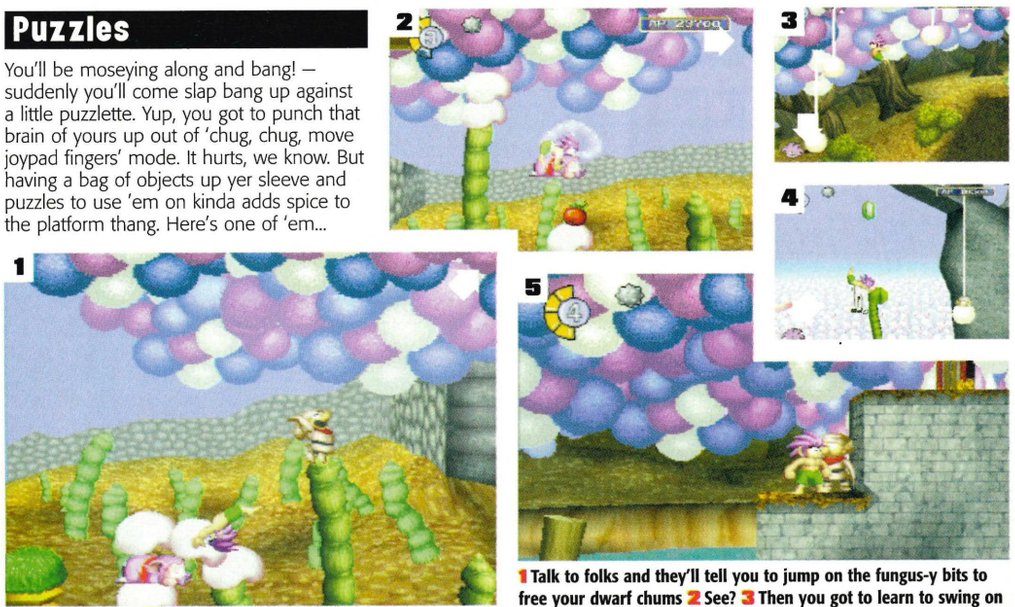
Plots? Bloody 'ell sarge, there's fahsands of 'em! Y'see, you've got your big plot, where it's you up against a whole world of pink pigs, but then you've got thousands of little plots where you'll help out geezers who you meet along the way. This'll get you new items, areas and special abilities. Neat.



1 The Dwarf Elder'll get you places **2** The Wise Man makes you collect eggs **3** Bite dwarves on the head **4** Man with hat tells you shit... **5** Surprise mission: you get points for rescuing the frog...

Puzzles

You'll be moseying along and bang! — suddenly you'll come slap bang up against a little puzzlette. Yup, you got to punch that brain of yours up out of 'chug, chug, move joypad fingers' mode. It hurts, we know. But having a bag of objects up yer sleeve and puzzles to use 'em on kinda adds spice to the platform thang. Here's one of 'em...

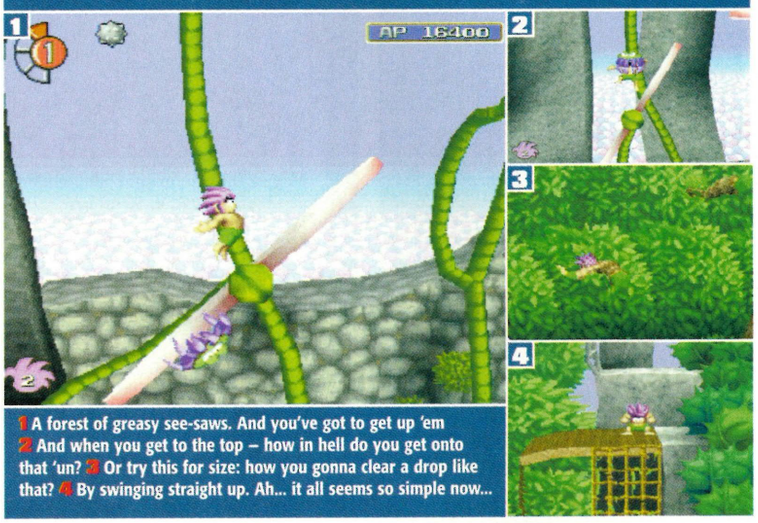


1 Talk to folks and they'll tell you to jump on the fungus-y bits to free your dwarf chums **2** See? **3** Then you got to learn to swing on the spore-type fings: another geezer'll tell you how **4** And then track down the slyly hidden ones, by cunning alone **5** But this fella tells you there's work still to be done. Bastard

What we like

Platform pleasures

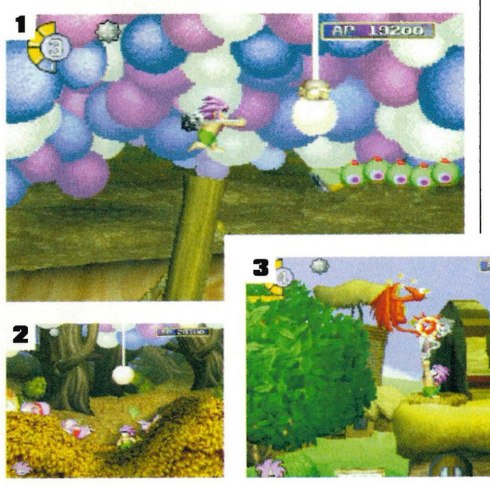
This has got platform action more frantic than last orders down the methadone clinic. But it ain't just jump, jump slightly higher, jump on the nasty thing, jump again. You gots to work out how to deal with endless different obstacles, how to get over truly enormous holes, and which way's best to go...



1 A forest of greasy see-saws. And you've got to get up 'em **2** And when you get to the top – how in hell do you get onto that 'un? **3** Or try this for size: how you gonna clear a drop like that? **4** By swinging straight up. Ah... it all seems so simple now...

Bash baddies

You gotta grease piggies and their chums. And wot you got to ice 'em with? Well, you can jump on their heads. but you also got a bag o' weapons. And when it's a four on one, it gets hectic. Brush up on that jumping...



1 Eat wrecking ball, caterpillar! Now time to jump and flip 'im **2** Jump, somersault, chuck, batter and slap the lads by the fire **3** You wanna fight? Fight me then...

plus We'd like to say...

Weird fact no. 1. This game was done by the bloke who did Resident Evil. And hurdling big-eyed pigs is worlds away from blowing decomposing zombies in half with a pump-action shotgun. There's a kind of mix of action and finking bits in both, mind, but still, how'd it happen? We're confused...

Rent it Visually this ain't great, and cutesy-wise it'll have you stockpiling sickbags, but this is a solid platform-cum-puzzle game. One to rent. **Rob**

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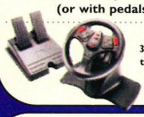




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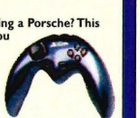
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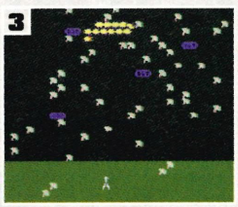
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Greatest Hits? Greatest Shits, more like...

'Classic!' That's what people said about these games back in the Eighties. But bear in mind people were also saying other things like, 'I love Shakin' Stevens!' and, 'Aren't Wham great!' at the time...

Oi! Grandpa!

So this is some sorta golden greats kind of effort, huh? Well... not exactly. Y'see, there's a coupla decent-ish oldsters on 'ere, like Gauntlet and Millipede, but then there's some godawful pieces of shit that no-one should have dragged stinking out of the old folks' home...



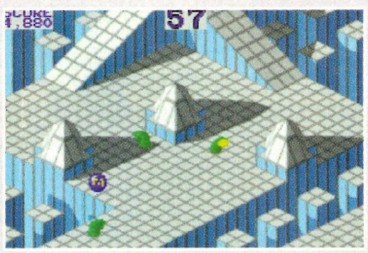




1 Gauntlet: collect potions, chuck axes at ghouls n' ghosts 2 Crystal Castles: pick up the gems, Bertram Bear. Utter bollix 3 Millipede: shoot the millipede and its little insecty chums

Suck it and see

So wot you got? Gauntlet's a 2D dungeon-based shoot-fest, Millipede's a Space-Invadersy blaster. Crystal Castle's a shitey Pac-Man-type effort, and Road Blasters is a boring road shoot 'em up. Paperboy? You're a paperboy. And in Marble Madness, you're a marble...



■ **Marble Madness: roll marbles past bad things**



■ **Road Blasters: be glad you live in the Nineties**



■ **Paperboy. Chuck papers. High-adrenalin? No**



■ **Gauntlet: a classic. But pretty limited, really**

Gauntlet and Millipede are fast and stoopid enough to raise a smile for a bit. The rest stink real bad from the word go. Oldsters'll like this. The rest of us'll piss on it. **Rob**

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SPICE WORLD

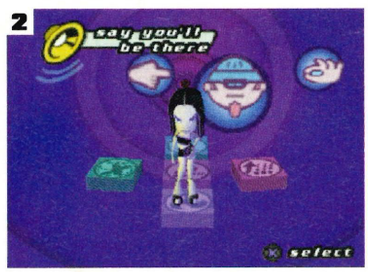
Geri might have left, but at least the Spice Girls still have this dog...

Things are going a bit Pete Tong for Girl Power. Ginger's buggered off, the All Saints are trouncing them in the chart wars, and now they've put their names to this pile o' puke. Like, close the door on your way out, eh girls?

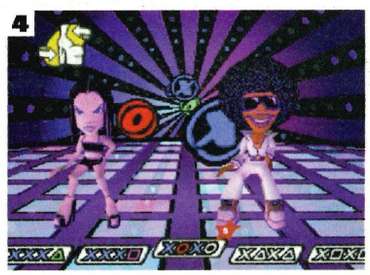
Gameplay

Gameplay? Wassat then? Don't ask these gals 'cos according to them, gameplay means choosing one of their tunes, doing a half-arsed dance to it, then watching some ropey clips of them being interviewed. In other words, there ain't a lot here to keep you going.





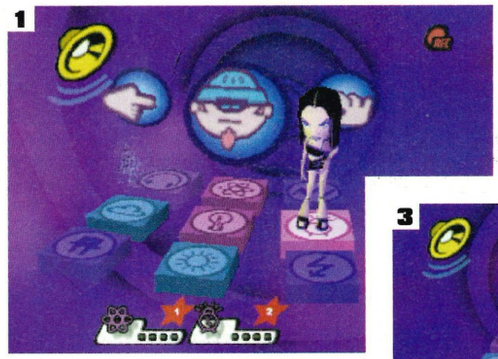




1 Meet the girls, then pick one. Posh, obviously 2 Now mix up one of their tracks... 3 Then go to the dance studio and dance to it 4 Good eh? No? Oh, then how about watching the girls being interviewed for sheer adrenalin thrills?

Mixing

If you ask us, the only mixing the Spice Girls should be doing is in concrete. But since you're here you might as well go into the studio and do something with one of their songs. This means choosing 18 segments of a song so you can go and dance to it. And if that sounds crap to you, you're right. It is.







1 Yawn-o-rama. You've got to stand on the blocks to select bits of the song 2 Try and remember which bit's where on the grid so you can do your own 'remix' 3 It soon becomes industrial strength irritating. You've got to select 18 of the bleeders!

Dancing

We got nothing against dancing. Why, we like a good skank as much as the next dude. But this ain't dancing. This is remembering some button pushing so the Spice Girls will do a bit of onscreen wibbling. BOOORRRING!!!







1 These girls sure can boogie **2** It's just a shame you've got about as much control as Oliver Reed at a wine tasting party **3** Then you get to 'direct' the whole caboodle in the TV studio. Good? No

plus

We'd like to say...

We haven't got anything against the Spice Girls (wish we did – wahey!). Hey, some of us even thought Spice World - The Movie was a laff and a half. But this game? It's pants. Where are the videos? A proper mixing section? Dancing that's not shite?

Posh gurns

Call us immature, but give us a grabber where you can freezeframe stuff, then we're gonna freeze it where Posh looks stupid. Welcome to our gallery of daft Posh pics...









1 Here Vicky looks down her front. Ho ho **2** Watch the wind don't change, Posh, yer face'll stay like that **3** Bored are we? Hard night with Becks, perchance? **4** That big is it? My, what a lucky boy **5** And as she appears in the game. Better. Or worse?

We wanted to like this, we really did. Sad to say, though, this has nothing in it even the most rabid Spice fan would want. Short, boring and unimaginative. **Andrew**

PlayStation plus

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AYRTON SENNA KART DUEL 2

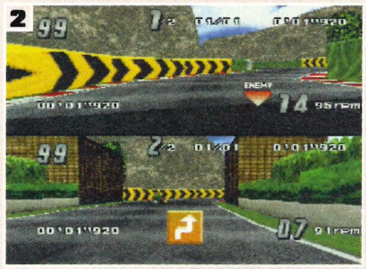
If Ayrton was alive today, he'd be turning in his grave. Arf Arf...

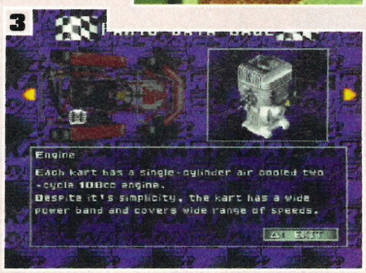
If Gran Turismo is the Michael Schumaker of racing games then Ayrton Senna Kart Duel 2 is that daft welsh woman from Driving School. In a shit jumper.

Gameplay

Three words: below bog-standard. It's got the regulars – a grand prix mode (with eight courses... wow), two-player mode and time trial. Then there's the parts database telling you what each part of the kart does, like the accelerator. Fascinating. Finally, there's some photos of Senna and even movies as a tribute. Great.







1 Why, oh why did I endorse this game? **2** The two-player mode really sucks. Like, really **3** Look, it's the engine. Wooo, that's so exciting

What we don't like

Pretty much everything

Possibly one of the worst racing games EVER and it shows. Lousy graphics, being able to drive through other cars at times, shit courses, piss-poor control...
The list goes on 'cos there's so much wrong here, but frankly we really can't be arsed anymore.







1 The kart jerks like nobody's business **2** You can't drive off the course... **3** But you can drive over the other cars

No variety, excitement or fun. How did this get released? If we were you, we wouldn't piss on this if it was on fire... Which it will be when we've finished with it. **Martin**

PlayStation plus

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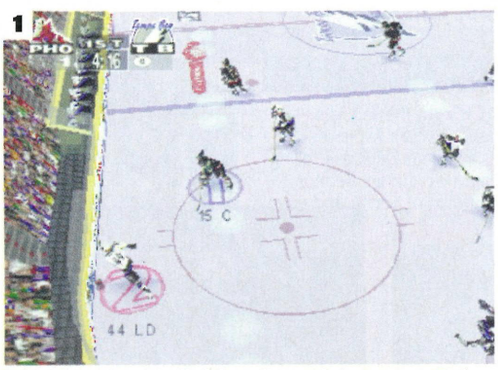
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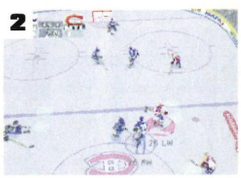
Another ice hockey sim comes skating out of the cloning lab...

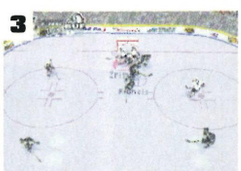
Trying to review ice hockey games is like trying to review individual Pringle's crisps. 'Hmmm. This one's curved, made of reconstituted potato, and salty. And, erm, so's this one. And this...' They're all the bleedin' same!

Clever, clever

It's easy to pick up and puck about here, but to start with you're really only skating about on the surface. Snarf, snarf. Thing is, there's a whole world of trickshots and other cunning stuff to be a-larnin', and once you've got in deep enough, you'll be blasting off. Choice.







1 Bok! Batter the puck off of the wall to confuse yer enemy **2** Blam! Slices straight through the opposition like a knife through butter **3** You gots to get devious to blat it past the goalie

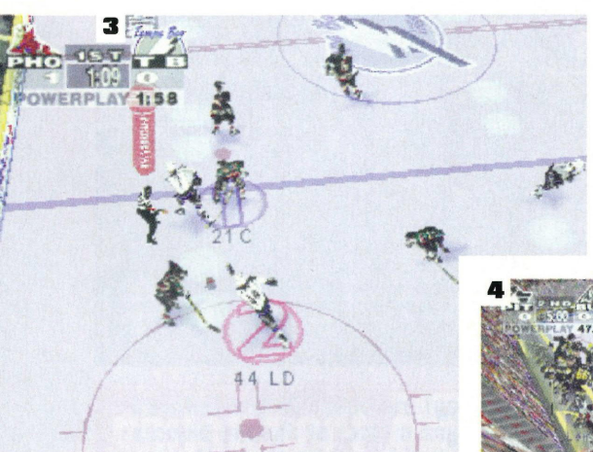
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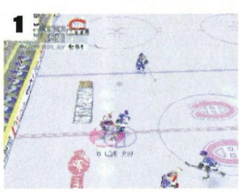
We'd like to say...

Maybe Yanks moan about how the shelves down their local game shops are groaning under the weight of ten billion footy games. We doubt it. Those tricksy servants of Uncle Sam've got it fixed so we get force-fed every ice hockey and basketball sim, and we doubt it's a two-way traffic. It must stop. Cue national anthem and low growling of bulldogs...

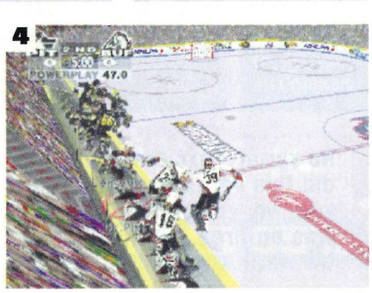
Make it stick

This ain't the fastest thing on two skates, but that means you can see what's going on, and once you've sussed it, you'll get a continuous-paced and tasty game. Excellent.







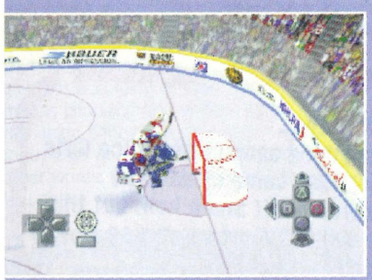


1 At first glance, yer boys look s-l-o-w **2** But movement's spot on, and once you get used to the pace... **3** You'll find a sweet and smooth-movin' game in there **4** And doesn't it look nice?

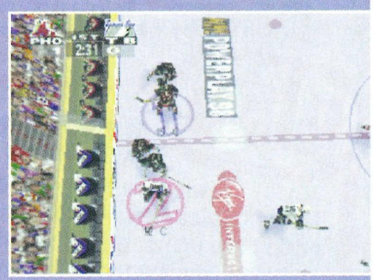
The monty

Originality? Nul points. But since yer average ice hockey game's about as refreshing and innovative as Status Quo, what did you expect? The good news is, this 'un's skating around with the top boys.

OK, so it doesn't add too many doodahs and little extras to the whole hockey package, but as they go it's pretty damn polished. Basically, if you're bursting for ice hockey, you really wanna give this one a look.



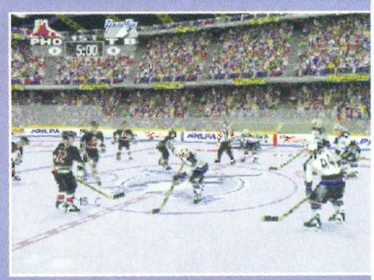
■ Ice hockey sims, schmice hockey sims. They all look the bleedin' same



■ But this 'un really is a stand-up guy. And a bit of a looker too



■ If you've got some ice hockey games, you'll know the drill

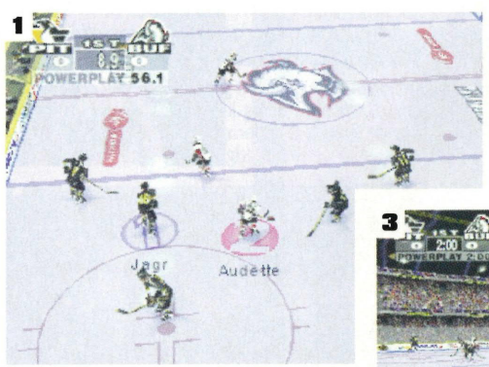


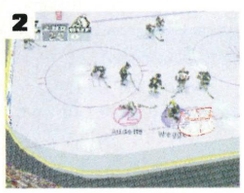
■ But if you ain't, you'd be as well buying this 'un as any

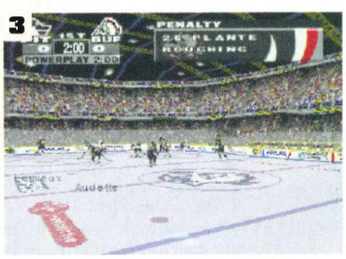
Return of the real

Let's face it, most of us haven't sat through a whole ice hockey match. But if you're one of the brave few who've managed, you'll notice this looks a whole lot like it.

Realism is Powerplay's strong suit, and if you're a die-hard hockey-head, this is probably one to look out for...







1 Kinda slow to start with, but this moves just like the real thang **2** Looka that! All very authentic, we reckon... **3** Vintage ice hockey action. We like

Lookin' pretty damn similar to all the other ten million puck-ups on the shelves, but there's real polish here, and you'll find a lotta depth once you get stuck in. **Rob**

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JEREMY McGRATH SUPERCROSS 98

Jeremy McGrath is a bunch of arse.

Who the hell is this bloke and what's he doing on a game? It seems if you've got a sports sim you've got to add a name. Strange. After all, you don't get Reggie Kray's Point Blank, or Rolf Harris signing up for Crash Bandicoot...

What we don't like

It's no fun

Riding a motorcycle is fun. Riding in a stoopid fashion is even more fun. Riding over enormous jumps, barging others off the road and skidding through mud is mucho fun. Playing Jeremy McGrath Supercross 98 is dull, tedious and annoying...



1 Catching some air is surprisingly boring. Surely something wrong here? **2** Not much sensation of speed. Bit of a drawback in a racing game **3** Falling off is beyond your control

Shortcuts

Picking out shortcuts is OK, but they rarely improve your race position. Most of the time you nip off down a side track and come off worse. Then there's the obstacles you come across: bails of hay, boxes and cones all get stuck beneath your wheels and drop you to the back of the pack. Arrrgggh!



■ Other racers make up time with shortcuts



■ But shortcuts lose you time. Weird...





1 Mind you, going off the beaten track is the most fun to be had **2** Getting objects stuck to yer bike is really, really annoying

Racin'

Once you've learnt the courses, winning comes down to how you set up your machine. We think it should have something to do with skill. Anyhoo, what happens is this: lots of riders pass you on much faster machines and when you try and pass them, you get stuck to their bikes, lose speed and drop more positions.







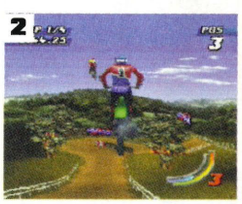


1 Set your machine up wrong and your race is over before you start **2** Other riders seem to have much faster bikes **3** Get caught up with opponents and your speed drops **4** Pull wheelies to jump higher

Making tracks

When you get bored of racing, and believe us you will, try making your own circuits. Awkward controls means fitting together ramps, dips, hairpins, hills and caves is hard work. Try and build the most extreme track, find out it's not that cool, then give up.







1 Fitting bits of track together is confusing... **2** And you'll soon tire of creating the biggest jumps **3** Put a cave after a jump and you ride through solid rock!

If you like motocross, stay well clear of Jeremy McGrath Supercross. In fact, if you like decent games of any type give this one the elbow: it's crap. **Jon**

PlayStation plus
RATED 52%

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

BLASTO

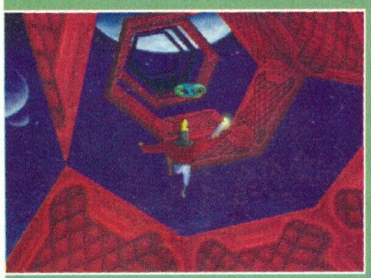
An alien leader who wants to violate our cattle, scantily-clad girls and a muscle-bound blond bloke saving the world. Flash Gordon it ain't.

Hey, we all like a bit of running, jumping action. And there's a ton of it about on the PlayStation. And, yeah, Blasto's got a hell of a lot of running and jumping around in it. Only trouble is, it ain't got a lot more to it...

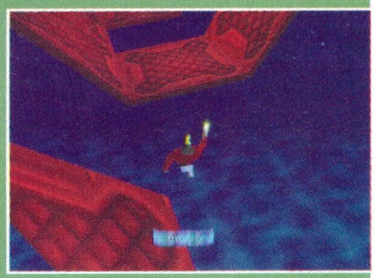
What we don't like

Falling off ledges

Considering he spends most of the time jumping from ledge to ledge, Monsieur Blasto is a bit shit. Crappy controls and weird camera angles mean going near the edge is almost certain death. His pants 'floaty' jumping doesn't help none either.



■ Ahh, an easy jump...



■ Hmm. Here's Blasto dying...



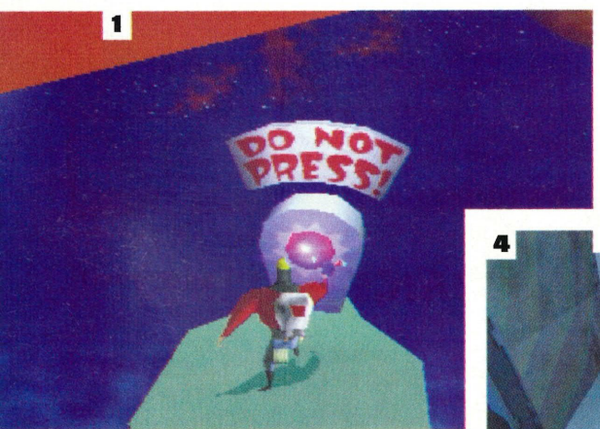
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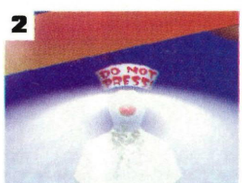


■ Oh, and again. Surprise

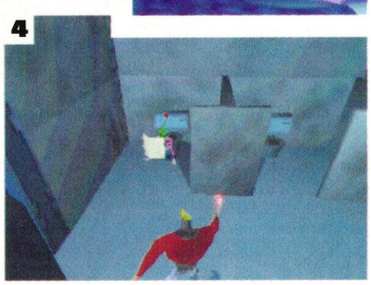
Gameplay

Oh dear. Summing up Blasto in one word – boring. Jump, shoot, push some buttons... and that's it. No variety, nothing new. And it's far too easy to die as well 'cos the aliens are crackshots with their lasers. Frustration city...









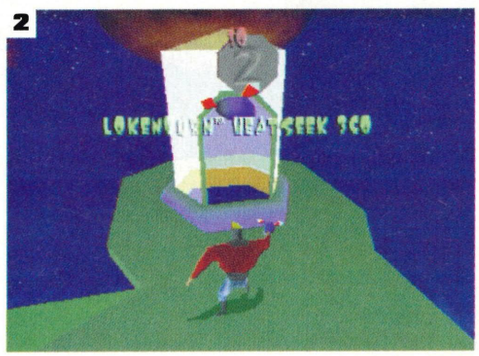
1 'Do Not Press'. Nuts to that. **2** Okay, so that's not good... **3** That sums it up I think. **4** Get him with his pants down.

Big guns

Being a superhero, Blasto has lots of big guns to use on the alien scum. Your basic blaster can be charged up, and there are tons of goodies to find. We've got rocket launchers, plasma guns and flamethrowers ahoy, so tool-up and move out soldier!





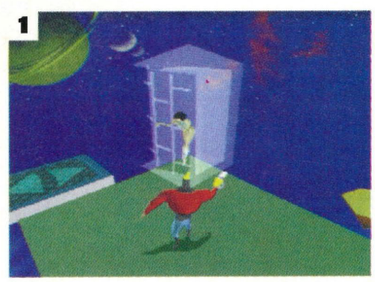


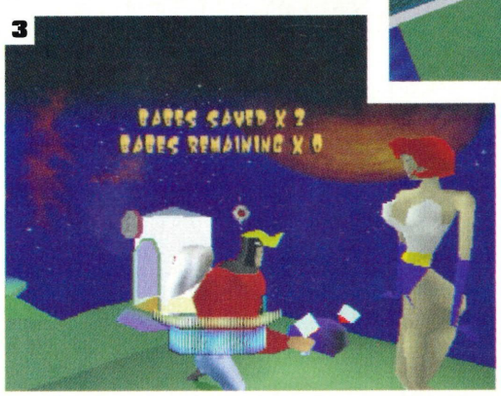


1 A good gun. No problems with this **2** A great gun: lotsa meaty blasting action **3** Top gun: some alien swine are gonna die tonight **4** A pile of arse gun: oops

Birds

What B-movie adventure would be complete without a pile of bikini babes held prisoner by aliens? So Blasto wheels out the chicks – open their cages by pressing the right switch, then run up to them and get a tongue sandwich.







1 Nothing wrong with a bit of bondage **2** Just press the right button to save them... **3** And hey-hey: it's instant totty time. Excellent

Dodgy, sparse graphics bad controls and a frustration factor way out there, do not a good game make. Not even the jokes about Uranus made us laugh. **Martin**

PlayStation plus
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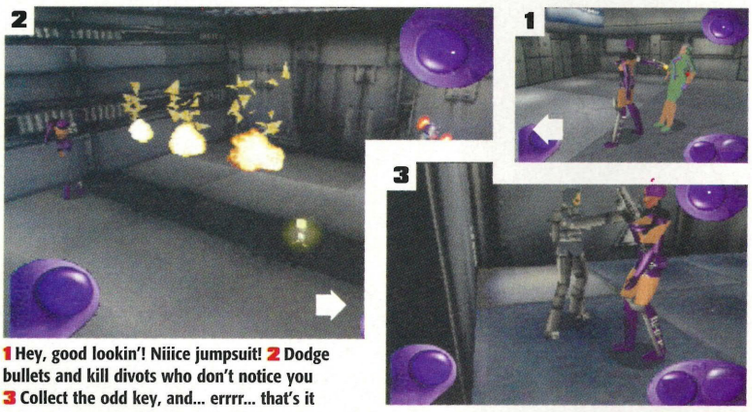
PAX CORPUS

Tomb Raider in the future! Now with added boredom!

In the future men have been exterminated. Luckily, there's a handy uber-bint to carry on the male traditions of violence, and she's gonna walk around loadsa levels killing stuff...

What you's doin'

What you get here is Tomb Raider with more killing and less puzzle-solving. Sound good? It would be if it wasn't so pants. For a kick-off, we've seen better graphics on the fridge door of a doting mum. Then there's the fact there's almost no atmosphere. Oh, and it's slow-moving. And there's hardly anything to do. And the combat? Read on...



1 Hey, good lookin'! Niiice jumpsuit! **2** Dodge bullets and kill divots who don't notice you **3** Collect the odd key, and... errrr... that's it

What we don't like

Dull combat

Baddies stroll around doing nowt while you struggle with bollixy controls and try to get 'em in your sights. Since the game's just a series of fights, this ain't good...



■ Can't to get the penis-fish in your sights?



■ Yup, it's tricky, sho 'nuff

No rational human can want games like this to exist. The controls are way bollocks, the combat's shite, the whole game's piss-ugly. A big fat waste of time. **Rob**

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Gameplay

War has broken out between two mad, bad factions of robots. But don't get excited. What that means to you, is that you got to choose a 'bot, plug a coupla other 'bots, then spend a loooong time wandering around empty, samey levels looking for the way out. Dullsville.







1 Pick n' choose the members of your team **2** Then take them out into the tedious world **3** Try to find the exit. Kill many robots

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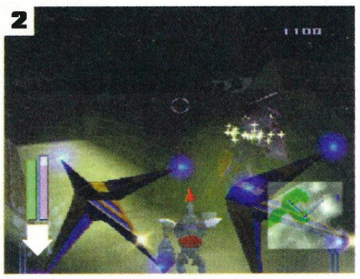
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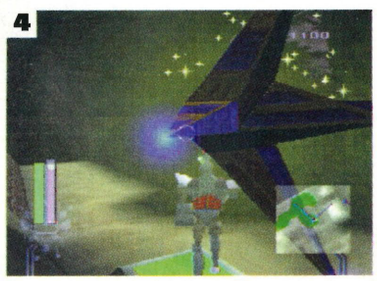
Why? That's all we'd like to say, really. This has got all the bits of a shoot 'em up, but there's no spark here. The enemies are dull, the guns are dull, the levels are dull. Hell, even the box is dull. We don't need games like this polluting our world. You listening, God?

Control? We have a problem

You're a sluggish little bleeder. You move like a muppet. And your targetting system's kind of – what's the word? – bollocks. Half the time, you'll be turning round frantically trying to plug some twat whizzing around your head and going, 'Lock on, y'bastard!' No fun.







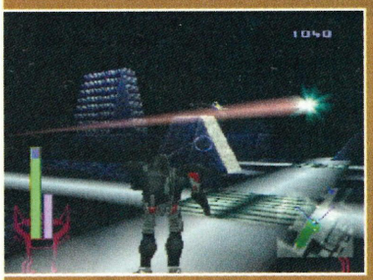


1 You wait a while to lock on... **2** And then the baddie'll move slightly. Bollocks **3** Time to turn round and get 'im in the sights again... **4** Except there's four of 'em firing. Hit that fire button randomly!

What we don't like

Poo, poo. This smells yucky...

If this walked into a pub, you'd square up to it and say 'I don't like your face.' Thing is, there's not much to like here at all. It's got those kind of half-arsed 3D graphics with a coupla fancy lights, the gameplay's piss, and the whole transformation bit's just a joke. Bo-ring!



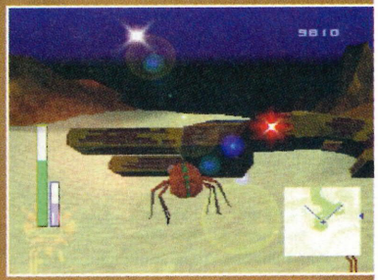
■ Optimus Prime. 'Ere, wasn't 'e on the telly?



■ But he ain't looking himself on the 'Station...



■ And this stoopid insect twat isn't very clever



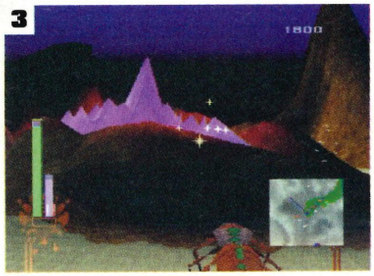
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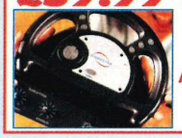
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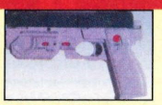
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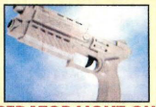
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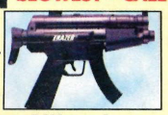
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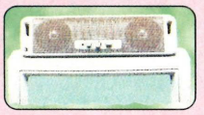
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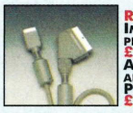




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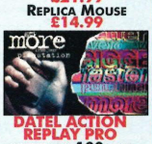
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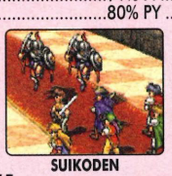
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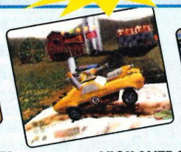
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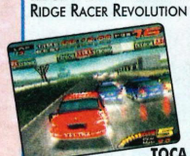


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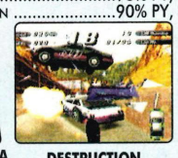


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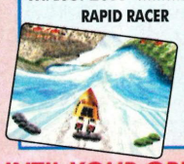


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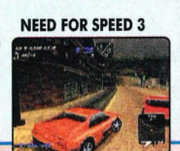


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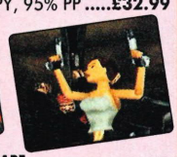
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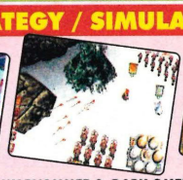
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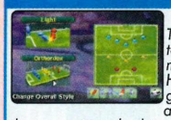
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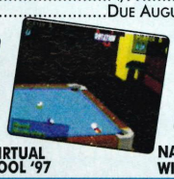

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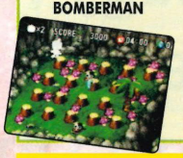
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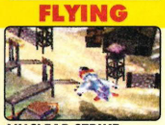

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Rental Chart

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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) Spice World (Sony)** Aw no. This is one shite game...
2. **(-) World Cup 98 (EA)** Still hanging on in there.
3. **(1) Gran Turismo (Sony)** Superb racer. The best for yer cash.
4. **(5) Tekken 2 (Platinum)** Stonking beat 'em up.
5. **(4) Tomb Raider (Platinum)** You can't have a chart without Lara..
6. **(NE) Alundra (Psygnosis)** RPG-style adventuring...
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%**

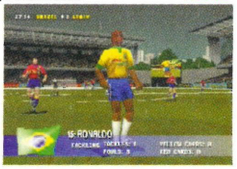
Actua Soccer £19.99

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%**

The Knowledge: updated every month

Campaign against Crap American Sweet Names

We're on a roll now...



This month we're asking all CACA members to be on the lookout for any creeping Americanisms in our everyday life. Reader Andrew Crawford, of Glasgow, writes: 'The ITV programme Don't Try this at Home has a feature called 'Paul at the Mall'. 'The Mall' is a cheap American word to describe a shopping centre and the use of this word in Great Britain must be outlawed at once.'

Couldn't agree more, Andy, and keep up the good work.

Another CACA member has also helped further the cause, and bagged himself a prize and some Mars tokens into the bargain.

Remember how we wrote to Mars complaining about Opal Fruits changing to Starburst? Well, Robert Gaskell of Harpenden continued our work by also writing to the company. Not only did he get the Mars vouchers, but for his troubles we're going to send him a parcel of crap we found lying around the office (OK, so it was stuff we didn't want, but, hey, it's better than nowt, yeah?).

If you want to become an honorary CACA member and snaffle yourself some shite from our office, we're looking for people to write to Kellogg's complaining about Coco Pops being re-named Choco Krispies. The address to write to is:

Consumer Services
Kellogg's Company of Great Britain Ltd
Talbot Road
Manchester
M16 OPU

Let us know if you get a reply and if they send you any cool freebies.

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

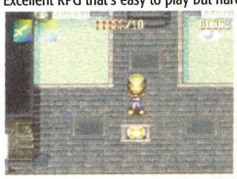
Company Eidos **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Tries to mix footie and humour. Doesn't make much of a job of it either... **34%**

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 — winner

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent RPG that's easy to play but hard to put down. **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 — Rent it

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cop show-style driving and shooting with lots of fizz. **77%**

Ayrton Senna's Kart Duel — £44.99

Company Philips **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very grim and substandard racing game. Avoid at all costs. **32%**

Ballblazer Champions — £44.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very fast, very furious and fun: play futuristic footy with spaceships. **87%**

Battle Arena Toshinden 2 — £49.99

Company 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 — winner

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fast punchy beat 'em up where the players turn into giant angry beasts. **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

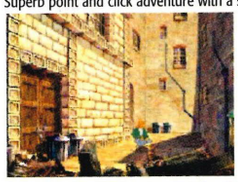
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cutesy role-playing epic involving dragons and things. **84%**

Broken Helix — £39.99

Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good ideas, but very dated shoot 'em up. **70%**

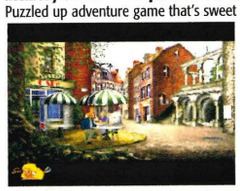
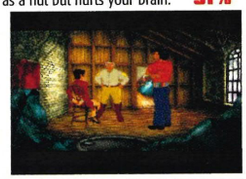
Broken Sword — £44.99 — winner

Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Superb point and click adventure with a strong story atmosphere. **91%**




Broken Sword 2 — £34.99 — winner

Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Puzzled up adventure game that's sweet as a nut but hurts your brain. **91%**

Burning Road — £44.99

Company Funsoft **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The PlayStation's equivalent of Daytona USA. Good gameplay and looks. **88%**

Bubble Bobble Pack — £44.95

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dust down those tank tops, this is one of the best retro collections. **84%**

Bubsy 3D — £34.99

Company Telstar **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ugh! Ultra-crap platform game that looks and plays toss. **30%**

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 — Rent it

Company SCEE **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Samurai swordfighting game that's too realistic to pump up your pulse. **83%**

Bust-a-Move 2 — £19.99 — Platinum

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
One of the cutest, most incredibly addictive puzzle games of all time. **89%**

Bust-a-Move 3 — £34.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Bubble-bustin' puzzler that's too damn similar to the last Bust-a-Move. **85%**

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

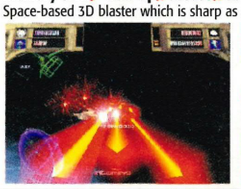
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent graphics in this adventure game, but incredibly annoying. **68%**

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%**

Crime Killer £39.99

Company Interplay **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fast mix of driving and shooting lacks variety. **81%**

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%**

Best gun games

Five top blasts



1. Time Crisis

This one's slicker than an oil-drenched seagull. Apart from having an adrenalin count that's off the scale, Time Crisis also uses the G-Con45 lightgun – the best glock money can buy.

2. Point Blank

The only other game to use the G-Con, this one steers away from random bloodshed and concentrates on sharpening up your marksmanship. It's also the only gun game allowing you to go two-up.

3. Die Hard Trilogy (Die Harder)

In pre-Time Crisis days, this was the daddy. Truth is, it still rocks hard. Armed with your trusty piece of plastic death, you go travelling the airport of the film turning loadsa baddies into worm bait. It's well gory, too.

4. Judge Dredd

Since the competition ain't exactly microwave hot, this one makes an appearance. All in all, it's not a bad game, but it's a complete waste of the Judge Dredd licence. Still, it's fast and furious, so hey, get gunning.

5. Russian roulette for cowards

Since there are no other good gun games for the PlayStation why not use your plaggy lightgun to re-enact the Russian roulette scene from The Deer Hunter – except in total safety?

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 graphics, but still an engrossing Star Wars Doom clone. **84%**

Darklight Conflict £44.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
3D space game delivers stunning gameplay and is difficult to master. **87%**

Darkstalkers £44.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Street Fighter meets horror meets fairly average gameplay. **78%**

Davis Cup Tennis £44.95

Company Telstar **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
We reckon this stinker is one of the worst PlayStation tennis titles to date. **50%**

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%**

Descent £44.99

Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Winner
Doom in spaceships. If you think that's a great idea, you're right. **91%**




Descent 2 £44.99

Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Not enough improvements on the original, but still a good shoot 'em up. **82%**

Destruction Derby £19.99

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Platinum
Play a while and you realise it's a shallow game: Great with two players. **72%**

Destruction Derby 2 £19.99

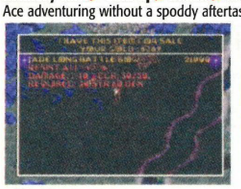
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Platinum
Better than the original, with faster cars and wider tracks. **89%**

Devil's Deception £39.99

Company Sunsoft **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Nice idea: you play Satan's helper. But not well executed. **60%**

Diablo £39.99

Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Winner
Ace adventuring without a spoddy aftertaste. **91%**




Die Hard Trilogy £19.99

Company Fox Interactive **Players** 1 **Special** Gun/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗ Winner
Three top games for the price of one. **92%**




DiscWorld £39.99

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Fantasy 'comedy' adventure with annoying puzzles. **71%**

Disruptor £39.99

Company Interplay **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Slick ultimately yawnsome first-person shooter. Nice weapons though. **82%**

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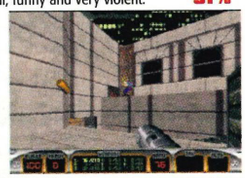
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Virgin: 0171 368 2255

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%**

Duke Nukem — £39.99

Company GT **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Stonking corridor shoot 'em up. Colourful, funny and very violent. **91%**

Dynasty Warriors — £44.99

Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Beat 'em up with swords that doesn't really cut it next to Soul Blade. **67%**

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%**




Everybody's Golf — £39.99

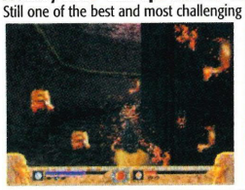
Company Sony **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A golf game that's - wait for it - fun! And great to play too. **85%**

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%**

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%**




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%**

Fantastic Four — £34.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Dull and repetitive beat 'em up featuring the Marvel comics heroes. **59%**

Felony 11-79 — £39.99

Company ASCII **Players** 1 **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pacey joyriding game which offers lots of bangs for your buck. **81%**

FIFA 96 — £19.99

Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Footy game with little control over players and bad camera views. **58%**

FIFA 97 — £44.99

Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Not much improvement over '96, since it plays so very slowly... **64%**

FIFA 98: Road to World Cup — £39.99

Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fairly average footy game. Only for true fans. **65%**

Fighting Force — £44.95

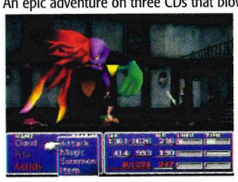
Company Eidos **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Beat 'em up adventure that's dull as dishwater. **66%**

Final Doom — £44.99

Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
30 new levels, but still, at the end of the day, much the same game. **89%**

Final Fantasy VII — £44.99

Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
An epic adventure on three CDs that blows away the competition. **97%**




Firestorm: Thunderhawk 2 — £19.99

Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
3D graphics aren't exactly perfect but this is still a great helicopter game. **82%**

Firo and Klawd — £44.95

Company BMG **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Interesting buddy cop game, but it loses points for no 'save game' option. **82%**

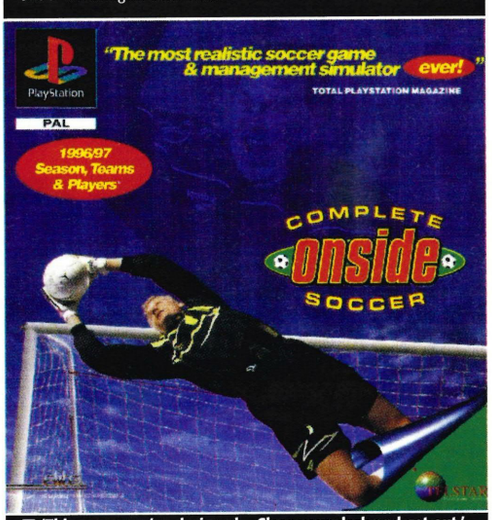
Floating Runner — £44.99

Company THQ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Enjoyable, playable 3D platformer with strange viewpoint, weird controls. **81%**

Bad covers

Where's the money gone?

OK, so it's a toss game. But the guys that made this hardly helped matters by giving it the worst cover since All Saints decided to do Under the Bridge... Utter shite.



■ 'This cover you've designed... Clear your desk and get out.'

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%**

Forsaken — £39.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2 **Special** analogue/dual pads
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A damn fine corridor-style shooter. On bikes. Cool. **90%**

Frenzy — £34.99

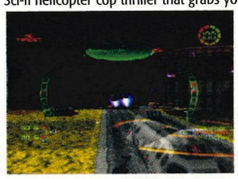
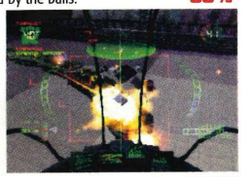
Company SCI **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Wannabe wacky shoot 'em up ends up being irritating and shite. **16%**

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%**

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%**




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

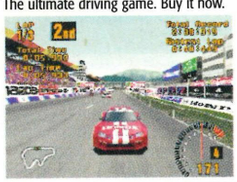
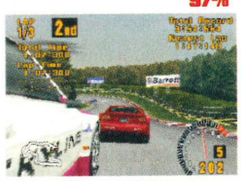
Company Konami **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Big sprites lumber by on zimmers and stairlifts in this football game. **66%**

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%**

Gran Turismo — £39.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue/dual shock
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The ultimate driving game. Buy it now. **97%**

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

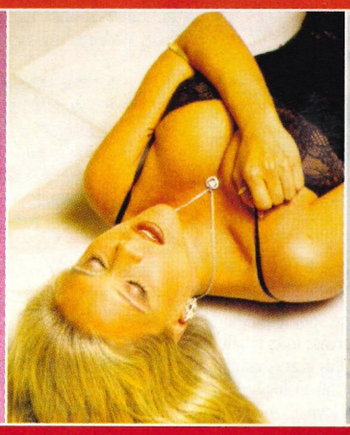
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Try woodturning. Knock up a pipe rack. Just don't play this. **40%**

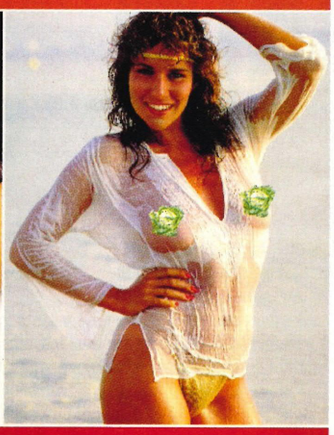
Brand new vs retro

We trace important social changes. This month: Page three girls

Retro





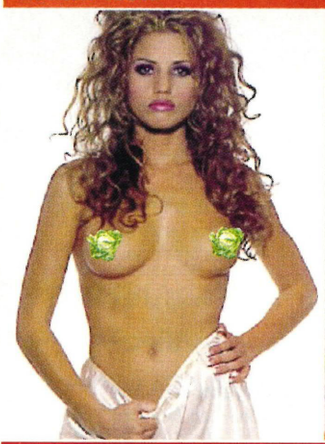


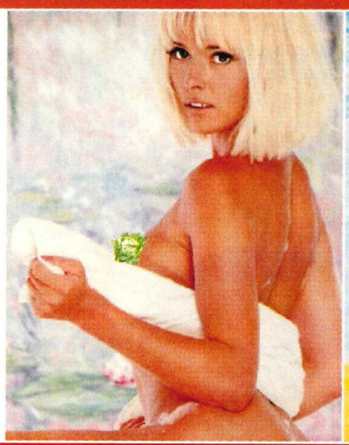
Maria Whittaker: As well as her upholstery, Maria also had BIG HAIR, and BIG EARRINGS. In the good old days, it was considered rude not to have these two things.

Sam Fox: Sam Fox was the first Page 3 girl to become a megastar. Top totty in her day, she became bored of being a pin-up and started a pop career. She was crap.

Linda Lusardi: Linda had BIG HAIR. Her EARRINGS were usually BIG too. But Linda smiled. 'I'm your mate,' she seemed to say, 'And I'm not wearing very much.'

Brand New







Jordan: Jordan doesn't smile, but her hair's BIG. In the good old days, she woulda smiled and had BIG EARRINGS too. How times have changed...

Jo Guest: Jo's the Melinda Messenger the vicar wouldn't invite to tea. She's also done a lot more than just Page Three. Like, a lot more. Knoworra mean?

Melinda Messenger: There are three BIG things about Melinda. One of them's her smile. Melinda has a smile so BIG, you almost forget to look at her chest. Almost.

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%**

Heart of Darkness — £39.99

■ **Company** Ocean ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platformer looks brilliant and plays like a peach. **88%**

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

Platinum
■ **Company** Konami ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Addictive sports sim that 's even better in its multiplayer mode. **90%**

ISS Deluxe — £44.95

■ **Company** Konami ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Straight conversion of that old classic SNES footie game. **66%**

Iron and Blood — £44.95

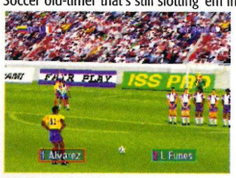
■ **Company** Acclaim ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Average 3D beat 'em up, fantasy style. Not enough to tickle your fancy... **67%**

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
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platinum
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%**

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%**

Klonoa — £34.99

■ **Company** Sony ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Stomach-churning cuteness doesn't spoil excellent platformer. **86%**

Krazy Ivan — £39.99

■ **Company** Sony ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Graphics win over playability in this robot game. **73%**

GEAR

Other stuff you need for your 'Station

DINKY GIZMOS

Smart II Pal Converter ⬅
Cunning little gizmo, this. Wot it does is it lets you play import games on your chipped 'Station without using a Scart lead: if you don't use a Scart, they'll normally come out black and white, see? This little fella will turn the output into old-telly-friendly colour, so you don't have to splash out on a Scart telly after you've spent all your dosh on getting chipped up. Comprendo?
Get it out for: seeing in colour
Rated: Does just what you'd expect a grey box that changes your output into colour to do. And the colour's pretty nice and sharp too. Does the bizz. **85%**

Nugen Joypad £8.99 ➡
Another day, another cruddy cash-in joypad. This 'un feels like it was made by cavemen using stone tools. The buttons are kind of just stuck in position. At first, you kind of suspect they might be joke buttons, but then when you get the mallet out they do actually go in. Ugh. And the sides of the pad hurt our delicate little hands. Avoid this like you would a man chanting, 'I'm Satan's sex slave.'
Get it out for: nothing and nobody
Rated: Stiff, useless, bollocks. This'll do for your gameplaying skills what booze did for Ollie Reed's acting. Avoid! Avoid! **40%**

Joytech Dual Jolt Control Pad £24.99 ⬅
Fresh from Joytech's cloning labs comes this effort, more than a tad similar to the Sony Dual Shock. But thank god they called it the Dual Jolt, otherwise folks might have got confused between the two. Anyway, this is another all-rumbling, all-analoguing soopah joypad, and it does the job. Kinda.
Get it out for: when you're ready to rumble
Rated: The analogue sticks are tip-top, smooth n' sleek: steering-wise this is up to the Sony effort. Rumble-wise, this is a coupla notches off the top spot: it kind of tends to sit there rumbling gently most of the time, but then it'll get a bit excited and blast straight up to the high ratings on the Richter scale. Weird. **70%**

Gamester Rumble Force Wheel £69.99 ⬇
So steering wheels are coming down with the rumbling virus too these days. This 'un jolts and jerks like a bastard when you take hard corners and hums quietly to itself when you cruise down the straights. It goes with Colin McRae rally like lobster goes with thermidor, but it'll work with any 'Station racer you care to name.
Get it out for: Colin McRae Rally
Rated: This rumbles volcanically just when you'd want a steering wheel to rumble and it packs a whole lot of steering punch too. Turns are smooth and sexy, and the pedals do their shit. **93%**

PADS

Sony Pad £17.99
The original and still the best standard pad for your wad: sturdy, accurate.
Get it out for: For everything and anything.
Rated: Unbeatable value: **95%**

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%**

Analogue Pad £24.99
Feels chunky, plays great. Analogue function is dreamy.
Get it out for: For Analogue compatible games, especially racing games.
Rated: The usual joypad, but better. **96%**

Sony Dual Shock Pad £24.99
Analogue pad that vibrates.
Get it out for: to impress
Rated: This'll melt your butter. It's top. **90%**

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 Analogue Joypad £19.99
This un's a blatant copy of the Sony pad. Except the Sony pad was good.
Get it out for: to disorientate your friends
Rated: The sticks are kind of stiff and useless, the buttons are shitty. **60%**

Joytech Controller Plus £8.49
Cheap, cheap, cheap. Looks cheap, plays cheap, feels cheap.
Get it out for: to get sympathy
Rated: You should file this up there with piles and herpes on your 'want' list. **40%**

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%**

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%**

ASCII Pad £24.99
Deadly accurate. Not too comfortable.
Get it out for: For Crash Bandicoot
Rated: Still a sound buy. **90%**









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. multi-player like WipEout.
Rated: Perfect. **95%**

Coloured Memory Cards £14.99 ➡
New sparkly clothes for the old fave.
Get it out for: people who like bright colours
Rated: We like! You can see inside of 'em! Wicked. **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 for: whenever.
Rated: Classic. **95%**

Datel Memory Card + £24.99
Slow to store and retrieve date, and it crashes a lot.
Get it out for: when you want a challenge.
Rated: Prone to bugs. **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 for: when you're stuck.
Rated: Useful. **80%**

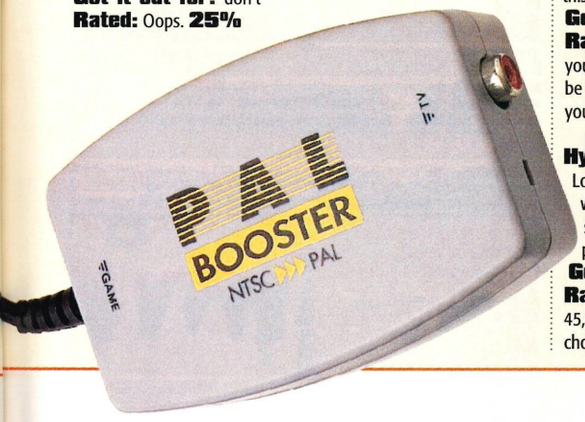
Sony Mouse £24.99
It's grey, you get a free mat, and it works very well.
Get it out for: Point and click adventures (Broken Sword etc).
Rated: Functional. **80%**

Sony Multitap £32.99
Purpose-designed for four-player games.
Get it out for: thrashing your mates.
Rated: Smart. **95%**



Aura Interactor £24.99
Vibrating backpack that makes your stomach churn with every bang.
Get it out for: when you're feeling like stirring up your guts
Rated: It works. But do you really want it to? **75%**

PAL Booster £24.99 ⬇
Like the Smart II Pal Booster we review this ish. Except it doesn't work.
Get it out for: don't
Rated: Oops. **25%**



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 to be honest, if you want people to think you're really cool, you're going to 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%**

Light Blaster £24.99 ⬇
Dan Dare-esque death dealer that's got a cool little flashing light on top. Good to see someone going for a sci-fi look that isn't just nicked straight out of Blade Runner.
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%**



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%**

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 to be packing.
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%**

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 chopsocky 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

VRF-1 X-Cellerator £69.99
No gearstick in evidence, but a big meaty wheel. Feel-wise, it's several notches short of being a real smoothie.
Get it out for: Only if you don't have a Logic3 or Gamester.
Rated: Not brilliant, but works well enough. **80%**

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 £59.99
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: No use for Formula 1, but otherwise slick. **80%**

Mad Catz Steering Wheel £56.99
The official Sony wheel. It kicks ass.
Get it out for: whenever takes your fancy
Rated: Finger lickin' good.
93%



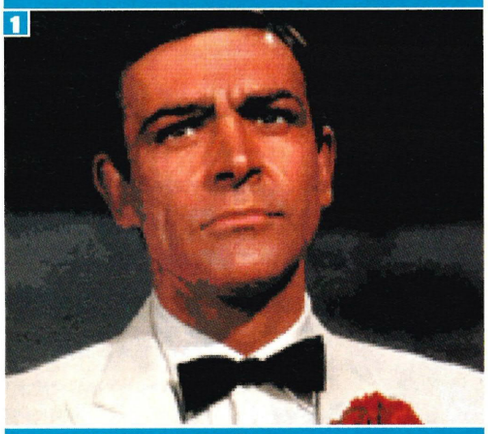
Logic 3 £69.99 ⬆
This is super-slick. Looks and is the business. It's even got leather bits.
Get it out for: TOCA Touring Car.
Rated: The ultimate accessory for the armchair motorist.
95%

The Knowledge: updated every month

Rumours and lies

We start some untrue rumours

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Found: THAT Sean Connery picture

1. A picture of Sean Connery, thought to have been stolen from the PlayStation Plus offices, has been found, safe and unharmed.

2. Programmers have revealed that Tomb Raider VI: The Birthday Suit will be set in a nudist camp. Levels will include Table Tennis Tomb and Vault of Volleyball, with Lara searching for the mythical Shrivelled Walnut. The game will also feature a special 'fully-clothed' cheat.

3. Lovable TV games reviewer Adam Ay has shocked fans by admitting he appeared in a series of softcore porn flicks. 'Ay, Ay Cap'n', 'Cock-Ay' and 'Dead Ay Dick' were made in the 70s and co-starred infamous porn actress Mary Millington. 'I was young, and needed the money,' said Ay.

4. Videogames do not improve hand-to-eye co-ordination, as was once thought. In fact, new research shows games have no beneficial qualities at all, and could even have damaging effects equal to smoking 60 fags a day.

5. Psychologists have reported an increase in patients complaining of feeling cheated and ripped off when they play videogames. They have named the syndrome 'The Three Lions Effect'.

6. Games character Abe has sensationally split from actress Anna Friel. Abe has since been seen with game show hostess Davina McCall, although the couple claim they are, 'Just good friends.'

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Davina: has Abe answered the McCall of nature?

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%**

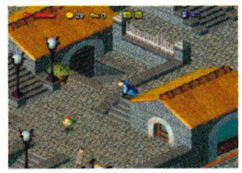
The Last Report £39.99

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**✗
Brilliant PlayStation conversion of the PC adventure classic. winner **91%**





Legacy of Kain £44.99

Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Vampire action/adventure game with a hugely enjoyable challenge. winner **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**✗
A good laugh action game spoilt by shite platform bits. Rent it **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%**

Men in Black £39.99

Company Gremlin **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Hugely disappointing film conversion. Nice looking, but no game. **69%**

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**✗
Super-fast racer that pulls our chain. winner **92%**



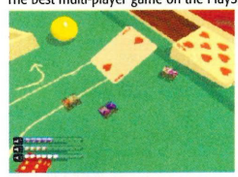


Motor Mash £44.99

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**✓
The best multi-player game on the PlayStation. A real racing classic. winner **91%**





Monopoly £39.99

Company Hasbro **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Smooth PlayStation version of the classic board game. **78%**

Monster Trucks £44.99

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This off-road racer never really gets going... **82%**

Mortal Kombat 3 £44.95

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
MK fans will go mental, but for us, Streetfighter still rules the 2D scene winner **91%**



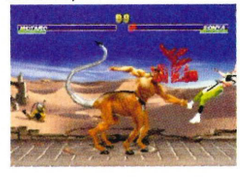


Mortal Kombat Mythologies £44.99

Company GT **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Boring, unplayable one-player quest version of the old beat 'em up. **50%**

Mortal Kombat Trilogy £44.95

Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
About every MK character, so hardcore MKers will be happy... winner **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%**

Mr Domino £34.99
Company JVC **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Puzzle game spoilt by poor control. **70%**

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%**

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%**



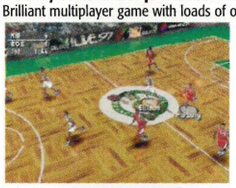

NBA Jam Extreme £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Yet another basketball game: a couple of outrageous comic features. **80%**

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%**

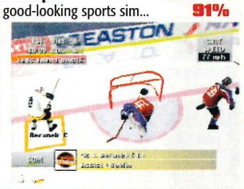
Need for Speed III £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very fast, good-looking racer Miles better than one and two. **89%**

Newman Haas Racing £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A bit of a poor F1copy. 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%**

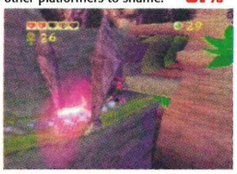



One £39.99
Company ASC **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fast, good looking ultra-violent platform shooter let down by dull combat. **83%**

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. winner **91%**

Pandemonium 2 £44.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Big platformer, trippy visuals. Worth a look. Rent it **83%**

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. Platinum **59%**

PGA Tour 97 £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Probably the best-looking golf sim, but gameplay is becoming too similar. **65%**

PGA Tour 98 £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Golf game that fails to offer anything new. **68%**

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%**

The Knowledge: updated every month

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. winner **92%**





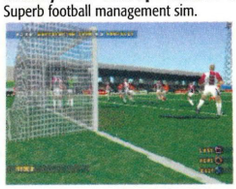
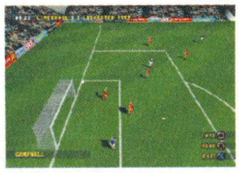
Porsche Challenge £19.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Driving game let down by lack of variety, and lack of tracks. Platinum **80%**

Powerplay Hockey 96 £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Good range of aggressive matches. Fast-paced, end-to-end stuff **85%**

Power 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%**

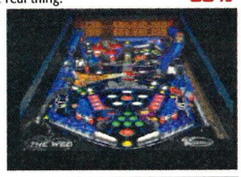
Poy Poy £34.95
Company Konami **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Cool multiplayer game. Not so good by yourself. **83%**

Premier Manager 98 £44.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Superb football management sim. winner **92%**

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. winner **93%**





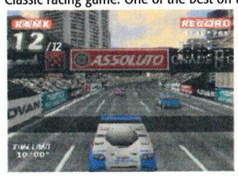
Pro Pinball Timeshock £24.99
Company Empire **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
One big, beautiful mother of a pinball table: all yours to have and hold... **89%**

Project Overkill £44.95
Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
High-tech, underachieving version of the old arcade stalwart Bezerk... **79%**

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! winner **93%**





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. Rent it **80%**

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. Platinum **43%**

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. Rent it **73%**

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. Rent it **83%**

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%**

Bad moments in life: number two

Tekken button-bashers

The button basher will sit down to their first ever game of Tekken and thrash the pants off you, even though you know all the moves. They do this by hitting all of the buttons as randomly and as fast as they can. Here's how to recognise them and what to do when you meet them...

How to spot one...

1. They press buttons so randomly the 'pause' sign flashes up on the screen. This is the lowest kind of button-basher.
2. Sometimes they will use just one fairly effective move they know, preventing you from putting together any of your cool combos.
3. They will be the worst gloating kind of winner, saying things like, 'God, and this is the first time I've ever played it.' And, 'I thought you were supposed to be really good at this...'
4. And when you point out that their win had absolutely no finesse and was based entirely on luck, they'll say, 'No. I won, fair and square.'
5. And even try to claim their win was based on skill and strategy. The cheesy pukes.


■ Jin'll fix it...

What to do...

The punishment should fit the crime. Arm yourself with a baseball bat and visit their home. Then begin bashing their possessions and furniture with the bat, but do it in a random manner, as hard and as fast as you can. When they see the damage you've caused, say, 'God, and this is the first time I've ever used a baseball bat...'

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

Platinum

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Straightforward, frustrating racing game. **64%**

Road Rash 3D £39.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Laughs aplenty in bikes 'n' violence racer. **80%**

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**✗
Rent it
Abysmal rental-only beat 'em up. **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

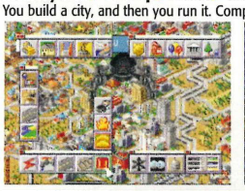
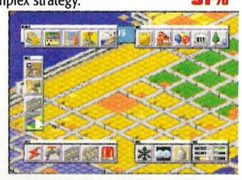
Company Core Design **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pretty second rate: levels are dull and grey, and action is very limited. **75%**

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**✗
winner
You build a city, and then you run it. Complex strategy. **91%**

Skeleton Warriors £44.95

Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Looks, smells and feels like an old 16-bit game... and it plays like one too. **69%**

Skull Monkeys £44.95

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Plasticinetastic action with a clay hero bouncing on monkeys' heads. **79%**

Slam 'n' Jam '96 £44.95

Company BMG **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Huge sprites, poor camera views and easy gameplay make this a dog. **64%**

Smash Court Tennis £44.95

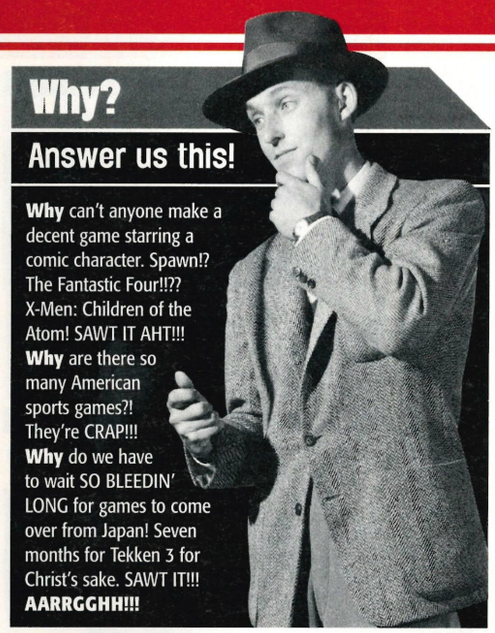
Company Sony **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Slow, unresponsive game. You buy kit, but the actual matches are grim. **57%**

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Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
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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%**



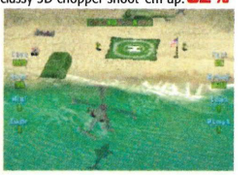
Soul Blade £34.95

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
This classic weapons-based beat 'em up has all the right ingredients. **94%**




Soviet Strike £19.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Good sound effects and graphics create a classy 3D chopper shoot 'em up. **92%**

Space Hulk £19.99

Platinum

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Drag mercenaries around. Slow but good strategy/action game. **84%**

Space Jam £44.95

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull movie-based cash-in basketball game. Why put yourself through it? **65%**

Spawn: The Eternal £39.99

Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Useless blend of beat 'em up and adventure. Avoid. **32%**

Speed King

Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Slow, boring and about as exciting as watching an egg boil. Maybe less so.. **45%**

Speedster £44.95

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Top-down view racing game that's lacking in speed and playability. **64%**

Spider £39.99

Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
An innovative idea for a platform game, but fails to rise above average. **70%**

Spot goes to Hollywood £34.95

Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Too little, too late for this platformer. Er, it's got good music though... **77%**

Star Gladiator £44.95

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Capcom's first 3D beat 'em up. They don't make a bad job of it either. **91%**




Starfighter 3000 £44.95

Company Telstar **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Nice enough to have a gawp at, but there's not enough going on. **80%**

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

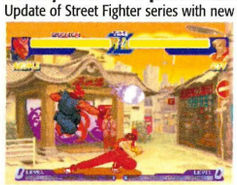
Company Mindscape **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
Dull graphics, but 11 levels and variety of weapons can make this fun. **79%**

Steel Reign £34.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
Cool tank game that can be a bit repetitive. Worth a look, though. **75%**

Street Fighter Alpha £44.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Update of Street Fighter series with new moves and new characters. **91%**




Street Fighter Alpha 2 £44.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Custom combos and counter-moves add up to an excellent sequel. **92%**




Street Fighter Collection £39.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ **Joypad**✓
Three Street Fighter games, one CD. That's science for you. **87%**

Street Fighter Ex Plus Alpha £44.95

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Superb fighting in 3D take on the Street Fighter theme. **93%**




Street Fighter The Movie £39.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Insult to the Street Fighter name. Based on the movie. **67%**

Street 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**✗
Rent it
Solid role-playing game that isn't going to change your life... **81%**

Super Match Soccer £39.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-8 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Yawnsome footy game. For God's sake don't buy it. **33%**

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%**

The Knowledge: updated every month

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. winner 92%



Supersonic Racers £44.95

Company Mindscape **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Micro Machines-style racer doesn't pull out enough stops to keep you hooked. 74%

Swagman £44.99

Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
There's plenty of arcade-style fun on offer in this great-looking 2D game. 85%

Syndicate Wars £44.95

Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✓ winner
This is an ultra-cool and violent strategy shoot 'em up with amazing 3D graphics. 92%

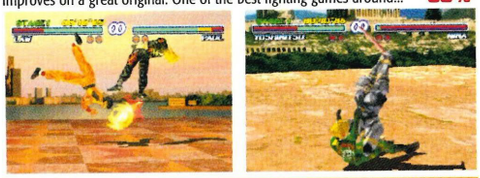


Tekken £19.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Platinum
Namco's first beat 'em up. Interesting backgrounds, realistic characters. 90%

Tekken 2 £19.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Improves on a great original. One of the best fighting games around... 95%



Tempest X3 £34.99

Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Rent it
A PlayStation update of a justifiably great retro shooter. 80%

Tenka £44.95

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Not even polygon graphics can save this poor Doom clone from oblivion. 82%

Tennis Arena £39.99

Company UBISoft **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Slick tennis game. But do we want slick tennis games? 76%

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 addictive. 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 £69.99

Company Sony **Players** 1 **Special** Gcon 45
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
So playable even your girlfriend'll enjoy it. The definitive gun game. 93%



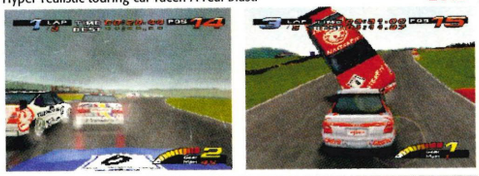
Tobal No.1 £44.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
A fair beat 'em up improved greatly with the addition of a quest mode. 91%



TOCA Touring Car Championship £44.99

Company Codemasters **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Hyper-realistic touring car racer. A real blast. 91%



Tomb Raider £19.99

Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Top totty in Indiana Jones-style antics. One of the best games ever... 92%



Tomb Raider 2 £44.99

Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Bigger and bolder than the classic original. Lara's back! 95%



Tommi Makinen Rally £39.99

Company Europress **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rally effort ain't much cop. In fact it's pants. 50%

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%

Total NBA 98 £34.99

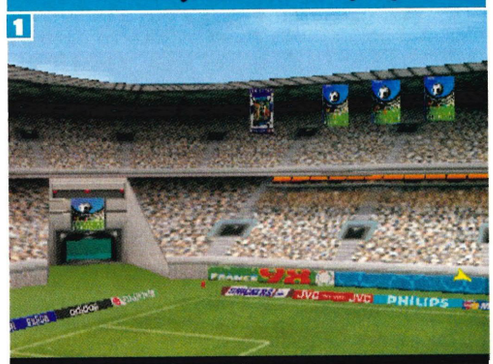
Company Sony **Players** 1-8 **Special** Analogue/dual shock
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Rent it
Good, but ONLY if you're a basketball fiend. 79%

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%

HMV Chart

What's everyone else buying?



1 World Cup 98: awesome stadiums, mate



2 Gran Turismo: tasty



3 Spice World: shit



4 Resident Evil 2: yeah, baby



5 Tomb Raider: bra-bustin'

Key:
(NE) New Entry
(RE) Re-Entry
(4) Position Last Month
(-) Same Position

1. **(-) World Cup 98 (EA)**
   Something to do with the real thing?
2. **(-) Gran Turismo (Sony)**
   Awesome racer worth your cash...
3. **(NE) Spice World (Sony)**
   A useless abortion of a game...
4. **(3) Resident Evil 2 (Virgin)**
   Shit hot zombie capathon.
5. **(6) Tomb Raider (Platinum)**
   Nice price, superb game...
6. **(4) Tekken 2 (Platinum)**
   Get this one bought. Pronto.
7. **(9) Die Hard Trilogy (Platinum)**
   Brucey bonus. Wahey!
8. **(NE) Theme Park (EA)**
   Run your own park. Yes, really.
9. **(NE) Kick Off World (Funsoft)**
   Not great footy effort.
10. **(RE) Grand Theft Auto (Take 2)**
    Back to burn...

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%**

Treasures of the Deep £44.99

Company Sony **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Sluggish submarine adventure-type game. **78%**

True Pinball £19.99

Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platinum
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**✗
Rent it
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**✗
winner
Excellent mix of racing and carnage, Superb. **91%**





Viper £39.99

Company Ocean **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
cacky controls spoil otherwise stonking 'copter shoot 'em up. **70%**

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

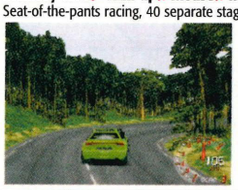
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This is a great pool game which is a pretty realistic simulation. **85%**

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**✗
winner
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, NegCon
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Speedboat racing sim that is waaaay bollocks. **40%**

Lookylikeys

It's that 'hey, weren't they separated at birth?' time again. This month, Linsey Dawn Mackenzie and a lifejacket...



1 Linsey Dawn Mackenzie 2 A lifejacket

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%**

WarGames: Defcon 1 £39.99

Company EA **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad/Dual shock pad
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Full-on strategy/war-type thing. Excellent, actually. **90%**

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**✓
Rent it
Fast and furious, but won't last long. **74%**

WCW Nitro £39.99

Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Not bad as wrestling efforts go. But still... **63%**

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**✗
Platinum
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**✗
winner
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

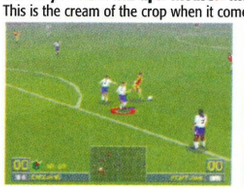
Company US Gold **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Great graphics, but some of the courses can be imprecise. **80%**

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**✗
winner
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**✗
Platinum
Multiplayer joy will be yours to savour in this fabulous battle game... **82%**

Wreckin' Crew £44.99

Company Telstar **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
Small car racing's a lot of laughs, if flawed. **80%**

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%**

Xenocracy £39.99

Company Grolier **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A dogshit of a game. **20%**

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%**

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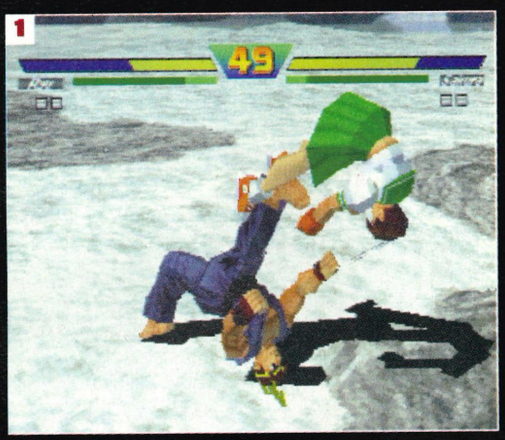


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Players: 1-2
First Out: October 1997

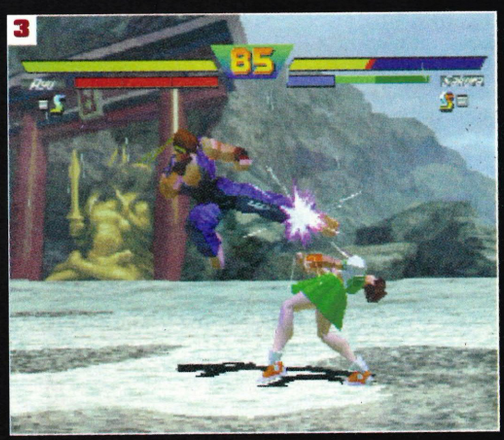
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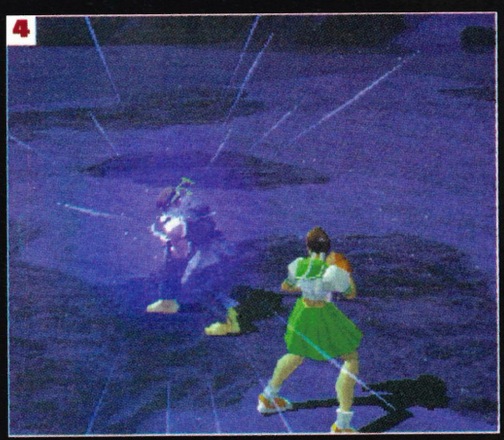
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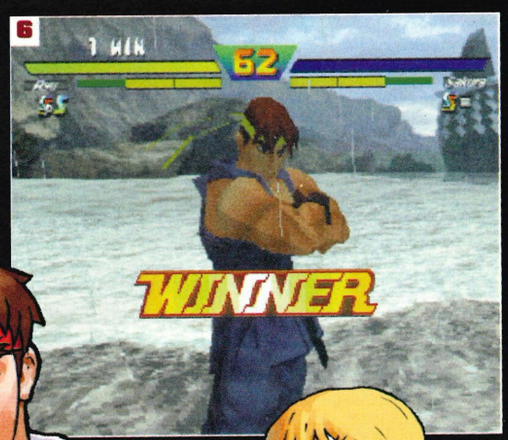












That magic moment [1] Old man Ryu gets the best of the action, takes first blood and sends cheeky lickle Sakura back to school... [2] But the girl ain't no pushover and slams him in the family jewels. Now that has gotta hurt... [3] Time to start building the power bar. Ryu lands a combo of schlaps and kicks... [4] Blue glow spells trouble. Something nasty is on the way... [5] 'Get down bitch,' shouts Ryu as he unleashes a super special finish... [6] Ryu assumes the pose. Let's face it, after that performance, this hardnut's earned the right to gloat

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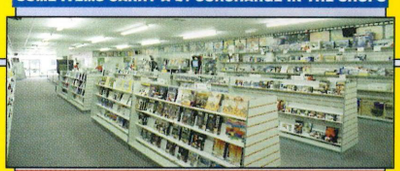
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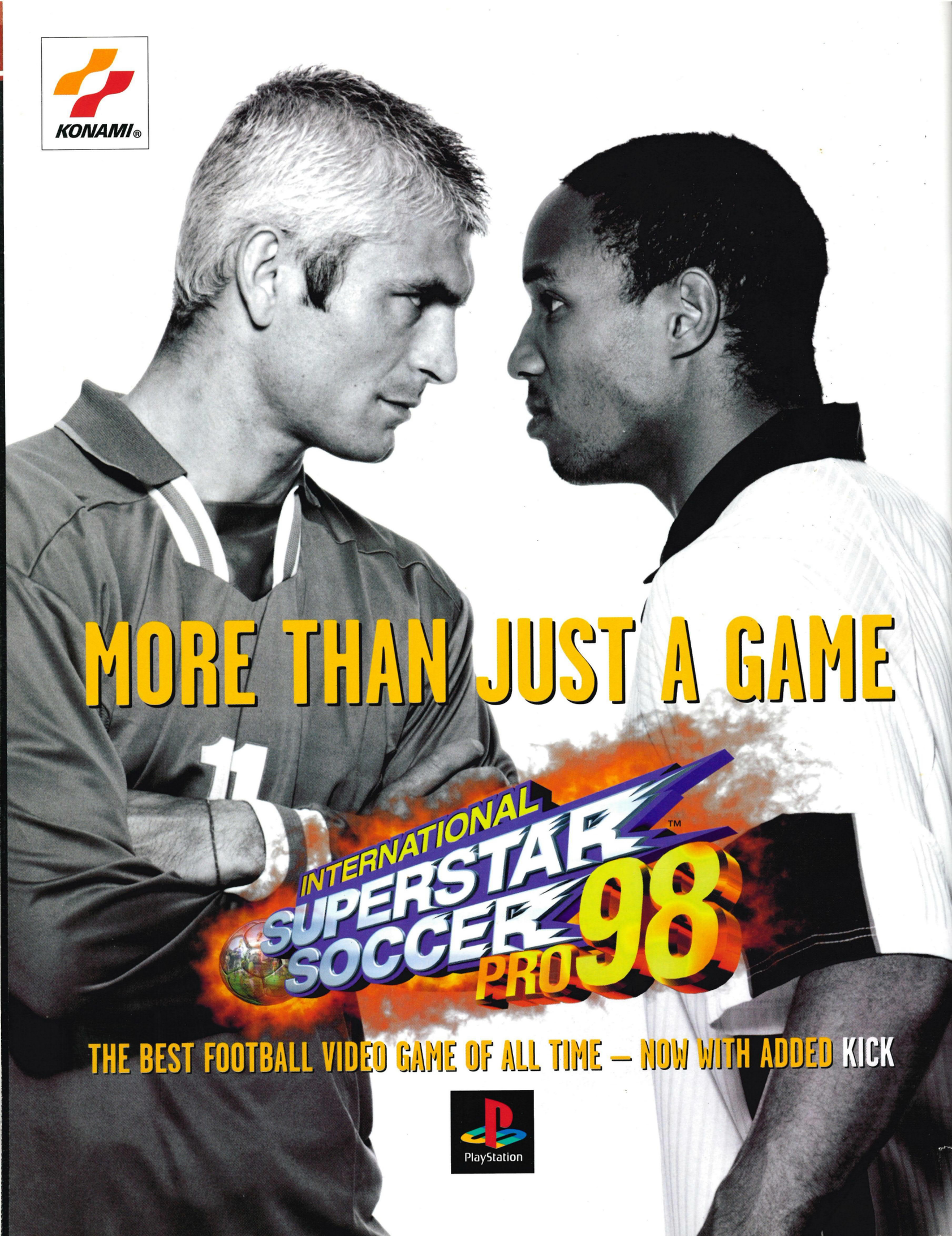
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