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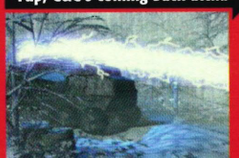
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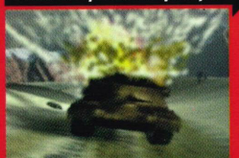
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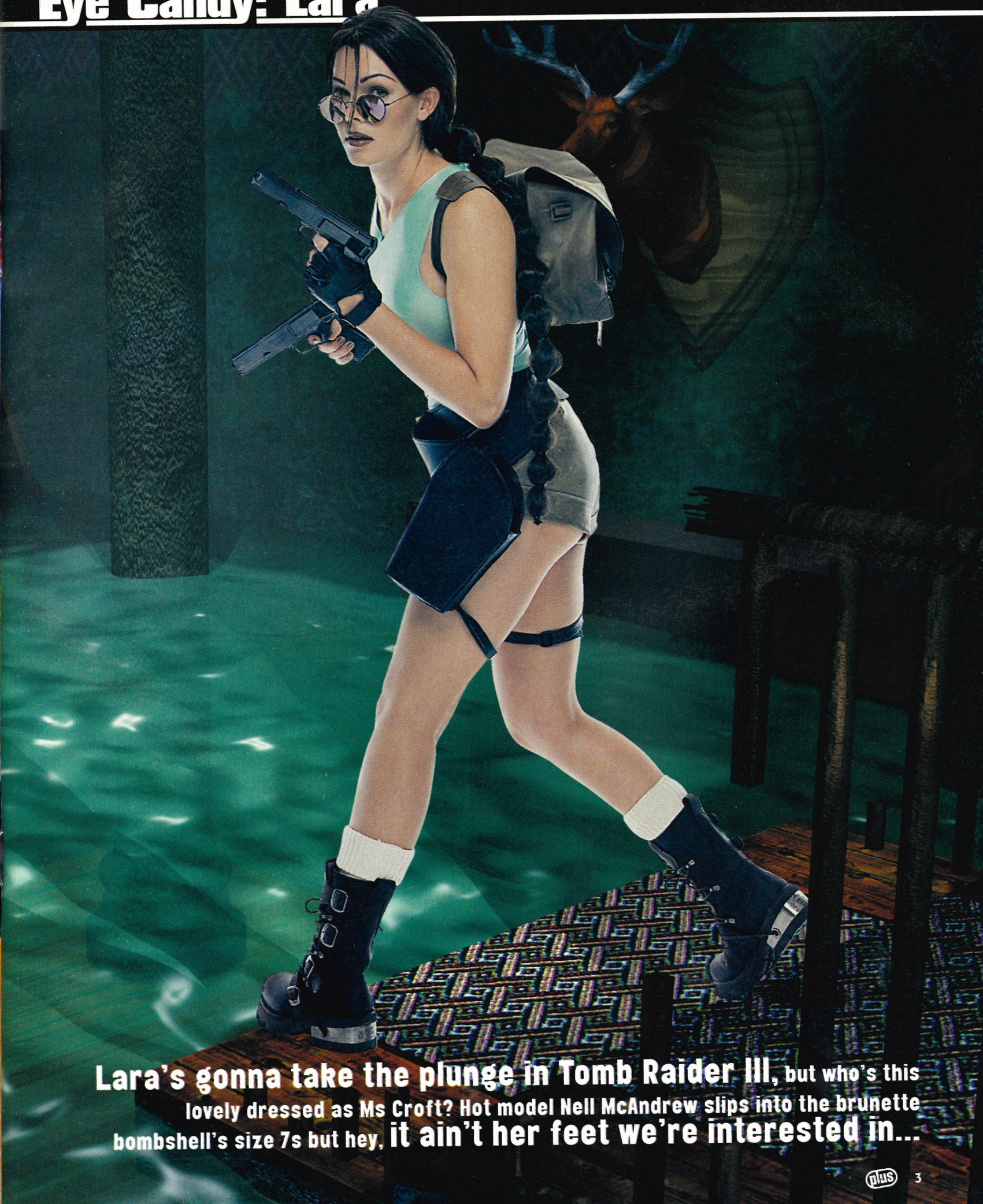
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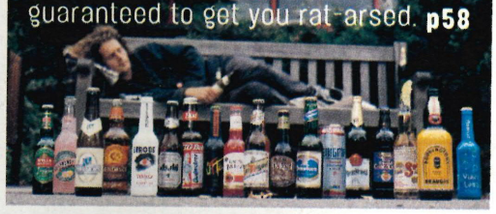


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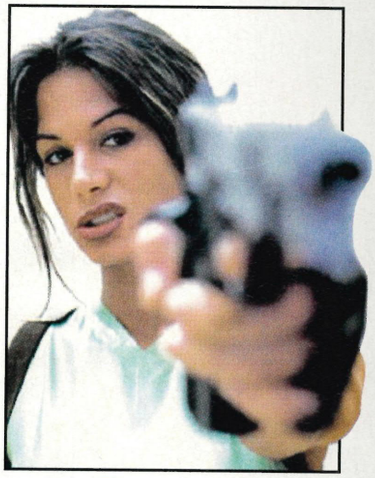


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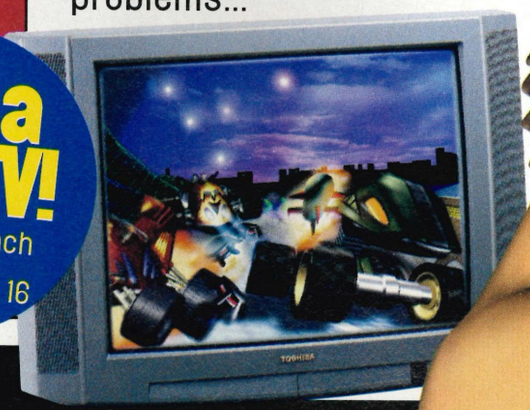


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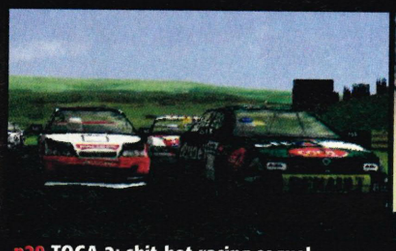
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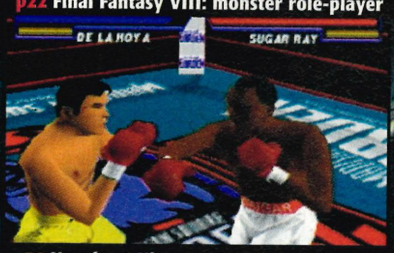
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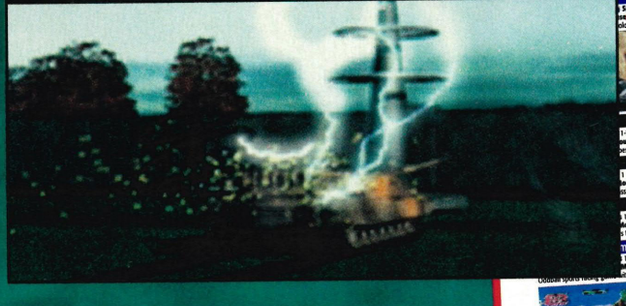
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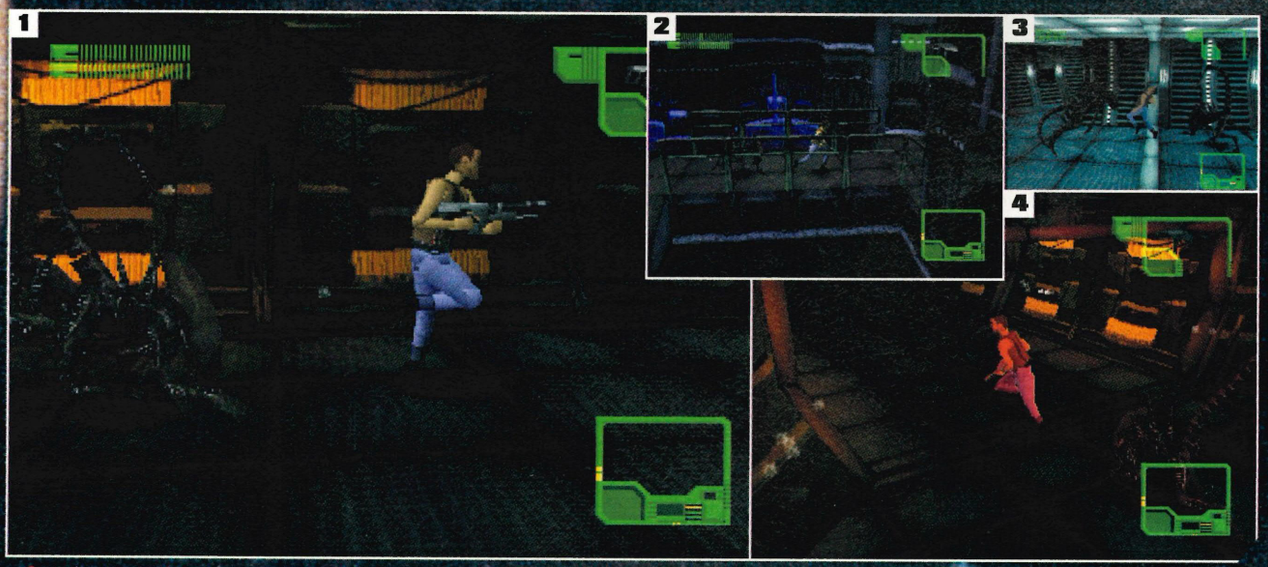


Kiss of death

Ol' Queen Liz? Pretty average-sized really. Quentin Crisp? Now that's a good-sized queen. But neither of them have got anything on the big toothy mamas just waiting to soak up yer gunfire in this sci-fi horror eggstravaganza...

They've got nastier teeth than Ronaldo. They ooze mucus faster than your Gran when you take the plasters off her bedsores. They'll drag you off and cake you in snot in some underground shithole as soon as look at you. And they're gonna get resurrected soon on a 'Station near you.

What's more it's gonna be happening in finger-lickin' 3-D, with more characters than you can shake a pulse-rifle at: level after level of bowel-loosening suspense and enough sticky-fluid-dripping xenomorph nasties to keep Kleenex in business for centuries. Sounds tasty? You're damn right it does...



1 Watch out, behind you! It's behind you! **2** It's kinda dark in there, innit? The old sinister ambience in full effect **3** Beware, because those Aliens are all out to pack one helluva punch this time around... **4** So be alert, and keep your eyes peeled, big man. Those xeno-whatsists are all around ya...

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■ Winona just hadn't realised Ripley's alien gene-splicing would make her so... passionate »

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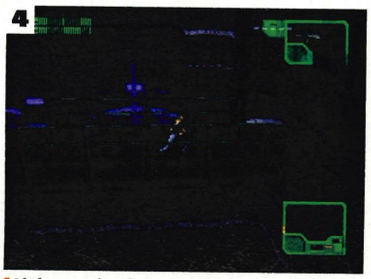
The plot

Potted plot. Deep breath. Girl meets alien, alien impregnates girl with embryo, girl throws self into blast furnace, scientists resurrect girl to remove embryo, turning her into a weirdo alien hybrid. Embryo grows into alien queen. Alien queen goes tonto. Space pirates and weirdo hybrid get stuck on spacestation with tonto aliens. Classic or wot?







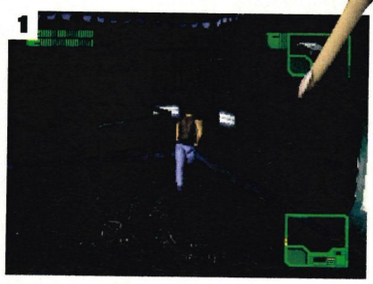


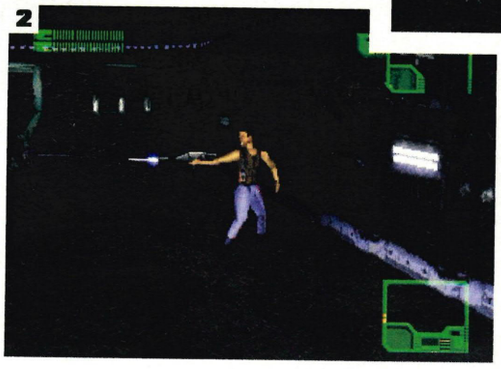


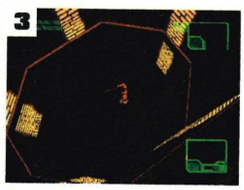
1 Little cryo-deepfreezes wiff people inside. They're here to act as hosts for alien embryos. Nice job 2 Then the mad, bad scientists start breeding aliens... 3 And they don't do a bad job 4 And, of course, everything goes wrong 5 Leaving the space pirates with a whole world of shit to deal with

Daddy? Is that you?

A little putz like you wandering around in a spacestation bristling with xeno-whatsits is gonna need a bit of help, right? And who better to aid you than Father, the ever-so-reassuring computer daddy who comes over the tannoy? Father'll tell you wot to do throughout, as well as giving you little warnings and hints. Helpful, no?



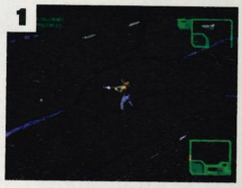




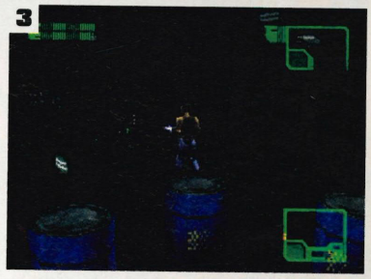
1 Father'll be able to tell you whether any section's alien-ridden or not 2 See? What a clever Father he is 3 Father'll also serve as a useful guide to the different sections of the ship

Tooth and claw

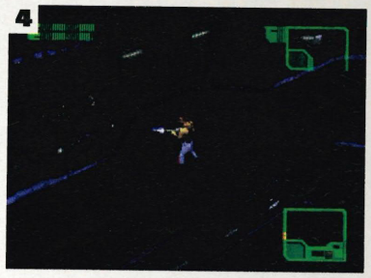
The aliens've come a long way since you could tell it was some twat in a suit with a funny head on back in Alien in the 70s. And every single little variation on that oh-so-sweet alien recipe is gonna be baked into the pie here: we've got doggy aliens, human-esque aliens, human hybrid aliens, ickle baby aliens and big daddy aliens. Choice.









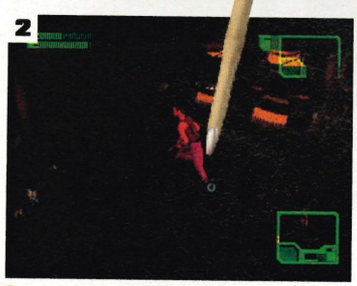


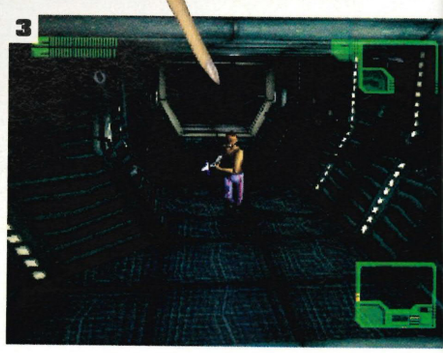
1 What big teeth you've got, grandma... 2 All the better to punch enormous cavities into your brain pan with 3 There are all shapes and sizes on that spacestation. Time to spill acid 4 Urk. Je ne want pas fightez le big scaly mutha. 5 Human hybrid aliens ain't nearly as cute and shite in the game

Facehuggers

In every Alien game since the dawn of time, Alien's patented fannies-on-pink-spider-legs, the facehuggers, have just been mild annoyances that stick to yer face from time to time. Not here. You get facehugged, and you got to get to an auto-doc fast, or a toothy little face is gonna come busting out of your chest. And it'll hurt.







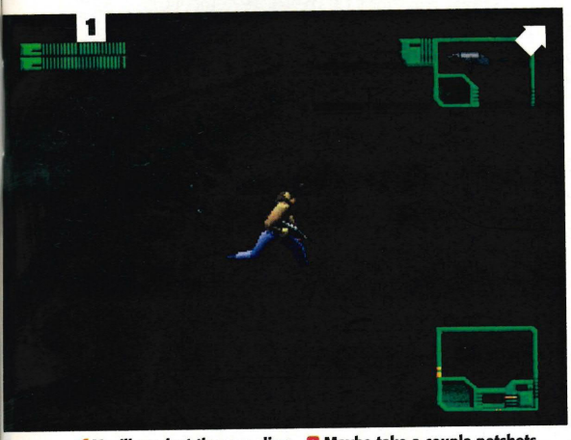
1 Mmmm. Come to daddy. Kissy kissy 2 They're out there. Somewhere. Maybe you're just paranoid 3 Where is the little bastard?

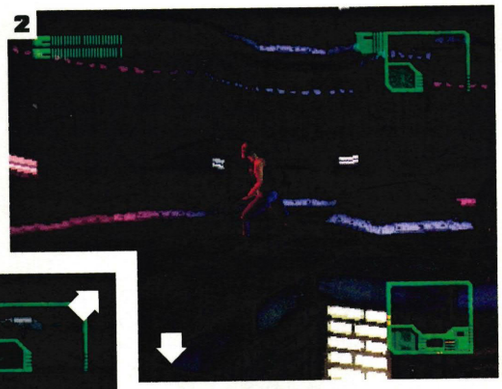
'All major hell will break loose...'

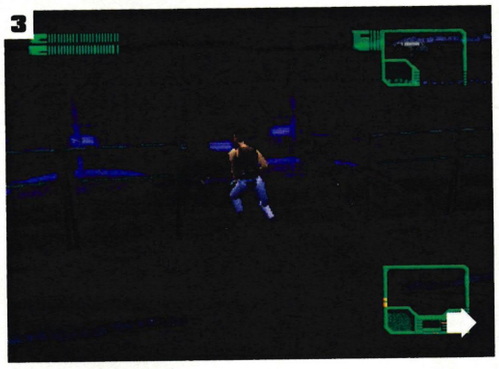
Leader of the pack

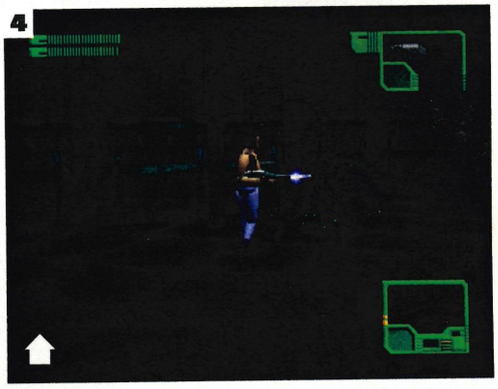
Remember that bit in Aliens where the geezer goes: 'What do you mean 'they cut the power?' How could they cut the power, man? They're animals!'

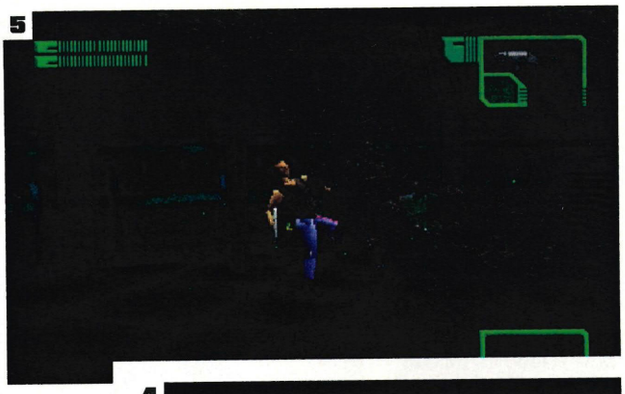
Yup, our mucus-oozing pals've always been good at out-clevering us humans. Thanks to in-game intelligence, they'll be doing it here in spades: hunting in packs, pincer movements and surprise attacks...









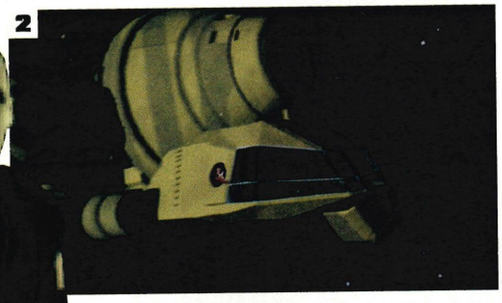


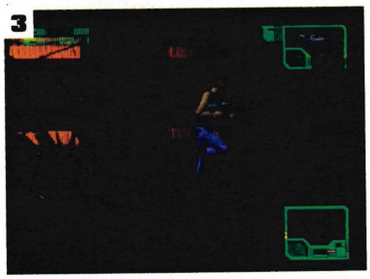
1 You'll see just the one alien... 2 Maybe take a coupla potshots... 3 But then it'll come round from behind. With a couple of mates 4 Leaving you really quite far up the creek 5 Ouch

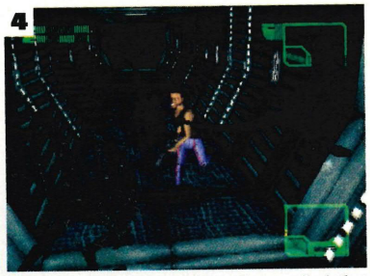
Sounds

When they were putting the final touches to the film, some bodger was over in LA stuffing a box full of samples and even harassing the film's cast to do extra lines for the game. That means the sound's super-authentic, and there's a lot more of the film in there than in yer average conversion. Now this, we like.









1 Johner: grizzly geezer with a Thermos flask that shoots high explosives 2 Elgyn. Man with amazing growly voice and a nice line in little sci-fi pistols 3 Chatting to others stranded on the space station is the only way to get ahead 4 'Cos you're gonna need all the help you can get

We're Marines, dammit!

There was a bit of a prob with another Aliens game whose name we won't mention. Oh alright. It was Alien Trilogy. Anyway, halfway through, you had to start killing people instead of aliens for no apparent reason. Weird. Here, you'll be blasting Marines, but only when they piss you off. Rest of the time they can be neutral or even friendly. Plot, see?



■ A marine. This one's your mate, so go easy with that trigger



■ Pissing people off unnecessarily ain't clever. It's lonely out there in space



■ But if someone really gets your goat, crack out the heavy ordnance. It's party time

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The Works: Alien Resurrection first play

The gang's all here

Thing is, you ain't just being the one tooled-up, hard-ass up against the toothy boneheads. You'll switch between different characters when the occasion demands, using different folks to achieve different goals. Each of the characters'll have different abilities, and some of 'em'll be toting weapons with serious bottom-end grunt. Sweet.



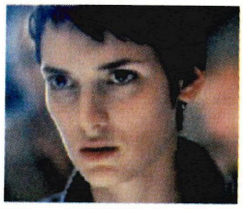
■ Johner. He'll be carrying that explosive flask thing with him he has in the film



■ Elgyn. Not long for this earth, but cool as der cucumber



■ Christie's gonna be tooled-up with two derringers



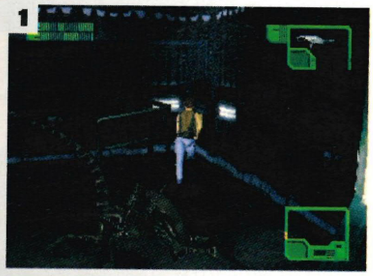
■ Annalee Call. Clever robot girl has her little part to play



■ And then of course, there's Ripley. In this one, she's gonna be super-tough, with an extra-phat jump

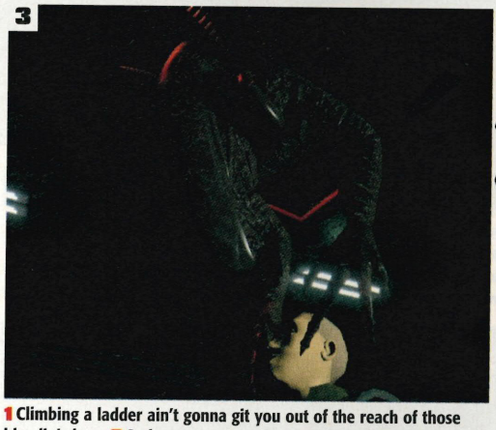
Up the wall

Little ducts. Ceilings with grills. Walls with claw-holds on 'em. Our snot-coated chums with the big grins just love these, bless 'em. This is gonna be about the first game ever where aliens'll be able to go up and down walls and over the ceilings. And they'll attack you while doing so. Ouch.





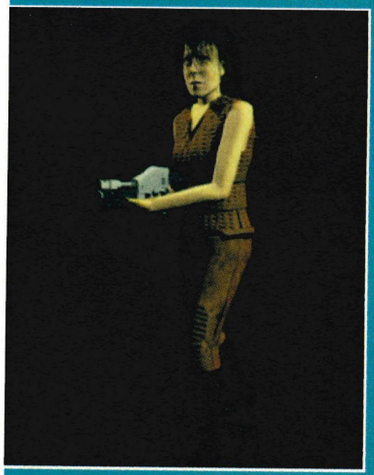




1 Climbing a ladder ain't gonna git you out of the reach of those bleedin' claws 2 So how come I can't go up the walls? No fair 3 Out-flanked. Out-manoeuvred. Out of the game, muchacho 4 Ouch. So you win. You ceiling-hanging little shit

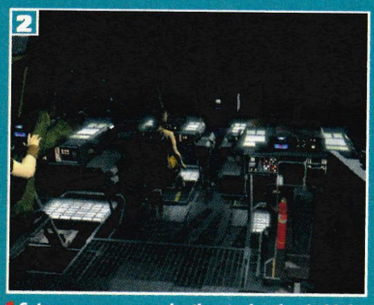
Characters

Most of the heads of the characters have been cyber-scanned, and most of the voices've been sampled. Sigourney Weaver and Wewanna Ryder declined, but they've got soundalikes in to do the honours. And it ain't just like they chuck a coupla samples into the game for fun: the plot's all-important, and if you wanna live, you better listen...



■ Sigourney Weaver as you will have never seen her before...



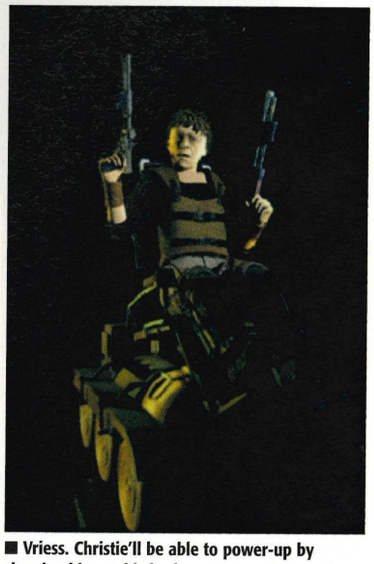




1 Cutscenes are gonna be the staples that hold the game together 2 But the soundalike actors are the real shit 3 For once in a videogame, the plot's actually gonna be crucial to the action

Get off my back!

Okay. We've got a contender here for Oddest Power-up in the World. And it's straight outta the film, too. Remember the little fella who scoots round in a wheelchair? Lazy bastard. Late on in the game, you'll get to scoop him up, and stick 'im to your back, where he'll pump hot lead at the baddies without you lifting a finger. Tasty.



■ Vriess. Christie'll be able to power-up by slapping him on his back

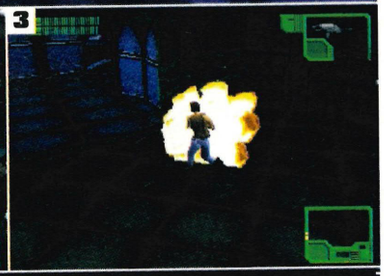
'Raw, pant-wetting terror...'

Scenes

Cool movie bits are gonna be big in this game. They'll help to stitch the whole thing together, giving plot details and telling you where to go and which aliens to grease, and they'll explain why you're switching between characters and shit. But it ain't all cut and dried: depending on what you get up to, different cutscenes will pop up. Clever, huh?







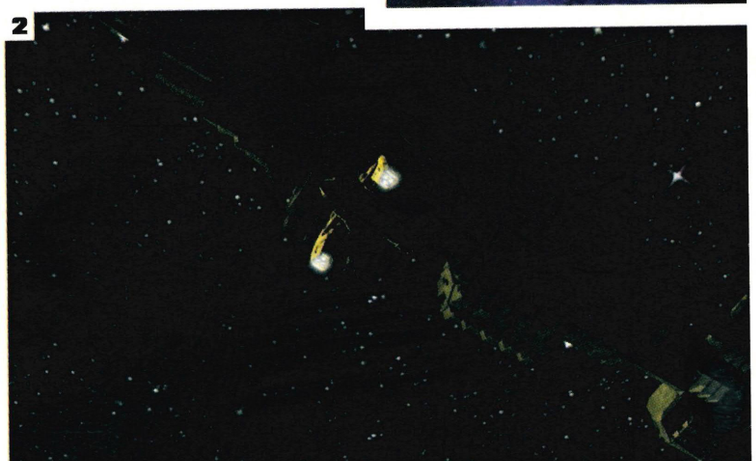


1 Running around the murky depths of the spacestation's only the half of it... 2 So watch yer step in there. Okay? 3 'Cos the cutscenes will direct the action, and introduce new gameplay elements 4 And you'll even get different ones depending on how you behave...

Billy bonus

When they were sticking the game together, they got access to all the outtakes and cast-offs floating around the cutting-room floor. So there's gonna be stuff in here from the original plan for the film that didn't make it into the final cut. Like a scene where you're chased by aliens through a big leafy hydroponics lab. Cool.





1 There's gonna be all sorts in there that you won't recognise... 2 And it's gonna be way smart

You may know me from...

There's been a lot of blood, sweat and tears put into ensuring this won't be just another bollixy film 'conversion' that's got diddly squat to do with the film. And in-game cinematics are gonna be pretty swell, but there's been a real attempt to put over all the characters and the cold-sweat paranoia of the real thing...







1 Shit. Where are they? Now with added suspense 2 The in-game cinematics are gonna be pretty sweet 3 And the levels are gonna look damn purty

The big boss

'Greetings, your Majesty. We have been expecting you.' Yup. It just wouldn't be right if the alien queen didn't poke her mucusy snout into the proceedings. And here we're gonna get not one, but two queens. One of 'em's gonna be purty damn big, but the other's gonna be huge. 'All the better to eat you with, my dear...'

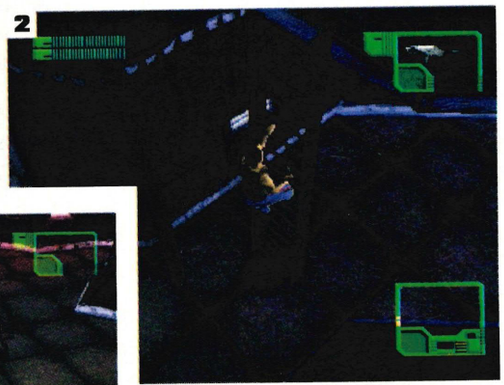


The queen. Am I supposed to curtsey, or what? ➡

And now, the main course...

In yer common or garden Aliens game, you'll have gone a coupla rounds with hordes of acid-spitting alien types after 20 seconds. Here, we've got a much-needed splash of subtlety stirred into the 3-D shoot 'em up mix. We got a lotta tip-toeing and a lot less stomping. You might not even see an Alien for a coupla levels. But you'll hear 'em. That'll be suspense. Geddit?







1 Yipe. Where are the bastards? 2 A whole lot of the spacestation's gonna be stuffed full of empty space 3 And then, all of a sudden, all major hell will break loose

plus

We'd like to say...

None of the Alien games at the min really live up to the nail-biting terror of the films. It's always hundreds of aliens pegging it at you with you pumping away on your pulse rifle. Suspense: nul points. This 'un is gonna inject a healthy dose of storyline into the Alien action, and it's gonna bring back what we like the metal-teethed fellas for in the first place: raw, pant-wetting terror. We wait in hope.

VERBAL

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Got something you're desperate to share with the world of PlayStation? Get writing... (If your question is just about games or tips, use our coupon on page 75, we'll pay the postage and print an answer in PlayStation plus.)

What's going on?

Your guide to Verbal

Hannah Mitton: A girly who wrote wanting us to put blokes in the mag. People often spell her name 'Milton'. Don't though, that makes her real angry

Zoe, Kent: A lesbian. She and her friend Teri have written to us twice. They're most definitely our kind of people.

JR Poole: Bloke who hates us. Called us 'a pile of putrid filth' or something. He is, however, a big friend of...

Bob Blizzard: An MP who, like, REALLY hates us. Still, didn't stop us running our own by-election and putting a pork pie up against him, though. The results's over the page.

Rizz: Wrote us a postcard in Japanese. Then translated it for us. Could you work on the handwriting Rizz?

Chris Eastman: Wrote to us with a poem. We didn't print it. Has tried again this issue.

KEEP IT REAL

I must complain about the praise you gave Gran Turismo. In the run-up to its release it was billed as the ultimate driving simulator, the most realistic driving ever.

Don't get me wrong, I do think GT is the best racer on the PlayStation **But...** but it does lack some of the features that make other games like Colin McRae Rally great.

The cars do not suffer from crash damage, meaning after a 300kph accident you are able to drive your car away undamaged – show me a touring car that can do that.

The second major fault is the fact that however hard I have tried I cannot roll my car, **Try a handstand** which I think although good, as you cannot land on your roof and be out of the race, it is just a little unrealistic.

The best driving physics not realistic enough for you? Just how realistic do you want? Sheesh. Next you'll be writing in to complain there are no Coke cans rolling around underneath the seats. And the ashtrays are always empty...

RT, Tunbridge Wells.



■ Gillian much larger and more explicit

class INTELLIGENT BLOKE WRITES

Having seen last issue's letter from JR Poole, I feel compelled to put in my bit. **Heh heh!** First off, I'd like to say I really enjoy your 'smegma-filled piece of putrid filth', since you guys have a greater sense of fun than most other magazines.

JR Poole continues to introduce into the argument the fact that Bob Blizzard is trying to sort out problems such as racism, drugs, etc. which is all well and good. **How he has the time after hassling us, we don't know...** But it is also suggested that you take a 'long look at the real world'. Now forgive me if I'm wrong, but aren't games supposed to lend a little escapism FROM the 'real world'?

Come on JR, lighten up a little. PlayStation, and games in general, are about FUN. Of course there may be a few 'naughty' words, and the occasional undressed model within these pages, but to dismiss the entire magazine as 'filth' is just prudish. Also, constantly worrying about problems in the 'real world' can lead to reduced levels of 5-hydroxytryptamine (serotonin) in the brain, Which in turn leads to mood disorders such as depression. Sorry – student science bit.

Stephen MacDonald, Edinburgh.

GIMME ABI

I'd like to see more pics of Abigail 1 or 2 (I don't mind). **Sorry pal. Out-voted by Charlie lovers**

B Molko, Birmingham.

PS Hi to Zoe from Kent, you're cool!

GIMME CHARLIE

Could you please print more pics of that fantastic looking blonde babe in issue July 98 she has to be the loveliest thing on two legs. So could you please make a desperate man happy and print more pics?

Peter Williams, Wirral.

PS Could you also print which characters in Tekken 3 have extra costumes and how to get them? **Check out p52, hombre**

GIMME CHARLIE NO.2

Who was that drop-dead sexy woman in July's issue, the one modelling the shorts. Please print some more pictures of her as she is LUSH. **That was Charlie** Also can you tell me if Little Big Adventure is coming out on the PlayStation? If so when? **Little Big Adventure's been out on the PlayStation for ages. Spazzmoid**

Daniel Wood, Truro.

PS I think that your magazine is one of the best on the shelves. **Whose shelves? Yours? What other magazines do you have on those shelves of yours?**

LATEST: TERAS KASI STILL CRAP

Hannah Mitton and Alison Black go to hell! There's nothing wrong with fitting this many women in this mag and Teras Kasi is crap! **We're sorry about the tide of abuse you've had to endure, Alison. But, you know, we're all right. It's you that's wrong**

Colin Mullholland, Belfast.

FLAK JACKETS ON...

Hi, it's Hannah Mitton here again, I would like to confirm to that lesbian **Zoe from Kent** that my last name is Mitton NOT Milton. Oh, and I didn't ask for men in the noddy, Zoe, I asked for LESS of the naked women! Because obviously unlike you, I'm not a lesbian who likes staring at other girls' tits because she hasn't got any of her own! Oh, and just because you're queer it doesn't mean the rest of the women in Britain are, OK!! **Come on. You'll be telling us there's no Santa next** That goes for you too Ermen because you obviously couldn't read last month either.

Hanna Milton, ***only joking Hannah. Mitton it is***

PS I am 100% heterosexual. **Hannah, Hannah, Hannah.**

There's room for all kinds within the pages of PlayStation. We let you on. We let Zoe on. It's like one big orgy in here...

GIMME GILL!

Please could you put a larger, more explicit picture of the lovely Ms Gillian Anderson in next months' issue?

Brian Chill

GIMME GILL NO. 2

Please print another picture of Gillian Anderson. She's sexy.

Matthew Colcombe, Plymouth



BORING LETTER ALERT

Why do you insist on insulting the intelligence of the games playing public by giving such mammoth reviews to very, very poor games such as Premier Manager 98 and Actua Soccer 2? And Premier Manager 98 laughingly calls itself a football management game, when it couldn't even direct traffic out of a one way street.

I would like to point out that I have played PM 97 on a PC and was impressed by that version. At least on that format you can watch the whole of a game being played and change the tactics and formation if you are not happy. Changes that you can actually see taking place. You feel involved in the game, your actions mean something.

Not so PM 98 on the PlayStation. if you want to change tactics, formations and make substitutions, you have to sit in front of two moving bars to do so, hardly

Lookylikey

Lara's a shooting star...

My cousin once told me that I look like Lara, so I have sent you this picture but you will have to ignore my fringe. **We couldn't ignore your fringe. Sorry. Give it a few years, eh?**

Kelly Grocott, Stoke-on-Trent.



■ **Get it right. That dog wouldn't last a second if that was the real Lara sitting there**

gripping stuff. **Oh blah, blah. Snip snip**

When I returned my copy of the game, Electronics Boutique told me that it was the fifth one returned that day. Many more had been returned in the preceding days. So many people are massively disappointed with this very weak game and they are voting with their feet. **Tosspots like you, then. The rest of us don't have PCs, and we'll stick to playing it on the PlayStation if it's all the same to you.**

Bulging sack

Little bits from postie

I think that will do for now.

Stefano Martinelli, Northants.

How the hell did Final Fantasy VII get such a high rating? It's total pish! and what kind of sad bastard has 100 hours to complete a game? Any normal bloke would be out pulling birds or something.

Robert J. Leggate, Ayrshire.

I just wanted you to know.

James Balaam, Ipswich.

WCW plays like liquid sex! How can you give it a bad mark? As a Tekken 2 owner I have to say that Tekken 2 is too easy, and it has dodgy graphics, whilst Nitro plays like a dream.

Robbie J, London

Two of my mates got so drunk, they woke up to find that one of them had pissed all over the PlayStation. What a classic tale!

Le Shuttle Master

Call me 'mental Stevie'

Steven Fletcher, Cambridge

I gave my dad a toilet brush for his birthday. Last night I asked him if he used it much. He replied, 'Sod that, son! I've gone back to the paper!'

Darren Cullen, Leeds

And when you returned your copy, which PlayStation football management game did you swap it for? See, there aren't a lot of 'em around...

As for Actua Soccer 2, it's a boil on the bottom of good taste. **Goes on for a whole novel's worth about a load of rubbish...**

Before you excuse my letter as the writings of a deranged madman, who was turned down for a job with Gremlin, think again. I am a working journalist **And when you trained, did you miss the lesson about being concise?** in a high management position who wants to be entertained by a good game when he gets home from a hard day's slog at the office.

Jonathan Jones, County Durham.

CHARLIE'S TOP

PLEASE PRINT LOTS MORE OF CHARLIE AS SHE IS THE MOST GORGEOUS GIRL YET. CHEERS! I couldn't believe it when you only showed one tiny picture of her in the last issue. as a subscriber I demand the right for to be printed in every issue from now on. **Lay off the capitals. There's a picture of Charlie on here already**

Tom Clifton, Chesham Bois.

DOOR!

I was on Resident Evil 2 and I found out that when you're Claire the door you can't open in the Statue Hallway 2F, take the bomb and blow the door down. It will give you the Gatling gun with 100% and a new bomb to blow away the helicopter. **Fortunately we were able to stop the presses just so we could include this letter. Lucky, eh?**

David West, Shropshire.

SOUL!

The cheat to get Soul Edge on Soul Blade is piss easy. Just leave your PlayStation running (with the game in of course) for a measly 17 hours (not 20) then Mr Fireball is yours. **Then we had to stop them again to fit this one in. Thank the Lord for kind printers, eh readers?**

Richard Bradshaw, London.

SCARY BLOKE WRITES

Since the release of Broken Sword and Broken Sword 2 I have been completely obsessed with them (especially Nicole Cillard). Broken Sword is one of the best games ever, storywise. So I'm asking if you have any Broken Sword goodies, such as books, posters, etc. If so PLEASE, PLEASE could you send them to me or put them in next month's issue. **Despite last minute calls to Brian Bloke at the printers there wasn't time to pull this letter out and replace it with one from a normal human being. Sorry**

Andi Capples, Birmingham.

BOB DILLON

I am a depressed female (incidentally the best Tomb Raider player in the country: fact.) Along with my brother Alex we can get all the way up to the last level without dying once, getting all the secrets). However there are two reasons for my depression. One: I am the only girl in the country who's not in a screaming fit over Leonardo Di-poncey-Caprio who, in my opinion, bears an uncanny resemblance to a brussel sprout. **That Kate Winslet, though eh? Got a couple of titanics of her own...**

The other reason is to do with all the pictures of semi-naked models you print.

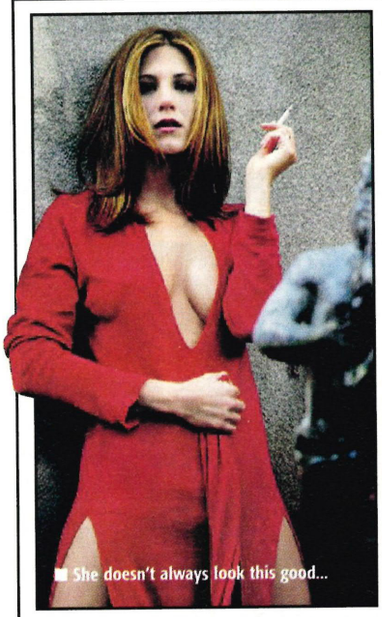
Not that I object! Of course not! after all, men have found big tits attractive since the beginning of time. **How else do you explain the popularity of Paul Gascoigne** It's just that all these babes are such life-wasting bitches – strutting around all smug, making fat wodges of cash... **Hang on a mo! Exactly what do you do with your time then? You play videogames, yes? Not exactly helping to repair the ozone layer is it? You get on with your thing and let other people get on with theirs, orright?**

Don't you worry though – keep printing them. After all, who am I to spoil your fun? Just wait until I get to be Prime Minister and ban all models – kya, ha, ha! By the way, I mean all models – male ones as well, as they all look like Peter Andre, i.e. more plastic than a Ken doll.

Heather Dillon, East Sussex.

Don't fancy yours much

Who's gonna play Lara?



■ She doesn't always look this good...

One thing that caught my attention recently is the news of a Tomb Raider movie. The question on everybody's lips should be, who will play Lara? I have given this much thought **How much? Too much, perhaps?** and the suggestions of Liz Hurley, in my opinion are not a good idea. And Sandra Bullock? She's nice but lacking in the breast department...

How about Jennifer Aniston? Think about it: if she grew her hair a bit longer she would be perfect. So, she's only done romantic comedies so far, but surely that's more of a reason. She needs to expand her horizons and prove she's not just Rachel. And what man doesn't fantasise about her? **There are seven here who've never so much as imagined her in a frilly apron** Please print this letter as I would love to hear other people's opinions. **Ours is: No! Aniston has 'stupid Yank' written all over her. Lara's pure Brit babe**

Matt, Lincoln.

Lesbians on their holidays

Zoe and Teri write again

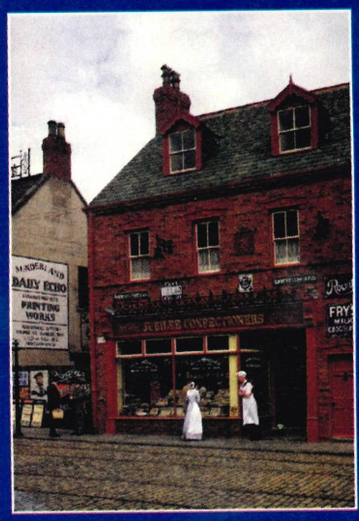
How could I not write again? Especially in view of the fact that Teri and I are now apparently on the production team. How we creased when we saw our name under 'lesbians'!!

I am flattered that one letter made such an impression upon you that you felt compelled to 'box out' my second letter **Well, we know how much you like a nice box, Zoe** and refer to me as your fave lesbian. How many lesbians do you know, exactly? **They don't stay lesbians for long when we're around... Actually, that's a lie**

Another splendid pose by young Abigail – thanks! She can **Er, censored bit here** any time she wants. As you can see from the card, we're on our hols at the moment, but we're still reading PlayStation.

Until next time, 'keep it up', as it were.

Zoe and Teri, lesbians on location, Northumbria



■ **Interesting choice of postcard... High class confectionery packers in action.**

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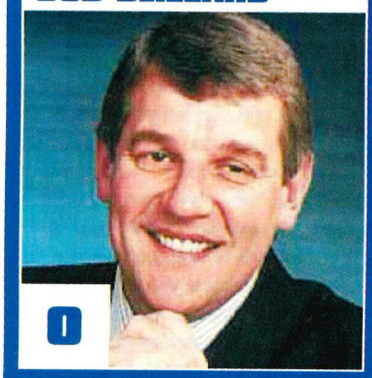
The PlayStation plus Fantasy by-election

'Waveney' constituency

Who represents your life and leisure best? We asked you, the voting public, to choose between MP Bob Blizzard who believes PlayStation is corrupting you and a pork pie for our fantasy parliament.

The votes have now been cast and our loyal team of counters were up long into the night to ensure each one was counted correctly. So now we have a result, over to you, Mr Returning Officer...

BOB BLIZZARD



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PORK PIE



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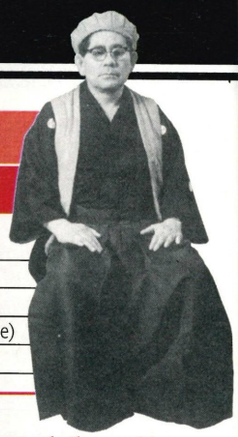
WINNING CANDIDATE

Following his landslide victory, the pork pie said, 'I would like to thank everyone who voted for me. Tasty meat products are the future for this great country of ours and I can assure all my constituents that both pastry and PlayStation will be given the utmost protection.

He also congratulated PlayStation reader Neil Lewis of Wolverhampton the lucky voter who bagged himself a box of pork pies in our prize draw.

Learn Japanese with Rizz

'That' postcard translated



JAPANESE	ENGLISH
NIHONE YOHKOSO	Welcome to Japan
KAMERA SHIYO-SHIMASEN	Camera not in use
SHIGATA GA NAI!	I like to write Japanese(esque)
Charlie is KIREI and KAWAII.	Translation please, Rizz!

HOARE'S BACK

I followed your advice and went out and bought Resident Racing '98. I've trusted your opinion for so long, but Resident Racing '98 was shite. I've also recently purchased Scum. That game is class, but a little tricky once you're past the 5th level. **This is kind of a joke we're having with Michael here. The rest of you can sit this one out**

Michael Hoare, Glasgow.

PS I liked your joke about my name. Full marks for originality. **What? The one about the Hoare house. Yak, yak**

GINGER PEOPLE. EUCH!

Hi, my name is Ricky, but call me Rick. **We'll call you ginger-faced git if it's all the same to you** I would like you to apologise to me and the rest of the ginger-haired nation.

As you might of already guessed I myself have ginger hair and I did not find your remarks about ginger hair in 'The Fifth Element' update on p20, July issue very funny.

Please print this letter and your apologies in next month's magazine. **Listen freckle features, if we want to take the piss out of ginger minges like you, we will.**

Why don't you, Chris Evans, the muppet out of Simply Red, Fergie and the kid out of the McCain's Oven Chip advert who says, 'most excellent', all bugger off to gingerbread land where you can all drink ginger beer together.

Ricky Manning, Trowbridge.

BAD POETRY GETS STOPPED AGAIN

I am a bloody good poet and I don't see anyone in the world doing any better. But what is this my mind is telling me? Maybe they just lost the poem and are just covering their arses? Well, here it is for all the readers who may want to read it... **Chris, what is this delusion your mind is telling you? We didn't lose your poem. We just didn't print it. We didn't want to. We still don't**

Chris Eastman, Weston-Super-Mare

CITY FAN WRITES

There are just a few things I need to say/ask

1. Your mag is the dog's bollocks. **Yeah, and Fido's none too pleased, we can tell you**
2. Why do people buy N64s? Apart from Goldeneye they're shite (I've also heard that N64 owners are less than pleasing in the sack) **That's true. What's more, in a recent survey, PlayStation owners were found to deliver a satisfying, quality shag every time**
3. Women: know your limits. Slagging off this mag because it's sexist, degrading, immature, blah, blah blah. This behaviour should stop.

Adam, Coalville

PS By the way, Leicester City will kick Man United's arses next month. And they're also gonna win the league. **Adam, you are so right. Still, even though you can cut us and we'll bleed blue (Chelsea in one case, unfortunately) we still realise other people support lesser teams. So, why not let us know your Premiership predictions...**

MOANING GIT

I have written 27 letters and spent over a tenner in stamps **...And, let's guess, we didn't print any? Maybe that's 'cos they were all shit** I think your plan is you make up a letter of your own and stick it in instead of hearing the public's opinion **Do you think our letters would be as boring as yours if we made them up?** I don't know why I even bothered writing this one... **No. Nor do we. Now bugger off and write to someone else will ya?**

Dicky B

TOILET STUFF

After completing Resident Evil 2 a while back I noticed something a bit strange. Throughout the whole game I did not, at any time, come across a toilet. No, not one, not even in the police station or the underground lab.

I think that being in the position Leon and Claire were in, toilets would have been essential. I know I used the toilet a lot when I played the game. I thought I'd share that with you.

Russell Davis, Gillingham

Listen up 'Dicky B' This is a proper letter. It's got Resident Evil. It's got bogs. It's written by a bloke who hasn't invented a stupid name for himself...

LAST WORD

God, wasn't Dicky B's letter shit?

A Madeupperson, Croydon



WHY DO WE BOTHER?

Hey, just finished reading your 'excellent' Be Shit Hot At Games feature. All I can say is you lot at PP must have the gaming skills of a gang of arthritic, drunk tramps with leprosy. How do you reckon we should hold the pad then? Sorry, but I and the rest of the un-spoonerlike can press the square button at the same time as the ⊗ button using as strange mystical force known as my thumb. What's wrong, are you so in-bred you don't have this handy appendage?

Listen shit-bag. We reckon you get better control by using a second finger, for both standard braking and left-foot braking. You wouldn't use one foot if you were sitting in a mota now, would you? If you don't want our advice, don't take it, but don't crowd our postbag with your rubbish. You're banned

I challenge anyone of you digitally-challenged shit-for-brains at any game in the world, I could probably win with my toes, such are your apparent 'skills', knobs!

S. Pearson, Worksop.

PS Great mag! Just try and ban me, spods! **Too late.**

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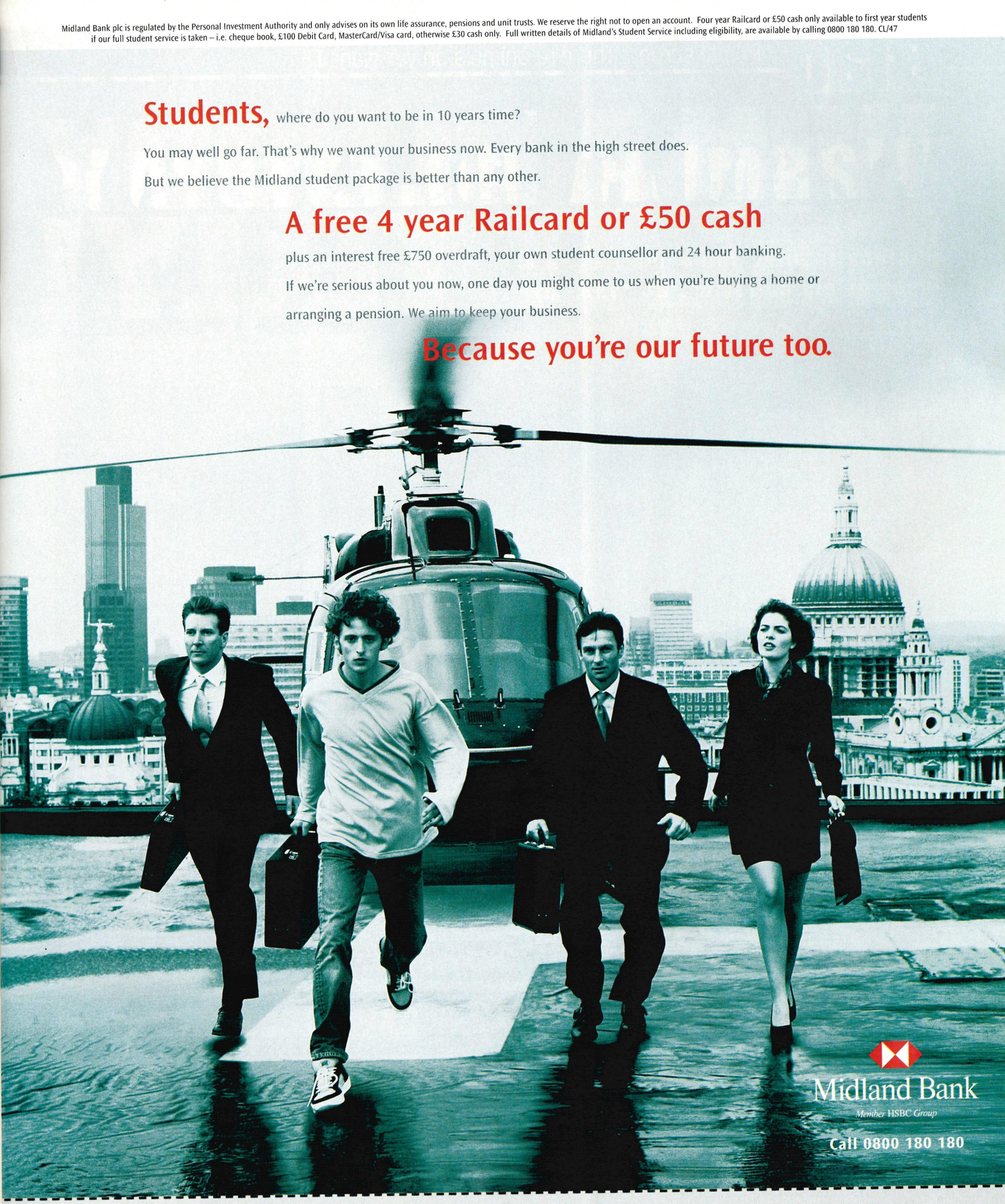
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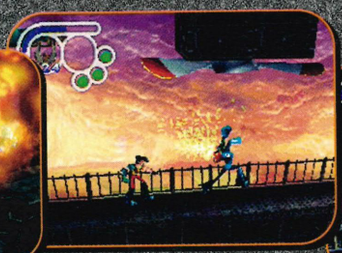


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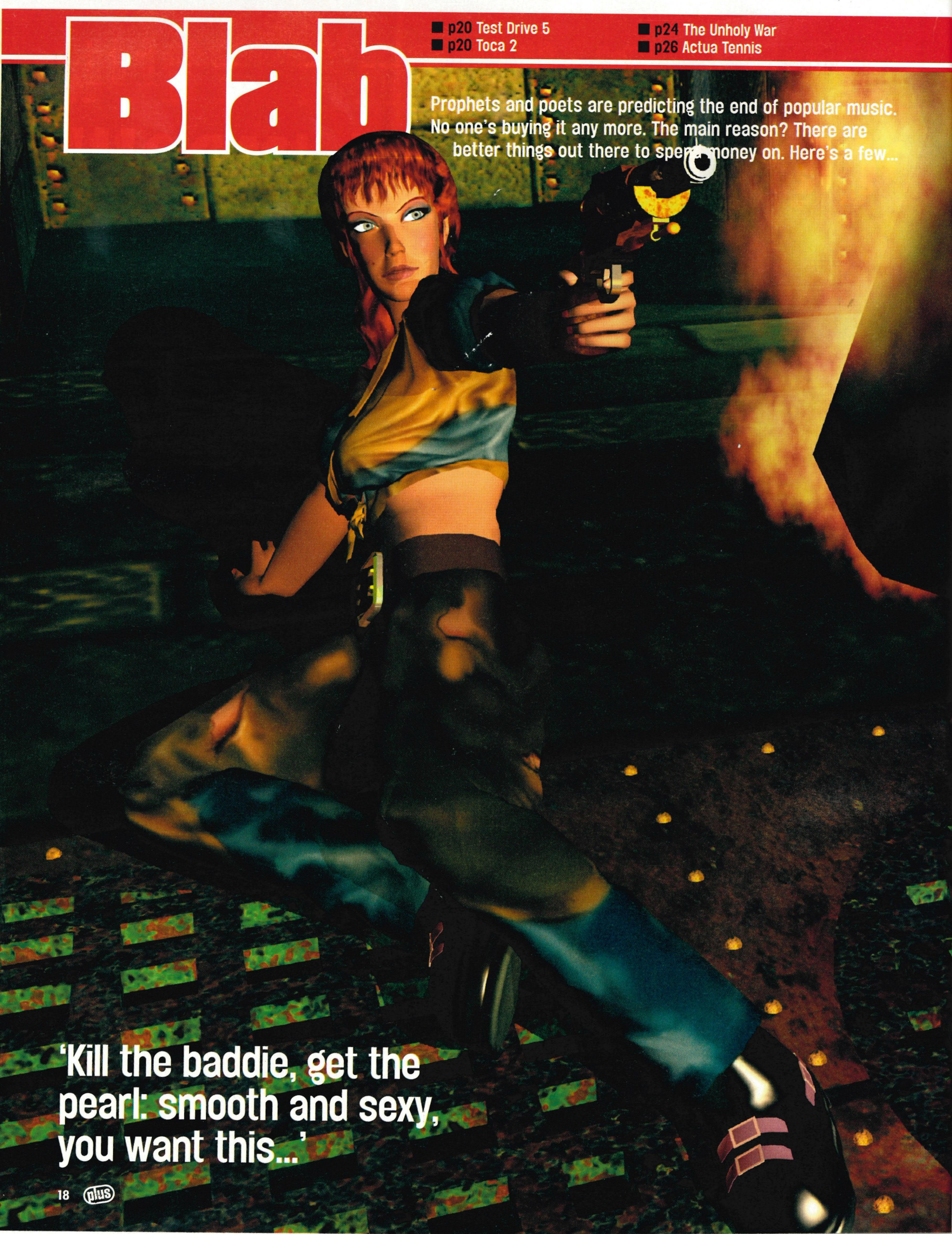
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Prophets and poets are predicting the end of popular music. No one's buying it any more. The main reason? There are better things out there to spend money on. Here's a few...



'Kill the baddie, get the pearl: smooth and sexy, you want this...'

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■ **OUT** OCTOBER ■ **BY** PSYGNOSIS ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

ODT update

Tomb Raider in space? Let's hope so!

Bring back a green pearl to your home planet, Or Die Trying. See? That's what the title means. We would have called it SDLGTTPI – or Sounds Dangerous, Let's Go To The Pub Instead.

A pox!

An epidemic has hit yer hometown (City of Calli, planet Tonantzin). Some bright spark has decided the only hope is a magical pearl. Your team goes off to get it, but on the way back the airship crashes into a mysterious tower located within the forbidden zone. Cue creepy music.

Plenty of character

Take your pick from four detailed characters. There's battle-hardened Ike Hawkins, sorcerer Archbishop Solaar, hardman Maxx Havok and a well-proportioned Julia Chase.

Each has natural and magical abilities, so pick the one to suit yer style.

Get going

Your first thought is to get yer airship up and running again, so off you trot to get repairs and gas cylinders. Unfortunately, while you're away someone goes and kidnaps the captain and makes off with the pearl. Oh bugger!

What is it?

It's a find-keys, solve-puzzles, jump-traps, crawl-along-edges kind of game. Whichever character you pick, you'll get loads of abilities to test out and plenty of spells and weapons to play with.

Levels are solid and realistic, and with 140 to explore it should take some beating.

The camera angles are looking a bit wonky at the moment, but with quality looks and heaps of challenge, ODT looks like getting top marks.



■ Hello. I'm going to shoot you now



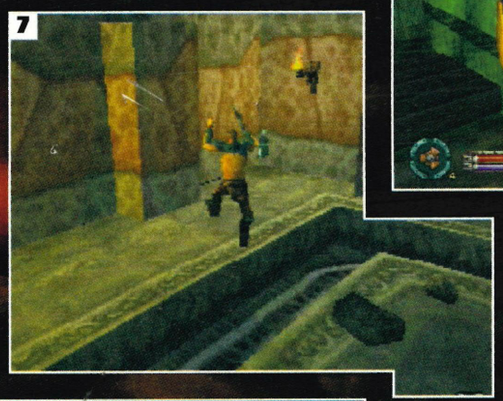
■ Get yer flamer out and burn some bastids





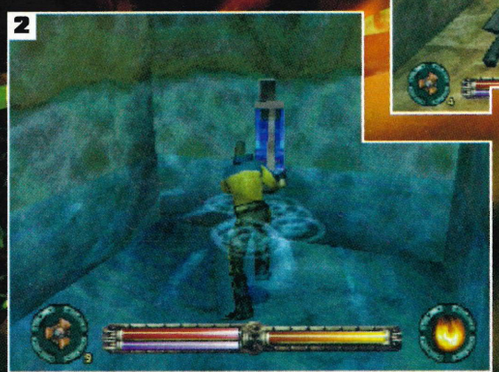
















1 Levels are detailed and solid 2 Ammunition needs to be strictly rationed 3 What happens if I pull this? 4 'Spose we couldn't just talk about it? 5 Smart weapons for every occasion 6 Flying things are really nasty 7 Jump around 8 Strike a Bond pose 9 Solve puzzles and uncover mysteries 10 Smooth and sexy – you want this



■ Who left this paddling pool?



■ Use teleports to zip about

■**OUT** TBC ■**BY** EA ■**PLAYERS** 1-2
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Test Drive 5

Five? Five?? Just how many test drives do you need, fer chrissakes?!!

Test Drive 5? What is this? Sequels that rhyme? 'Spose that means we're now gonna get Bloody Roar Four, and Broken Helix Six? All we can say is, thank Christ nothing rhymes with Spice World. Or we'd be outta here...

Sequel frenzy

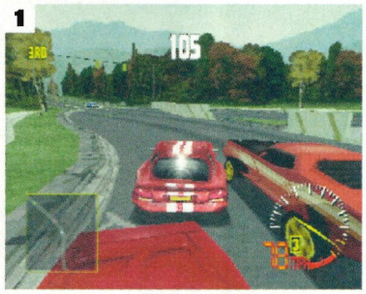
Missed out on Test Drives 1-4? Don't unwrap the razor blades just yet, you haven't missed a great deal. Fairly nice graphics and poor handling has been the name of the game so far. So what makes the boffins think Test Drive 5 will be any different?

I smell pork

For a start, this un's got a cool mode where you get to race a police car. Turn your siren on and pick up some perps. All the fun of being a coppa without joining the Masons.

Then you've got some shit-kickin' tracks which promise loadsa twists, turns and jumps. Add to that a load of ace cars, some secret ones to win and some excellent weather effects and we've got the making of a good game...

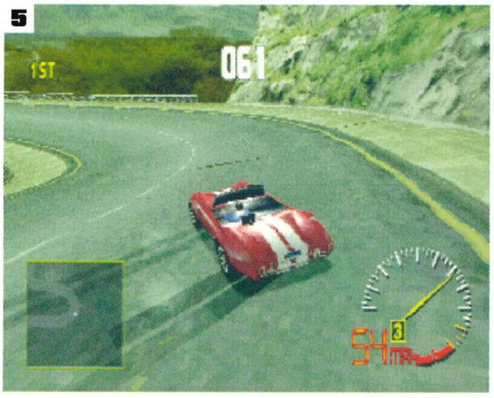
***plus** No Gran Turismo beater, we reckon. But looks like having enough cool stuff to be worth a look.*

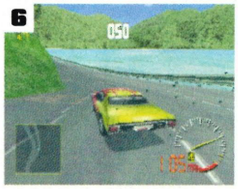


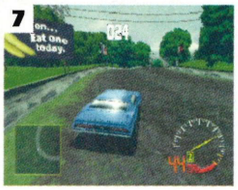












1 It can get a bit crowded out there... **2** Here's the cool bit: race a police car **3** Slick racers pull the laydeez **4** Chuck it round the cobblestones **5** Tracks can get seriously twisty-turny. And skids are awesome **6** Take the seaview **7** Can you spot the joke in this picture? Made us laugh, anyway

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

TOCA 2

Ignore the rest. TOCA 2 is gonna be bigger than Dawn French...

Gran Turismo was amazing, but it stopped short of the mark. No dents, no rolls and unrealistic crashes. What we need is a game where the car is on the edge of flippin' out big style. What we're gonna get is TOCA 2.

Even better

The original TOCA drove like a dream, and looked pretty smart. This whole new version moves quicker and smoother and is a real stunner. Graphics are sharper and more detailed, with loads of flashy effects. You can even see drivers inside all the cars!

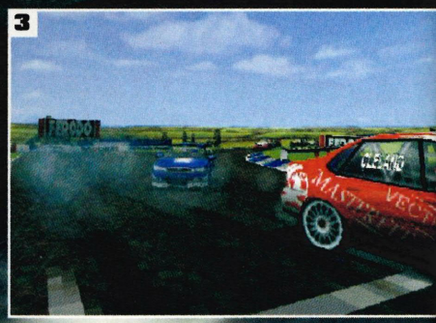
Details

Front-wheel drive cars are on the way, new drivers like Nigel Mansell are included, and pitstops mean you'll have to figure out a race strategy. Of course all the official tracks and rules will be used and each of the 16 cars on the track will be the real deal. It'll be a tough wait for November.

***plus** Forget about other racers for the time being. Save your money coz this is gonna blow yer head clean off.*











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

Zero Divide 2

Anyone fancy getting their 'bot smacked?

These droids ain't 'logical'. Matter of fact they're real angry. Give 'em half a chance and they'll go at each other hammer and tongs. If only he knew, C-3PO would turn in his grave...

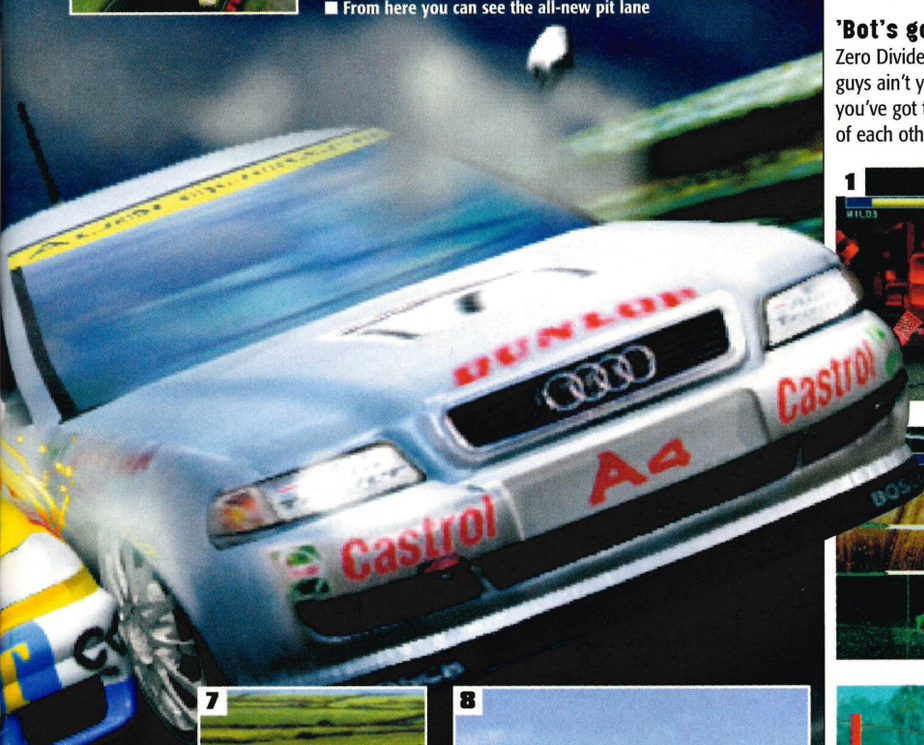
'Bot's goin' on?

Zero Divide is a beat 'em up, right? But these guys ain't yer normal chopsocky kings. Here, you've got tooled-up droids taking lumps out of each other. There's the ninja 'bot, the droid that looks like a chicken, and even a nurse unit. Er, hubba hubba...

Bits and pieces

Since these are bits of metal, not flesh and blood, punches and kicks don't hurt in the normal way. Damage is measured by the metal you shave off your enemy. Pull off a combo and you'll see shrapnel everywhere...

***plus** The version we've seen looks basic, but, hey, it's good fun kickin' the shit out of a metal guy, innit?*



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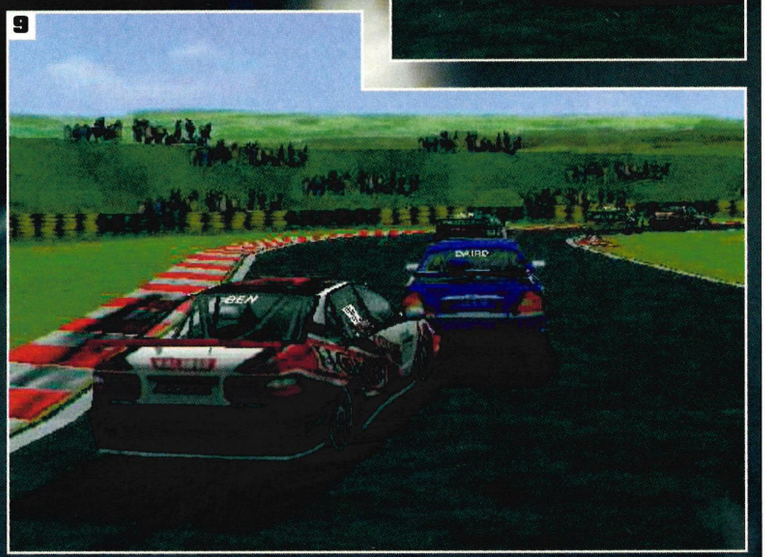

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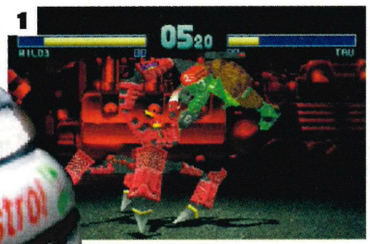

■ From here you can see the all-new pit lane

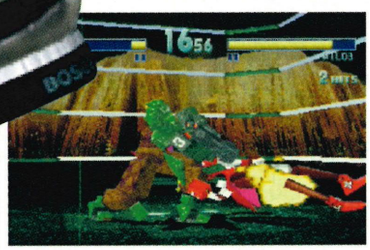
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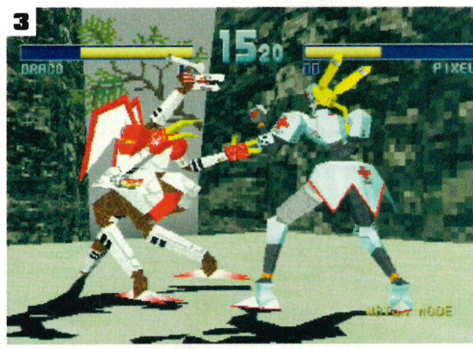

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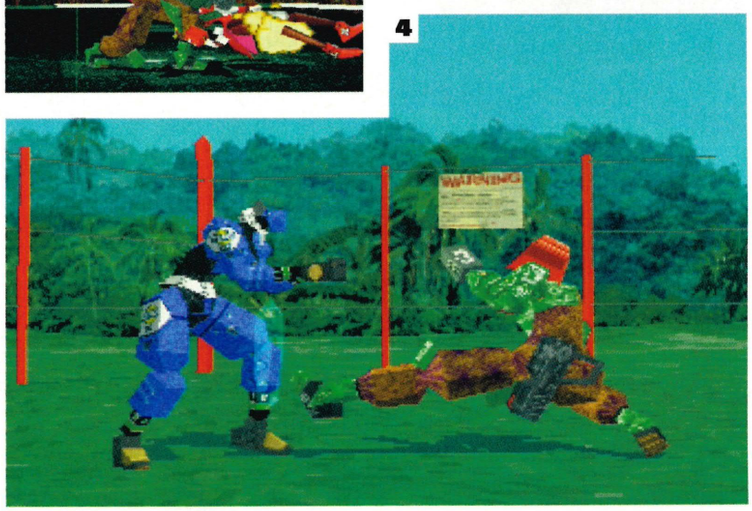

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1 Full on damage and you can see the driver. Wow **2** Road side buildings look a bit blocky **3** Smokin' **4** Tracks start off life like this **5** Sixteen cars on one narrow track **6** All the camera angles you'd expect **7** Racing is always right on the edge **8** All the right cars and drivers **9** A Gran Turismo beater?

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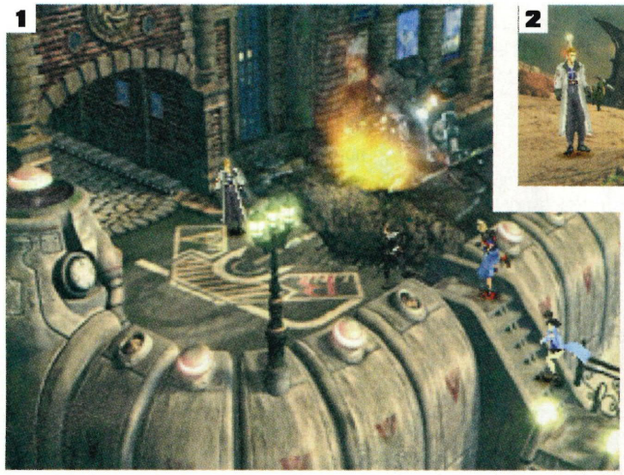

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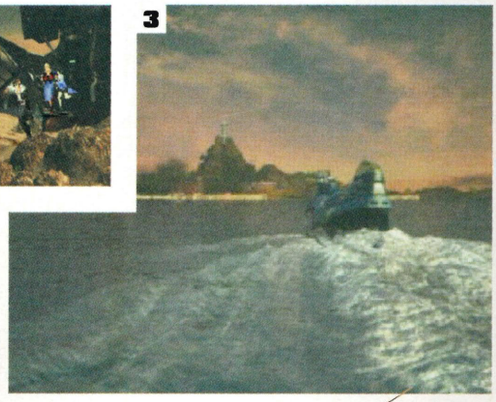

1 Big hunk o'metal goes at it with another bit of metal **2** Not doing well? Whip out yer weapon **3** If you're a droid, this is what passes for a sexy nurse outfit **4** You can paste your opponent against the wire **5** Backgrounds are, er, 'functional' **6** Chuck him over the edge. Ha! **7** Is this a mech-chicken?

■**OUT** SEPTEMBER '99 ■**BY** SONY ■**PLAYERS** 1 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK

Final Fantasy VIII









1 As you'd expect, the locations here are stunning **2** Say goodbye to Cloud, this game has an all-new cast **3** As before, movie scenes keep the story rolling along, but...**4** This time round, the in-game stuff is just as striking **5** Yup, you'll still need yer reading glasses **6** Here's Squall Leonheart, the hero of the piece. Innee a hunk, girls? **7** Yup, battle scenes. But it's all-change here, too **8** You can still expect to be running a fair amount









Epic adventuring returns, but with new gorgeous looks and an all-new plot.

We all know FFVII was big, but the next instalment is gonna be even bigger. More movie sequences, more controllable characters and almost double the gameplay. Well, what do you expect from a game taking up four CDs?

Plot

The game begins as star of the show, Squall Leonheart, leads a crack unit of troops named SeeD to an island. Once ashore they battle their way to a power generator. Just as they reach the top the unit is activated, blue sparks fly and a satellite dish unfolds... the rest of the story is so far a mystery.

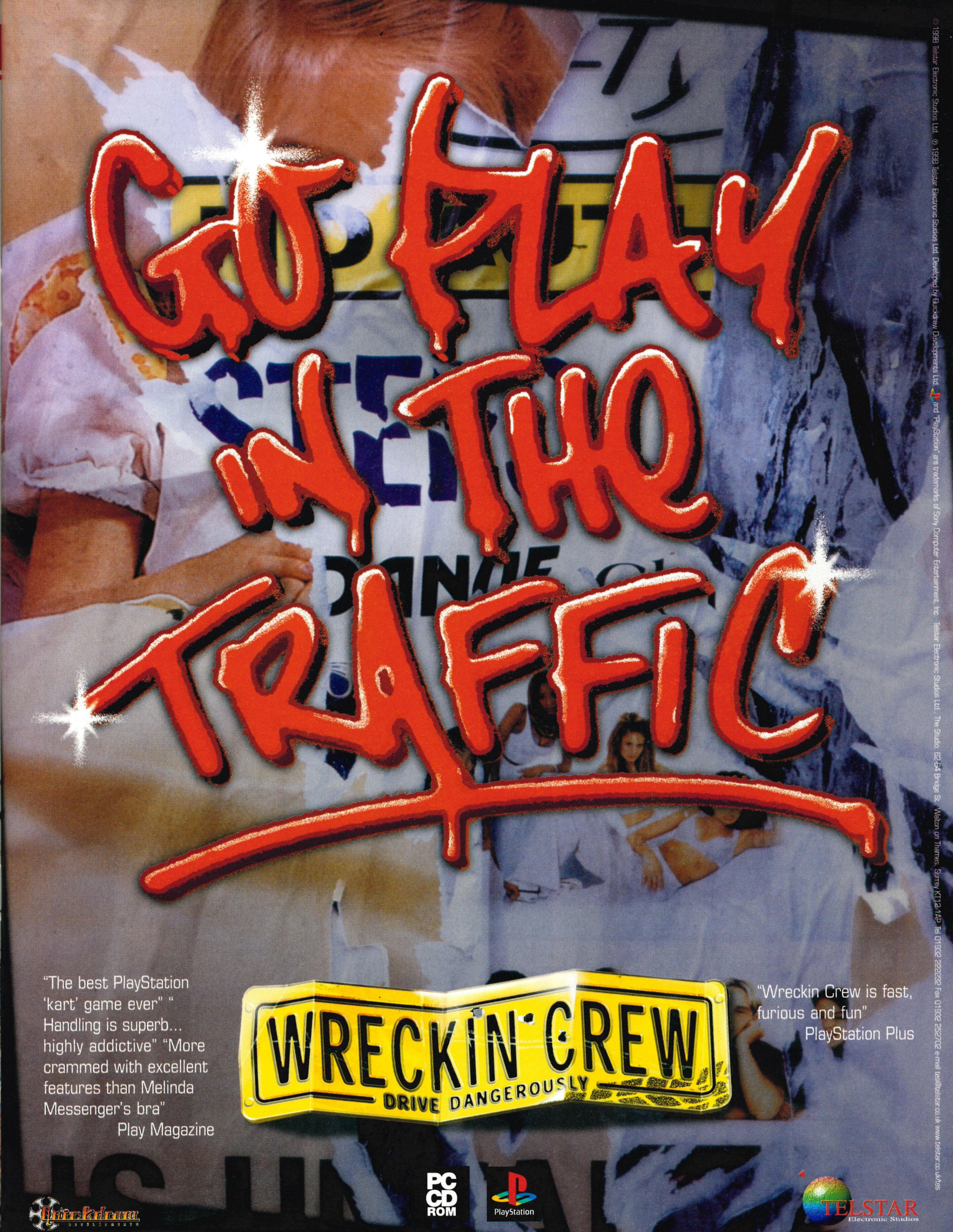
Realism

If you liked the style of the original, start panicking. There's no more cartoon-style characters. Everyone looks really realistic and the detail is better, so there's a lot less difference between movie bits and fight scenes. Expect more sub-games, too: this time sky-diving and Chocobo hunting.

Rumours

We've heard your main enemy is gonna be a virus that came from Sephiroth's body. Red XIII and Cid may also make appearances, even through action takes place in a brand new universe. Oh, and it should take you over 100 hours to complete!

***plus** Explore, fight, read text. If you freaked for the last part, you'll come in yer pants.*



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

The Unholy War

Imagine chess. Except much more violent. Much more fun...

And you thought moving figures around a board was boring? Think again. Sure, in The Unholy War you get to move your mutant men around a board. But when one of the enemy geezers steps on your turf it's fisticuffs for real. This one takes brains AND brawn.

Strategy? Yeah, right

The game's got two different modes. In strategy mode you start off on a board of hexagons and choose which one of three characters to move. Make your move, hombre, and the computer does the same. When one of you tries to take the other's hexagon, it's wartime....

When two tribes

You don't just win yer square by arriving on time. Nah, the action switches to a huge arena where you and the other geezer get to slug it out with the kind of high-tech weaponry that'd have Saddam Hussain reaching for his cheque book. Arenas are packed with power-ups and they all have loadsa hazards and obstacles.

Me and you! Come on then!

The Unholy War already looks promising in one-player. But where we reckon it'll shine is in the two-player mode. Just from the version we've seen, matching wits with a mate is a riot. And if you wanna bypass all the strategy bits, you can go straight to Mayhem mode, which lets you get right on down to the action.

Even at this early stage, The Unholy War is shaping up to be a multiplayer must.

'Like violent chess, this one takes brain AND brawn...'



■ Battle arenas are stuffed to the gills with obstacles and traps



■ See the bar at the top? That tells you what buttons use yer weapons...



■ Buy a new warrior at Warriors R Us

1 I don't wanna lava, I just need a friend **2** Take him out with some mega-pain weaponry **3** Arenas are huge, so there's tons of kiss-chasing going on **4** Spazz **5** Check out my 'I won' pose. Chicks love it **6** Here it gets all strategy as you take over hexagons **7** Like this **8** And this **9** This 'fart' move sends out methane shockwaves. We think

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

Actua Tennis

At least Sir Cliff Richard can't get up and sing in this bloody court...

Tennis? Whassat? Oh, the stuff that was on the other channel when we was glued to the World Cup. But we can turn our hands to many pastimes. Even ones starring limp little toerags like Tim Henman. And this tennis effort's looking plenty sweet...

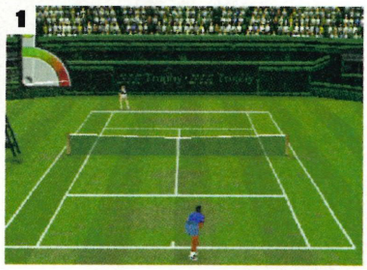
Forehand smash!

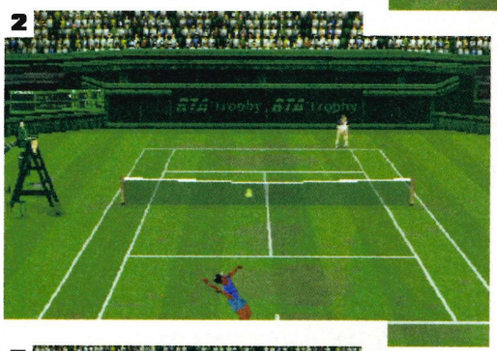
You've got a power meter you can crank right up for lethally fast serves. But the faster you wants it to go, the harder it's gonna be to hit, right. And once the action kicks off, there's loadsa kinds of shots to be a-larnin'...

Umpire, surely?

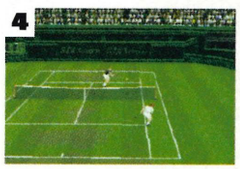
It's all way easy to pick up and have a bash, and it looks mighty fine. You can even design your own players. And it's got crisp commentary from Barry Davies. Cool.

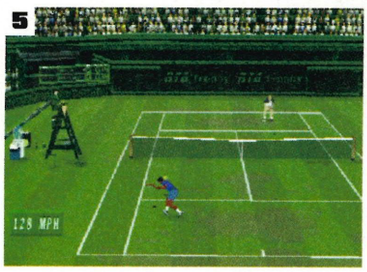
***plus** A bundle of pick-up 'n' play laffs: this is looking like it might be well worth a gander. We'll keep you posted with the latest nooze...*



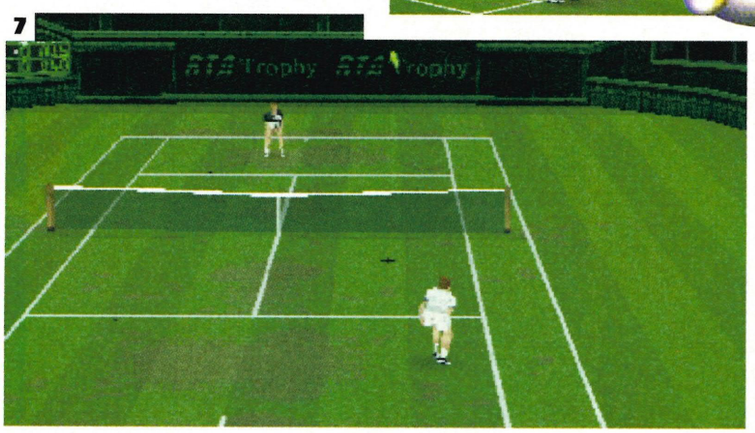












1 Get the power meter up as high as you dare... **2** And then try and hit it over the net. Fault! Damn... **3** Get it right, though, and the other bloke's in trouble **4** And yer player's pretty slickly controllable on the court... **5** So you can get some tasty rallies going **6** Designing your own blokes means you can have a giant like this fella **7** Which is kind of helpful for getting those high shots

■**OUT** NOVEMBER ■**BY** TAKE 2 ■**PLAYERS** 1
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

Monkey Hero

Cutesy games beware. The cute daddy's comin' to town..

Someone's only gone and lost the Eight Chapters of the Magic Story Book. Breathing a sigh of relief that they hadn't lost the Takeaways Section of the Magic Yellow Pages, a cutesy 'ickle fella called Monkey's gonna have to chop and magic his way through 16 dungeon's worth of 3-D Chinese weirdos to get those oh-so-crucial Chapters back...

Monkey Magic

Even though the boys who did this freely admit one of their visual inspirations was Disney – poisonous well-spring of all things cute and 'ickle – it kinda looks Japanesey and weird and just plain nice enough to tickle our tickly bits...

Ha! Monkey!

You'll be conversing with people and doing puzzles and shit, but that's just in between killing. And if you tire of victimising little blokes with your large assortment of weaponry, check out the 14 fat-ass bosses just waiting to kick your cute li'l ass...

'Loadsa weaponry and 14 fat-ass geezers waiting to kick your cute little ass'

***plus** An intriguing little number. Looks-wise it makes us drip rude stuff. Could be cool.*



■ 'Do I go in?' Monkey muses

■ Sunbeams are powerful things in the strange world of Monkey













1 Bright colours are the name of the game here 2 Spiced with loadsa Jap surrealism 3 And an unhealthy dose of Disney 4 Magic items are big on the menu 5 And big Chinese temples crop up regularly... 6 Look! Another of 'em. Sigh. Better head on in

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

Rushdown

Three healthy outdoor sports to savour in the stale-smelling twilight of your living room.

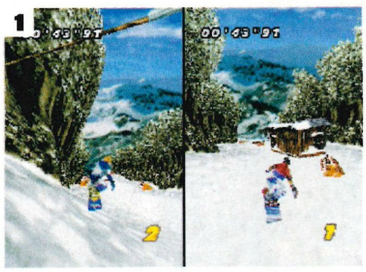
Snowboarding, mountain biking, white water kayaking. And you can now enjoy 'em without having to endure the company of the nauseatingly cheerful Yanks who take part. Cool. Rushdown's gonna be a three-in-one extreme sports effort, with you blasting down mountains to beat the local champs at their own game...

Going down

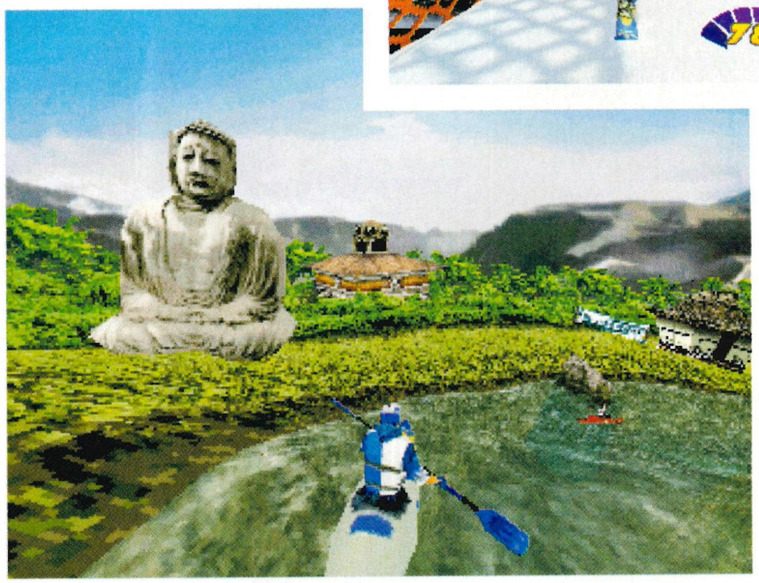
It looks like the coolest of the three sub-games is gonna be the kayaking effort. It plays pretty damn smart already, with you having to really heave on those kayak oars to stay straight.

But wait! The nice men behind the game have added a new feature where you'll take a dive into the depths of those icy mountain waters everytime you plunge over the edge of a waterfall. Cool.

plus Looking like it might be a scorcher. We'll keep you posted as more news comes in...







■ Kayaking. Dig those oars in boy, dig 'emx deep. The Buddha is watching you...



1 Snowboarding action. Gnarly, dude 2 Catch some rad air. Or something 3 Cycle! Cycle like the wind! 4 Avoid the strange long-haired geriatrics by the finish line...



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

MediEvil update

It's time to get MediEvil on some undead's ass

This game's been just around the corner for so long there's been a new time measurement invented in PlayStation land: 'BM' – before MediEvil. Still, we're REALLY sure it's definitely on its way this time. How sure? Erm, not very, actually...

Fine poontang

This game sho' is one fine-looking piece of ass. Levels look very tasty as you pilot a little chap – Sir Dan Fortescue – around, hacking anything that moves to death, solving little puzzles, uncovering secret areas, and then having yer ass kicked by end-of-level bosses... You know the drill.

Stop for a bite

There's shitloads of stuff to pick up as you make your way around the labyrinths of the evil Zarok. Swords, throwing-knives, clubs; plus cash to buy even more max dosage death.

You need heavy artillery for 20 levels, each giving you a mission to accomplish before you can get outta there.

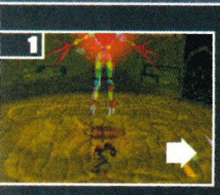
So is it worth the long wait? We reckon so. The version we're playing now is way cool. It can only get better.



■ Power up Fortescue's sword for a mega-thwump



■ Effects are looking cool



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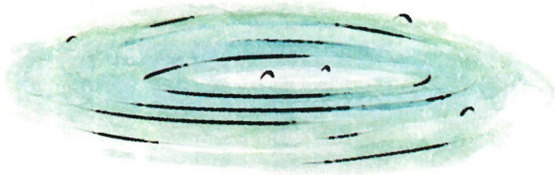
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1 Da bossman 2 He's really hard to kill, but looks good at least 3 That's REALLY hard to kill 4 Watch out for hordes of zombies after your skinny ass 5 Check out the backgrounds. Do they float your boat? They should 6 To learn something in this game you read a book 7 Levels are bleedin' her-uge, but very good-looking. Like Anna Nicole Smith. If she was good-looking 8 Let's go back to church

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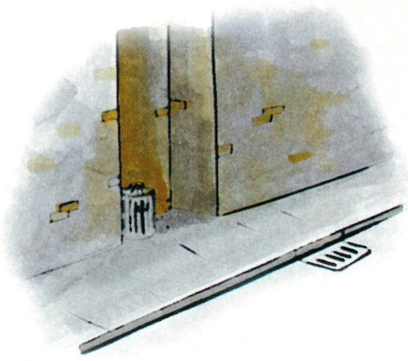
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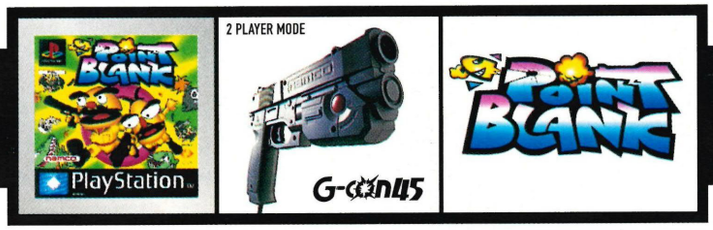
Rainbow Trout
Salmo gairdneri



Common Toad
Bufo bufo

Duck.

Point Blank. The Shoot-Anything-That-Moves game that uses the G-Con 45 gun from *Time Crisis* to blast away at deranged fluffy ducks, gnashing piranha and even the odd ninja assassin. Go out killing on your own, or against up to seven of your fellow hunters. If you're furry, feathery, scaley or slimey, take cover.



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■ **OUT** OCTOBER ■ **BY** VIRGIN ■ **PLAYERS** 1-4 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Thrill Kill

The most violent and disgusting game ever? We already like it.

Listen up MPs, there's a game coming out which is full of bondage chicks whipping each other to death. It's got special moves where you get to kick people's heads clean off. It's got other moves that are so disgusting we can't even talk about them in a family mag like this. Better get on the blower to the tabloids, eh?

Yuck

Thrill Kill is a beat 'em up like nothing you've seen before. For a start it's got the weirdest characters ever, ranging from full-on sado babes who moan orgasmically as they brain you, to psycho nutjobs who'll smash you to the floor then drag you through a pool of your own blood. More tea vicar?

Bars

The reason Thrill Kill gets so goddamn bloody is all down to a bar at the top of the screen. As soon as the scrap starts, that bar'll start building up. The first geezer to fill their bar to bursting gets to unleash the Thrill Kill where it all starts getting a bit 18-certificate. Yummy. Oh, and did we mention it's four-player, too?

Thrill Kill certainly looks the bizz and it's got gore to go. Bit limited, perhaps? We'll wait and see.



■ Like a pub, when the bar's full. the fun begins

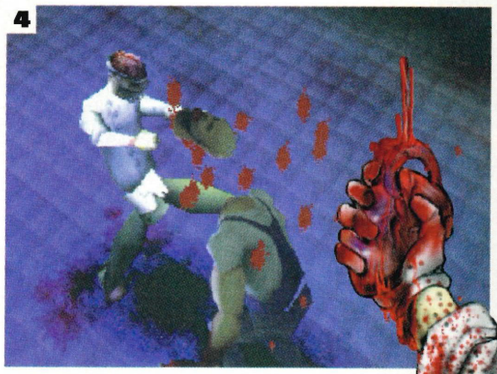














■ The death move begins. Bloke crushes girl...



■ Before pummelling her to the floor, and...



■ Ripping her legs off. Ouch





1 Characters have awesome finishing moves **2** Like nursey here, who... **3** Prongs her victim to death. Still, he went with a smile on his face **4** Trust us, they went easy on the gore here **5** In four-player, each of you gets to control a fighter. We've not seen that before **6** Oops, he lost his head. Should have been more headstrong. Etc, etc **7** Fatal femmes are out in force **8** That's the shove-it-down-the-throat combo. And it hurts



■ Oi! Who you gangin' up on?

■**OUT** OCTOBER ■**BY** ELECTRONIC ARTS ■**PLAYERS** 1 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, ANALOGUE PAD

Moto Racer 2

A decent bike racing game? Nah, surely our eyes deceive us...

Weather. Avoiding it's one of the many reasons why we choose to stay inside in semi-darkness playing PlayStation all day. But you won't be able to give it the dodge in Moto Racer 2. While you're whooping it up over 30 international courses, ol' Mama Nature's gonna be chucking rain, snow and other shit atcha. The bitch.

Makin' trax

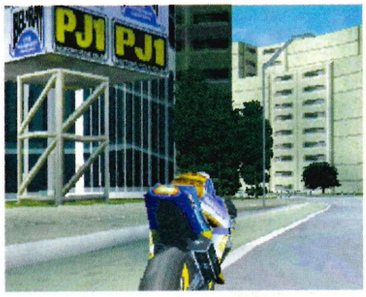
And once you've got used to all-weather dirt-bike or street-bike style racing in the arcade mode and the hyper-realistic sim mode, it's probably time to head for the track editor. Trust us, you'll want to: it rocks.

In this mode you get to be God as you tinker with the existing tracks, make up your own and even create whole new championships. Choice.

***plus** The first Moto Racer was pretty cool, but lacked polish. It looks like they've gone mental with the Turtle Wax for the sequel. This could be way cool...*



■ Graphics are gonna be ultra-sharp...



■ And the handling's gonna be pretty sweet too









1 You'll be able to choose between street-bike racing or dirt-bike action **2** The dirt tracks are pretty good for wheelies... **3** All the dirt tracks have plenty o' jumps and shit **4** And even Jason from Friday the 13th has a crack at racing...

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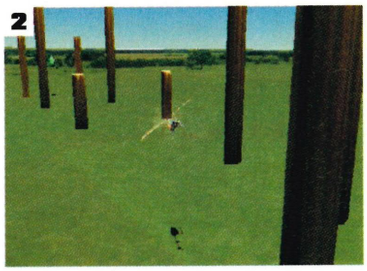
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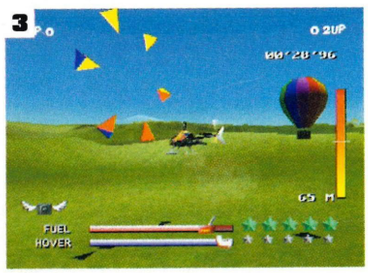
Aerial antics with tiny choppers...

We've played this chopper sim and boy is it a weird one. If you ain't already clued-up, R/C Stunt Copter a flying game where you've got to pilot an itsy-bitsy helicopter through a series of tough obstacle courses.

Anyway, the game's rock solid 'cos the analogue controls are dead sensitive. However, there's a trainer mode where you strap stabilisers on to your bird, to stop her from flying off uncontrollably. Hmmm, sounds saucy.

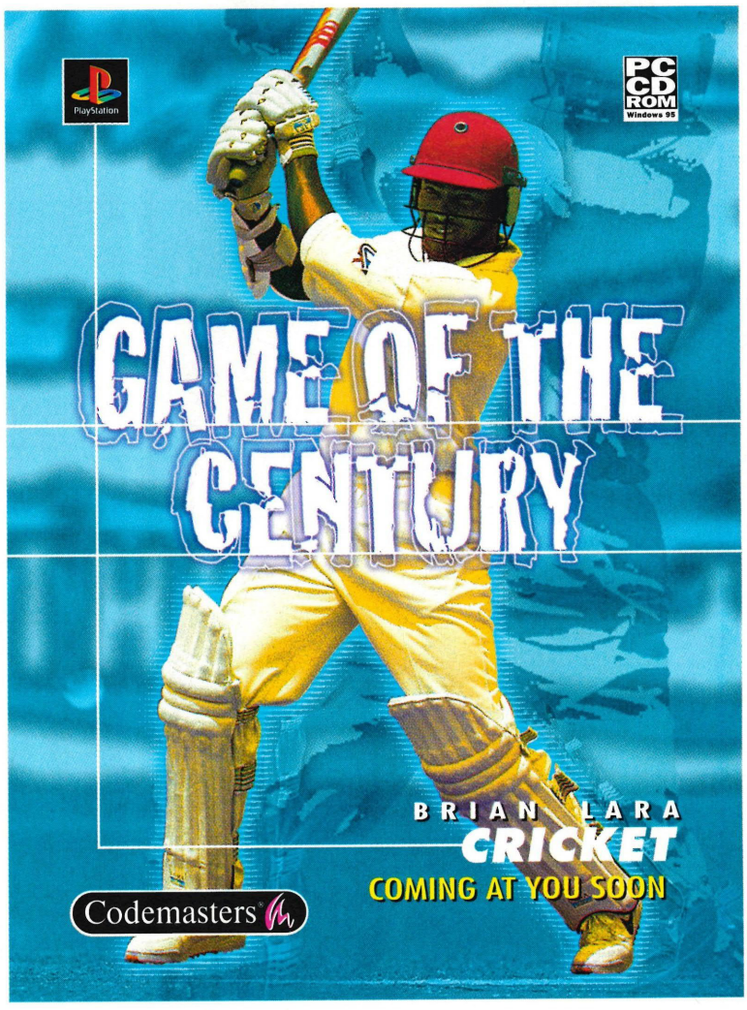
***plus** Considering it's a full-on sim we reckon it could be a bit of a geek's game. Could be wrong though...*







1 OK, so they look like the ping-pong ball you give cats to play with, but they actually make it easier to land **2** Look, the scenery hasn't been completely sorted yet. Hopefully the trees will have leaves... **3** Be careful with yer sticks otherwise you'll crash



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

Bust a Groove













Use key combos to strut yer funky stuff on the dancefloor. Just feel those beats.

Shooting games, fighting games, driving games... they all follow a similar route. But once in a while a game turns up that's right off the map. Say hello to the new breed – the dancing game.

Pick a punter

Beats are pumpin', lights pulsing. Tunes are in yer veins. Suit up as a Hip Hop homeboy, Techno head, Disco loverboy, Soul burger man, Kitty cat clubber... Now head for a dance-off. Whoever puts together the coolest moves wins.

Do what?

On each level the music changes, but the idea is the same. Tap keys in time to the rhythm and you'll be doing a merry dance. Get a move right and a new one opens up for you. Then try pulling off tricky combos to strut some super moves and slap down yer opponents.

Plus says: Amazing to watch, not so mad to play. Worth the cash if you fancy something different.

1 Get a sequence of steps right and pull a freeze move **2** The Capoeira are a couple of aliens who do Brazilian dance moves **3** A power bar shows how well you're dancin' **4** This Hip Hop homeboy has got a quality beer belly **5** Hiro smokes fags and combs his quiff as he grinds to the groove

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

Small Soldiers

Ickle men with big tempers. And even bigger guns...

update

You're a little soldier. Chances are the bigger soldiers call you 'Tiny' or 'Titch.' Maybe that explains why you're so pissed off, and why you spend hours running around huge cavernous levels blasting droids and shit. And why your only friends are weirdo mutant animals...

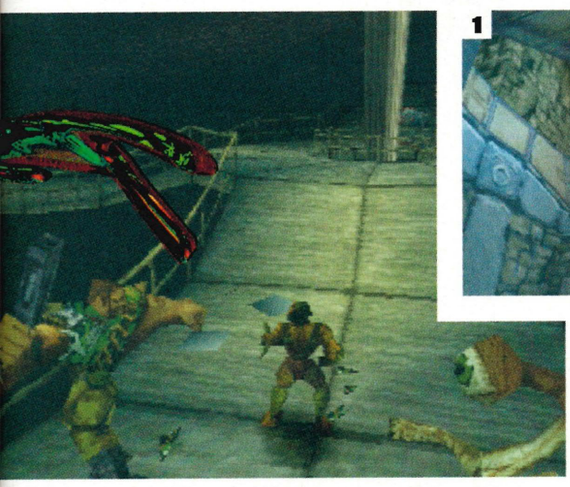
Helping hand

Haring around levels reducing androids to paperclips can be a lonely business. Thank god you can summon up help, then. Yup, at the touch of a button a special little helper will appear. Mind you, he's a strange, mutant, hideous-looking helper who was probably ignored by all the other helpers at helper school... But don't be ungrateful.

Never-ending enemies

The levels are massive and all mission-based so you need to find and pick up items to get out. They're also full of scum trying to cap your ass. And, don't expect to clear the level then wander around at your leisure, 'cos they keep on coming back. In fact, from what we've seen, this game is rock hard at times...

***plus** Smooth graphics and gameplay make this one to watch. It should have a two-player mode when it finally appears.*



■ See that bloke? He's got his eye on you. Arf arf...



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1 Your lickle soldier can take lickle looks around the lickle levels **2** The centre bit's where you exit levels **3** Levels have little missions, like activating these green things **4** Use jets to propel yourself upwards. Handy **5** Characters can grab and hang. After me: grab and hang **6** Collect the blue thing

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

Pocket Fighter

Get yer nappy on and go, 'Waaaah!' with this little baby fighter.

It's a simple question: what do you do when people start getting tired of fighting games? Easy: turn the fighters into babies and throw them into a scrap. Pocket Fighters features guys from Street Fighter, but shrinks 'em down and throws in some larfs. It's fun and fast – a two-year old could do it. Ha, ha.

It's a gem

Pick up gems from the arena floor, to charge up special moves. Practise your moves until you're a shit-kickin' killer baby! There are also some really flash combos and lots of special attacks. Pick up that rattle and come out fighting!

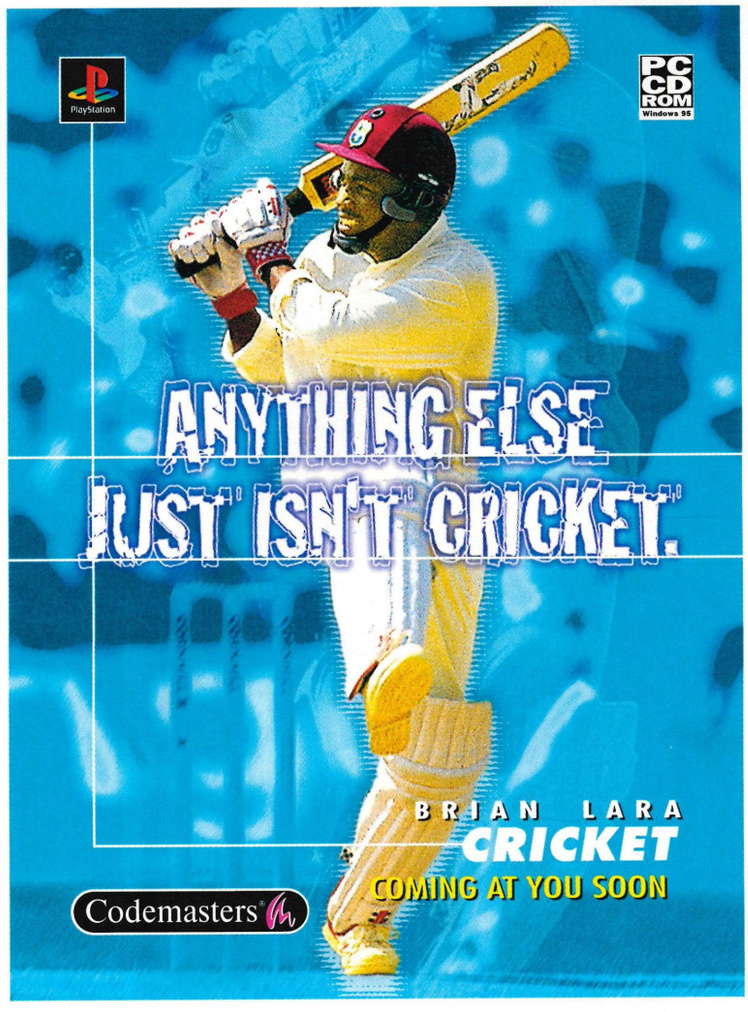
***plus** At last, something different in the Street Fighter crowd. We like this – but only because we're warped and twisted.*



■ Directing traffic has never been this much fun



■ Finish them off in style



■ **OUT** TBC ■ **BY** GT INTERACTIVE ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Biofreaks

Mangled muties in maul 'em up madness!

Biofreaks is a tasty-looking beat 'em up but with none of the chopsocky action you'd normally expect. For a kick-off, each of the eight fighters you get to select is armed with a kick-ass weapon, and action takes place in huge arenas where players can use jump jets to reach high-up places and rain hot death on the enemy. Nasty...

Ugly? Oh yeah

These guys are ugly. Jeez, even after 12 pints, the strongest beer-goggles are gonna mist up with this lot. To make up for it, they've all got loadsa moves, including a dodge button, a charge which'll send yer opponent arse over tit, and a shield you can activate to make yourself temporarily invulnerable.

It takes guts...

And if all that ain't enough to tempt you, Biofreaks is also chock-full of guts and gore. String the right moves together and you get to pull a geezer's arm off. Some of the fighting arenas even have deadly obstacles, like a set of rollers you can push a fighter into and mash him to pulp. We like.

plus There are some very cool ideas here, and bucket loads of blood and gore which is gonna make sure this one stays on our 'one to watch' list.



■ Mike's trainers became so smelly that Jo was forced to take action...











■ Big weirdo muthas are all over this game...

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

Wild 9 update

Teenage wild things comin' atcha...

Wildly late by at least nine months? Well, maybe, but what the hell, at least it looks like it's going to be worth the wait. If you missed last month's preview, the game features a group of teens set to save mankind from Karn, who's out to take over the universe.

Rigged up

The latest levels we've seen look better than ever. The graphics really do kick ass, and although the pace of the platform levels is still a little slow you can forgive them when you see the graphics. The lighting effects just have to be seen to be believed and the overall design is really cool. All in all this is shaping up very nicely.

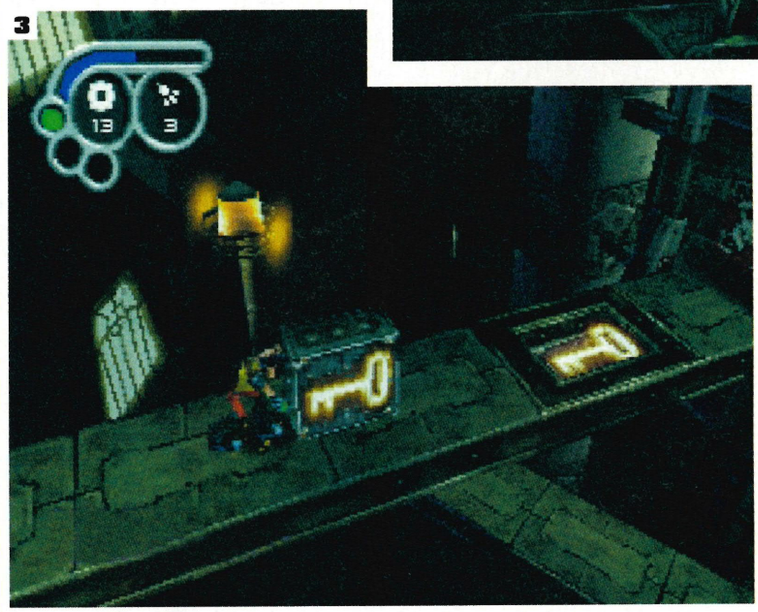
Spicy

Newer areas we've seen add a touch of variety. The sky fall is a punch out with a robot, as you fall down a huge pipe. The chase stages are saner and work like Star Wars speeder bike scenes, but with missiles.

***plus** Looks better every day. Extra levels add extra interest, and if they'd speed the thing up, we'd have no complaints at all.*



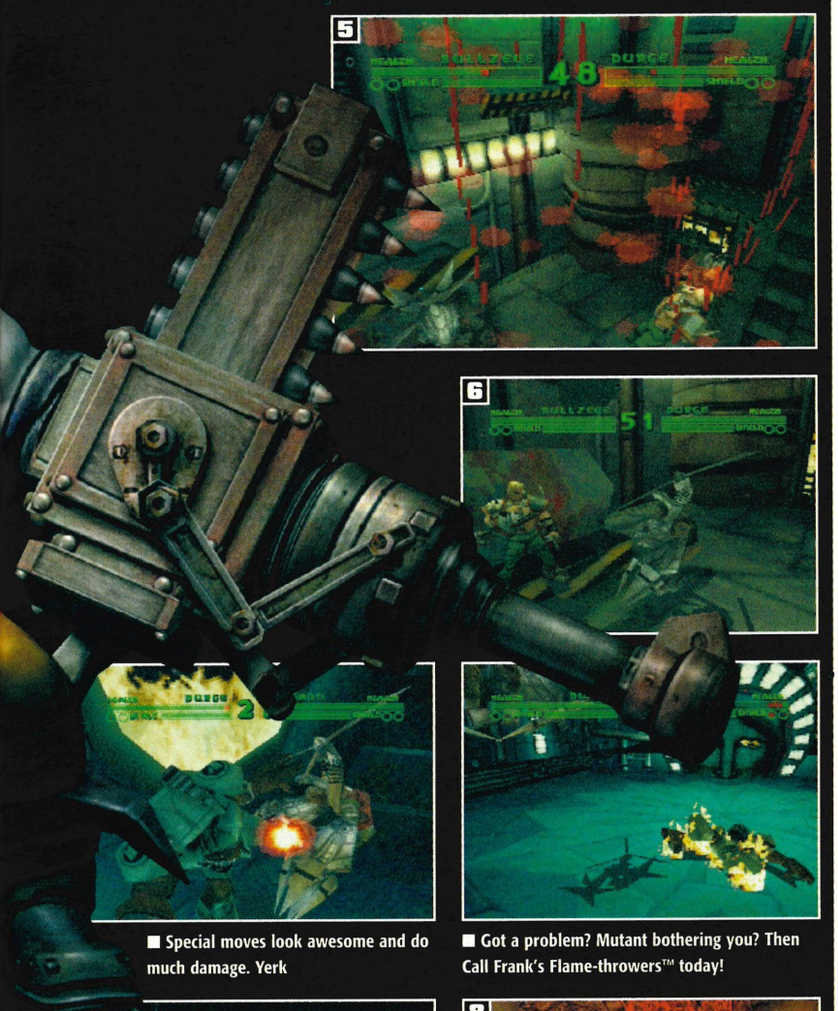






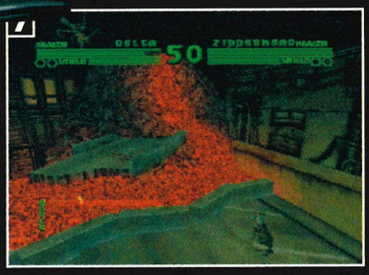


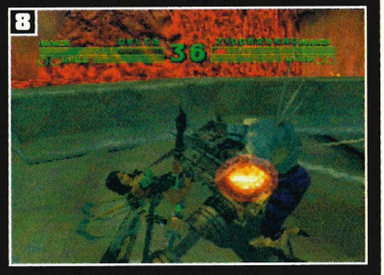
1 A robo-bastard tries his hand at the new sport **2** Spike pit in your way? **3** The puzzles ain't exactly difficult **4** Burn through a spooky swamp on your sky-cycle **5** But make sure you avoid the trees

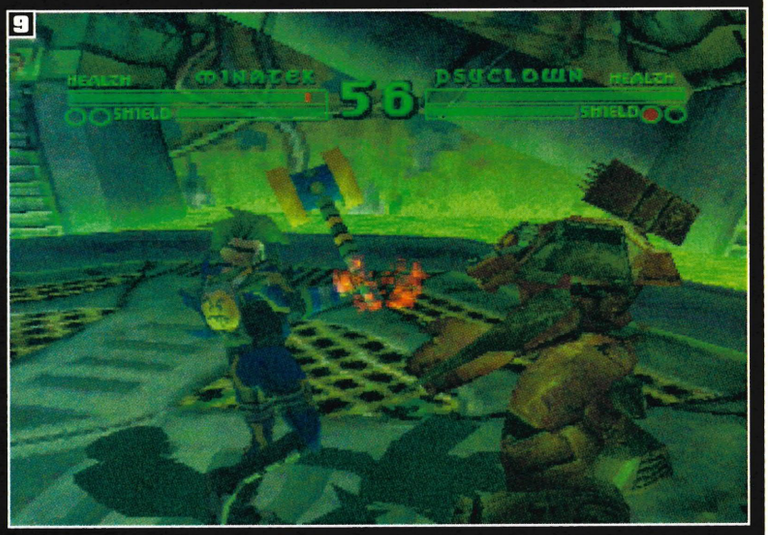


■ Special moves look awesome and do much damage. Yerk

■ Got a problem? Mutant bothering you? Then Call Frank's Flame-throwers™ today!







1 This charge is a devastating move... **2** And this is a teleport move. Guaranteed to confuse the hell out any mutie **3** That's warm **4** Yup, you can take to the skies for mid-air dogfights **5** Bloody hell **6** That roller will sting **7** You can't hide in lava **8** Hurty special move **9** Hammer time!

■**OUT** OCTOBER ■**BY** ELECTRONIC ARTS ■**PLAYERS** 1-2 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK

Knockout Kings

Smack shit out of Lennox Lewis – go on, you'll love it

If you've ever got pissed, watched a big fight on TV and thought 'I could 'ave him'; this one's for you. Swagger towards the ring, flip over the ropes and stand toe-to-toe with some of the best fighters ever to pull on boxing gloves.

Top dogs

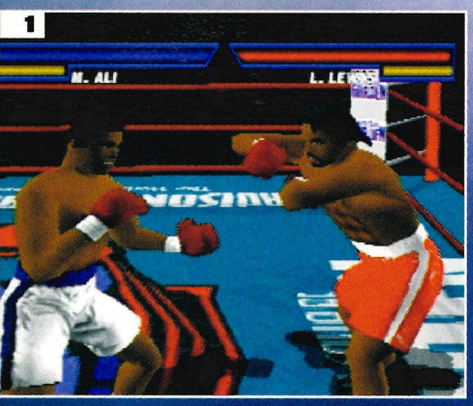
Knockout Kings is stuffed with 38 top class boxers, including all the really big fish. Take on Muhammad Ali, Evander Holyfield, Sonny Liston, Larry Holmes, Lennox Lewis... about the only one missing is Naz. Check out the screen and see how all of stars are spot on.

Meaty

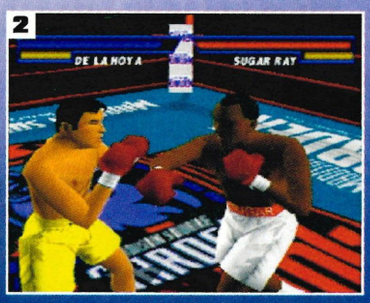
Rounds get pretty meaty as you land jabs, uppercuts and hooks. Each boxer also makes use of real-life special punches and taunts. From what we've seen action is fast and the graphics smooth.

Best of all though, you can look out through the eyes of yer man as you're fighting and then watch your opponents' faces start to swell and bleed.

***plus** Plenty of moves, smart graphics and all the big names. This is gonna be quality.*



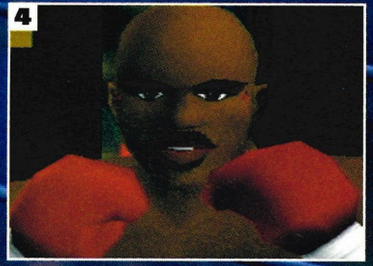
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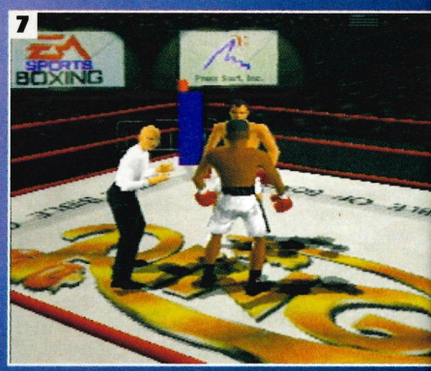
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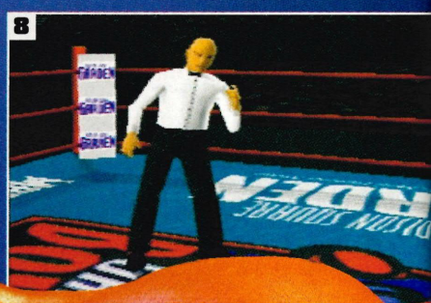
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1 Just who is the king of the ringers..? **2** Putting together the ultimate fight **3** Never one to be afraid of the odd jab **4** The man out of Hot Chocolate? **5** Glove, glove me do **6** It's gonna be the clash of the Titans **7** Clean fighting and no ear biting **8** The man in the middle don't take no shit **9** Naz isn't here, but he's left his natty shorts. Luckily.

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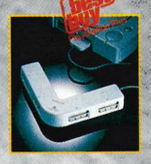
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Hey Future Cop, better stock up on future coffee and future donuts...

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Future Cop LAPD

update

Stomp, hover and blast yer way through Los Angeles. It's tough being a cop...

Let's get this straight. Yank cops. They're the lard-asses with a taste for coffee and donuts? Well, according to this game they're champions of the law, fighting unselfishly to save the universe. Shurely shome mishtake...?

Two for one

Forget storyline. All you need to know is that it's the future and things ain't looking too hot. Hop into a transformer, get yerself hyped-up and clean up the streets. Stamp into the battlezone with guns blazing and if you need to go faster, turn your ride into a hover tank.

Missions from hell

Twelve manic levels are based in LA. Visit Griffith Park, Venice Beach or LAX Space Port. You've got missions to complete: rescue hostages, cut out car-jackings, infiltrate gangs, and of course, spearhead attacks.

Top dog

We've seen a new version of this puppy and it's top quality. Blasting action is meaty, enemies are enormous and lighting effects are extreme. Plus, from what we've seen, the two-player mode is really gonna get you going.

This baby keeps getting better. Furious blasting action with cool effects should do the job nicely.

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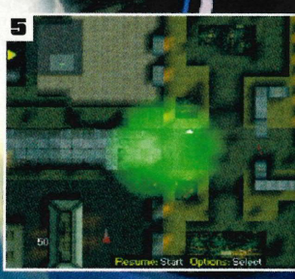
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■ Cameras zoom in and out of the action



1 Run for your lives pathetic humans 2 Transforming from robot to hovercraft 3 Explosions radiate light. Cool 4 Enemies attack from all directions, including above 5 Use a map to locate targets 6 Some of the ships and tanks are 'uge 7 Has the enemy vaporised or turned into a giant disco ball? 8 These bat things kick off at the beach 9 Multi-directional fire 10 Destroy the enemy base

■ **OUT** OCTOBER ■ **BY** JVC ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

Victory Boxing 2

Wad yer jaw with towelling. It's time to bleed, daddio...

update

Ah, boxing. The sport that means a psychotic Neanderthal like Mike Tyson can spend at least some of his life outside prison.

And now you get your chance to be one of the big, brainless, battering boys: Victory Boxing 2's a full-on comboed-up boxfest, with all the purpled faces, red blood splatters, and passing out cold on your feet of the real thing.

But it ain't just gonna be another beat 'em up: there's a whole lot of boxing strategy in there, and a really different feel from your average chopsocky punch-up...

Red sauce with that, Sir?

You can switch into an up-close-and-personal view where it's just your opponent's head in front of your big fat fists battering his chops. The hot news is there'll be different boxers, from weedy gals to hulking steroid freaks...

***plus** Looking fast, furious and pretty damn hurty. Could be mighty fine...*



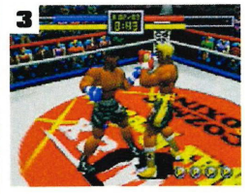
■ It came the time for the fat boys to slug it out

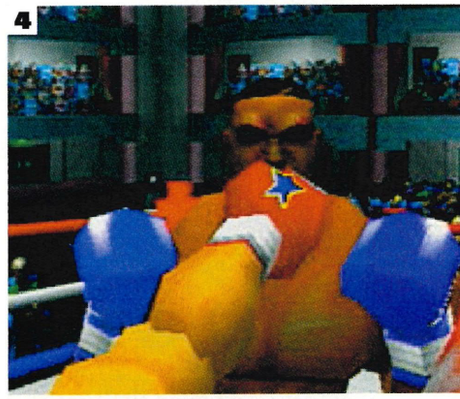


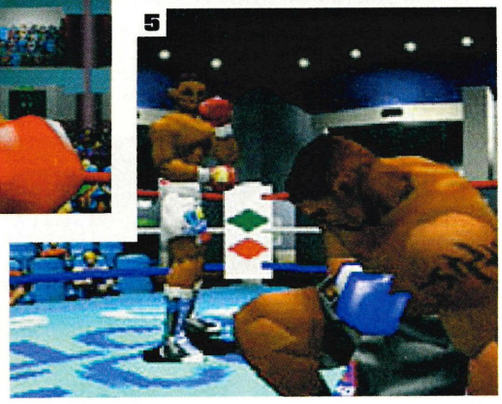
■ Yeah, come here and tell me I've got a stupid haircut













1 Fist in the chops. That's gotta hurt 2 Big raking punch in the nose... 3 Defence is gonna be as important as attack... 4 See? 5 You goin' down, fat man 6 And that goes for you too, Bluto

■**OUT** OCTOBER ■**BY** ACCLAIM ■**PLAYERS** 1-4 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MOUSE

Constructor

Tired of laying about? Then do some work...



The aim of Constructor is to build up an empire by, um, constructing things. You can build woodyards, steelyards, gadget factories and houses. Once you've done some building, make cash by charging tenants way over the odds for rent.

Did you buy a PlayStation so you could build things and play at being an estate agent? Us neither. But, we'll give it a fair go...

Clowns! Fahsands of 'em!

Truth is, if the idea smells like year-old knob cheese, the game itself ain't looking too bad. Constructor actually looks like being fun. You'll have to fend off the mob on your rise to power, keep the unions happy, beat up the enemy and make sure hippies and psycho clowns don't get to take over your housing estates. And that'll mean keeping on your toes.

Loadsa mates!

From the looks of things this is not gonna have your eyes out on stalks with its graphic brilliance. And, because it's a strategy game, its looks are quite basic, although it really should have some cool movie bits in there somewhere. All that and it's got the option to go multiplayer, so you and up to three mates can build 'em up against each other...

***plus** Shaping up to be an absorbing and funny experience. We'll let you know.*

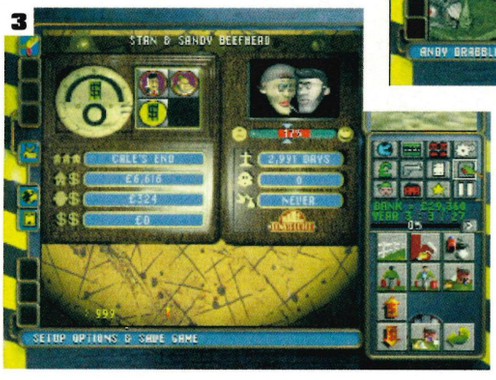
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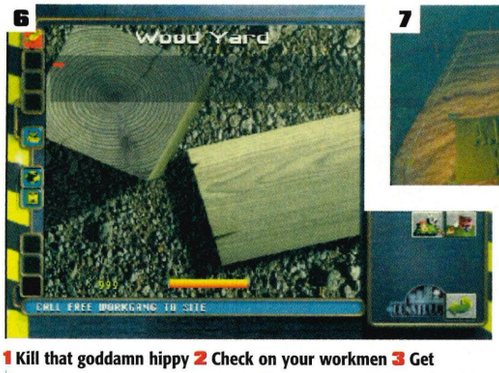
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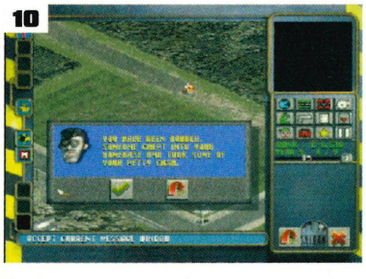
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1 Kill that goddamn hippy **2** Check on your workmen **3** Get tenants in for the houses you build **4** Trouble can flare up anytime at one of your sites **5** Choose a plot to build on **6** Check you've got the raw materials **7** And don't muck it up **8** Select the right type of house **9** Get the men working **10** Shit! We've been done

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

B-Movie

Like a videogame version of Mars Attacks. Yak ka ka ka.

Do you get the feeling games take themselves too seriously? Long-winded storylines, stupid character names, realism taken so far it's boring. Thank God for B-Movie. It's a pisstake and it's fun.

Mad?

Yup, it's a shoot 'em up, but not as we know 'em. For starters the graphics are smart and solid, but off their tits at the same time. It's kinda like a cross between a whacked-out cartoon and an old black and white sci-fi.

Kill, kill, kill

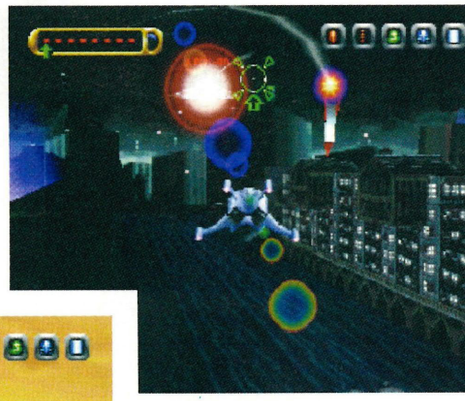
In here you've got Martians bombing around in ridiculous saucers, burning civilians and stealing cattle. Your task is to stop the alien filth and you'll need to complete a series of missions to get the job done. Weapons and power-ups are super-hard, effects are dazzling. Collect alien parts to build new ships to destroy everything.

plus *Super-fast, slick and sexy. Not a massive release but could be a winner.*









■ Homing missiles ahoy!







1 Oops – mission failed. You're not meant to blow everything up **2** Guard helicopters from the alien menace **3** Kiss my plasma beam green boy – taking out a mothership **4** Explosions are all big and chunky **5** Get scientists researching alien technology **6** Build yourself new spaceships. They're not all fast and sleek

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■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** GT ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Duke Nukem: Time To Kill

The man with the one-liners and a big shooter goes back for more...

You know a game is gonna be way cool when the intro stars birds in G-strings rubbing themselves up and down poles in a strip joint. Yeah, yeah. We know there's more to life than fit girls, but it's a good start.

Naked Lara?

The first Duke Nukem was a Doom-style game. This time Duke is much more like Tomb Raider, only with less puzzles and more death. On the first level you can even find Lara's togs hanging up in a wardrobe. Pity you don't get to see her running around in her smalls though.

Slaughter time

Most of your time is spent slaughtering pigmen, aliens and a bunch of other ugly buggers. To wipe 'em out more accurately, one of the shoulder buttons lets you zoom in like a gunsight.

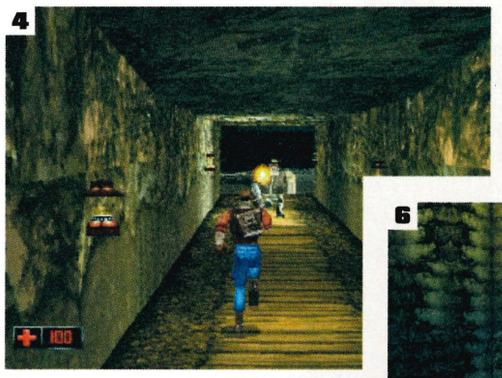
The stages get you to travel through different times, like the Wild West and ancient Rome. And as if all that weren't enough you can destroy loads of the scenery.

***plus** Big guns and bombs, tons of killing and a warped sense of humour. Duke is back with a bang.*













1 If it moves, kill it. If it doesn't move, blow it up **2** Who'd have though Duke would be a cross dresser? **3** Deathmatch. Yeah baby **4** Like Tomb Raider, but more blood **5** Pigs are back in town **6** Mostly you just go around being anti-social

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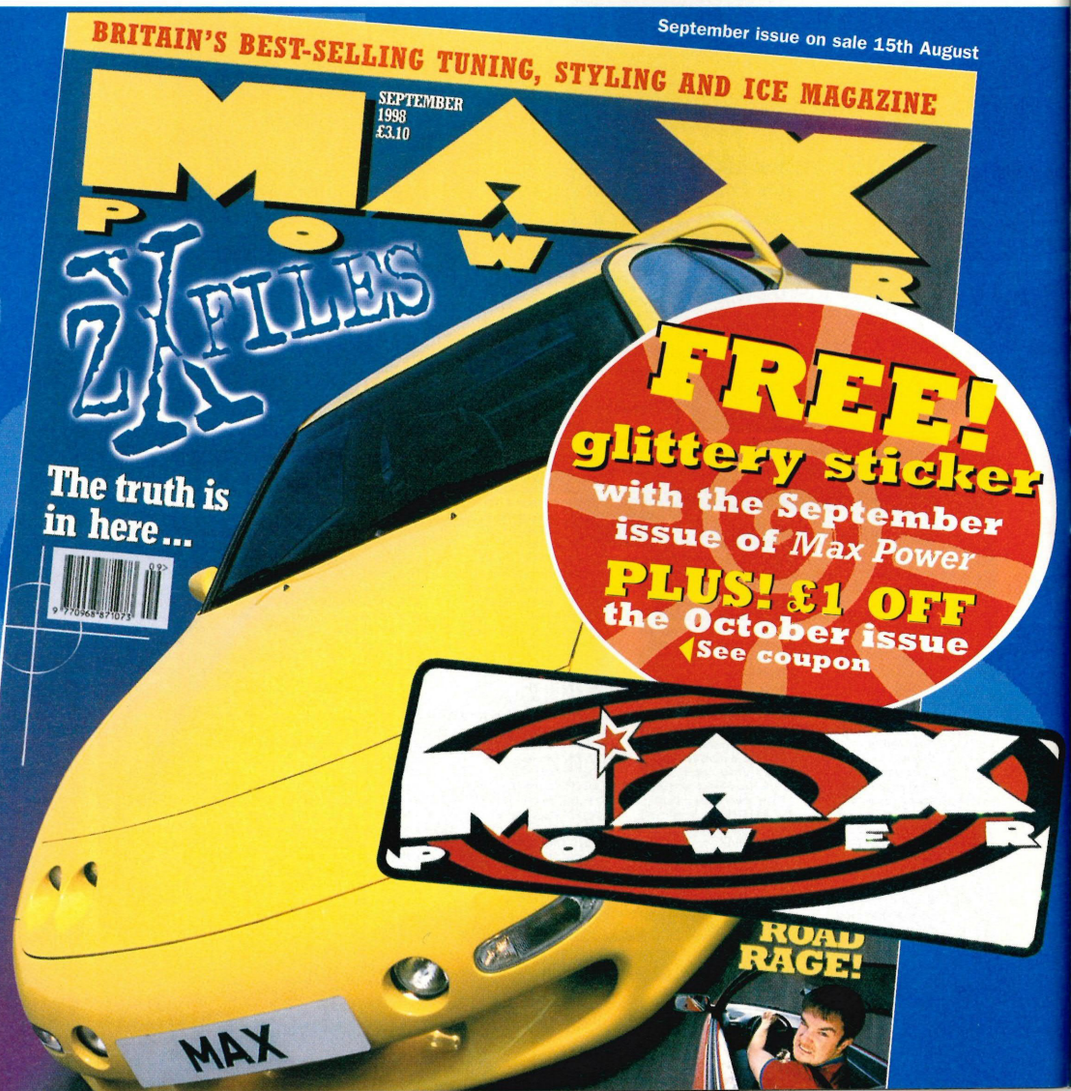
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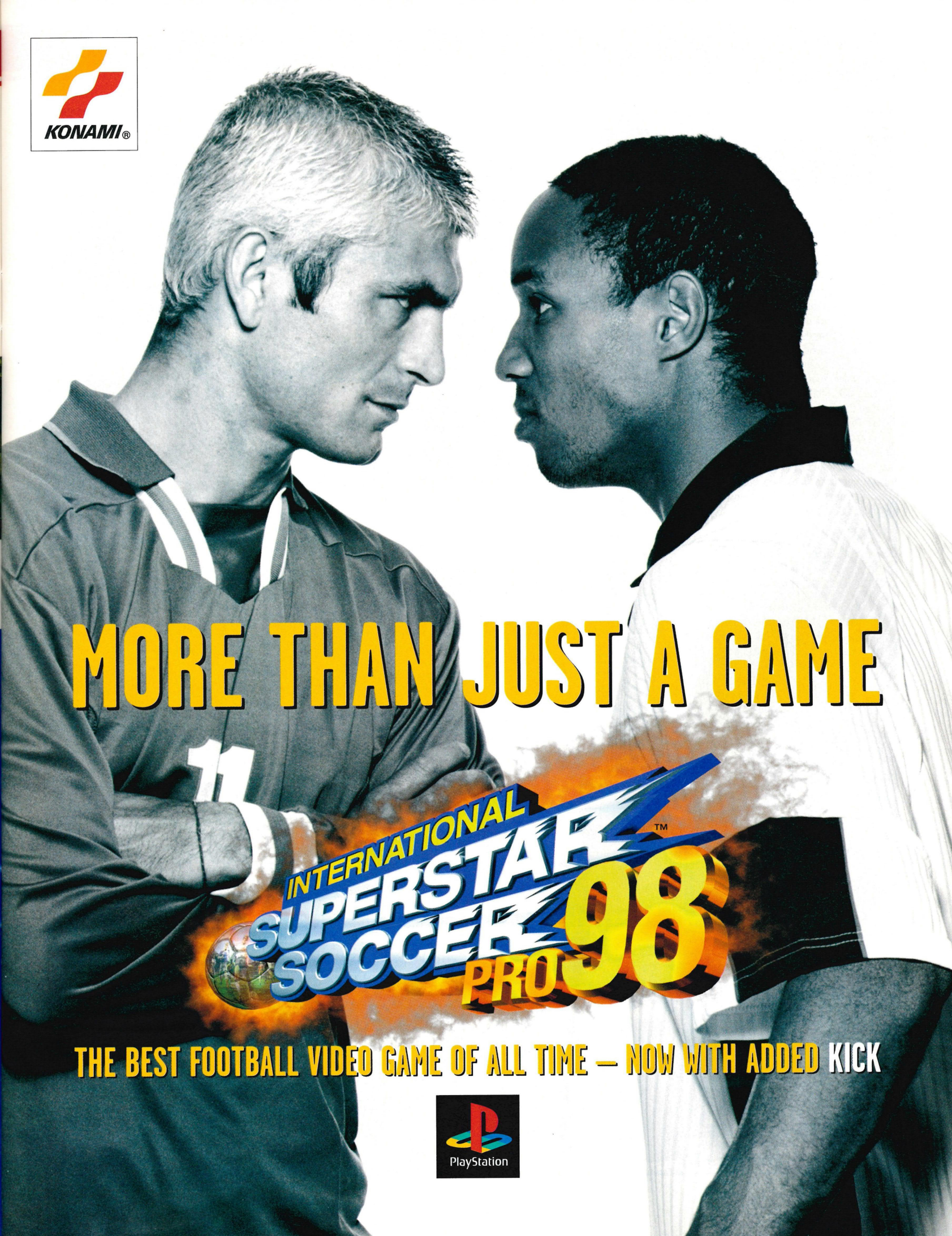
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■ **OUT** DECEMBER ■ **BY** CORE DESIGN

Tomb Raider 3

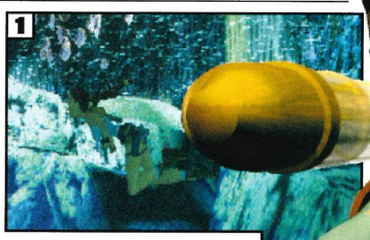
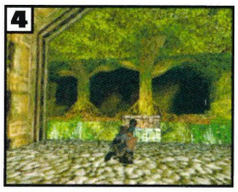
More weapons, bigger levels, sexy new outfits, extra moves, more vehicles and harder puzzles. Tomb Raider 3 is set to be the ultra sequel and we've got the inside info.

The new story starts millions of years ago when a giant meteor smashes into Antarctica. A volcanic island is formed and bits of the big rock do strange things to life forms. Polynesians discover the area and build an alter around the meteor core. Decades later the shrine is looted and artifacts stolen. Your job is to track 'em down.

Lara kicks off her quest in India and she can then choose to explore London, the Nevada Desert or Pacific Islands in any order.

In each location there'll be cool vehicles for her to test out. Jump on a quad-bike, check out a sub motor, take on rapids in a Kayak. At one stage you'll even get to play with a gun turret. We'll bring you much, much more next month.





1 Underwater lighting will fuse yer brain cells **2** Levels are twice as big **3** Water spills out of the temple **4** Now Lara crouches **5** Looks like the Lost World Gates **6** Firing one of the new weapons

Expendable

■ **By:** Rage ■ **Out:** Oct

If big explosions are your bag, then Expendable could be just the thing. It's a third-person 3-D blast-'em-to-bits extravaganza starring brave space marines (natch) up against planet after planet of genocidal alien scum. You take command of a platoon leader, and then it's just kill, kill, kill. With biiig explosions. Cool.



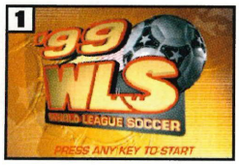
■ Space Marines in alien-scum kill-fest

■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** EIDOS

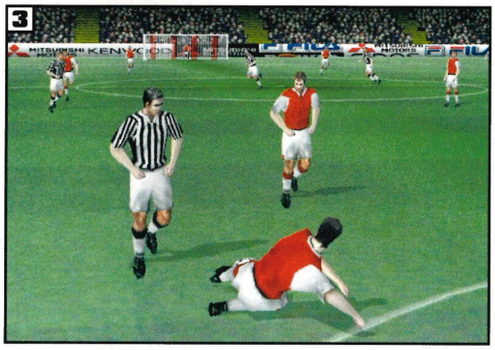
World League Soccer 99

One of the best footy games invented is up for a major facelift. Graphics will be sharper and more detailed, player models more solid and life-like and animation should flow faster than Champagne at an upper class twit's wedding do.

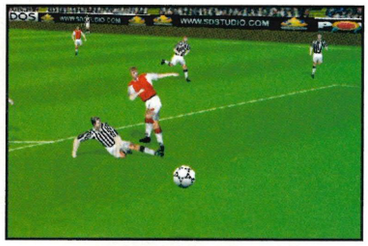
Stadiums are in for an overhaul. Crowds should jump about, floodlights are tarted up for better shadows and even the sun will set during a match. How romantic. Statistics for players and teams are being updated and you'll be able to pick from league, arcade, cup, custom league, practice and quick match modes. It should be out for November.







1 All new for '99 **2** Still loads of ways to score **3** Check out the level of detail on the players

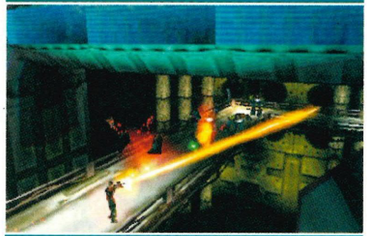


■ We can't wait until November

Apocalypse

■ **By:** Activision ■ **Out:** Nov

Apocalypse is gonna be a hyper-violent 3-D shoot 'em up starring none other than our favourite baldie Bruce Willis. The atmos is gonna be pure dark sci-fi, with huge video screens showing entire pop videos from some Yank called Poe and other strange people off MTV. You'll even be able to stop and watch. It's looking pretty cool – apart from Bruce's cacky one-liners, that is...



■ The shoot'em up we've been waiting for?

■ **OUT** DECEMBER ■ **BY** SCI

Carmageddon

Carmageddon, the hyper-violent PC racing game, looks like it's gonna be coming to PlayStation at long last. Loads of fully explorable areas, loadsa bastard-fast motors, loads of high speed crashes. But as for the mass pedestrian death that you get in the PC version, it's all still unclear. It looks like we're gonna get proper red blood (yay!), but whether the blokes you kill will be innocent humans or evil zombies is still up in the air...



■ Cars with spikes: best rammed into people

Brave Fencer

■ **By:** Square ■ **Out:** TBC

The folks who did Final Fantasy VII are behind this 'un: it stars a little fella with the same silly hair and sword as Cloud Strife, who's got to batter and platform his way through a lush 3-D world, talking to the usual assortment of Jap weird people on the way. Looking strange but good with some amazin' bosses and super smooth gameplay. UK release ain't certain yet, but we can hope...

Activision Classics

■ By: Activision ■ Out: TBC

More long-gone videogame classics rise from the dead. And this time, there's gonna be 30 (count 'em, 30) on one disc. Grey-haired old geezer types'll probably go all misty over games like Chopper Command, River Raid, Keystone Capers and Kaboom. The UK release for this 'un hasn't yet been confirmed, but don't despair, grandad. It's comin'.

Shao Lin

■ By: THQ ■ Out: Dec

Shao Lin's gonna be the first beat 'em up ever to allow really massive fists-a-flyin' rucks on screen. You can get seven blokes twatting each other on screen simultaneously, and with a multitap you'll be able to control four of 'em. And with six different martial arts styles on offer, this is looking pretty damn fine...



■ Orgies of violence, Kung Fu style

Ehrgeiz

■ By: Square ■ Out: TBC

The cast of Final Fantasy VII have been roped in for this tasty-looking beat 'em up. Cloud Strife and the gang are already slugging it out using swords or just plain old fists in arcades across Britain, and the Japanese PlayStation version isn't far off. We're keeping our fingers tightly crossed that this sweet little morsel makes it to Brit PlayStations...



■ A nasty flaming fireball ankle attack

Short Fuses

■ By: Sony ■ Out: TBC

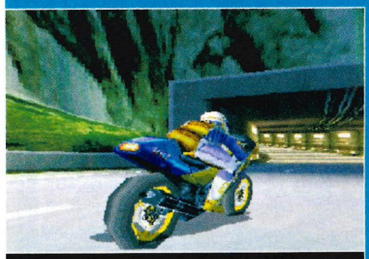
Short Fuses is gonna be an adventure with knobs on. You're on the usual quest to save the earth from dark forces, but this time, you'll be achieving your goals by engineering bombs and booby-traps and by enlisting the big-ass bosses to fight on your side. And you'll even be able to play it with up to four people. Fine by us...

Release dates

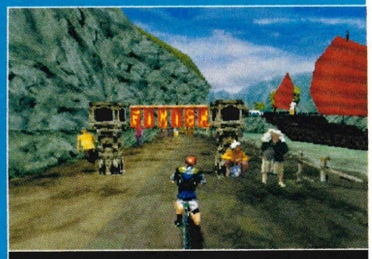
Wanna know what's coming out when? No probs. Just check out our extensive list of release dates. But before you go rushin' off with yer cash, check with yer shop. These dates have a nasty tendency to slip...

RELEASED	REVIEWED
5 AUGUST	
Player Manager '98	
7 AUGUST	
Pet in TV	
14 AUGUST	
Batman & Robin	73% August 98
Bomberman World	83% June 98
Extreme Snowboarding	
21 AUGUST	
Breath of Fire 3	84% June 98
25 AUGUST	
Actua Tennis	
27 AUGUST	
WWF: Warzone	73% September 98
4 SEPTEMBER	
All Star Tennis 99	
Azure Dreams	67% September 98
Fifth Element	
Ninja: Shadow of Darkness	82% September 98
Phoenix	
R-Types	81% September 98
Moto Racer 2	
The Unholy War	
Tiger Woods '99	
N2O	89% August 98
Shadow Gunner: Robot Wars	

RELEASED	REVIEWED
4 SEPTEMBER CONTINUED	
Aironauts	
11 SEPTEMBER	
Tekken 3	96% September 98
San Francisco Rush	48% September 98
18 SEPTEMBER	
C&C: Red Alert – Retaliation	92% September 98
25 SEPTEMBER	
G-Darius	89% September 98
X-men vs Streetfighter	74% September 98
Assault	88% September 98
S.C.A.R.S.	83% September 98
1 OCTOBER	
Populous: 3rd Coming	
Special Ops	
31 OCTOBER	
Medievil	
25 SEPTEMBER	
Rushdown	
27 NOVEMBER	
C3 Racing – Car Constructors' Championship	
1 DECEMBER	
TOCA Touring Car 2	



■ Moto Racer 2: Grip tank and twist throttle



■ Rushdown: Don't be in such a hurry



■ San Francisco Rush: Rush where?



■ C&C Retaliation: Strategy 'em up



■ G-Darius: Very good shooty, flying thing



■ WWF Warzone: Here's a fighter we built

■ **OUT** OCTOBER ■ **BY** ACTIVISION

Tenchu

We've already drooled massively over this stealthy ninja chop 'em up, but the word is there's gonna be a few tasty new bits 'specially for the Brit version. Added will be two new levels, a new final movie, and sackloads of extra items. And rather than the baddies appearing always in the same place, they'll pop up more randomly. Cool. And, gore fans, take note: you'll now be able to chop the baddies' arms and heads off when they do show up. And all the blood definitely WILL be in the final British version...



■ Waiting for the next kill







1 Nuff blood and gore for yer? Expect an 18 rating **2** Sneak around in black, slitting throats. Oh, yeah baby **3** This young filly does a spinning knife attack that shreds enemies

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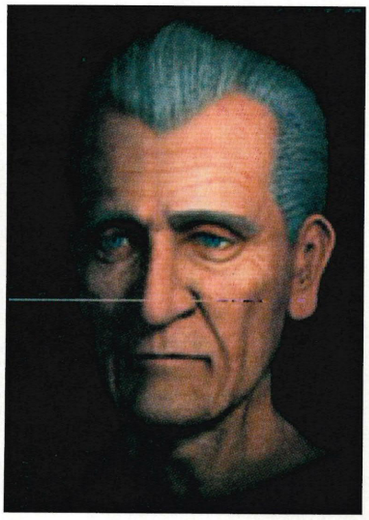
Film Frenzy!

Fantasy goes to Hollywood...

Hot on the heels of the projected Tomb Raider movie, comes more news about other projects involving games.

You've already heard about the forthcoming Final Fantasy film, right? Well, since the plan was announced, more details have become available on the kind of stuff we can expect to see. Characters will all be computer-generated and word is, the quality of the images has to be seen to be believed.

Since the geezers behind Final Fantasy, Squaresoft, are already shit-hot at doing animation stuff (check out the movie scenes in the game for proof) the film should be pretty mindblowing stuff.



■ FF images looking good...

Zombie bloke signs up

● For ages everybody was hoping that veteran zombie filmmaker George Romero (Dawn of the Dead, Day of the Dead) would be the man behind the forthcoming Resident Evil film. Then it was announced that Alan McElroy, the Spawn screenwriter, would be penning the movie.

However, it's now been confirmed Romero WILL be at the helm of the film, taking over both writing and directing duties. There's been loads of rumours flying around about this film, but we reckon this is as concrete as they come.

● Meanwhile, talks are currently being held over the possibility of making top platformer Heart of Darkness into a film. Movie rights are apparently up for grabs and even ET director Steven Spielberg has expressed an interest in the project.



■ Yeah, yeah. You can all have a part

FOOTY GETS GOING

■ **The rights to** the FA Carling Premiership have been snapped up by games giants Electronic Arts.

It's a four-year deal meaning EA can use real club and players' names on its footy titles. Apparently EA also want to snaffle the rights to Italy's Serie A and the German Bundesliga.

STATION GEAR

■ **If you're gagging** to get your hands on some PlayStation gear, including fluffy sweatshirts, caps, rucksacks etc. You'll be pleased to know you can now order it on-line at **www.playstation-europe.com**

PlayStation plus

Giving the games away

Next month we'll be unveiling details of how you can win yourself tons of free games. We won't be making it easy for you. Chances are, you'll have to do something a bit special, but make sure you grab a copy of **PlayStation plus** next month, on sale September 25th, for full details.

Mini-games for mini machine

PDA gets its own stuff

You've heard about the PDA, right? The 'ickle gizmo that you'll be able to carry around with you AND slot into your PlayStation...

Sony says as many as 12 games are currently being developed for the little gadget and – wait for it – the blokes behind Final Fantasy VII, Squaresoft, are one of the teams behind it. (Hey, could be you'll be able to breed characters from the forthcoming Final Fantasy VIII on it).

Sony hasn't yet confirmed how the games will be launched, but some of them should be independent of the PlayStation, while others are likely to be packed in with PlayStation games, meaning – in theory, at least – you can carry on your game on the move. It's more likely that the PDA will be used as a Tamagotchi-like device, so you can breed or train characters while out on the town, then download the info back into the PlayStation when you get back home. Expect to wait until at least Spring next year for PDAs to reach these shores.



■ Get sussed and turn on to Ingrid

Don't touch that dial!

PlayStation Plus is going on the radio. Yup, your fave mag (that's us, not Men's World) has teamed up with Newcastle-based Metro FM's night-time show Sussed.

Presented by foxy DJ Ingrid Hagemann, features games reviews – provided by us – every Wednesday night at around 8.30pm. If you live in the Newcastle area try getting the show on 97.1 FM. If you don't, why not move to Newcastle just so you can listen to us?

STAR WARS GAME?

■ **When the Star Wars:** Episode One game comes out for the PlayStation (we're talking late 1999, here). It could be the last Star Wars game for the PlayStation. Rumour has it that LucasArts, the guys behind all Star Wars games, as well as Herc's Adventures will be taking themselves to 'other' consoles once that game's completed.

'STATIONS AHEAD

■ **PlayStation games now** account for 73% of all console games sold in the UK. Nintendo 64 has 17% of sales and Saturn 4.2%. Recently-published figures also show the PlayStation is outselling Nintendo 64 4:1 in the UK.

GI DOOM

■ **Good at Doom?** Then mebbe you're fit to join the US Marines. The Yanks obviously think so, since the US army has been using the game to train up its troops.



■ Who says games cause aggression?

Other stuff

Bits we couldn't keep to ourselves

Worms 2: (hurrah!) and a platform adventure game called P.I.G should hit the PlayStation around Easter next year, with a third game, Stadium Grand Prix to follow in the summer. These are all comin' courtesy of Micropose which has decided to return to consoles.

We've played Quake II on the PlayStation and it rocks. Looks are astonishing and the way it moves is awesome. It'll have all the same weaponry as the PC version, but the levels'll be different. And – get this – it's gonna be two-player deathmatch on a single screen, and four-player deathmatch link-up. Could be the first link-up game worth lugging a TV round to yer mate's house for.

Metal Gear Solid looks like it's been put back. This awesome title was to have been released in November in the UK, but it's now gonna see the light of day next Easter.

Toy Story 2 is due out sometime in the distant future (like, when the film's out, probably) as part of a deal signed with Disney. Other titles will be A Bug's Life, due early 1999, and Mighty Joe Young.

Grand Theft Auto 2: Yup, the geezers behind Grand Theft Auto, DMA, are apparently beavering away on a sequel. Apparently they're Scottish, you know.

Beavis and Butthead: We ain't got much info on this bunny, but we're already drooling at the thought. It'll be an adventure game stuffed with laffs and tons of the duo's famous sayings. Early word is, the animation's top drawer...

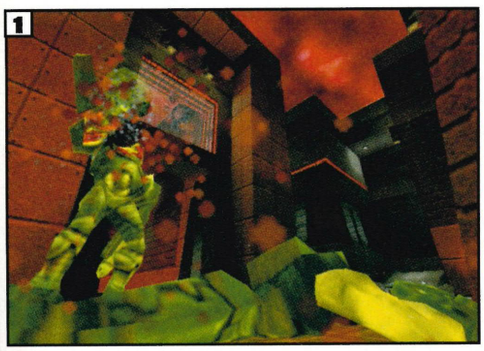
Plasma Sword: Arcade ghosters will know all about Plasma Sword, a shit-hot 3-D beat 'em up from the same guys who do the Street Fighter series, Capcom. Well, word has it a PlayStation conversion is in the pipeline. While we're at it, 'word' also has it there's a PlayStation conversion of Daikatana planned. In case you've not heard Daikatana is the latest brainchild of the guy who created Doom, so to say 'hotly-awaited' is like saying Bill Gates is quite well off.



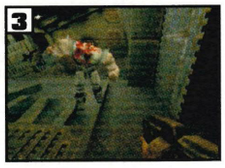
■ **Plasma Sword: Ready to be unsheathed**

Ace Combat 3: Developers Namco are apparently hard at work on the third in the series. While they're at it, they're also gonna come up with a Rage Racer sequel. The new one will have a much-needed two-player mode and a track editor. Could be a real doozy, that.

At-bleedin'-last. If you been wearing out your trainers on Top Skater at the arcades, thinking, 'if only there was a skateboard game for the 'Station', then fret no more. Street Boarders promises all the action and attitude of the real thing, and you can still keep a can of lager within easy reach.



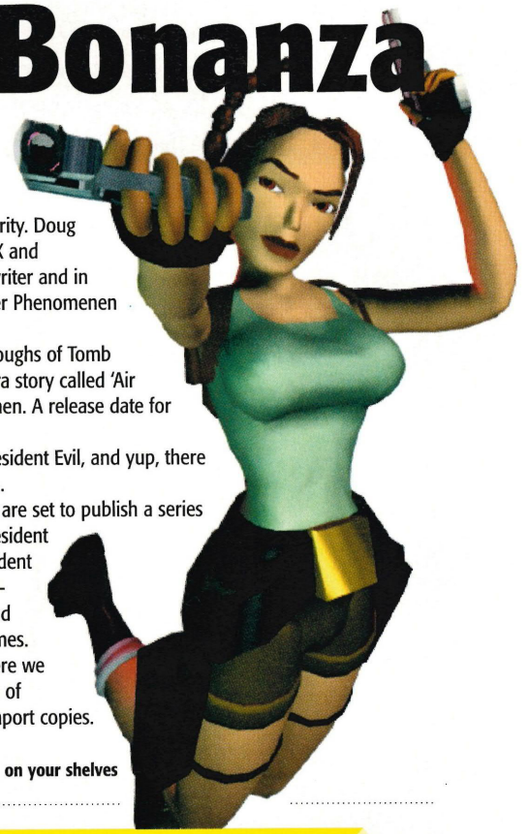




1 True, this is a PC Quake II shot. But it'll look as good 2 With new weapons 3 But different levels

Book Bonanza

Read all abaht it!



Lara is the subject of a new book exploring her massive, er, popularity. Doug Coupland, author of Generation X and Microserfs is the man behind the typewriter and in Lara's Book: Lara Croft and Tomb Raider Phenomenen he discusses why Croft is so popular.

The book will also include walkthroughs of Tomb Raiders I and II as well as a fictional Lara story called 'Air Tibet'. Something for everyone there, then. A release date for the book has yet to be confirmed.

● Where Tomb Raider goes, so does Resident Evil, and yup, there are Resident Evil books coming out, too.

American publishers Pocket Books are set to publish a series of Resident Evil novels. The first two, Resident Evil: The Umbrella Conspiracy and Resident Evil: Caliban Cove – both by SD Perry – come out in September in the States and both expand on the storyline of the games. Whether they'll be officially released here we don't know. But if they're not, branches of Forbidden Planet are bound to stock import copies.

■ **Lara's set to get between the covers and on your shelves**

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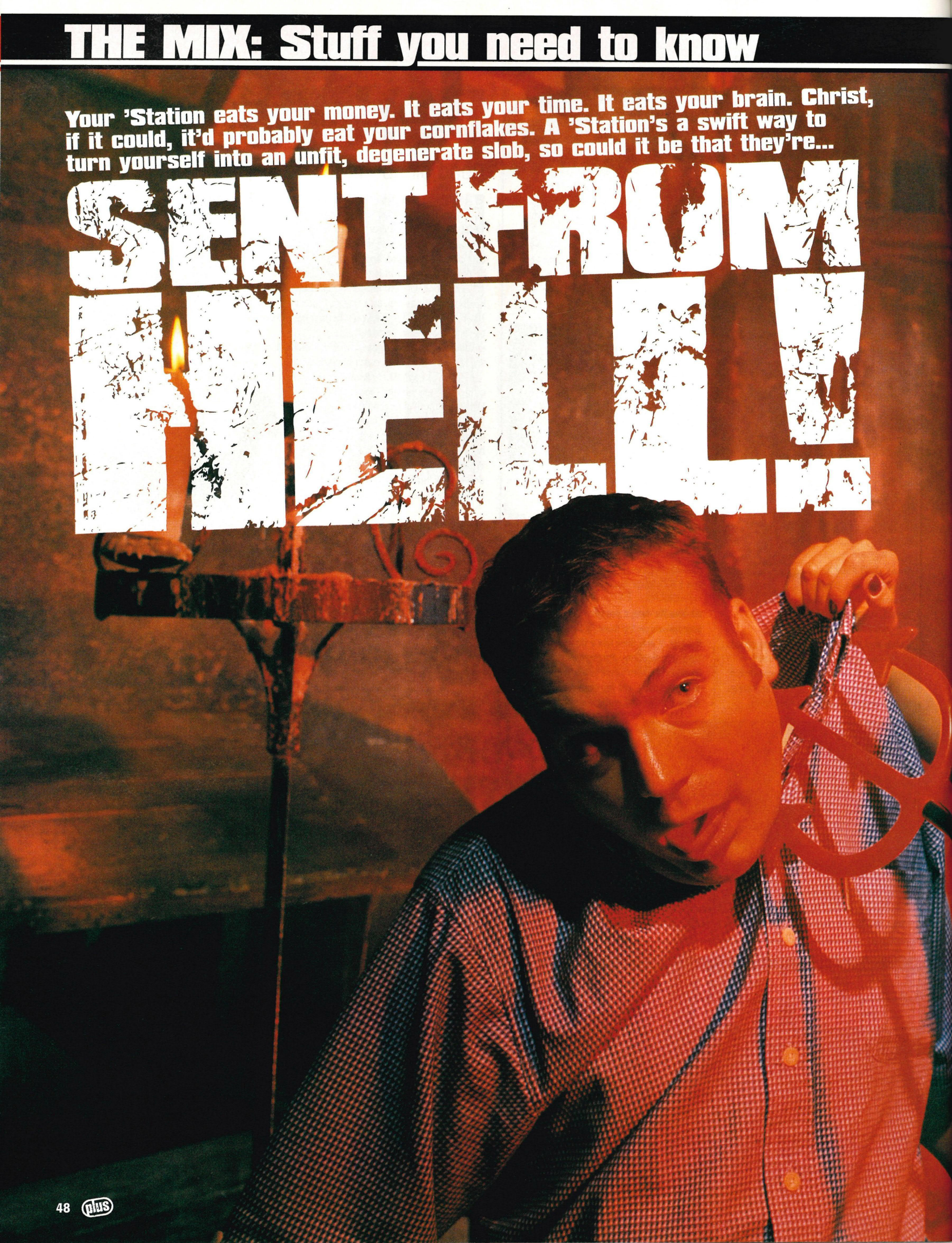
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Your 'Station eats your money. It eats your time. It eats your brain. Christ, if it could, it'd probably eat your cornflakes. A 'Station's a swift way to turn yourself into an unfit, degenerate slob, so could it be that they're...

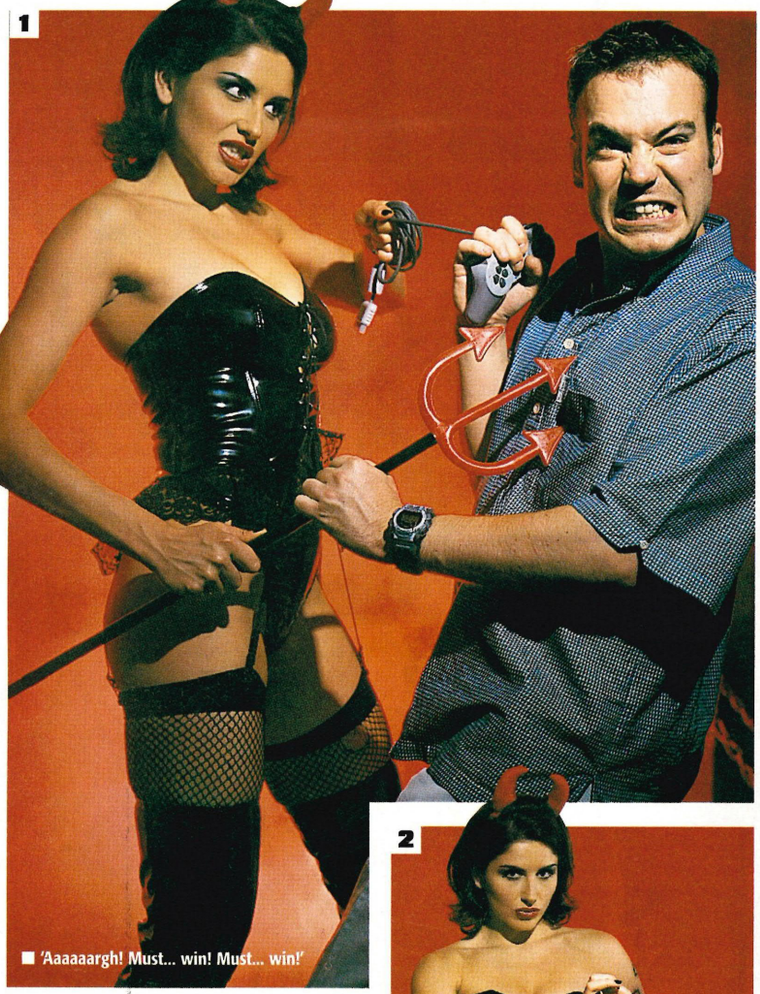
SENT FROM HELL





■ When Andrew wished for a horny little devil he was hoping he'd be the one with the prick...

■ Words Rob Waugh Photography Adam Lawrence Model Kim
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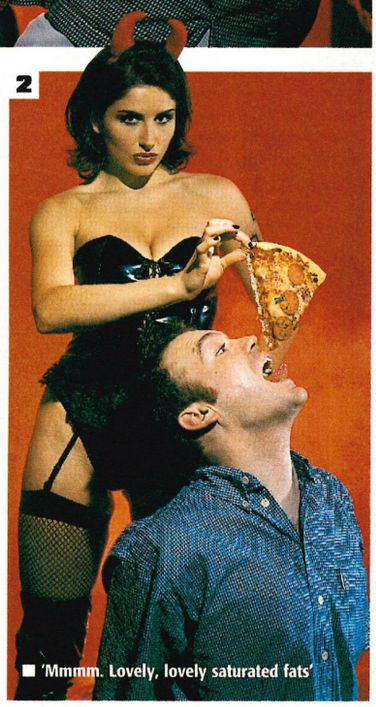
■ 'Aaaaaargh! Must... win! Must... win!'

Buying a PlayStation probably does about as much damage to your life as drinking four lawns' worth of Paraquat. It turns your gut into a sofa. It drives your bird loony. It makes you into Sid the Sexist and the Yorkshire Ripper rolled into one. Ever considered that yer 'Station might be in the employ of the forces of darkness? 'Course you have. But you play it anyway.

And here's the proof your PlayStation was put together by the scaly hands of Lucifer. And you thought it'd been the calloused hands of some underpaid, starving worker in a Malaysian sweatshop. But as the Good Book says: 'The reek of brimstone is strong in the foul Parallel I/O Terminal of the unholy PlayStation'. John, Chapter 12, verse 3.

1.'He beat me at Tekken', says killer, 19

Here's a sport. First, lose at Tekken 3. Now see how many 'a's you can cram into one shriek of the word 'bastard'. 'Baaaaaastaard' is a good starting point. If you try this exercise, sometimes varying 'bastard' with even ruder sweary words, you may find it stops you fantasising uncontrollably about plunging the kitchen scissors into your opponents head. But this is a stopgap measure. Soon, no amount of swearing will dampen your desire to triumph. You'll become so inhumanly competitive that people who beat you will be found floating in public waterways in binbags. With no skin or teeth. 'Win! Win! Must... win! Must... win!'



■ 'Mmmm. Lovely, lovely saturated fats'

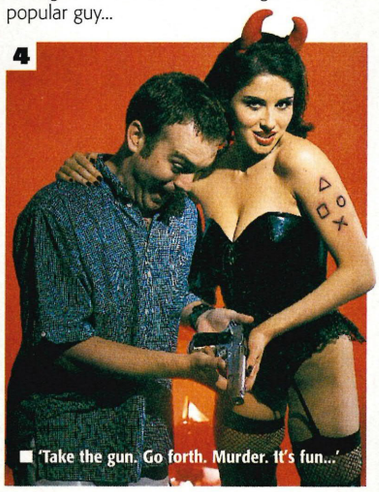
'A quiet hand shandy will do you just fine.'



■ 'Get it out. Have a tug. I won't look'

3.It came from my trousers!

Women in videogames don't answer back. Especially when you shoot them. And Lara never turns round and says 'Oi! Stop lookin' at my tits!', even if you bin gawping for so long that the image is permanently burned on to your retina. The real world's a painful place after you been a-gaming. You find yourself wanting to give girls' titties a painful anti-gravity boost so they can look like that bint out of Deathtrap Dungeon. And the amount of silicone you need to Lara up the average chick? Christ. You ain't gonna be a popular guy...



■ 'Take the gun. Go forth. Murder. It's fun...'

5. 'He only had eyes for... it', sobs girlfriend

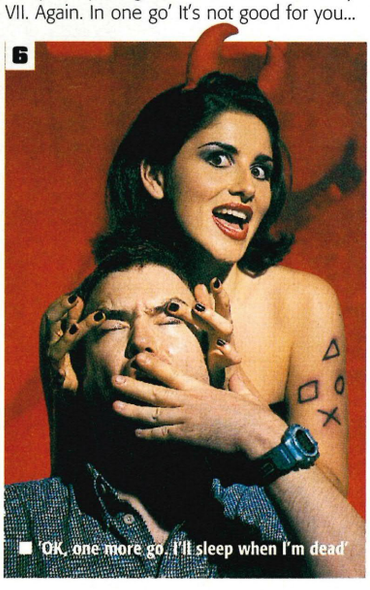
'But I just wanted to spend the night with you!' 'Well, you can. Over there in the corner. And keep quiet.' Or it'll be 'Hi! Do you fancy an evening down La Bistro de Merde, just you and me?' 'No' 'Oh. Why not?' 'I JUST DON'T, DAMMIT!' Or 'Hi, darling. I just bought some new underwear (giggle)'. 'Sorry. What d'you say? I wasn't listening' A quiet hand shandy in between Gran Turismo sessions will do just fine. Or at least that's what you say to yourself after she comes round, smashes your record collection, then slashes her wrists in the corner. Phew. At least she didn't get any on the PlayStation...



■ 'But she doesn't have nice horns like me...'

6. My sleepless hell

After a while it starts to cross your mind. 'Should I get on the blower to the Guinness Book of Records now? Surely no-one else in the world consumes 800 Pro Plus and four pounds of ground coffee per day.' And it's all down to four words. Just. One. More. Go. You'll have got halfway up to bed, aiming for your first bit of sleep in three weeks, then you'll be scurrying back down again, powering up the 'Station and getting ready to rock. Every other part of you is saying 'Sleeeep. Sweet sleep.' But this one little voice in your head keeps saying, 'Nah, sod it. Try completing Disc One of Final Fantasy VII. Again. In one go' It's not good for you...



■ 'OK, one more go. I'll sleep when I'm dead'

'Two years ago you looked like Ewan McGregor. Now you look like Fat Elvis.'

2.Cholesterol invasion!

Two years ago, you looked like Ewan McGregor. Now you look like Fat Elvis. The value of Kentucky Fried Chicken and McDonalds shares rise whenever you leave your house. You know the numbers of over 100 pizza delivery places. And they all know your name. You haven't seen your penis for 14 months. You know you bought a Dual Shock Pad sometime in March, but darned if it hasn't fallen into your bellybutton. But what the hell. There's more of you to love. And let's face it, healthy food tastes like shit. You have to cook it. No one brings you it. Effort! Jeeezus...

4. Games sent my kid kill-crazy!

Sledgehammer in the teeth! Icepick in the eyesocket! Shotgun up the asshole! Then a couple of bonus levels, and it's time for a tea break. Sounds disturbing? That's you, that is. And admit it. Even thinking about death and pain give you a bit of a brickie. You masturbate over pathology textbooks. You'll be sitting with some twat, thinking 'For him.... mmmm... maybe the double-barrelled. Right in the guts.' But hey. Don't have kittens about it. We've all got some skeletons in the closet. But never mind those. What if someone excavated the mass graves in our back yard...?



■ Finally, your mind is totally consumed by the powers of evil. You're Satan's slave now...



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■ 'No, dammit! I said 'NOW!''

'In Gameworld™, you don't have to queue. You kill. Real life's shite in comparison.'

7. 'I want it now' — maniac, 18

'Hey, I was just thinking...' 'WHAT? WHAT were you thinking? Speak faster, you pieca shit!' Or maybe, 'I'd like a Big Mac and fries, please' 'But weren't you at the back of the queue?' 'Back off, or die, shit-head'. Games give you all the patience of a man who's been lazily smoking his way through a kilo of rock cocaine. In Gameworld™, you don't have to queue. You kill. You don't have to wait. You hit the accelerator. Real life's a bag of shite in comparison. You just want to shake people and say 'Move faster, damn you! Where's me power-ups?' You were riding a jet cycle five minutes ago: why should you queue for a bleedin' bus?

You horny devils have your say...!



'Lazy, yeah. It makes you damn lazy. I spent the whole winter sitting on my arse playing PlayStation.'
Ben, 22



'It's aggressive. Loads of blood. It's brilliant.'
Kaveh, 25



'I've always been a lazy bastard. PlayStation's just enhanced that. It brings the world to the lazy bastard.'
David, 26



'Since I've had my PlayStation, I've just sat on my fat arse playing it all day. And wanking.'
George, 26



'PlayStation turned me into a fat bastard.'
Ian, 23



'Watching people's heads explode in Resident Evil is like the Scanners film. It's excellent.'
Giles, 22



'If one of my mates beats me, I'll skip a couple hours sleep to practice that night so I can beat him the next day. Sad, really.'
Mike, 22



'I played Tekken for two weeks solid, but I hate playing it whenever I don't win. It's only any fun if you come out top.'
Natalie, 27



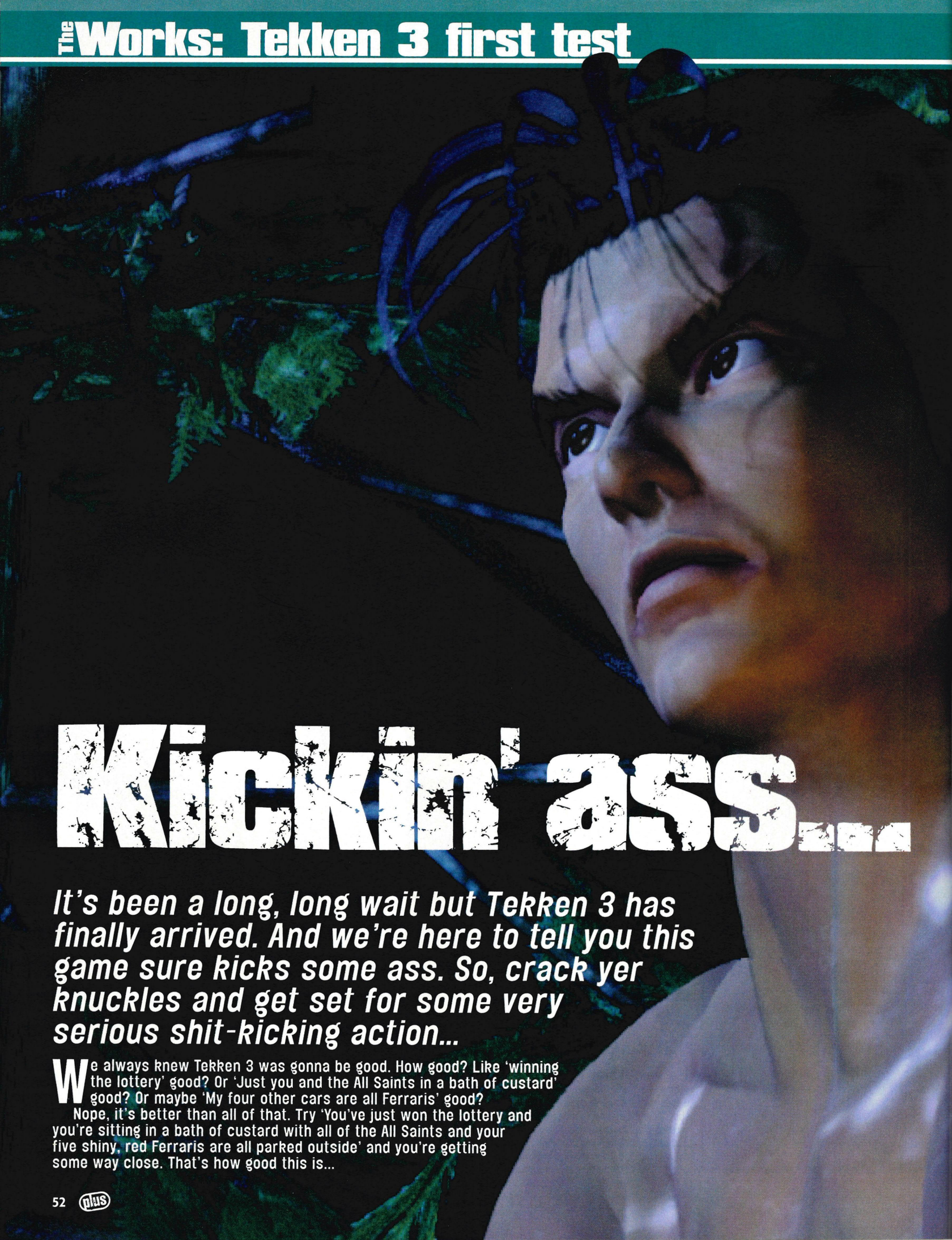
'I'd just got the last couple of secret characters on Tekken 2, and my girlfriend came in and turned it off before I'd saved, so I chucked the joypad into her face. It split her lip.'
Damon, 26



'I love blasting things with the shotgun in Doom. It's satisfying beyond belief.'
Justin, 22



'If I've got a new game, I'll just sit in my house every evening on my own until I've finished it off.'
Yame, 23



Kickin' ass...

It's been a long, long wait but Tekken 3 has finally arrived. And we're here to tell you this game sure kicks some ass. So, crack yer knuckles and get set for some very serious shit-kicking action...

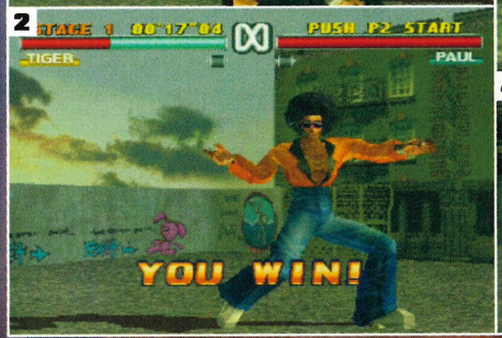
We always knew Tekken 3 was gonna be good. How good? Like 'winning the lottery' good? Or 'Just you and the All Saints in a bath of custard' good? Or maybe 'My four other cars are all Ferraris' good?

Nope, it's better than all of that. Try 'You've just won the lottery and you're sitting in a bath of custard with all of the All Saints and your five shiny, red Ferraris are all parked outside' and you're getting some way close. That's how good this is...

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■ **WE LOOK AT** GAMEPLAY, STUFF TO DO, FORCE MODE, BALL MODE, MOVES TO MASTER, THROWS

1 Ogre, the god of fighting, is after scrap supremacy 2 But 70s pimp blokes like Tiger... 3 Old favourites like Law (actually Forest, brother of Marshall)... 4 Foxy babes like Nina Williams and her sister, Anna... 5 And weirdo Panda blokes are all gathered to beat his ass in the third Iron Fist Tournament



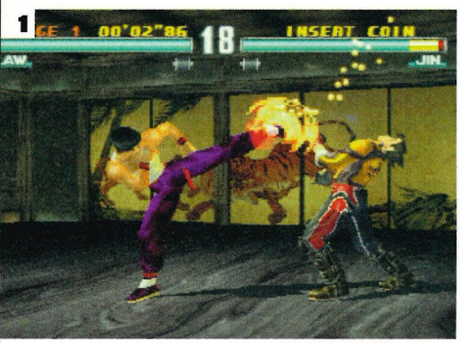




The Works: Tekken 3 first test

Gameplay

Never played Tekken before? Then here's what it's all about: this is a beat 'em up where you wear your fingers to bone and cartilage by entering your fighter in the third Iron Fist Tournament to defeat the ultimate god of fighting, Ogre. You have two kick buttons, two punch buttons and with strings of button presses you can pull off impressive combos. And it all sounds so simple...







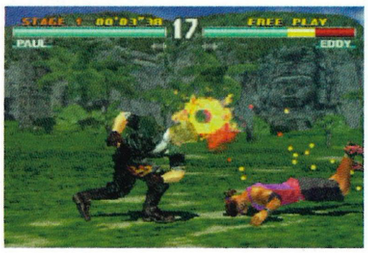




1 A simple kick can floor your enemy 2 Or how about a punch? It's a piece of piss to pull off the simple moves 3 But some of the more spectacular killer moves are more difficult to carry out 4 Like Heihachi's demon uppercut. Still, you'll need all the tricks in the book... 5 To beat the bad boy – Ogre. Aagh! Run away!

Stuff to do...

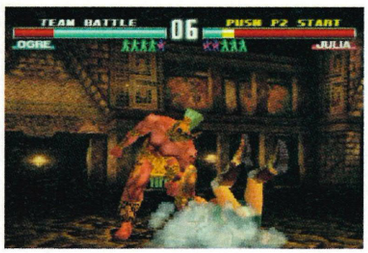
Tekken 3's got more great features than a year's supply of Playboy. Sure, there's the white-hot arcade game for one-player kicks, but there's loads more stuff to see too. Get it running and you'll find a survival mode, a time attack mode and a team battle mode where you get to select a whole gang for two-player scrapping. There's the force mode and a secret game to win – Tekken ball Mode...



■ **Kicking off in the one-player game it'll just be you sluggin' it out with all-comers...**



■ **And then beat all them geezers to be crowned the Iron Fist champion. Oh yes.**



■ **Bored of fighting solo? Then there's the team battle to get to grips with...**



■ **And of course the two-player match. Perfect for those after-pub moments**

Force mode

Force mode's where yer Tekken characters go walkabout. Pick a badass then go a-wanderin' through the streets beating up the forces of evil on your way. We've gotta be honest here, the force mode's nothing more than an interesting novelty – it's too limited to really rock your world. But it is the only way you can get secret character Doctor Boskonovitch.

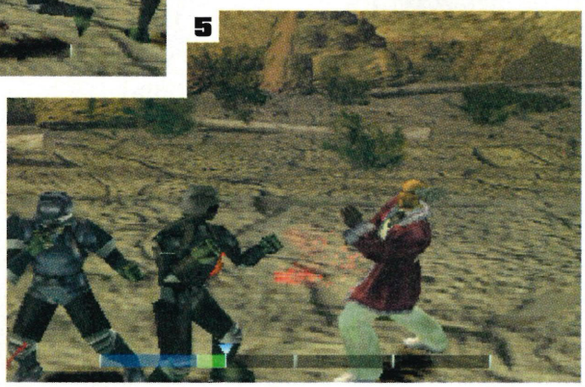




■ **Picking up bits of chicken gives you precious life**







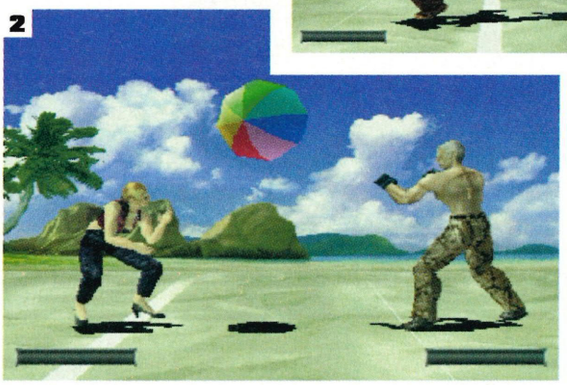
1 The idea is to rumble as you walk 3 And time-ups increase your chances 4 You can use force mode to practise some of those special moves 5 Look at the jammy bastards!

Tekken ball mode

The ball mode gives you a bit of variety on those long nights after last orders. If you and your mates get bored of beating the shit out of each other, you get the chance to take it out on an innocent beach ball. Think volleyball played by football hooligans and you get the picture. Again, ball mode is hardly the main event here, but as cake icing goes, it ain't at all bad.







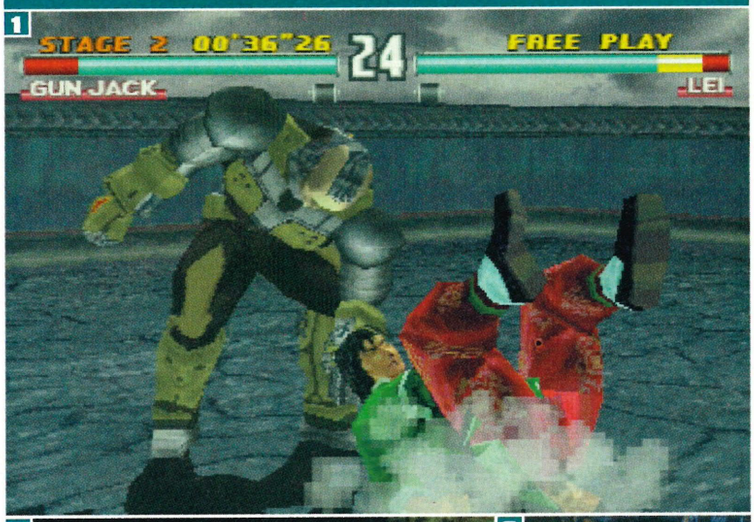
1 Simple idea. Bat the ball back and forth. Don't let it cross the line. Use a special move and it'll hurt the other guy 2 Ponces use the beginners' ball. Doesn't hurt too much 3 But the black ball will drain your life bar quicker than divorcing Ivana Trump

'Tekken 3 kicks ass on a major scale'

What we like

Throws

Of all the moves in Tekken 3, throws are some of the coolest. And they're probably the easiest to pull off too. Hammer ▢ and ✕, or △ and ○ together and you're sure to dazzle yer mates with a pant-wetting throw. Take it from us.









1 Jack's throw. A goodie, to be sure 2 Law's person-hurter. Nasty. But looks good 3 Eddy. Cheesy character. Cool throws, though 4 Xiaoyu. Don't bother pronouncing. Just play

Why it's so good

Why does Tekken 3 piss on all other beat 'em ups from a great height? For a kickoff it's got more gob-smacking moves than any other scrapper doing the rounds. And you don't need 17 fingers to pull 'em off either. A beginner can pick up this monster and play, while the pros can work on their 10-hit combos. If you wanna babe that plays like a pussycat AND a tiger, you need Tekken 3.





1 This game looks the dog's bollocks... 2 And plays like it too 3 You need to buy it. Now

One-player

Tekken may be shit-hot in multiplayer but you need to be good at the one-player game to get on. Playing through the game with each of the 10 characters you start with will unlock the secret characters, as well as give you the Tekken ball mode game.









1 Yup, those palms are gonna be doing more dripping than a chick does nagging... 2 'Cos you're getting close to the end. This has gotta be the last bad boy to conquer. Surely? 3 Nah, there's one more to beat the shit out of. Reckon you're up to it? 4 'Course you are. Your reward? A gorgeous end sequence. Get a load of them graphics...

plus

We'd like to say...

We've held off from giving Tekken 3 the full review before we'd played a proper UK version of it. It's true that some geezers have been playing import versions for a while, but we wanted to test the game you'll be playing. Take it from us, this game is truly AWESOME. Once you have this one in your palms, we don't think you'll be needing any other beat 'em up. It really is that good.

Moves to master

You don't wanna be the lowest of the low – a Tekken button-basher, right? So you've gotta learn the moves and make them second nature. But if that sounds too much like hard work to you, you're wrong. The real beauty of Tekken 3's in improving your skills so jaw-dropping combos are at your fingertips. And because the game's so darn good you won't mind putting in the hours needed to become a real pro. The practice mode's the place to become a true Tekken master. That kind of learning you don't get in books.



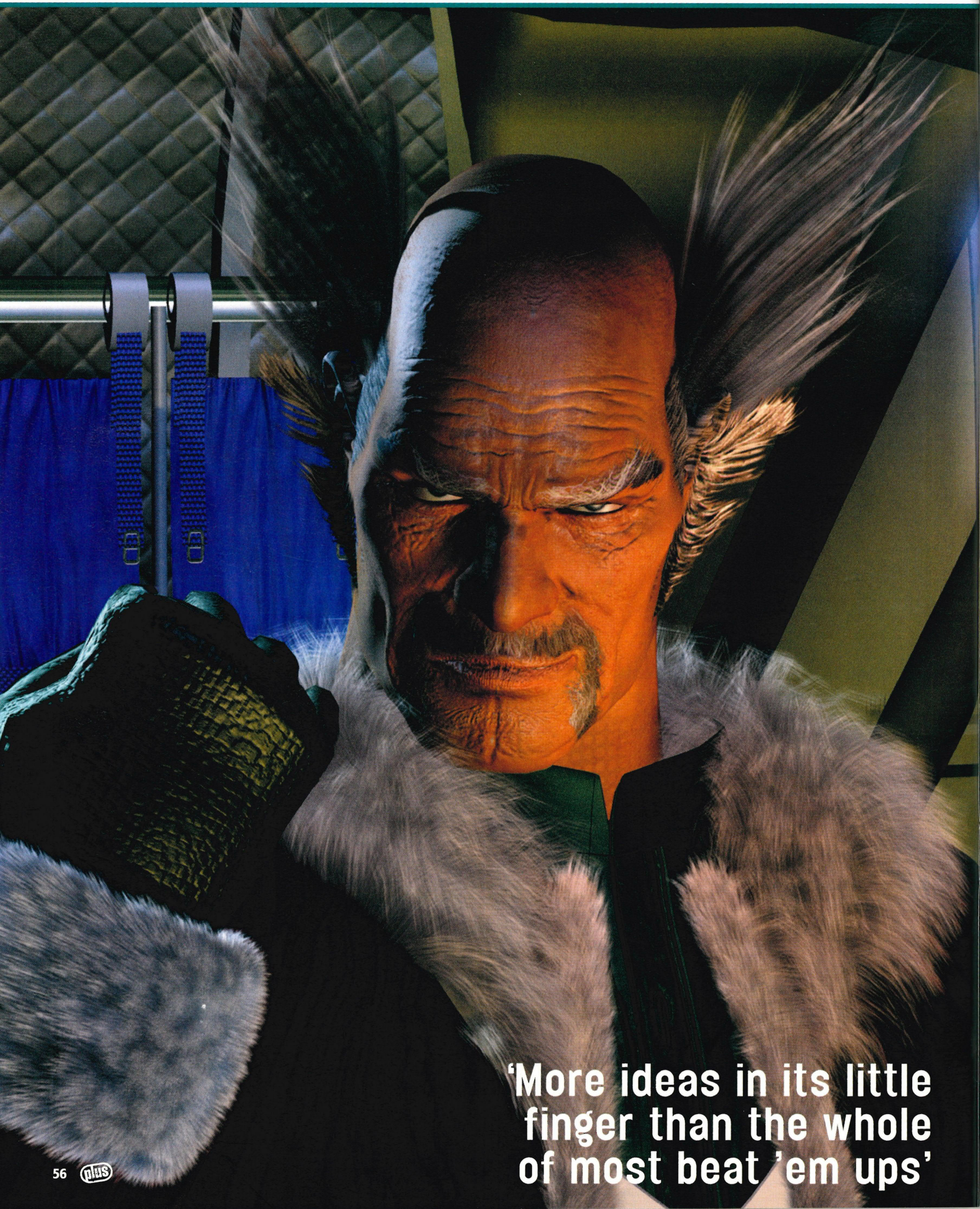






1 The practice mode's where you come to learn. Try a backflip, Lei 2 A read-out along the bottom of the screen tells you what you've done 3 And stuff also tells you which moves work best for maximum hurtage 4 How did I do that?

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'More ideas in its little finger than the whole of most beat 'em ups'

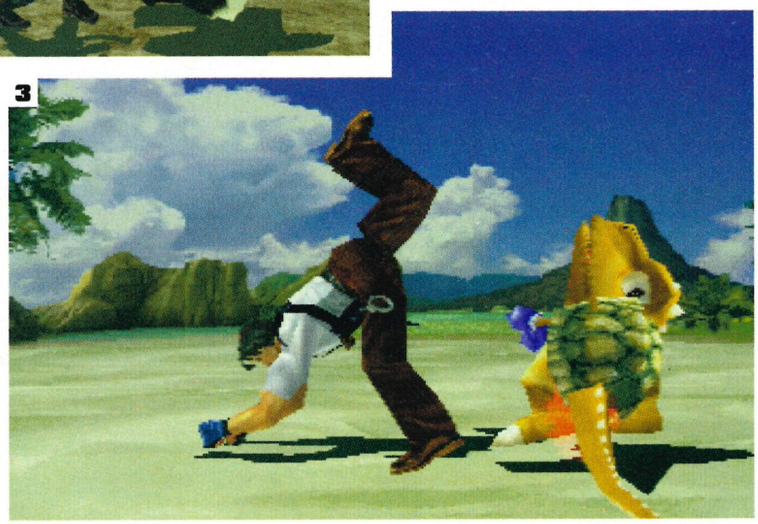
'This game is awesome...'

Graphics

Wise man say: 'if a game's full of great combos, stuffed with brain-melting characters and moves like shit off a shovel, something's got to suffer, and that's the graphics.' Wise man wrong. Wise man has so not played Tekken 3, 'cos this looks better than Kelly Brook handing you a pint of lager. Check out these shots and weep, oh-not-so-wise man.







1 Bone-crunching moves have never looked this good outside of an arcade before **2** And check out that scenery. Not a lot has had to be dropped from the original arcade version **3** Then you've also got some shit-hot replay action so you can admire your handiwork. Ouch



■ Plus Tekken 3's movie scenes are also looking drop-dead gorgeous...



■ And the movie you get when you complete a character'll have you drooling

Depth

We've said before that Tekken 3 has something for everyone. We weren't lying to you. This has got more ideas in its little finger than most beat 'em ups manage in a whole game. Even discounting the extras like force mode and ball mode, you can play through the game on different difficulties, time settings and what-not. Trust us, you ain't gonna get bored of this game.



1 Lickle secret character Gon can pick up and throw bigger geezers **2** Graphics show real hurt **3** You won't get bored with this baby

10-hitters. Yeah, baby!

Anyone who's spent any amount of time sweating it out with Tekken 2 will know all about 10-hit combos. These monsters can empty your opponent's life bar real quick. Trouble is, stringing one together takes a lot of practice, double-jointed fingers and more patience than the average person's got. Still, if you can do it, we salute you, we really do. No, that wasn't somebody shouting, 'spod'. That was just a cough. Honest.



















1 King's 10-hit combo has 'awesome-amount-of-hurtage' written all over it... **2** Here he's leading Hwoarang into a world of darkness with... **3** A punch kick combo that should be impossible to block **4** First he knocks Hwoarang's blind **5** Before setting him up... **6** For a nasty sliding leg mangler... **7** Followed by a grab **8** A hold... **9** And... **10** It's lights out muchachos. Not only does a combo like this inflict max pain, it looks a doozy on-screen too. Go on, you can do it...

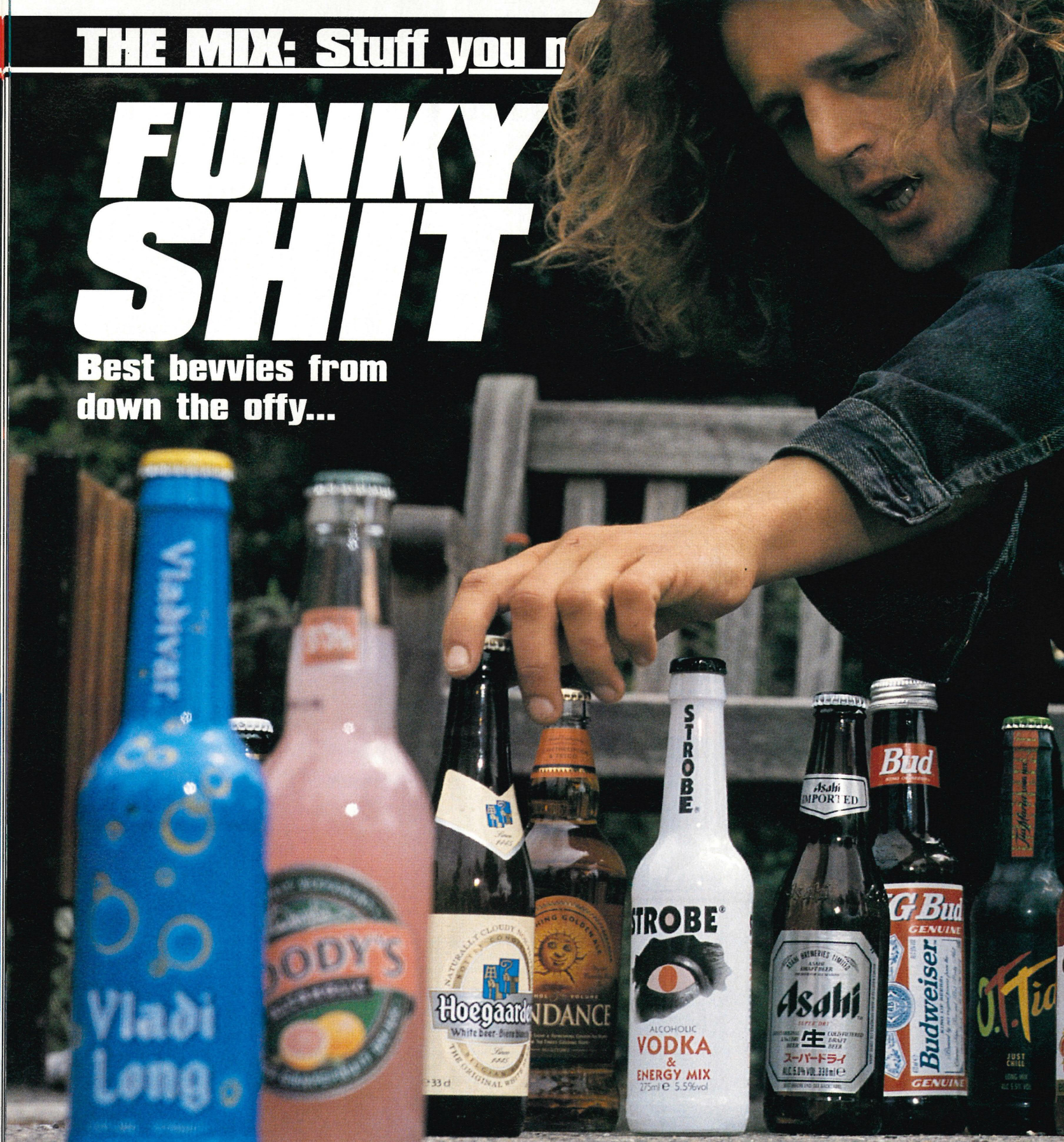


winner Get the picture? If not, go back and read this review again. This kicks ass on such a scale it's difficult to see what'll beat it. A masterpiece. **Andrew**

PlayStation plus RATED 96%

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■ Photographer Rowan Issac

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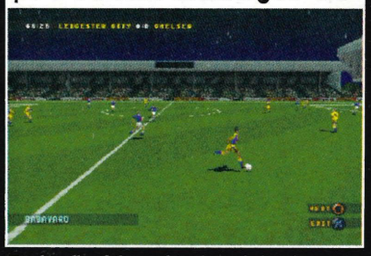
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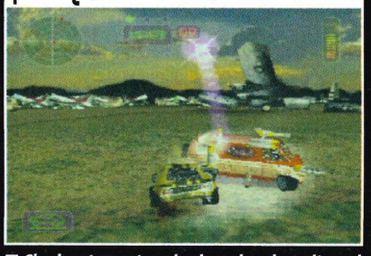
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Heihachi hacking you off? Eddy doin' your 'ead in? Then kick ass with the ultimate guide to the ultimate 3-D fighter...

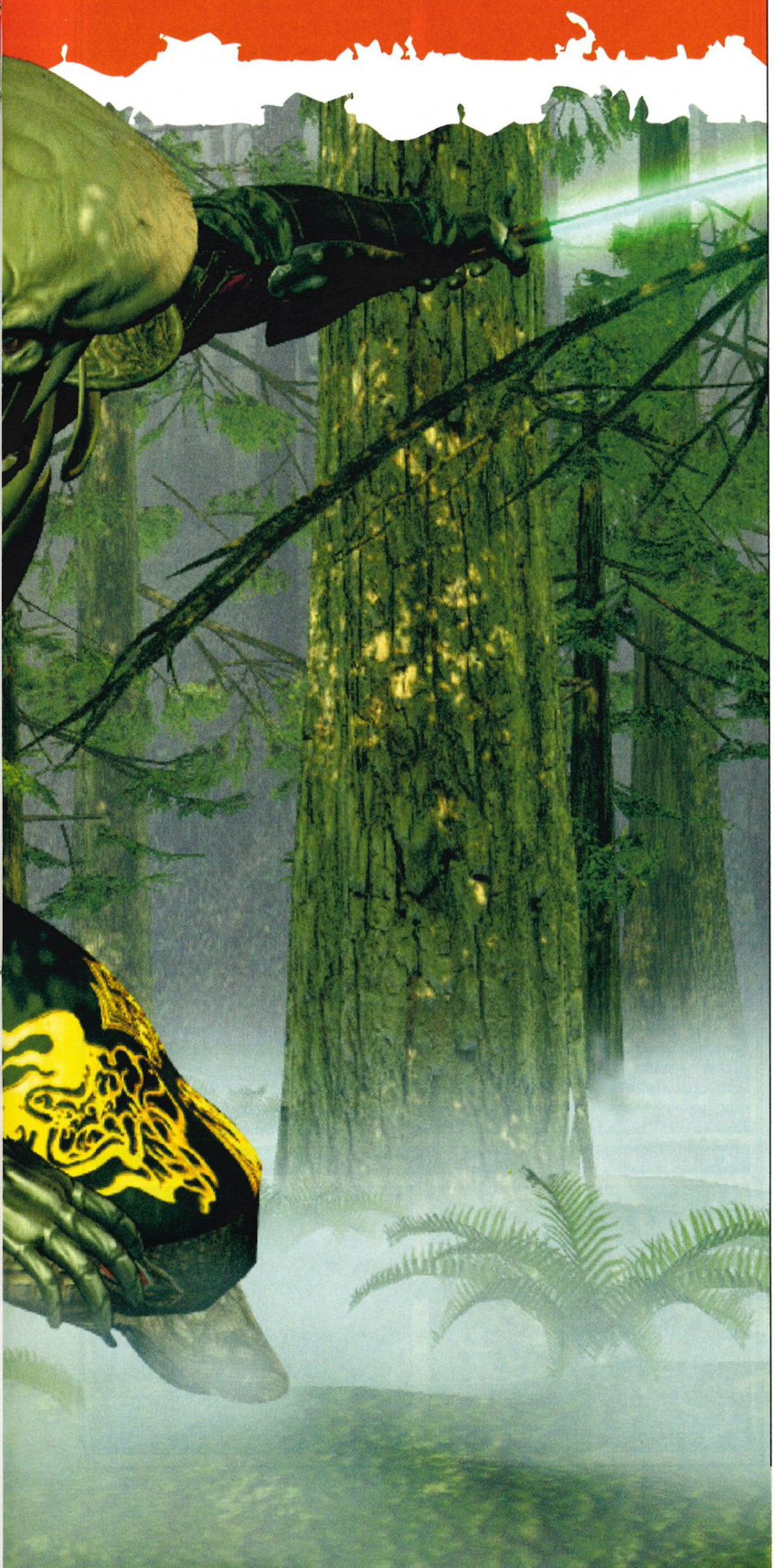


DETAILS	
GAME:	Tekken 3
PRICE:	£44.99
COMPANY:	Sony
REVIEWED:	September 1998
SCORE:	96%
VERDICT:	Best beat 'em up money can buy

MOVES KEY

■ These are the symbols we've used in the eight-page guide. All the moves assume you're facing towards the right and using the default buttons setting. If not these won't mean a great deal.

▣ – Left Punch	SS – Sidestep before pressing the buttons.
△ – Right Punch	WS – While Standing. Press the buttons as you stand up from a crouching position.
✕ – Left Kick	
◉ – Right Kick	/ – use one of the buttons on either side of the slash.



JUST THE BASICS, MA'AM

There're a number of new techniques you'll need to learn in order to become a Tekken 3 master. Just to give you a head-start on everyone else, we've listed the three most important below...

SIDESTEPPIN' OUT

■ Dead easy to use but hard to master. By tapping either ↑ or ↓ on the pad, your fighter will slide in or out of the screen and step around any oncoming attacks. You've gotta predict where the attack's coming from though **(if it's a right-handed attack, step to your right to dodge and vice versa)** and manage to time it perfectly to get the upper hand. Too early and attacks will track your movement, resulting in a fist in the face. Too late and... well, it's too late, so it's another smack in the gob. Get the hang of it and you can use multiple sidesteps to get round the back of opponents, flooring 'em before they've had time to turn around.



■ Here's the right-hand attack...



■ So just sidestep to the left...



■ And hit with a punch of your own. Nice.

HIT 'EM WHEN THEY'RE DOWN

■ Just 'cos the other geeza's lying on the floor don't mean you have to stand back – get in there and kick his arse! You can use a swift low left kick **(hold ↓+✕)**, a short hopping right punch **(tap ← and hit ▣)** or if you've thrown them across the floor, just run straight at them **(tap and hold →→)** and you'll run right over them, tackle them or even shoulder barge them into a coma.

This way, you can deal out a whole world of hurt without fear of damage to yourself. Of course, if it's you on the floor you'll wanna get up quickly by rolling forwards or backwards **(← or →)**, or in and out of the screen **(by pressing ▣/△ or ↓ + ▣/△)**.

The quickest way though, is to use the Tech Roll – if you press any button as soon as you hit the floor, you'll spring back to your feet. Do it fast though, and be ready to block as soon as you're up.



■ Hit them with a low left kick...



■ A nasty little punch to the groin...



■ Or just run over their face.



■ And then lay into them with fists.



■ You can even tackle them as they rise...

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Instant Expert: Tekken 3 killer moves

BEGINNER

PAUL PHOENIX

■ He's got big hair, but hey, he's piss-easy to use and dead-tough to boot. With a number of power moves at his fingertips, fights can be over quicker than yer average Frank Bruno boxing match. Just be sure you know when to take advantage of the situation, and then move in for the kill!

THE BASICS

1. SHREDDER
2. SHOULDER TACKLE
3A, 3B. STONEBREAKER
GUTBUSTER
HANGOVER



■ Quicker than the Double Hop Kick and just as hard...



■ Paul sidesteps slightly before doing a fierce barge to the gut



■ The first punch hits 'em square in the stomach...



■ While the second hit sends your opponent crashing to the floor

POWER MOVES

BURNING FIST
PHOENIX SMASHER
1. HAMMER OF THE GODS



■ A quick hammer blow to the top of the skull. Very nasty

KILLA COMBOS

5-HIT HOPPING KICK COMBO



■ Thruster:



■ Left Jab:



■ Triple Hop Kicks:

5-HIT SMASHER COMBO

Right Hop Kick	
Triple Jab	
Phoenix Smasher	

5-HIT GUTBUSTER COMBO

Right Hop Kick	
Left Jab	
Crouching Left Jab	
Gutbuster	

FOREST LAW

■ We reckon Law's the most popular character for Tekken 3 beginners. Why? 'Cos he's quick, powerful and makes weirdo squeals when he fights. He's got a load of wild punches, kicks and flying moves that'll keep any opponent on his back for a while. His Junkyard Combo, Dragon Storm Combos and Backflip Kicks are dead good, but mind you don't overuse 'em – the other bloke'll soon work out what the game is and then counter your moves until next Christmas.

THE BASICS

DRAGON'S TAIL
JUNKYARD KICK
DRAGON STORM
DOUBLE DRIFTING BACKFLIP KICK
1A, 1B. DRAGON WHIP SPRING KICK



■ If you make sure you connect with this swift elbow...



■ Then you'll be hitting with a quick little Flip Kick in no time. Flashy

POWER MOVES

POISON ARROW → + △ □

1A, 1B. CHARGING POWER PUNCH ↑ + □ + △

DOUBLE DRAGON SS ✕ + ○



■ The power punch takes ages to charge...



■ But it's deadly if it hits

KILLA COMBOS

↓ 4-HIT POISON ARROW COMBO



■ Dragon Storm: ← + △ □ △



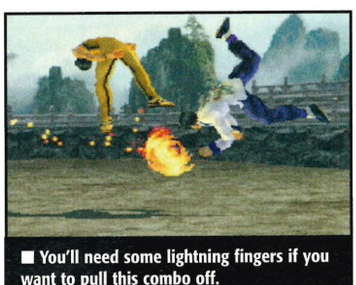
■ The Dragon Storm's still going, then...



■ Poison Arrow: → + △ □

5-HIT CRESCENT MOON COMBO [COUNTER]

Body Blow Somersault ↓ + △ ✕
Left Jab □
Junkyard Kick ← + △ ✕ ○
Which finishes 'em off



■ You'll need some lightning fingers if you want to pull this combo off.

6-HIT YEAR OF THE DRAGON COMBO [COUNTER]

Dragon Storm ← + △ □ △
Crescent Kick Combo → + ✕ + ○ → + ✕ + ○
When this move's finished, follow up with a...
Dragon Tail → + ○



■ Why do so many of his moves end in the backflip thing? Answers on a postcard

EDDY GORDO

■ There's only one thing we really want to say here – Eddy's a cheating bastid! We hate him with a passion, we really do. We also hate all the people out there that use him (yes, that means YOU, you cheap git). The thing is, you don't need any skill to win as the ex-convict. All you want to do is hammer the kicks buttons repeatedly, stopping any of yer mates who are trying to pull off some smart moves. Just don't blame us when he clobbers you one – you'll probably deserve it anyway. That's it – gloat all you want little man... you'll get yours, son. Just you wait and see...

THE BASICS

HANDSTAND KICK → + ✕

RELAX ↓ during Handstand and most kicking moves

BOOMERANG → → + ✕ + ○

FIREKICK ↑ + ✕ + ○

1A, 1B. BARBED WIRE ↑ + ○ ○ ← + ○



■ Wow. It's a kick. Surprise.



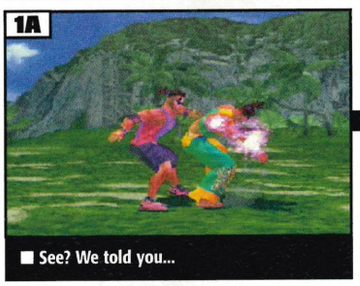
■ More annoying kicks. Figures really...

POWER MOVES

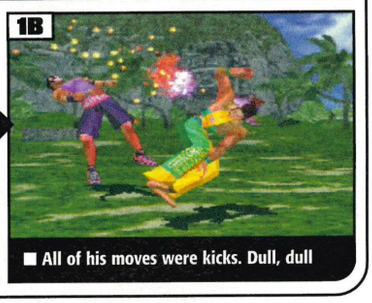
SAMBA KICKS ← + ○ ✕ ○ ○ ○

1A, 1B. FRUITPICKER ↑ + ✕ + ○

SAO PAULO SPECIAL SS ✕ + ○ ✕ + ○ ✕ + ○ ← + ✕ + ○



■ See? We told you...



■ All of his moves were kicks. Dull, dull

KILLA COMBOS

5-HIT BORING BASTARD COMBO



■ Headbanger: → + ○



■ Slippery Kick: ✕ + ○ ○ ○

3-HIT HATSTAND COMBO

Handstand Kick → + ✕
Helicopter ○
Twister Sweep ✕

4-HIT ISLAND MIRAGE COMBO

Handslaps SS □ + △
Island Mirage ✕
Left Jab □
Mirage ↑ + ✕ + ○

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INTERMEDIATE

NINA WILLIAMS

■ The bread and butter to a lot of Tekken players, Nina is the only laydee worth working on. She's a top bird with the fighting skills of a Chelsea footy hooligan, she'll batter your mush before you even try to chat her up. Just make sure you're wearing that metal codpiece...

THE BASICS

1A, 1B. CAN OPENER ↙ + ◉ ⊗ ◉

2. DIVINE CANNON ↗ + ◉ ⊗

DOUBLE SLAP ← + △ △

3. BAD HABIT ↓ ↖ → + ⊗ or → → + ⊗

TWISTED MIND ↓ + ⊗ + ◉ when opponent is on floor



■ Jumping kicks can be hard to block if you don't know they're coming.



■ Just don't use them too often, or you'll be punished for it.



■ Lifts the other guy high into the air ready for another attack



■ A swift kick to the nads. Doesn't hurt chicks half as much though

POWER MOVES

BLONDE BOMB → → + ▣ + △ or → + ▣ + △ or WS ▣ + △

HUNTING SWAN ↗ + ▣ + △

1. SHUT UP ← ↖ ↓ ↖ + △



■ A hard backhand to the face will leave a mark for sure

KILLA COMBOS

4-HIT CASUALTY COMBO

Backhand Slap ↓ ↖ → + ▣ + △
Triple Snaps △ ⊗ ◉ △ △
Neck Crusher ▣ ⊗ + ◉ ▣ △ ▣ + △
And still she continues...

3-HIT NEVER WALK AGAIN THROW COMBO

Betrayer ↓ ↘ ← + ▣ + ◉
Twisted Nightmare △ ▣ ▣ + △ ▣ + △ + ⊗
Leg Stretch Arm Lock ▣ △ ◉ ⊗ ▣ + △ + ⊗

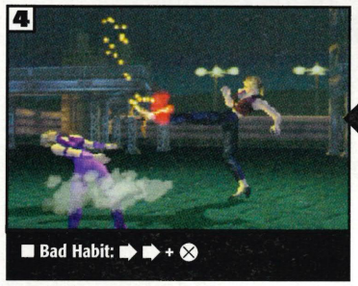
6-HIT THAT'S GOTTA HURT COMBO ← + ◉ ⊗ ◉



■ Hunting Swan: ↗ + ▣ + △



■ Low Right Back Chop: ↓ + ◉ ▣



■ Bad Habit: → → + ⊗



■ Low Right Back Chop: ↓ + ◉ ▣

JIN KAZAMA

■ Jin's a good all-rounder in Tekken 3, picking up his moves isn't difficult. Speed's of the essence though – all slow power moves ain't going to cut it here. Be swift, be clever but above all, be brutal.

THE BASICS

2. THREE RING CIRCUS ▣ + ◉ △ ◉

DEMON SLAYER ▣ △ △

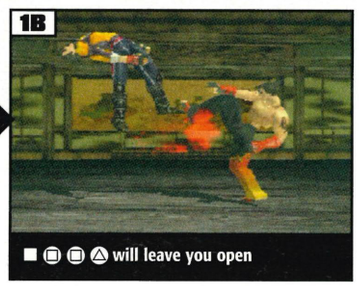
ROUNDHOUSE SPIN KICKS ← + ◉ ◉ ◉ ◉

1A, 1B. DOUBLE LIFT KICK ↓ + ⊗ + ◉

3. FORCE ← + ▣ + △



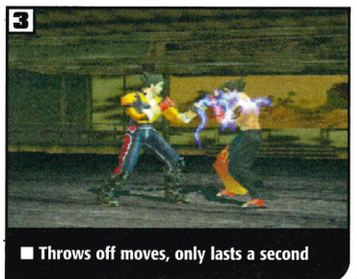
■ More powerful than the Flash Punch:



■ ▣ ▣ △ will leave you open



■ Quick punches 'n' kicks deliver the goods



■ Throws off moves, only lasts a second

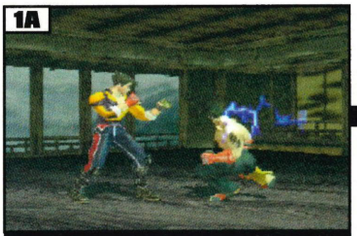
POWER MOVES

LASER CANNON ← → + △ ▢ △

1A, 1B. LIGHTNING SCREW UPPERCUT ← + ▢ + ○

DRAGON UPPERCUT KICK → ↓ ← + ▢ ✕ or ○

1A



■ A totally unstoppable move...

1B



■ But takes FOREVER to charge up

KILLA COMBOS

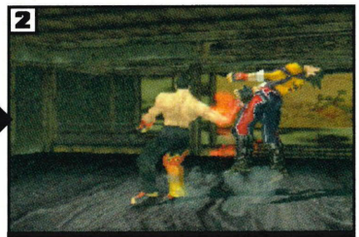
↓ 5-HIT DEMON CIRCUS COMBO

1



■ Spinning Demon: → ↓ ← + ○

2



■ Three Ring Circus: ▢ + ○ △

3



■ Demon's Paw: → → + △

5-HIT CRASHING WAVE COMBO

Uppercut	WS △
Laser Scraper	← → + △ ▢ ← + △
Roundhouse Spin Kicks	↓ + ○ ○ ○ ○
Keep kicking till the sucka drops	

5-HIT TOOTHLESS COMBO

Tooth Fairy	SS △
Left Punch	▢
Laser Cannon	← → + △ ▢ △



■ The Roundhouse Spin Kicks usually catch cocky players off-guard



■ The Laser Cannon on the other hand is easy to avoid, but powerful when it hits

YOSHIMITSU

■ Yoshi might seem like a good choice to begin with, but he's a tricky one. His moves are quite simple but putting them together into some sort of decent attack is hard. You can take one of two options – either be a coward and hang back, waiting for a good hit, or rush in with all guns blazing... just make sure it's not you that gets the kicking of a lifetime.

THE BASICS

KNEE BASH → → + ○

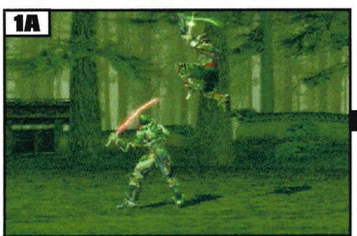
POISON BREATH ← + ▢ + △ Any button

1A, 1B. DEATHCOPTER ATTACK ↓ + ▢ + △ ↓

MEDIATION HEALING ↓ + ✕ + ○

ZIGZAG KICK ✕ ○

1A



■ Slice skulls in two...

1B



■ With this nifty flying move

POWER MOVES

SOLAR SHARK ATTACK → → + ✕ + ○ ▢ + △ ✕ + ○

1A, 1B. SWORD STAB ← ← + ▢

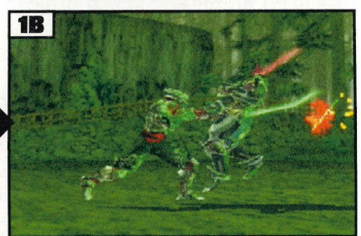
SAO PAULO SPECIAL ← ← + ▢ ▢

1A



■ A sword through the chest

1B



■ Ouch. Nasty.

KILLA COMBOS

3-HIT POISON KNEE COMBO

1



■ Front Kick Launcher: → + ○ ✕

2



■ Poison Breath: ← + ▢ + △, any button

3 ■ Knee Bash → → + ○

4-HIT MULTI-METAL COMBO

Samurai Cutter	↓ → ← + ▢
Poison Wind	↓ + ✕ + ○
Bronze Fist	← + ▢
Steel Fist	✕ + ○

6-HIT FISTS OF FURY COMBO

Rising Uppercut	↑ + △
Single Stone Fist	← + ▢ Left Jab ▢
Double Stone Fist	← + ▢ ▢
Avoid the Puddle	↓ + ○

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LEI WULONG

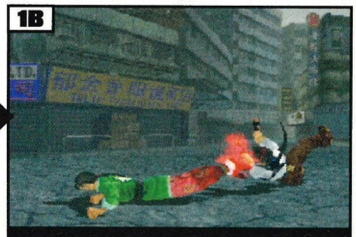
■ Some people take to Lei like women to shopping. Others avoid him like the plague. If his bizarre 'constant-change' style of fighting is your cup of cha he's a rock-solid fighter, but we reckon it's best to master the basic moves before you go on to his different stances.

THE BASICS

PLAY DEAD	↓ + ✕ + ●
SPIRAL UPPERCUT	■ + ▲ ▲
1A, 1B. DRUNKEN MONSTER SLIDE	→ + ✕ + ● ✕ + ●
BEATING LOW KICK	→ + ● ▲ ■ ▲ ✕
RAZOR RUSH	→ + ■ ▲ ■ ▲ ●



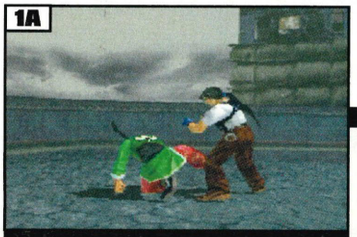
■ Takes out their legs...



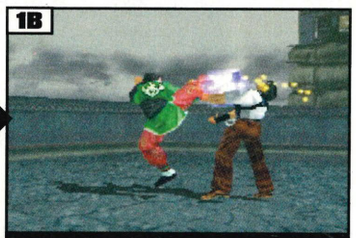
■ But leaves you on the floor. Duh

POWER MOVES

PHOENIX STRIKE	← + ■ + ● ●
CANNONBALL	← + ■ + ▲
1A, 1B. LEAPING DOUBLE SLICER	✕ ● (from Play Dead position ONLY)



■ Nasty high/low combination of kicks



■ It'll catch them every time. Ha, ha, ha

KILLA COMBOS

5-HIT LIFTING CANNON COMBO (FROM PLAY DEAD POSITION ONLY)



■ Spring Kick: ✕ + ●



■ Cannonball: ← + ■ + ▲

3 ■ Lift-Up Cannon: ● ● ✕ ✕

3-HIT LEFT SLICER COMBO

Uppercut	← + ▲
Left Jab	■
Left Kick	✕

4-HIT SPIRAL HOOK COMBO

Right Hop Kick	← + ●
Left Jab	■
Hook Punch	■ + ▲
Spiral Uppercut	▲

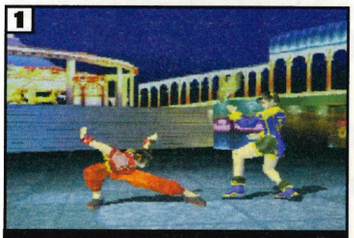
EXPERT

LING XIAOYU

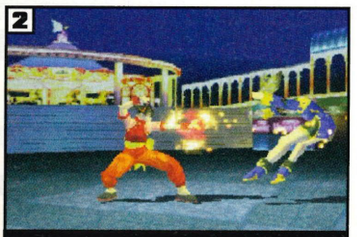
■ Grrr. A cute, young schoolgirl in a fighting game's cool by us, but when she's a bitch to control things ain't quite so cosy. She ducks, she dodges and spends most of her time facing away from the other fighter. Learn how to get around this or you'll be in plaster casts for the next month!

THE BASICS

1. ART OF PHOENIX	↓ + ■ + ▲
FIRECRACKER	● ✕ (from Art Of Phoenix ONLY)
2. FORTUNE COOKIE COMBO	↑ + ■ + ▲ ▲ ■
3A, 3B. PHOENIX THRUST	→ → + ■ + ▲ ■ + ▲
RAIN DANCE KICK	→ → + ✕ ●



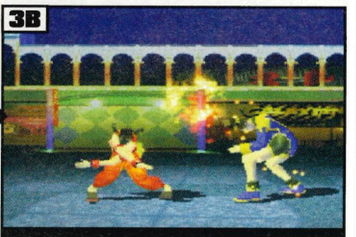
■ Ling ducks low, giving you lots of options to attack with...



■ Make sure you hit with the first strike or you're dog meat



■ Nice little double hit drains the old energy bar...



■ And leaves a nice little golden flash into the bargain.

POWER MOVES

1. STORMING FLOWER	← + ■
HYPNOTIST	← + ■ + ▲
THUNDER STRIKE	■ + ▲



■ An absolute must. Quick, powerful and deadly, use this at every chance

KILLA COMBOS

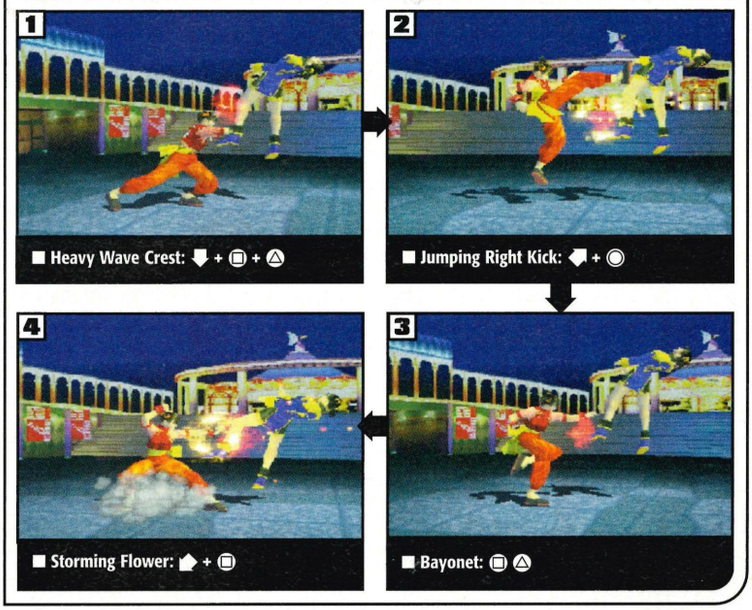
4-HIT PHOENIX COMBO (FROM ART OF PHOENIX)

Heavy Wave Crest	↓ + ■ + ▲
Left Jab	■
Phoenix Thrust	→ → + ■ + ▲ ■ + ▲

7-HIT RAINCLOUD COMBO (FROM ART OF PHOENIX)

Sunflower	WS ▲
Dark and Stormy	▲ ■ ▲ ■
Phoenix Thrust	→ → + ■ + ▲ ■ + ▲

5-HIT FLOWER COMBO COMBO (FROM ART OF PHOENIX ONLY) ← + ● ✕ ●



HWOARANG

With his different poses and styles, Hwoarang is a bitch to master. One wrong button press and half your moves won't work 'cos he's standing on the wrong foot. Bloody ponce. Anyway, it's best to learn the basics for each foot-stance before you go on to try the trickier stuff.

THE BASICS

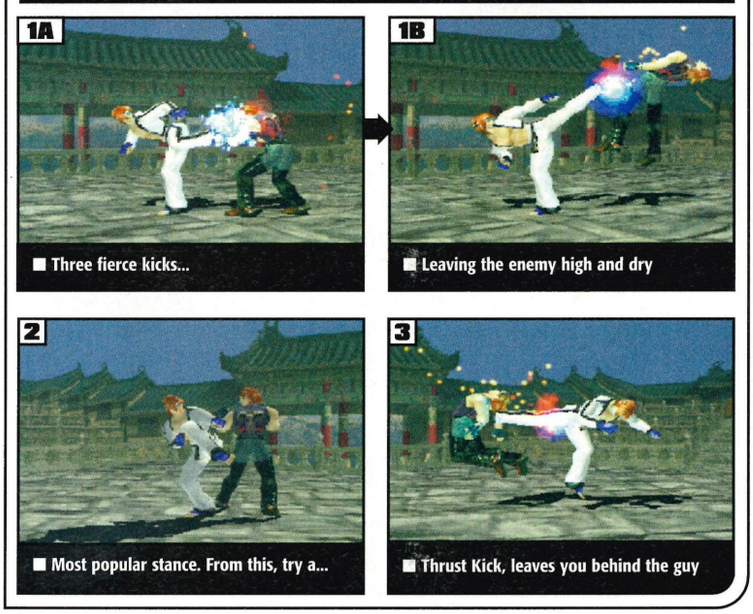
2. LEFT FLAMINGO → + ✕ (Left Leg Forward)

1A, 1B. ROCKET LAUNCHER ✕ ✕ ✕ (from Left Flamingo ONLY)

SKY ROCKET → ↓ ↑ + ●

MENACE TO SOCIETY ✕ ✕ ↓ + ✕ ●

3. TORPEDO KICK → → + ●

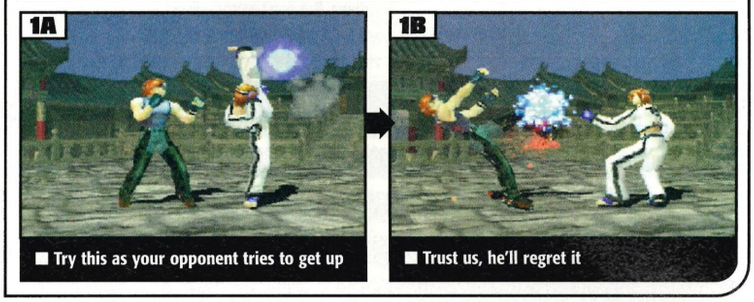


POWER MOVES

HUNTING HAWK ← + ✕ ● ✕

1A, 1B. DYNAMITE HEEL ↑ + ✕ + ●

POWER BLAST ■ + ● (from Left Flamingo ONLY)



KILLA COMBOS

2-HIT DYNAMITE COMBO

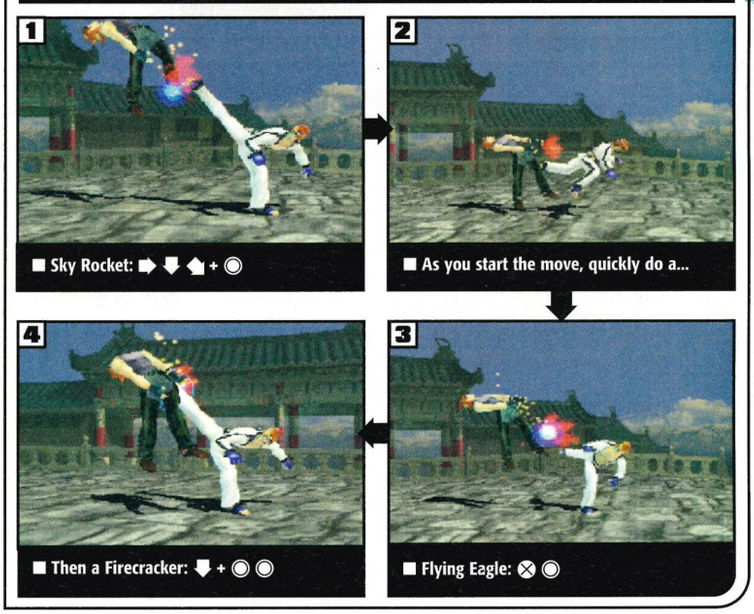
Sky Rocket	→ ↓ ↑ + ●
Dynamite Heel	↑ + ✕ + ●

↓ 3-HIT NOSEBLEED COMBO

Sky Rocket	→ ↓ ↑ + ●
Right Nose Bleeder	← + ●
Left Nose Bleeder	← + ✕



5-HIT FIREWORK COMBO ← + ● ✕ ●



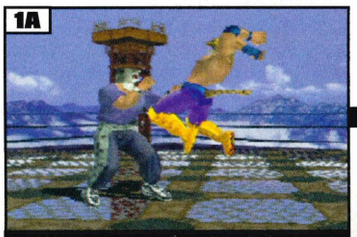
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KING

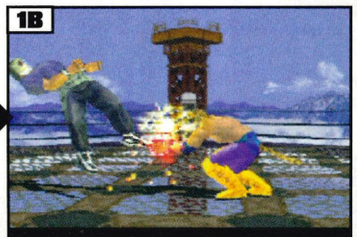
■ OK, so you might think playing King needs less talent than an English tennis player, but you're wrong. He's got quite a few moves that can be pulled out of the bag over and over without fear of counterattacks (like the Disgraceful Kick and the Deadly Boomerang). Of course, all this has a downside – it's easy to do his basic moves but pulling off the big throw combos takes some serious practice (but once learned, you can destroy someone in only one move). Plus, they're very predictable – all the ducking and grabbing nonsense is easy to avoid if you know what you're doing. But don't worry – listen to our advice and you'll be... ahem, king, in no time.

THE BASICS

DISGRACEFUL KICK	← + ◉
JAGUAR LARIAT	→ + ▣ + △
DEADLY BOOMERANG	SS ✕ + ◉
FRANKENSTEINER	↑ + ✕ + ◉
1A, 1B. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT	↓ + ▣ + △



■ It'll hit nine times out of ten...



■ But leaves you wide open until it does

POWER MOVES

SHOULDER TACKLE	→ → + ✕ + ◉ ▣ + △ ✕ + ◉
1A, 1B. STANDING MOONSAULT	← ← + ▣
TKO PUNCH	← ← + ▣ ▣



■ Unblockable but easy to avoid



■ But if it hits – ooh, baby!

KILLA COMBOS



■ Arm wringer throw: Nurse, ambulance!



■ Leg breaker throw: That'll hurt plenty

6-HIT MEGATON THROW COMBO

Reverse Arm Slam	→ ↑ + ▣ / ✕ or △ / ◉
Backdrop	△ ▣ ▣ + △
Cannonball	△ △ ▣ + △
Manhattan Drop	✕ + ◉ ▣ + △ ALL
Super Freak	▣ △ ✕ + ◉ ▣ + △
Wishbone Piledriver	✕ ▣ △ ✕ + ◉ ALL

3-HIT ARM WRINGER THROW COMBO

Arm Break	→ ↓ ↑ + ▣ + ◉
Cross-face Chicken Wing	△ ▣ ▣ + △ + ✕
Dragon Sleeper	△ ▣ ✕ ▣ + △ + ◉ ▣ + △ + ◉

3-HIT LEG BREAKER THROW COMBO

Achilles Tendon Wrench	→ ↓ ↑ + △ + ✕
Indian Deathlock	▣ + △ ▣ ✕ ▣ + △
Surfboard	▣ ✕ ◉ ▣ + △ ✕ + ◉

COSTUME PARTY

■ As well as all the regular different costumes for each character **(selected by pressing either Punch or Kick at the selection screen)**, some fighters have a wardrobe bigger than Olly Reed's bar tab. The more you play the game, the more clothes you'll get as shown below:

JIN AND XIAOYU — SCHOOL UNIFORMS

■ **You have to play as Jin or Xiaoyu 50 times each before you can choose this. When you have, press ST► to get the costumes and a new arena.**



■ This is Jin's school uniform...



■ And here's the schoolyard

ANNA — ZEBRA OUTFIT

■ Press ST► once you're Anna 25 times.



■ Hmm. Ms Selfridge it ain't

LAW'S YELLOW JUMPSUIT

■ Press ST► or △ to get this



■ 'Enter The Dragon' anybody?

EDDY — TIGER JACKSON, THE DISCO DANCE CHAMP

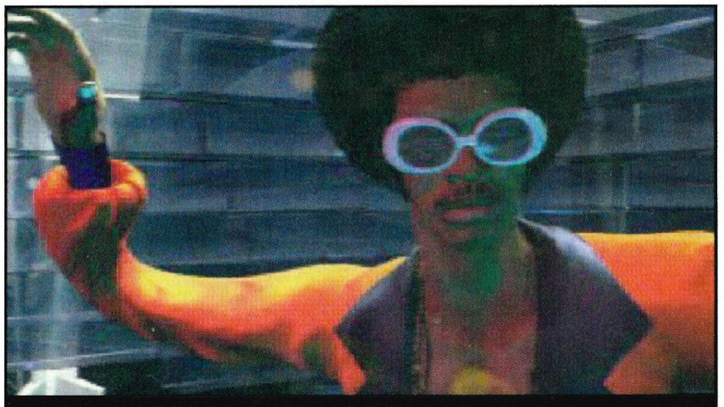
■ Press ST► after the game has been completed with 17 different characters. Tiger's got a totally different ending to Eddy, so it's worth checking it out.



■ Tiger's a funky dude, daddy-o



■ He's got the groove, he's got the moves...



■ And a wonderful pair of sunglasses. Oh, and a hairdo that should be covered up.

GUNJACK — OLD COSSIE FROM THE FIRST TEKKEN



■ Play as GunJack 10 times, then press ST

SECRETS AND LIES

■ Alright, so there aren't any lies. But there are plenty of secret characters and other goodies hidden away in Tekken 3. While we're not going to teach you how to play as any of the fighters yet **(you'll have to wait until next month)**, you might just want to know how to get hold of them...

SHINY HAPPY SECRET PEOPLE

CHARACTER	WHO ARE THEY?	HOW TO GET THEM
KUMA	A big bear	Beat the game with any fighter
JULIA	A native Indian	Beat the game with any two fighters
GUNJACK	A military robot	Beat the game with any three fighters
MOKUJIN	A wooden bloke	Beat the game with any four fighters
ANNA	Nina's sister	Beat the game with any five fighters
BRYAN	A human cyborg	Beat the game with any six fighters
HEIHACHI	Jin's grandfather	Beat the game with any seven fighters
OGRE	The God of Fighting	Beat the game with any eight fighters
TRUE OGRE	The same, only worse	Beat the game with any nine fighters

HOW TO GET TO MEET 'EM AND FIGHT 'EM

■ The easiest way to get all of these is go to the Options screen and set it to one round with a 20 second time limit. This way, you'll have all the secret fighters in bugger all time. But even when you've done all of this, you'll notice that you've still got two places left on the character board to fill. Getting the people who belong there is slightly more difficult...

DOCTOR BOSCONOVITCH AND GON

■ Wanna get the two hidden characters? To get dino-bloke Gon, go into Tekken ball mode as soon as it appears and play it on the easiest setting with any character – Paul or Jin are a good choice. Win and he's yours.



■ Look! It's the little dragon. Ahhhhhh.

■ Getting Doctor B is tougher. You've gotta fight through Tekken force mode without dying THREE TIMES. Each time you complete it you get a key. Complete it for a fourth time and you'll fight Doctor B at the end. Beat him and again, he's yours.



■ Tekken Force is a bit of a toughie

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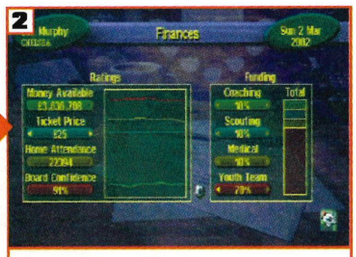
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YOUTH TEAM

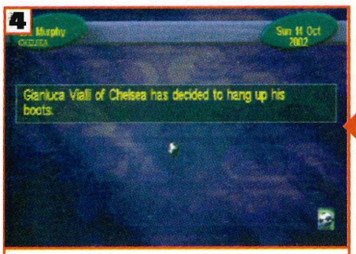
■ Turn the player 'ageing' to on and 'training' up to 70% on the finances screen. When players now retire they will be replaced by youngsters with the same stats and wage demands. If you find ancient stars cheap on the market, grab 'em, wait for them to reincarnate and you'll get stars at bargain prices.



■ Switch the player 'ageing' to on...



■ Put all yer cash into the youth team...

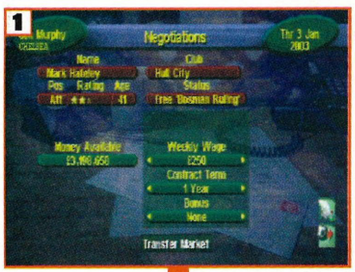


■ Old man reincarnates as a youngster...



■ Buy up old stars on the cheap...

FREE MOOLA



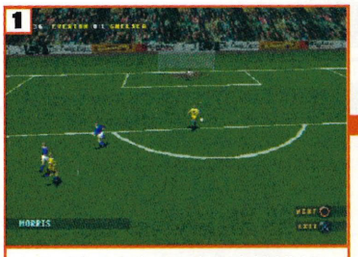
■ Keep your eyes out for anyone on the Bosman ruling. They'll still have a value, but the move will cost you nothing. Snap 'em up and put them back on sale – money for nothing mate. Also start the season with Juventus for your two home friendlies and stick the ticket prices up to max. You'll get a full house and makes loads of cash in the process.

1 Snap up players on the Bosman ruling 2 Play Juventus twice during pre-season

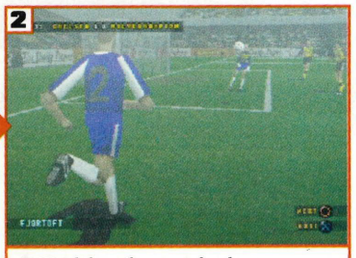


MATCH TACTICS

■ Play around with formations and tactics when a match is in progress. If you concede a goal quickly, try changing the type of marking. And If you're desperate to win a match come out with a full-on attacking side. Then, as soon as you score a goal, go back on the defensive.



■ Don't just sit there and watch highlights



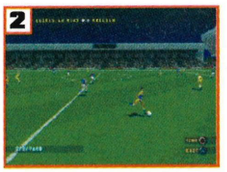
■ Watch how the game develops



■ And then respond to how the other team is playing...

HINTS AND TIPS







1 Offering bonuses and long term contracts will get the players you want 2 Keep training a player in ONE ability for an ENTIRE season. Their stats'll go up. Make full use of subs to keep energy and morale high. Buy players at the beginning of the season so yer team doesn't panic 3 You're much more likely to win your first 'proper' matches if you played pre-season games. But, older players run out of steam towards the end of matches and the season itself. Watch out though if a player hits a rough patch. Stick him up for sale and he'll try a lot harder

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 76.

ALIEN TRILOGY

Is there an invincibility cheat for Alien Trilogy?
Brett Thomas

plus To get the options of invincibility, level select, infinite ammo and all the guns, bang in 1G0TP1NK8C1DB00TS0N as yer password.

BLOBS

What are those funny, plastic blobs on the Sony pads?
Jason Wheatley

plus Those'll be the buttons. And something tells us you'd be a bit miffed if they weren't on there.

BROKEN SWORD 2

I'm stuck on the bit in the warehouse.
Andrew Dunn

plus Tricky. V-e-r-y tricky. What you got to do is head to the wood wall of the room and look around for little one pixel-wide markings on the floor. Those're 'scratch marks'. Apparently.

Click on 'em, and you'll find a door. Inside's Nico, your bit of fluff, and what's more, she's tied to a chair. Restrain yourself. Untie the poor darling, scoop up all the objects around her on the floor, and then head back into the main warehouse bit. Use the rope on the statue, and use that ickle bit of black tape on the electric cell on the lift door.

Move the crate over to the crates by the statue, pile 'em up. Click on the rope, then the pulley, then enlist the help of Nico to push the statue through the wall. Ka-ching! Freedom!

COLIN MCRAE RALLY

I have already spent my hard-earned cash on Gran Turismo, should I waste some more lolly on Colin McRae Rally?
Matt 'McManaman' Allen

plus Hell yes. It's top notch. And don't you go worrying about money. Tell the bank manager we told you so.

Dead or Alive

You're coming with me

Have you got any cheats for Dead or Alive?
Chris Whitlock

plus Not a sausage, cheat-wise. But here's a couple of useful bijou-tip-ettes you might find faintly amusing:

To unlock an extra voice for each character, just go into the 'Command Mode' and then perform all the moves for each character *yes, all of 'em* and you'll get an extra voice.

To change the bounce that you get off the 'Danger Zone', just complete Kumite mode with an 80% win rate.

And to change the damage you get when you wander into that ever-so-hurty Danger Zone, just beat the game with all ten characters on Default settings.

And while we're on the subject, if you've got a PC or Mac, you can put the CD into it and you'll get a selection of highly tasteful textures you can use as wallpaper on your desktop.

And that ain't all you can do with this tricksy little disc. If you play it in a CD player, there's all sorts of bits from the game in there. Clever.



■ It's a game, it's music, it's wallpaper...

Tekken 3 vigil

Counting the days till September 11



And the letters keep pouring in. The time draws near. Please feel free to join us in the semi-permanent shanty town we've established outside Sony's UK offices where an eternal flame is kept flickering in anticipation of T3's arrival on these shores...

When is Tekken 3 coming out?
Ruaraidh Wishart

plus September the 11th. Not long now. Be calm.

Should I buy Tekken 2 now, or wait till Tekken 3 comes out?
Owain Thomas

plus Impetuous boy. The folly of your question makes us choke on our own bile. Three, three, three is the way it's got to be. Trois! Drei! Tres! Three! Three! Three!

Tekken 3's coming. I'm short of dosh and fear I may have to sell my sister to a Venezuelan cathouse to get the necessary readies. Should I?
Phil

plus Alright, it's a fair cop. We made that one up. But if any of you do find yourself in similar dilemmas, don't do anything rash. Just mug a granny instead. So much easier.

Vigilante 8

Stop your grinnin' and drop your linen

Please, please help, I'm at me wit's end and the end of my tether... Please – have you got any cheats for Vigilante 8?
William Wright (Wullie)

plus Cheats? We've got so many of 'em it isn't even funny. The little bastards are eating us out of house and home. Here's a selection:

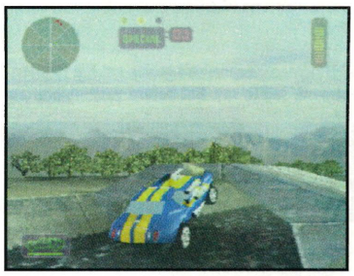
To get all the arenas, just go to Game Status in the options screen, press ⊗ and then ◉ to enter the passcode, bang in: WMNNWLHTSCUCLH. That'll getcha all the arenas and the secret character 'Y' the alien.

And for this lot, just choose any character and enter the cheat you want. You should hear some Yank bint say 'Funky!'

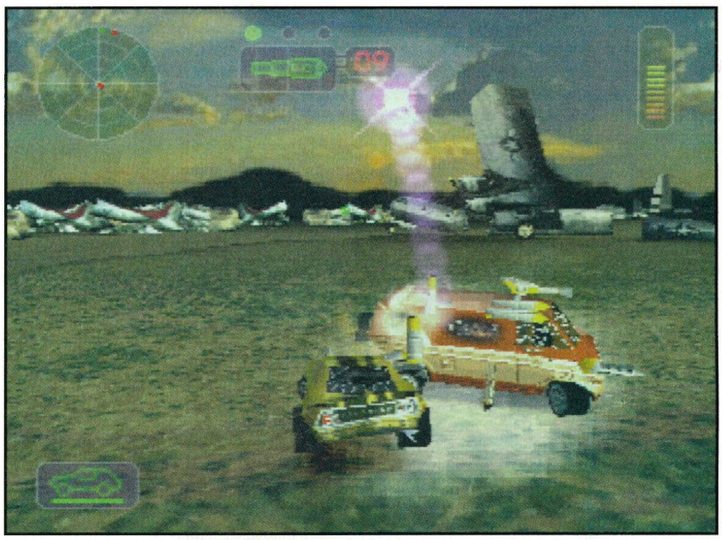
For big wheels, enter: MONSTER_WHEELS
For pumped-up homing missiles, enter: DEADLY_MISSILE.
For reduced gravity: REDUCE_GRAVITY.
For no enemies: GO_SIGHTSEEING.
For invincibility: I_WILL_NOT_DIE.
To see all the FMV bits: SEE_ALL_MOVIES.
For the totally nails expert mode: HARDEST_OF_ALL



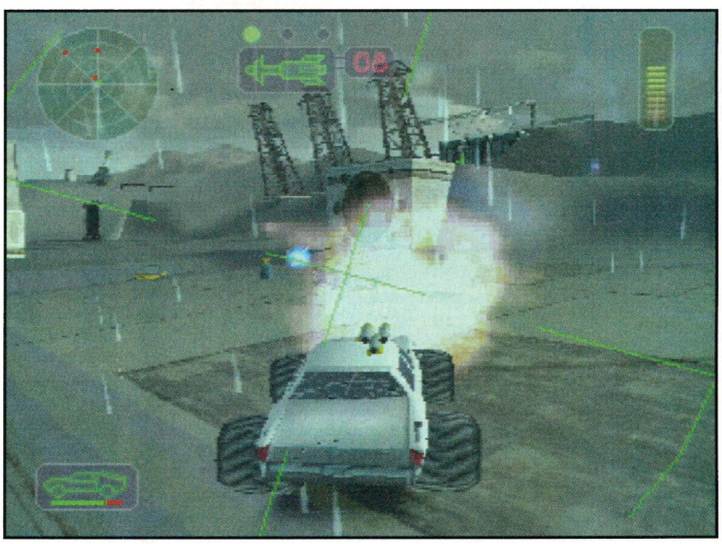
■ Mmmm. Lovely, lovely video sequences



■ Low gravity. Fun for at least five seconds



■ Expert mode. Annoys the parts the already bastard-hard normal mode doesn't reach



■ Big wheels, big tyres make a load of big bounce

Instant Expert: Your problems solved

DODGE VIPER

I have bought a Dodge Viper on Gran Turiosmo, had all the mods, but only had NA I tune. Now I wish to buy NA II and III, but it won't let me. Even if I sell it and separate it, it still says 'NA I purchased' and refuses to allow any improvements at all.
Clive Blatherwick

plus You're shit outta luck. Some motors in GT you just can't re-tune once you've done it once. Dang. You'll know next time, eh? And while we're talking Turismo: we've said this before, and we'll say it again. There are no cheats. And yup, we know the International A's bleedin' impossible. Hard cheese.

DUNGEON KEEPER

My friend has got Dungeon Keeper for the PC and I think it's brilliant, but are they going to bring it out on the PlayStation and when?
Lee Price

plus Dungeon Keeper isn't gonna get the 'Station treatment, sad to say. But before your PC-owning compadre starts to gloat, tell 'im that Dungeon Keeper 2 will be showing up on the 'Station. And the latest word we've heard is that it'll touch down around November time.

EXHUMED

How do you kill the beastie in the Set Palace on Exhumed? I realise it must be another weapon, but which one, and where do I find it?
Rick Hague

plus Beastie? It's a bleedin' mummy, you nonce. And as to how to fix it so embalming-boy really NEEDS those bandages, it ain't a question of another weapon. Just run straight at him, blasting as you go, and he won't get you with his Cobra Mists too many times...

GEX

Are there any cheats for Gex, the first one?
Paul Marwood

plus Care for a level select? Ooh, suits you, sir. In the level selection dome, hold R1, press SEL, then enter: ⊗ ■ ⊗ ➡ ⬆ ⬅ ● ● ⬇ ⬇. Easy as pie.

Final Fantasy VII

Chocking. Simply chocking

I've heard that on Final Fantasy VII there is an enemy skill called Chocobuckle. Is this true? If so, where can I find it?
Adam Povey

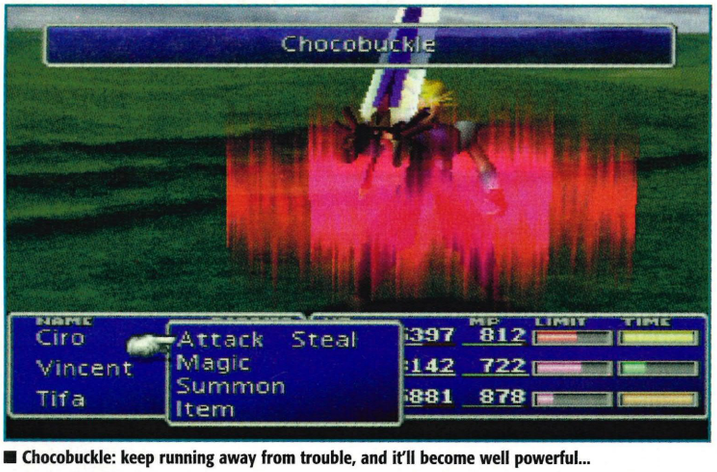
plus You heard right, muchacho. And it's plenty tasty too. Wot it does is inflicts non-elemental damage equal to the caster's current level multiplied by the number of times the party has run away from a fight. Sweet. But getting it's gonna cause you major ballsache.

What you gotta do is find yourself one of those Mu's that hang around near the chocobo ranch and learn Level 4 Suicide off it using the Enemy Skill materia. You can't manipulate 'em: you'll just have to wait till they use it. Now head in to the ranch and buy three Mimmett greens for 4,500 gil.

You need to find yourself a level 16 chocobo: Level 4 suicide only affects things whose level's a multiple of four. You can use Sense to check up on the chocobo's level, but you can usually tell by what monsters it shows up with. If it's with two Levrikons or two Elfadunks, you're in business. Feed it all three Mimmett greens, without attacking either it or the monsters with it, then cast Level 4 Suicide on it. It'll retaliate with Chocobuckle. Sorted.



■ Get ready to chuck it some Mimmett greens



■ Chocobuckle: keep running away from trouble, and it'll become well powerful...



■ Yup. A huge fat chocobo appears

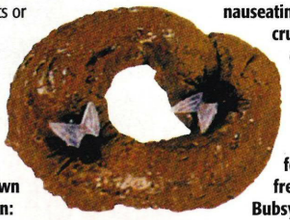


■ ...and causes really major hurtage

The worst games collection ever

Pity poor Naomi

Could you give me any cheats or passwords for 1. Rayman 2. Space Jam 3. Bubsy 3D?
Naomi Mitchell



plus Jeez Naomi. The gods have not been kind to you. You've got a stack of the shittiest games known to humanity there. Rayman: nauseatingly cute bollocks. Space Jam: cruddy basketball with a nasty dose of wacky. Bubsy: unadulterated shite. Do yourself a favour. Burn 'em now.

But 'cos we're kind fellows, we'll tell you this for free: bang in XLVLCHTMSB on Bubsy to get a level select...

IN THE HUNT

Do you have any cheats or tips for In The Hunt?
Jeff Wood

plus Only one, But then I'm afraid that'll have to do, won't it, Jeff?

To get infinite continues, just hold down SEL and △ after you die, then when the Continue prompt pops up, just punch START, with the other two still held down...

MDK

Are there any cheats for MDK? I'm stuck.
Fraser Wilson

plus How's about a level skip? To skippety-skip, hold down all four shoulder buttons when you're on the main screen, then press: ⬆ ➡ △ ● ➡. Immediately let go of the shoulder buttons. Bingo. Now just press ■ to change level, ● to change arena.

NBA LIVE '98

Are there any cheats for NBA Live '98?
Craig Thomas

plus Yup. But a small word of warning. These might only work with the American version of the game. But let's face it. If you're playing basketball games, you're a Yankee Doodle in spirit anyway.

To get the Secrets menu up, bang in your name as 'Secrets'. Then press START to confirm the code and then press ● to activate the secrets menu.

To enter a secret code, go to the secrets menu, and enter 'Aqua' for an underwater court, 'Scary' for a team with Halloween costumes, 'Monocle' for a player with a monocle. And if you bang in 'Scary', then follow up with 'Freaky' and then 'Pin rocks' and answer 'both' to the question, the teams will turn into sickeningly cute ickle bears. God, the saucy wit of those laugh-a-minute guys from across the pond...

ONE

Got any cheats for One?
Dave Russell

plus Yup. And they're great to chew, but even better to share. So here they are: to get a level select, bang in your name as HEVYFEET. And to get all them super weapons, just bang in your name as MAXPOWER.

PANDEMONIUM

Are there any cheats for Pandemonium?
John Michaels

plus Yes, Indeedy. To get yourself a level select, enter BORNFREE. For some extra hearts, enter CORONARY (snarf, snarf snarf).

Have you got the set yet?

Back issues with tips in 'em

Various supermodels, including Kate Moss and Stella Rimmington, swear by PlayStation back issues service as the answer to all their 'Station game tip needs. Kate said: 'They tip all my fave games just so. And all at a price a supermodel like me can afford.'

plus HERE'S WHAT'S IN 'EM:

March '98: Guide to MDK, and walkthroughs for Broken Swords 1 & 2 (including how to get past that goat), all the cheats for Twisted Metal 2, Dark Forces and Nuclear Strike.

May '98: Red Alert Soviet missions given the once-over: first half of Deathtrap Dungeon put to the sword. Cheats for Colony Wars, Rayman and Actua Soccer 2.

June '98: Resident Evil 2 walkthrough, second half of Deathtrap Dungeon twatted. Cheats for Gex 3D, Need for Speed 2, Puzzle Fighter 2.

July '98: GT: how to get your International 'A', Die Hard Trilogy caned, cheats for Tomb Raiders 1 and 2

Hurry! Stocks are low!



■ Weight a minute, me threads' got torn

Warcraft 2

War, war, war

Are there any cheats for Warcraft 2?
Timothy Fleming

plus Our elite tip warriors had to be given a touch of the lash before they went on the hunt at the request of a man called 'Timothy', but they done come up trumps:

To get an instant win, enter NTTSCLNS on the password screen.

To turn your blokes invincible, enter TSGDDYTD.

To get fistfuls of moolah, enter GLTTRNG.

To make your men of war build things fast, enter MKTS.

And to get rid of that bleedin' irritating Fog of War that stops you seeing the whole level, enter NSCRN.



■ See a sight clearer once the fog's lifted

C&C: Red Alert

Reds under every bed

Got any cheats for C&C: Red Alert?
A Fletcher

plus And why not? You can only use these if you've got a joypad, but since, according to the latest statistics, only one gimp who lives in Dundee has bought the Sony mouse so far, that shouldn't be a problem. What to do is put the pointer on the team icons on the sidebar and hit circle. Then key in these:

For an instant nuke:
● ✕ ● △ ■ △

For an instant win:
✕ ■ ■ ● △ ●

For instant dosh:
■ ■ ● ✕ △ ●

And to reveal the whole map:
■ △ ● ✕ △ ■



■ Time to take out the frozen Ruskies

For permanent special weapons, enter OTTOFIRE. (geddit?)

And for a pinball bonus game at the end of levels, enter the password TOMMYBOY.

PSYGNOSIS

Is it true that Sony have taken over Psygnosis?
David Marcroft

plus I'm afraid that you're a couple of years off the pace, Dave my son. Our favourite, friendly multi-national corporation gobbled up Psygnosis a few years back.

And at the mo, they're trying to spit it right back out: Psygnosis are up for sale again. So, you'd better start saving the pounds and the pennies: because owning a large software house will earn you untold respect from your peers. Plus loadsa free games.

RE-LOADED

Are there any cheats for Re-Loaded? I can get to the 5th level, but no further.
Jason Brassington

plus There are mucho cheats for Re-Loaded, and listen up, crap game fans, they'll work for its even worse prequel Loaded too.
For all of these, first off, pause the game and hold down L1 and L2
For infinite health, punch in:
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For powered-up weapons, punch in:
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And for a level skip, press:
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RESIDENT EVIL

Do you need anything for the Eagle/Wolf hollows in Resident Evil?
Lee Cairns

plus What you're looking for are Eagle and Wolf medallions. Remember those Doom books you picked up? They're inside 'em.

What you got to do is rotate the book on the menu screen as if you were opening it, and then you'll get the medals... but annoying when you don't. If we ever catch the boy who's responsible, we'll immobilize him and leave him to the mercy of a randy leopard. You got our word on it.

RESIDENT EVIL 2

How do you get the Gatling gun in Resident Evil 2? I have completed Leon's second scenario in under 2.5 hours with an A ranking but I still haven't got it.
Daniel Hogan

plus The gun'll be in the first item box you come to, you doofus.

ROAD RASH

Please can you tell me if there are any cheats for Road Rash on Platinum?
Marc Powell

plus There's just the one. And it's so bloody useless that reading it'll only cause you a spasm of annoyance. But you were the one that asked. To jump off your bike without having an accident, just bang hold 🡹 L1 and R1 together.

Now you can finish the race on foot. If you really feel it necessary.

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Men in Black

Tricky dicky

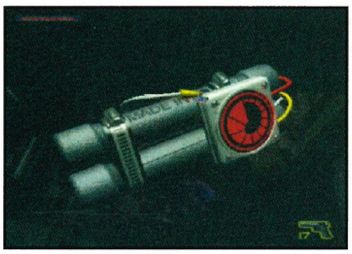
How the hell do you get past the first level in Men in Black?
Darryl Jonathon

plus Good question. It's a bastard. If you's stuck with the bomb, what you got to do is watch out mighty closely for the wider bit in the flashy red strip.

When the light reaches that, snip the wire at the top of the bomb. Easy. The rest of the level's a bit evil too, but that's just because the combat system in Men in Black stinks worse than cholera-sufferer's bottom burps. One word of warning: the bit where you have to climb the boxes, you'll need to kind of jump off the end of the screen.

Perspective problems. Better get used to 'em if you're gonna play the game. And by the way, you can only kill the baddie at the end by hand-to-hand combat.

Back into a corner and keep lashing out with those funny-shaped feet of yours...



■ When it flashes, it's safe to cut



■ Save them bullets for the boys later



■ Kick the side of the crate to get out



■ On the roofs, fighting starts to git tough

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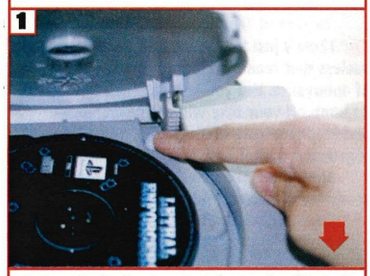
Ooh. Naughty, naughty, very naughty. We've got on the phone to Sony, and a SWAT team is on its way to your gaff to 'neutralise' you, you dishonest little son of a bitch. But while they're on their way, here's how you'd do it.

First off, you've got to have a really old PlayStation: Sony got wise to disc-swapping jiggery-pokery pretty quick, so if you paid less than £250 for yer PlayStation then you're outta luck.

What you want to do is turn on yer 'Station with nowt in it, then put any British PAL game in, and use music menu to play it.

While the disc spins, put a biro into the little hole on the right side of the lid, then use sticky tape to stick it to the lid, so it stays in the hole.

Once the 'Station's registered the PAL disc, whip it out, and slam yer import game in pronto. It should load nae bother. Zang!



■ Keep it playing tunes and open the lid



■ Bung a biro in the right hand hole



■ Tape biro to lid to keep it in place



■ Then slap in your import

The worst cheats ever

Those responsible will pay for their crimes

We were scraping the encrustations off the bottom of our cheats cupboard when we found these pieces of shit. We thought we'd share 'em with you. No really, it's quite alright. That's the sort of guys 'n' gals we are. We care about you and want you to have a laugh with your 'Station. Honestly.

MOTORHEAD

Trust us, the very last people on earth you want to see in this world are overweight, gimpy, odd-looking Swedish computer programmers. However, that's just what you get to see if you drive a tad too fast through the wall on the Ruhrstadt level. Yeegh.



■ How did we get in on the act?

FORMULA ONE

Oh-ha-ha-ha-ha. Have mercy on us.
A funny lickle bike. Except not. It's a shite little thing made out of two wheels joined by a yellow strip.
Choose Single Race, then hold down SEL and press ↓ ↑ ● △ → ↑ ■ △.



■ Smaller. Well-hidden. Not funny

WCW NITRO

It's what the kids want. You're playing a wrestling game, so what you want is to have the wrestlers' minders step into the fray. A set of obese oafs in suits. Whoop de do. To unleash the twats, hit R1 four times, L1 four times, R2 four times, then L2 four times.



■ I'm not much cop but check out my mate

TOCA Touring Car

Many, many cheats

Does anyone know the TOCA slowdown cheats?
Gareth Jones

Slowdown cheat? There's no such cheat, you silly fellow. But if you enter your name as FLEXMOBILE, you'll corner like a beast. And while we're talkin' TOCA, you might as well know all these:

To make your car fire grenades when you turn on the horn, enter your name as TANK.

To get all the tracks, enter your name as JHAMMO.

To get the mirrored tracks, enter your name as PATSCREEM.

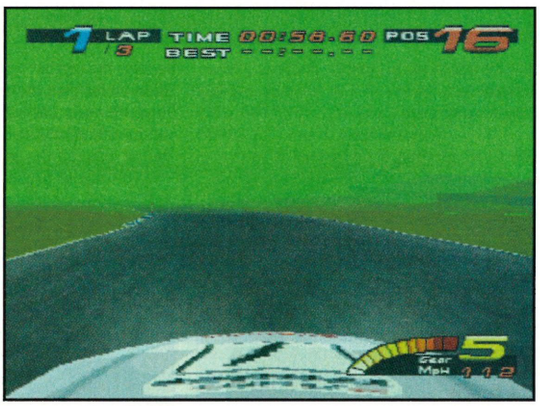
To turn all your fellow road users into absolute nutters, enter CMMAYHEM.

And to reduce gravity so that all the cars'll bounce around, enter your name as CMLOGRAV.

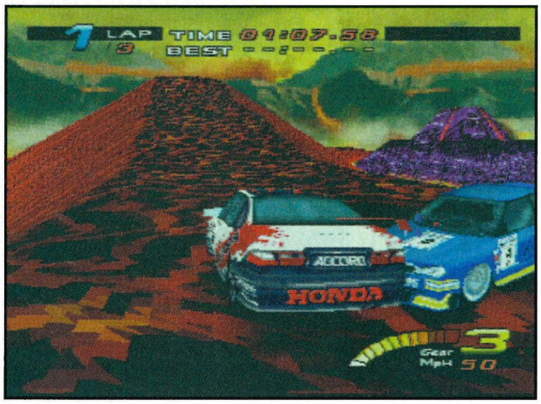
For hidden lava track, your name's CMDISCO.



■ Even the cornering cheats make the sky look 'all funny'



■ Low gravity action. Can you smell the entertainment yet?



■ Lavaland. Actually quite a laff, surprisingly 'nuff...



■ Wheel's on fire rolling down the redline

Cheats? Ciao

Oops. Reckon you lucked out this time...

These poor lads are going to have to go home empty-handed. Think of them in their suffering in their lonely cheatless hell while you bask in the warm security of your cheat collection. Ask yourself: do they know it's Christmas time at all?

Are there any cheats for Alone in the Dark?
Steven Todd

plus How can we put this? No.

Got any cheats for Final Fantasy VII?
Dave Huddart

plus God, how we wish we could say yes to your plea for help. But we can't. Damn.

Are there any cheats for Broken Sword?
Bill Wickstead

plus It hurts us to tell you no. You poor fellow. Our sympathies are with you.

G-Police

Cop a load of these

In G-Police, you use the cheats but at the end it says 'Mission Cheated'. Can you help?
Iain Naughton

plus You kind of wonder why they bothered with the cheats, don't you? Yup, if you use a cheat, you can't get any further through the game. Bastards. And you'll be grinding your teeth even more when you find that you can't get on to the mission after the one you choose when you use these level codes. But hey, that means you can go on and cheat all you like, right?

Level 1 - MADGAV	**Level 2 - DOLMAN**
Level 3 - SONAGAV	**Level 4 - ACEDUF**
Level 5 - JOJOGUN	**Level 6 - WENSKI**
Level 7 - SAEGGY	**Level 8 - MAZMAN**
Level 9 - DAZMAN	**Level 10 - DELUCS**
Level 11 - ANDOOOO	**Level 12 - KIMBCHS**
Level 13 - ANDYMAC	**Level 14 - YERMAN**
Level 15 - OLLIEB	**Level 16 - THEYOLK**
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Level 21 - IAINTHOD	**Level 22 - JONRITZ**
Level 23 - CLAIREC	**Level 24 - STEVEBOT**
Level 25 - ANGUSF	**Level 26 - EUANLEC**
Level 27 - EDFIRE	**Level 28 - STUBOMB**
Level 29 - THONBOY	**Level 30 - JIMMAC**
Level 31 - PUGGER	**Level 32 - ROSSCO**
Level 33 - CAKEBOY	**Level 34 - NIKNAK**
Level 35 - SAGLORD	

And before we forget, you can enter PANTALON on the password screen to get yourself six extra secret missions. You'll find 'em in the training missions menu...



■ Cheats. They'll never prosper

SPECIAL OPS

In your December 1997 issue, you gave an early preview of a game called Special Ops. Is it out yet?
David Jones

plus Things have been ominously silent in the Special Ops camp for many moons. We ain't heard nuffink, nor seen nuffink. But they say it'll hit shops around about the end of September. We'll believe it when we see it...

SYNDICATE WARS

Are there any cheats for Syndicate Wars?
David Foster

plus Just the one. To tool up yer men in overcoats with a few death-dealing bits and bobs, bang in ↓ ↓ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ △ ■ on the main screen.

TOTAL DRIVIN'

Got any cheats or tips for Total Drivin'?
Ben Coulthard

plus Totally. Thanks to Douglas Tinnegar for this tip. When you're on the second Moscow track, jump the ramp, but turn in midair and you'll land in a secret bit. Once you're in, drive at maximum warp towards the yellow wall. Smack it hard enough, and get to a secret track...

WCW VS THE WORLD

Have you got any cheats for WCW vs the World?
Neil Rodgers

plus Would a hint be any use? When you want to win fast, just knock your opponent out of the ring, 'cos Men in Pants don't seem to defend themselves so good outside it. Whatever.

What you want to do is keep doing your poncey moves on 'em till the timer reaches about 16 or 17, then chuck 'em into the far corner and climb back in before the clock strikes 20. You'll clock up a Ring Out win without breaking out in (too much) sweat. This'll save you time when you're trying to beat all the leagues to get the secret boys...

WHEELS WITHIN WHEELS

Is there a steering wheel which works well with TOCA, V-Rally, Porsche Challenge and Gran Turismo?
Karl Morrissey

plus We have heard tell of such a wheel, yes. Its name? The Gamester Rumble Force. And why's there just the one? 'Cos there wuz a bit of a ballsup with Gran Turismo, that meant it wasn't steering wheel-friendly. But you get a clever little converter with yer Rumble Force wheel to make Gran Turismo roll over on its tummy and purr. It's sweet with other games too.

WORLD CUP 98

Are there any cheats for World Cup 98?
John Mullen

plus 'Are there any cheats for World Cup 98?' he asks. Well, we've got a question for you: would you like to dip your celery in our love custard? The answer to both of 'em's no. We hope.

WORLD LEAGUE SOCCER

Would you happen to have any cheats for World League Soccer?
Joseph Myers

plus One little 'un. But it's a tiny bit naughty. Y'know how World League Soccer has to use silly names for all the players 'cos it ain't got an official licence?

Well, those ever-so-mischievous little scamps at Eidos put in a little cheat to make the real names reappear. Honestly! It's disgraceful.

Go into any team in the English League, and change one player's name to TEAMTWO.

A new option will appear which lets you select between 'Default One' and 'Default Two' for player names.

Go for two, and you'll get real-life names for all your players. You'll have to do this for every team that you want the real, genuine names for, mind. Can take a long time, this, but hey, it's worth it.

X-COM: TERROR FROM THE DEEP

Dear PlayStation Problem,

I would like to know if there are any decent cheats I can use for X-Com: Terror from the Deep.
Dave Brookes

plus Oi! Don't start calling us 'PlayStation Problem' so-called Dave Brookes. You're the one who's stuck on a game, sunshine and is in need of our help.

But, as it happens, we are willing and able to help you in your plight...

On the base name screen when you start, bang in AEIOU for loadsa spondulicks. The cheat'll also reduce the costly price of anything you care to mention to a single measly greenback. That's all

And then, if you carefully and slowly enter your name as JUSTLIKEME, all your little soldiers will come into the world screamin' and shoutin', as tough as you like, and armoured up to the teeth. That good enough for you? That float your boat, does it?

Sim and trim

Sim games slug it out

What sim game's the best on the PlayStation?
Roy Koruth

plus Tough one. Most of 'em are bollocks. We thought we'd put the three top contenders in a box to fight it out. Brutal, we know, but it's the law of the jungle out there in the rough, tough world of simulation games.

Theme Hospital: Boredom Factor: Eastenders. Funny Factor: Mr Funny. Lots o' Bits Factor: Duplo.

Theme Park: Boredom Factor: Coronation Street. Funny Factor: Kenny Everett. Lots o' Bits Factor: Normal Lego.

Sim City 2000: Boredom Factor: Emmerdale. Funny Factor: Russell Harty. Lots o' Bits Factor: Technics Lego.

The winner? Theme Hospital. Any game that involves the phrase 'the squits' is tops...



■ Theme Hospital's licensed to ill

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■ Top job Mr Mitra, cheers

Rhona Mitra

Ex-Lara model. Presents The Pepsi Chart on telly

Lara's looks: Spot on. Rhona WAS the face of Lara and even recorded an album as her, before she buggered off to go and do other stuff. She's got the hair and even had a boob job to get the proper Croft curves. (Her dad, a surgeon, did the boob job if you believe the tabloids).

Breeding: She's as English as they come and legend has it that Rhona used to be a bit of posh tearaway and after all, if her dad's a surgeon, chances are there's a bit of cash in the family coffers.

Attitude: Oh yes. It was handbags at dawn when Rhona took a pop at Liz Hurley in the papers, saying Hugh Grant's missus was the wrong gal to play Lara in the movies. Liz is too old, according to Rhona. Ouch.

Good with her shooters: You get loadsa dogs on The Pepsi Chart, but sadly Rhona's more likely to be introducing B*Witched than putting bullets in 'em. Still, if she wants to get some target practice in, she could do worse than that dork who co-presents the programme.

Athletic: She may look fit, but we've yet to see Rhona break a sweat. Her best bet to get lithe like Lara is to shake her booty when the acts are on.

➡ On-screen she's sheer perfection for your joypad. How're the contenders gonna measure up?



Looking for Lara



We check out real life totty to see who measures up to our Crofty

Lara may be the woman of your dreams, but who cuts the mustard in real life? After all, she's gotta have a boffo body, looks to die for, a don't-mess attitude and she's gotta be as hard as nails. It's a tall order but we drew up a shortlist and put each of 'em to the test...

Nell McAndrew

The new face of Lara in the UK

Lara's looks: Lara after a shag with Edward Scissorhands, maybe. Nell famously had her hair shaved off and now has to wear a wig for her Lara duties. But bald or not, we still think she looks the bizz.

Breeding: Sorry, but we don't reckon a posh lass like Lara would look too kindly on a skinhead. Even one as foxy as Nell. Bit too common, ya?

Attitude: Let's be honest, if you came face-to-face with a bonce like that down a dark alley, you ain't gonna mess. For sheer scare value, Nell scores high.

Good with her shooters: She's more likely to be good with a pair of steel toe-capped Doc Martens than a pair of Uzis, but who knows?

Athletic: Aerodynamic, at least. And with a bod like that, we don't give a toss.

⬆ Nell lookin' hot in her Lara guise. But who else can fill her boots. Shorts. And vest?

Liz Hurley

High-class totty. Looks divine, never wears brown

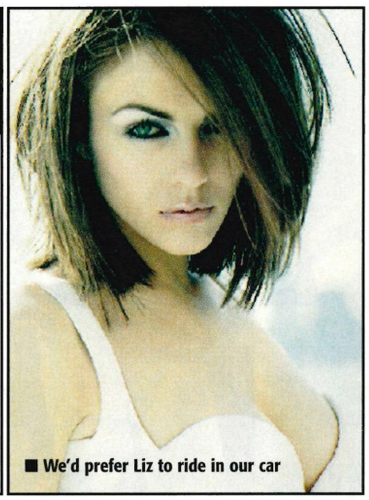
Lara's looks: Liz needs no excuse to go baps out, so we've all seen how she matches up.

Breeding: No probs. Liz and Lara probably went to the same all-girls school. Grrr...

Attitude: Bit of a walkover. Most folks reckon she should've strung Hugh Grant up by the bollocks after his adventures on Sunset Strip. But they're still together.

Good with her shooters: Can't be that good at blowing things away, right?

Athletic: Nah. Instead of running, she stood by her man.



■ We'd prefer Liz to ride in our car

Carla Pivonski

Model rumoured to have snaffled the Lara part in the film

Lara's looks: Carla's got everything Lara's got. Only bigger. As far as upstairs equipment goes, Carla beats Crofty hands full. (Er, that's 'hands down'). And when it comes to luscious dark locks, Lara's gonna have to cancel a few visits to the hairdresser before she catches up.

Breeding: With a name like Pivonski we kinda doubt that Carla comes from Suffolk. Still, for all we know she could have blue blood pumping though her. She gets our veins throbbing, at least.

Attitude: She sure looks mean and moody, and everyone knows dusky chicks have a fiery temper.

Good with her shooters: Chances are holding a heavy gun will be a bit of a trial for Carla – she's already got enough up front to worry about. She could always use her baps for up-close suffocation.

Athletic: Give her the right kind of support bra and we reckon Carla'd clamber up mountains just like our Lara.



■ A little French fancy'd do you good

Vanessa Demouy

French babe does Lara appearances in the land of the croissant

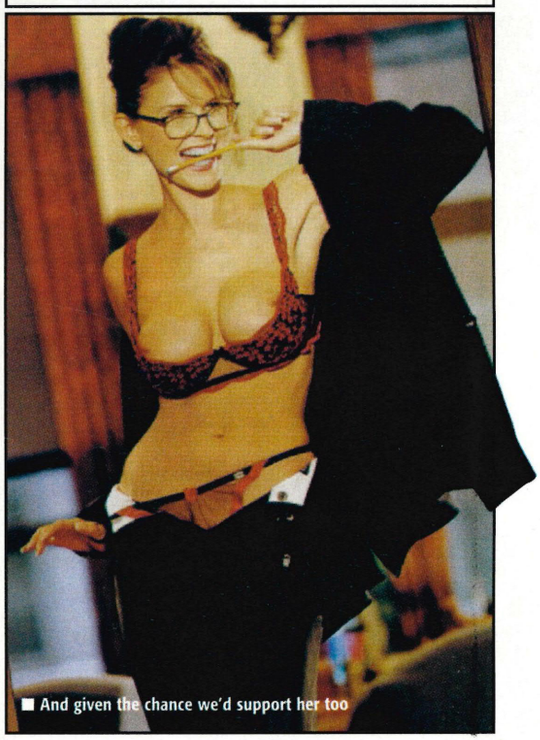
Lara's looks: Right on the money. Vanessa isn't yer über-Lara like Carla is, though. She's a bit smaller up top, but if this gear's anything to go by she must be a bit of an adventurous lass, right?

Breeding: More 'oh la la', than 'la-dee-da'. Vanessa certainly ain't got the English class that Lara's got. But when you look that good, who on earth cares where you come from?

Attitude: You've heard of the Gallic temperament right? French birds may not be big on armpit shaving, but they can still get angry with the best of them.

Good with her shooters: Check it out. This babe knows how to handle a couple of large weapons. We reckon she'd give Lara a run for her money.

Athletic: Sure, there's more to Lara than looking the part, but even if Vanessa's a 60-a-day girl and lives on Burger Kings we reckon she'd be perfect.



■ And given the chance we'd support her too

Demi Moore

Hollywood über-babe. Gets her kit off a lot

Lara's looks: Sure thing. Demi circa Striptease was looking every inch the real-life Lara, from the long, flowing dark locks to the ever-growing upstairs upholstery. Demi went a bit bonkers for GI Jane though, and had the hair lopped off. Lara as a skinhead? We don't think so.

Breeding: Demi would have a hard time pulling off the posh English totty bit. That Noo Yawk accent's gonna shine through every time.

Attitude: And how. Demi scores big-time here 'cos everyone knows she don't take no shit. How else do you think she go the nickname 'Gimme' Moore? This chick also does one-handed press-ups so, just like our Lara, you don't mess.

Good with her shooters: Demi would probably get Hollywood blacklisted if she capped a pet's ass, but the chances are she's nifty at handling a weapon. Just ask Bruce.

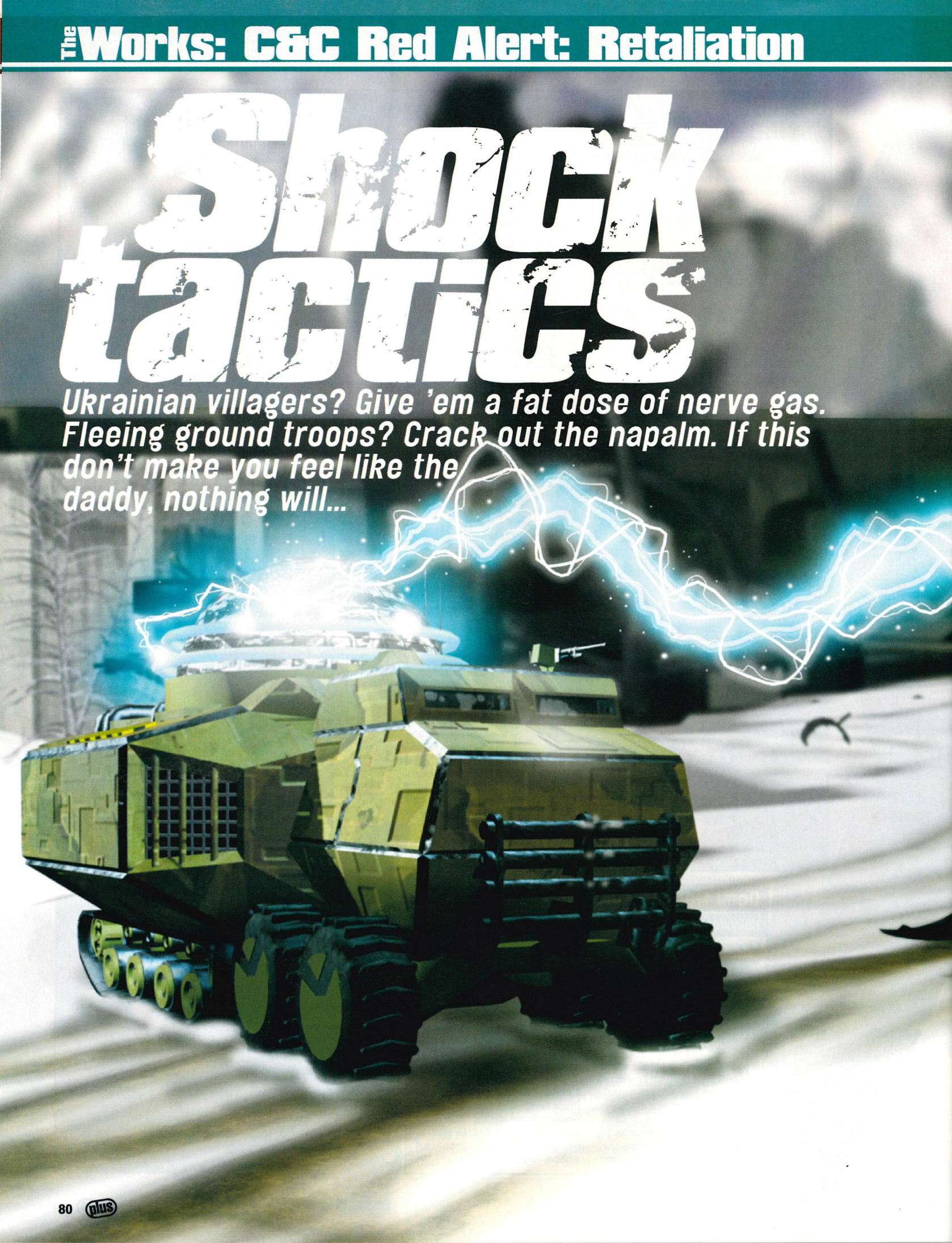
Athletic: Everyone knows Demi's a fitness fanatic with a home gym Lara'd be proud of. Double backflips, forward rolls and and tumbles are a bit of a short order but chances are if anybody can do 'em, Demi can.



■ Hi boys, fancy mowing my meadow?

Shock tactics

Ukrainian villagers? Give 'em a fat dose of nerve gas. Fleeing ground troops? Crack out the napalm. If this don't make you feel like the daddy, nothing will...



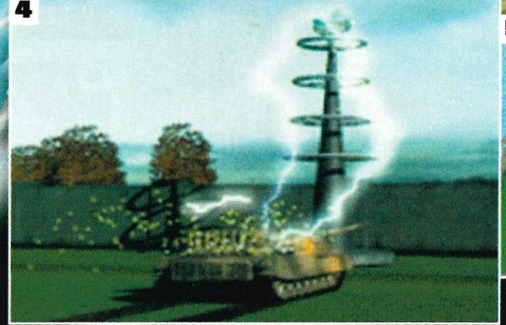
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Listen up, son. And listen good. Them red Russki Soviet bastards: they're pure poison. Godless socialist filth, every man jack of 'em. God damn their moustachioed faces! Commies! If you don't hate 'em, you probably already bin turned'... Hang on a tick. The Russians are our mates these days, ain't they? Not on your PlayStation. Start training armies of murderous Yanks. Get some comrades in yer crosshairs: time for a harvest of death...











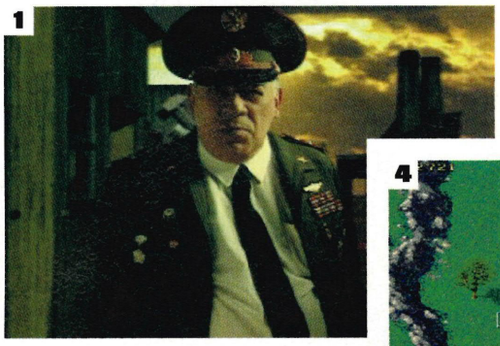


1 Stem the tide of red filth **2** By any means necessary **3** Them commie dogs just luuurve nerve gas **4** And biiig electric shocks **5** Check out their new Shock Troopers **6** Napalm death!

The Works: C&C Red Alert: Retaliation

The story so far...

Communists. Remember them? Miserable Russian bastards who believed in stuff like equal pay for all. Ughh. And they feature large in Retaliation. Set in the dark 'n' distant past when Joe Stalin was commie top dog: But Hitler's out of the picture, and the Allies (yay!) and the Russkis (boo!) are sluggin' it out with an assortment of tanks 'n' guns...













1 The people's collective of Rrrussia velcomes you... **2** Or take up a similar position working for this red-faced Yank walrus **3** Mass destruction's the name of the game here... **4** So burn them commies good, d'you hear? **5** Unless of course, you're on their payroll... **6** In which case, you better make those capitalistic pigdogs pay for their crimes...

What we like

They came from Red Alert!

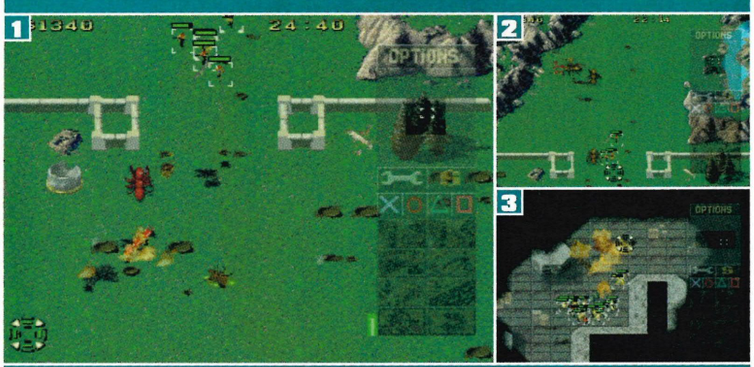
Once you've merrily exterminated your way through the left-wing types, you get to move seamlessly on to another set of godless vermin. Giant ants, to be precise. Yup, they've banged the secret missions from the PC version on here. It's your boys up against an acid-spitting posse of giant insects. And the missions are cool as they come...



■ The full B-Movie treatment



■ Big enough for you?



1 Ugggh. Giant vermin! Exterminate! Exterminate! **2** Our brave lads are being surrounded by insect filth... **3** But we got guns. They ain't

Why the long name?

Command & Conquer — Red Alert: Retaliation. A mouthful and a half. And why? See, in the beginning, there was Command & Conquer. Red Alert was the follow up — the same strategy kind of action, but more complex, with more units and stuff. And this 'un's a standalone set of extra Red Alert missions. And Red Alert was such a sweet little morsel that we ain't complaining...



■ C&C: pretty damn good. And going Platinum in the near future



■ Red Alert: sweet as a nut. And this 'un's a second helping...

Sci-fi fo fum

It'd all be a bit drab if you was restricted to using kerosene-fuelled tanks that drove at four miles an hour. So the Red Alert boys spiked the whole war mixture with a hefty dose of sci-fi. It's all tanks and little men, but there's also big bastard electric guns and futuristic shit like the Chronosphere, which allows tanks to blink out of existence and sneakily reappear behind the enemy...







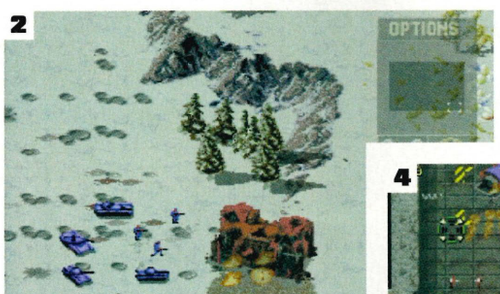


1 Chronosphere in full effect. Where'd those twats come from? **2** They sure as hell didn't have things like that back in the fifties... **3** And things're looking pretty damn modern here... **4** All the technology's thanks to some geezer travelling back in time. Apparently

It's a rich man's world

The war machine needs to be oiled frequently. Like, with large applications of dosh. Y'can't buy mass death down at Kwik Save, you know. So you got to keep mining ore to keep yourself afloat: you need the spondulicks to keep grinding out tanks and training up cannon fodder to die in the killing fields...









1 The wise commander allus stations himself right next to big deposits of ore **2** So's he can refill the coffers when he's splashed out on a new offensive **3** Big clever tanks like this 'un don't come cheap, you know... **4** And this number of grunts is gonna cost you a pretty penny

'Pump hot death up those Russki pigs'

House proud. And proud

The indiscriminate destruction of human life. It brings a warm glow to yer cockles, dunnit? Thing is, though, half the satisfaction you'll get out of Retaliation ain't from slaughter: it's from building up bases and getting your defences just so. Girly shit. But kinda fun girly shit. It's kind of like building sandcastles with added death. And you'll love it...













1 Slam together a construction yard... **2** If you's the commies, you'll want a coupla Tesla coils around the entrance **3** And start mining that precious ore, so you've got money **4** Now where shall I put that little turret? I don't know if it quite 'goes' there **5** Where'd I put this month's copy of 'Your Shock Troop Encampment', dammit? **6** Pump up your defences good. Keep that construction yard nice 'n' safe

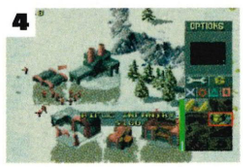
Wot you do

You get to play as either the valiant Yanks, defenders of liberty, freedom of speech and democracy, or the amoral, commie running-dogs of big Joe Stalin. You're the commander of a nasty squad of little murderers, who've tooled 'emselves up with everything from flamethrowers to attack aircraft. You boss 'em about, tell 'em to do stuff, and all in the name of wiping your sworn enemies clean off the face of the earth.





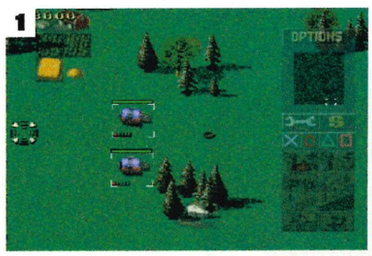




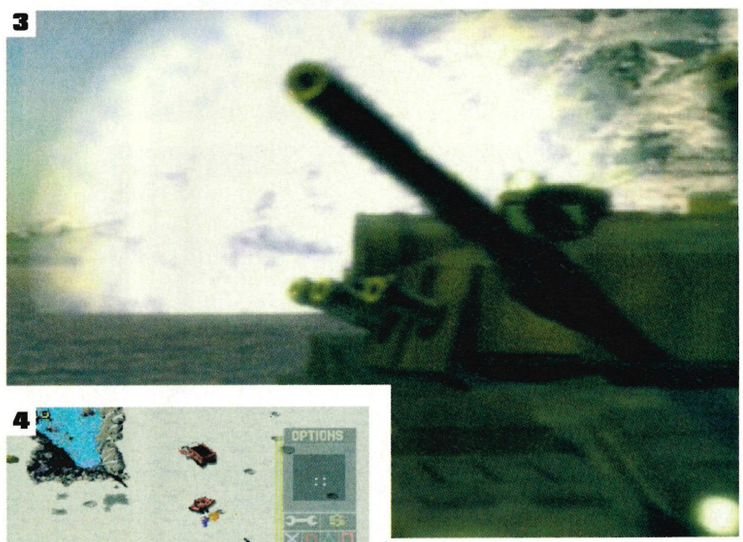
1 Airstrike! You commie bastards're gonna pay **2** Ground troops tooled with flamethrowers can cause really widespread death **3** ...But a well-placed shell should settle their hash **4** Building up bases is part of the fun... **5** And sticking it to other people's bases is even sweeter...

Our brave boys

And this time round there's a coupla new all-American boys fearlessly defending the cause of democracy as only they know how. The tricksy Yanks have gone and stuck a dinky lickle Chronosphere on to the back of a tank, making a tank that can blink out of existence and pop back up in an ideal position to stick it hard up those commie dogs. This is one sweet bit o'killing kit...







1 Boink! Chronotanks appear in just the right place... **2** To pump hot death up those Russkie pigs **3** And the old Chronosphere's still strutting its funky stuff... **4** Ideal to give old Joe Stalin one nasty headache

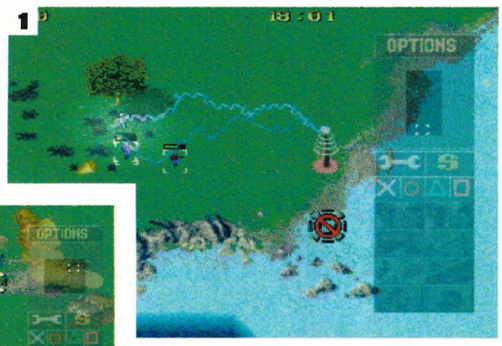
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The bloodthirsty commie hordes

Red Alert vets'll notice a few new moustachioed faces among the endless tide of Red pigs. For starters, there are the Tesla tanks, pumping electromagnetic death across the battlefield. Then there are missile subs, that can pop up and spray the landlubbers before sinking back into the deep blue. And that's not even mentioning Stalin's elite Shock Troopers...



■ Tesla tanks in full effect...









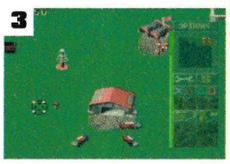
1 Oooh. Sweet 2 Stalin's elite Shock Troopers do their shit 3 Über-trooper Volostonyov (or something) doing nasty things to villagers 4 A sub pops up out of the water to send capitalistic pigs to the bottom...

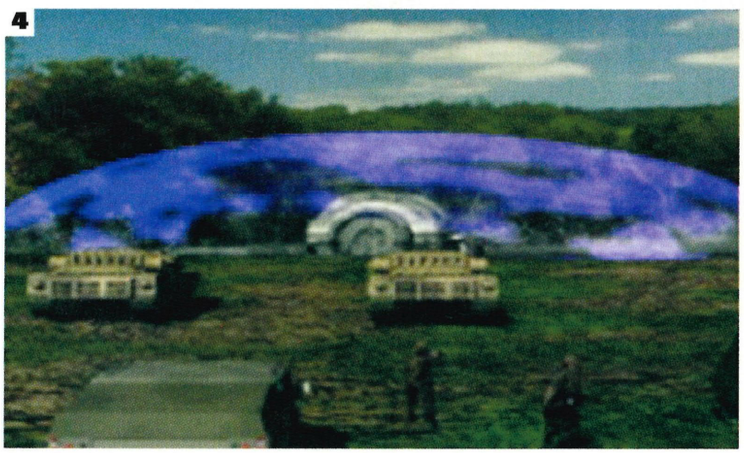
Wossitallabaht?

I'll give you 'comrade', you GODDAMN RED BASTARDS! Blam! Ka-whump! Aaaaiiiieee! Aaah. That happy, happy feeling of politically-motivated genocide. But massacres are just the tip of the iceberg. You got reconnaissance, escorting convoys, destroying installations, defending local bigwigs. The full war Monty. It's sweet.







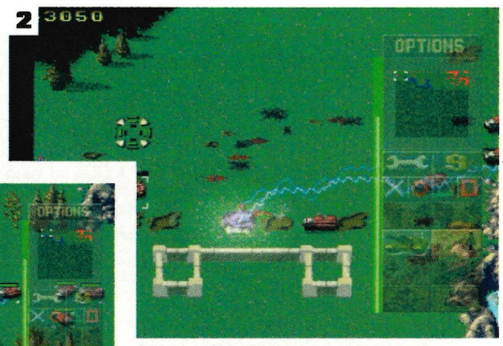


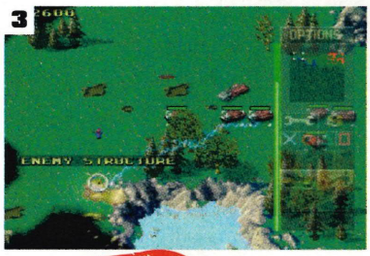
1 Yer little Soviet war criminals often have to do stuff like eradicating entire villages 2 Each mission helps 'em towards total domination of Europe... 3 Sometimes you'll have to destroy specific objectives... 4 And other times you'll have to hold a specific point until the cavalry arrives

Attack!

This is yer meat-and-potatoes kind of mission. You're surrounded by the loathsome enemy. But you got to do smart war things like establishing a beachhead (good, solid war word, that) then attack one specific objective on the map. Resist the urge to paste everything in sight. Do your job. There's a war on, don't you know?







1 The baddies send out posses, and they're on your ass all the time 2 Organise a counter strike and head into their base 3 Heavy armour's best for taking out annoying twats in pillboxes...

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We'd like to say...

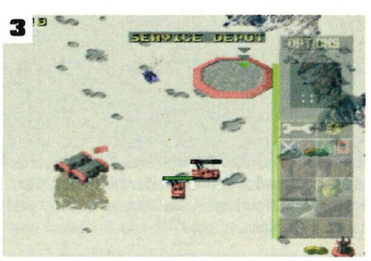
Okay, you sussed it. This ain't a brand new game as such. It's just a whole lot more of an old game. But it's a fine and dandy standalone package, and old Red Alert hands'll find 'nuff stuff to keep their warlike instincts razor-sharp. The missions on here are sweet as they come, and with 34 of 'em on the disc, you'd have to be one hell of a whining bastard to complain...

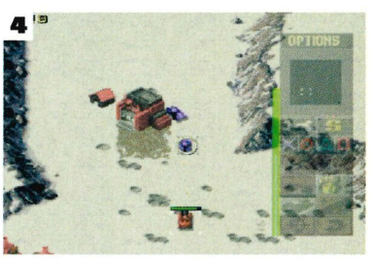
Defend!

You've seen war films. You know the drill. Frantic sergeants bellowing into field telephones: 'It's a goddamn firestorm down here! We need napalm! We need air support! Do you copy?' But when you take the helm, you gotta stay calmer than that, big man. Just hold on to your position. The cavalry's a-comin'...









1 Big up your defences. Try and train up some reinforcements 2 'Cos the Day of Reckoning's coming... 3 And it's gonna hit hard. Believe us 4 It all gets pretty hairy when you're fighting from street to street...

'Missions are sweet as they come'

Two-player action

'Cos there are two discs here, you can play a two-player link-up game without having to splash the hard-earned on two copies of the same game. All you'll need's two 'Stations, two tellies and a link up cable. And the two-player's mucho tasty: you start with an empty map, build up forces and bases, then move in for a bloody kill...











1 Start building. Do it quick 2 Start harvesting money. You gonna need it 3 Start churning out troops. Just a second... where'd they come from? 4 Bastard! Fall back, men! Fall back! 5 Oops. Another dream of victory up the spout...

Escort!

In some of the missions, you'll have to save lives, rather than just flame-crisping any twat that 'looks at you funny'. Weird. Here we've got ultra-tooled butcher-bint Tanya slaying most of the Ukraine in an effort to keep a fat Greek ponce called Stavros in one bit. But the stupid twat WILL just keep wandering out in front of the tanks and flamethrower...





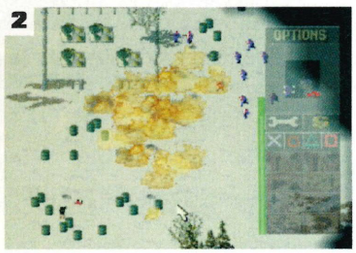


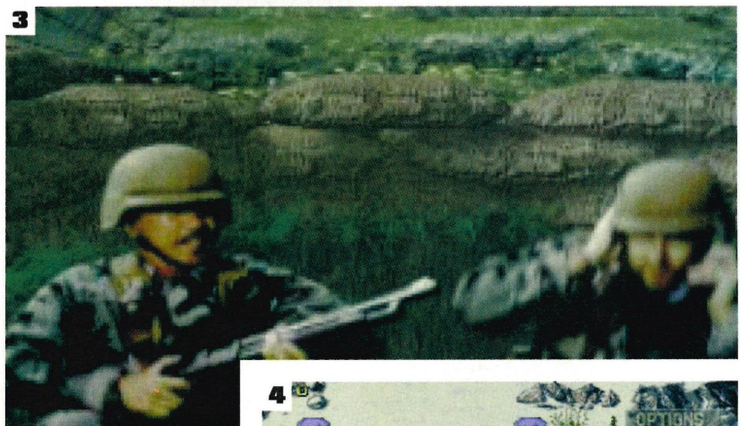
1 You lookin' at me, you commie bastards? 2 Keep dodging in behind trees and hard cover... 3 And be sure to keep Stavros in fine health 4 And Tanya? You better watch out for those tanks, eh?

...If you fink yer 'ard enough

The first few times you have a crack at any of the missions here, the odds are your brave lads are gonna end up being bulldozed into mass graves after getting cut to ribbons within the first twenty seconds. This game is rockhard. Like, really. Gaming nonces should steer well-clear. But if you reckon you've got cojones the size of large beachballs, step right this way: it's your turn to clear out the commies.









1 Just HOW many communists can there be in one zone? Jeez... 2 And you reckon that I could hold out against all of them? Stop talking shite 3 What was it the man said? Oh yeah. Time to die... 4 Bloody 'ell sarge, there's fahsands of 'em! They're swarming all over the shop. Lord 'elp us

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The Works: C&C Red Alert: Retaliation

'Kill everything that moves... kill some things that don't'

■ A load of missions and more enemies than you could shake a stick at: it's retaliation time...

Annihilate!

Military perfectionists'll be pleased to hear that there's a sackload of missions where it's a lot more simple. Just kill everything that moves. Hell, if you're feeling narky, kill some things that don't move. There. Doesn't that feel better?



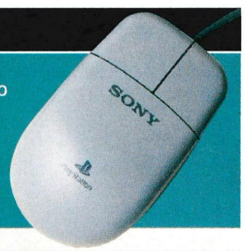




1 Die, die, die 2 La di da di da. Time to make lots of communists die 3 And just watch 'em go. Don't come over here with yer 'To each according to his needs' shit

Mousey, mousey

PC boffins'll know that Red Alert goes down particularly smooth with a mouse. Now we know that there ain't too many mousesters out there in 'Stationland, but this is one of those games that'll perk up good if you show it the wrong end of a mouse. That ain't to say it's unplayable with yer common or garden joypad, but a mouse'll just give it a bit of zip. Believe our words...



The spy who we loved

As we all know from watching wee James Bond in action, upper crust blokes in suits are the donkey's whipper when it comes to scouting out the baddies. And the ones in Retaliation even shound jusht like Sean C. Cool. And you get to send 'em out to take over installations, sneak past the baddies, and generally get you the goss on the Soviet types...





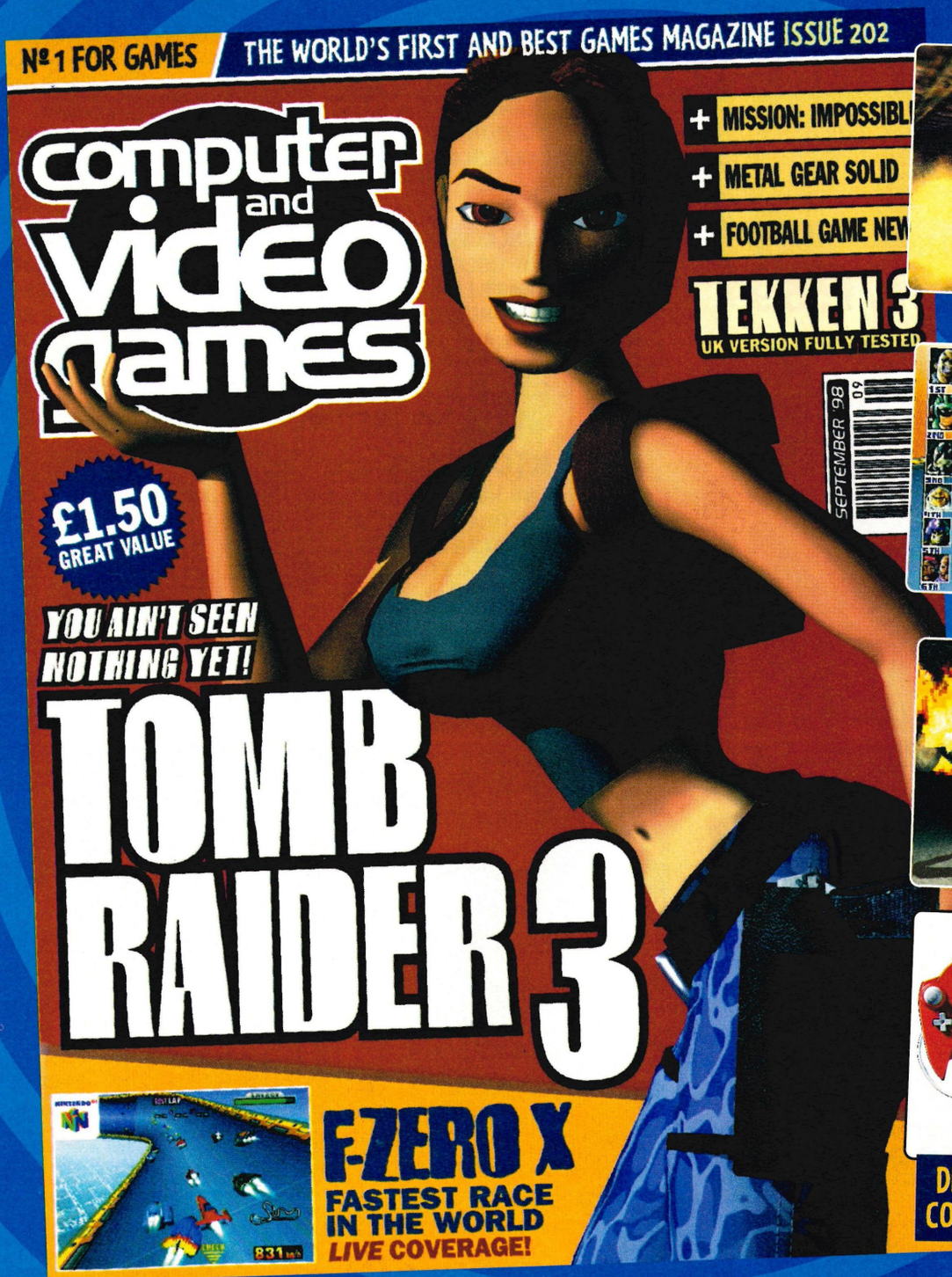


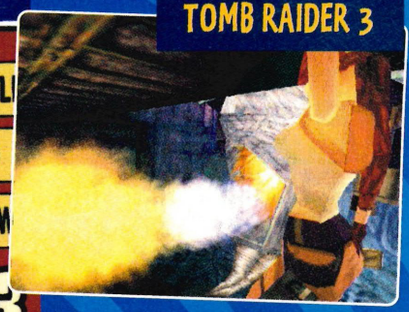
1 Reconnaissance is big in this 'un: check out this invisible tank 2 Stay out of reach of attack dogs, and stuff won't kick off 3 Use the spies, and everything'll stay off the boil

winner Well juicy. If you're a veteran Alerter, get yer ass down the shop and snap it up. Now. If you ain't, here's your chance to earn your Red Alert spurs... **Rob**

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ISS PRO 98

One of the best just got better. But is this the bestist of the best, or just a bit better than the rest of the best? Or is that a silly question?

So the French did it. They finally won a World Cup. Pah. They only won 'cos they played shit teams and Brazil forgot how to kick a ball. We'll give 'em a kicking at Euro 2000, if they make it... Oh yeah, almost forgot. Here's a new football game...

Gameplay

Like real footy really, only you can play it in yer front room without breaking things. Every inch of the pitch gets covered. Games can be end-to-end battles or slow, skilful build-ups. One thing's for sure – you're always fighting hard. The trick is to spot weak points in opponents.













1 A through-ball cuts into midfield... **2** The lay-off is picked up full stride... **3** A burst of speed down the wing... **4** Is followed by the perfect cross... **5** Romario jumps like a kangaroo... **6** And the ball almost splits the net

Tip to win: Bring players out of position

When you've got the ball, try stopping and tempting opposing players to come get it. Use this to free up team-mates and create space.



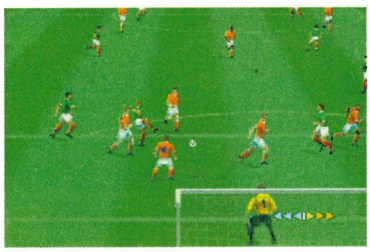
1 Encourage players to move out of position... **2** Dodge out of the way of the tackle... **3** Now pass into the space left behind

Shooting

Plenty of techniques to try, some of which will take a bit of mastering. The nice thing is beginners will be able to slot a few home straight away without the goals feeling cheap. On the other side of the coin getting swerve on shots is a bit of a 'mare.



■ Around the box tap-ins work well



■ Further out, use a bit more welly

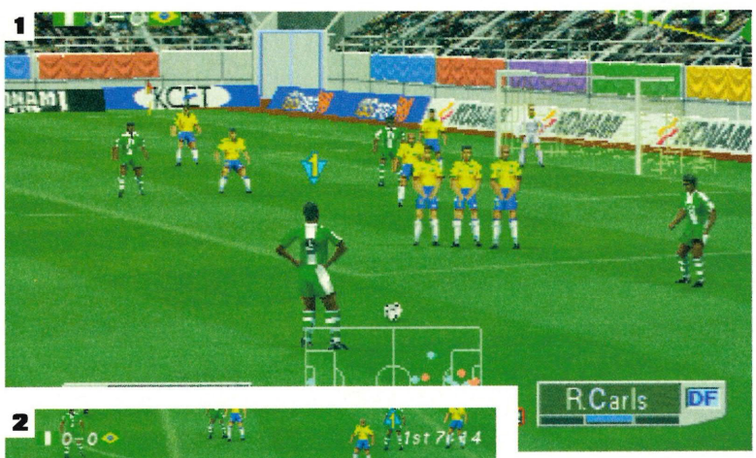


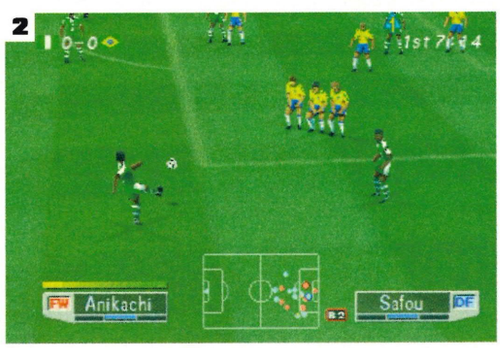


1 Long range shots from just outside the box... **2** Are sometimes worth a crack. Look at that net bulge

Free kicks

Why is it so bloody difficult to get decent free kicks in a football game? About the only one that's managed it so far is World League Soccer. In this one there's no indication where the ball'll go, so shots are way too difficult. You'll have to be a right jammy git to get one in.









1 With a view like this... **2** It's almost impossible to score from a direct free kick... **3** Mind you, if you're up against Brazil... **4** Expect the computer to get pretty close

Speed

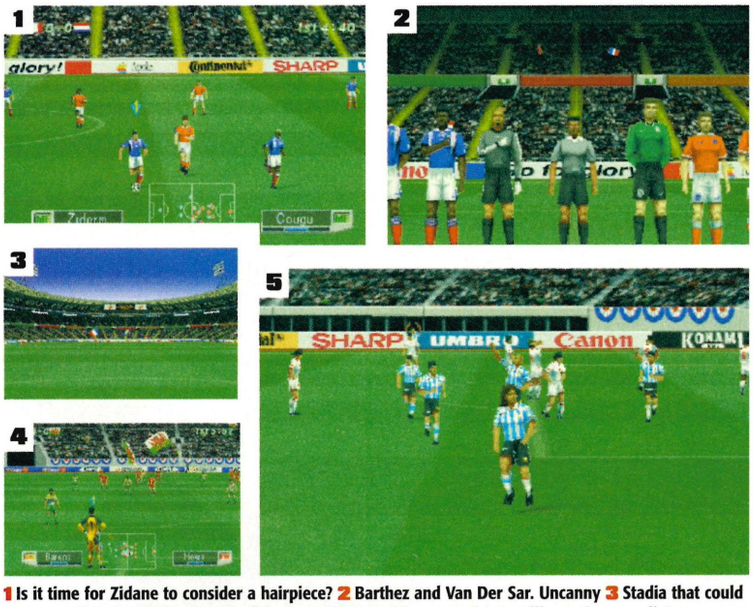
This is the first football game we've come across... and it was good. No, no; we've got a point to make. This is the first kickabout we've come across with variable speed. If you prefer matches to be played at a realistic pace: no probs. If you'd rather go for something frantic: just turn it up in the options. If you like Boyzone and sleeping with sheep: seek professional help.



1 If you want a fast game – just turn things up **2** If you want a slow game – pick Greece

Graphics

Tastier than beer pie, sexier than all them birds in the Lynx advert. Players, pitch and stadia are super-clean and smart. And attention to detail is spot on. Zidane has got a bald patch, Van Der Sar looks like he's been on the rack. 'Course all the names are shagged, but if you've got the time you can change 'em.



1 Is it time for Zidane to consider a hairpiece? **2** Barthez and Van Der Sar. Uncanny **3** Stadia that could seat a small nation **4** Up close it all looks cool **5** Good to see Batistuta still sporting a mullet

Management

Keep an eye on fitness levels and decide on formations. That's about it for management, other than the strategy function. Choose to play the off-side trap, counter-attack, sweeper system and the like. Now in-game you can toggle between a couple of strategies at the push of a button.



■ Make certain yer best team is on the pitch



■ Counter-attack strategy at work

Replays

Much better than the last version. All the features of a video recorder are here, plus you can focus on individuals, zoom in and out and spin cameras around the action. Trouble is, you can't replay when you want – only after a goal has been scored. Bit arse, that.

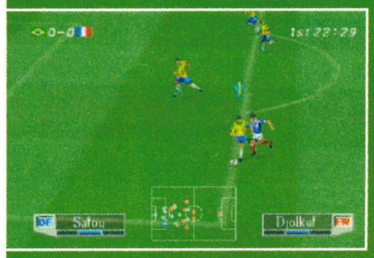


1 Pick the camera you wanna use... **2** And hit the play button... **3** Now take a look at the reverse angle

What we like

Go with the flow

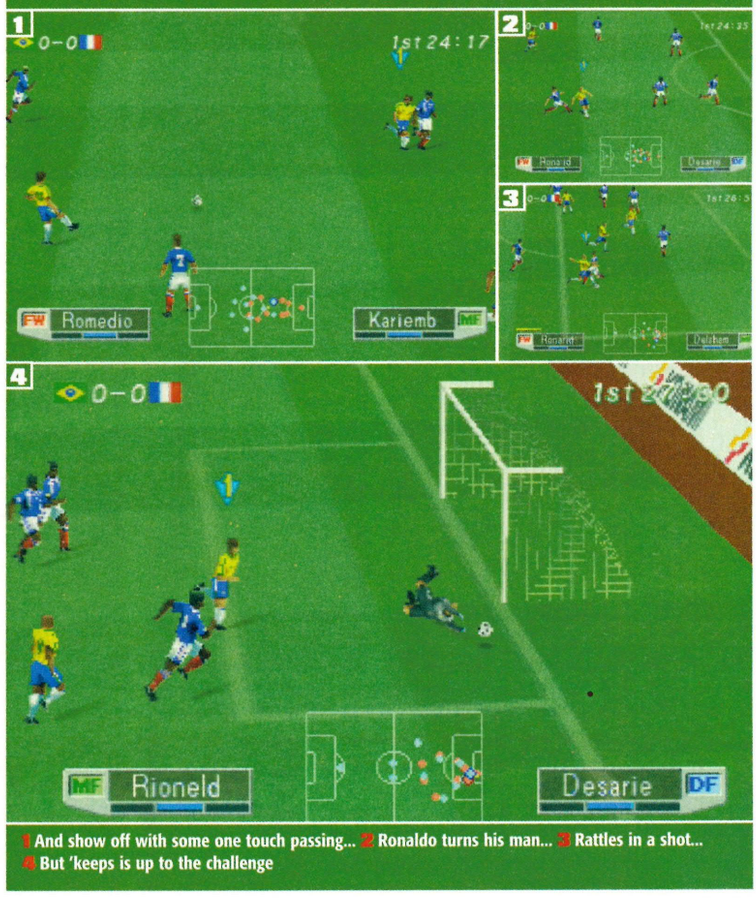
So many things about this we love, but probably best of the lot is the way matches flow. After an hour or two you'll be putting together quality moves, working the ball into space, feeling out chances, testing for weaknesses and exploiting 'em. You'll go mad for it.



■ A French attack is broken down...



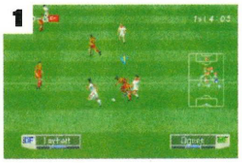
■ The Brazilians get the ball away...

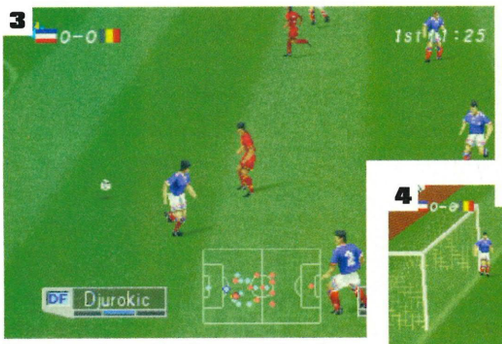


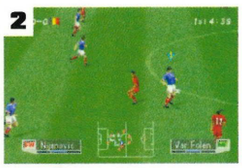
1 And show off with some one touch passing... **2** Ronaldo turns his man... **3** Rattles in a shot... **4** But 'keeps is up to the challenge

Movement

The way this moves is amazing. When you see players running around, taking shots, heading the ball, you'll rub your eyes and gasp in cartoon-style disbelief. Maybe. The point is it's all glitch-free and totally realistic.









1 Bone-crunching tackles **2** Stars can chest down the ball **3** Backheels are top quality **4** Acrobatics from the 'keeper

plus

We'd like to say...

In most departments ISS Pro 98 is finest quality. A couple of things bug us, though. One is the rain effect. If the screen moves quickly during a downpour something screwy happens with yer eyes and you want to fall over. Weird. Another thing is that Owen isn't in the squad. Bollix we say.

Skills

One-touch passes are a cinch, through-balls more tricky, but top notch. Headers, volleys, back-passes and the rest are cool. One thing we don't like is the way tricks, like jumping tackles or controlling long-balls, are taken care of automatically. Controls feel sluggish.











1 Through-balls are the best yet **2** Headers and volleys are simple enough **3** Chips are hard to judge **4** Players automatically shield the ball **5** Control of long-balls is down to the computer

winner Without the whistles and bells of some kickabouts, but on-the-pitch action is hotter than a bikini-clad Kelly Brook stretched out in the sun. **Jon**

PlayStation plus RATED 94%

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** UBI SOFT ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-4
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MULTITAP

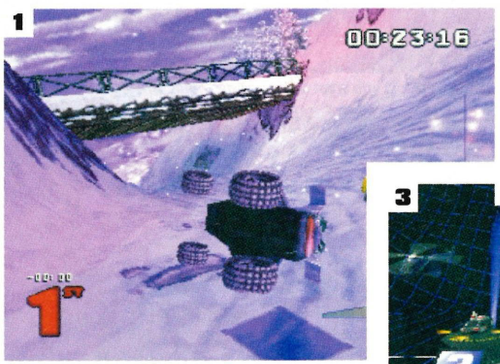
SCARS

It's another racing game and it's set in the future. But this time they're road hogs.

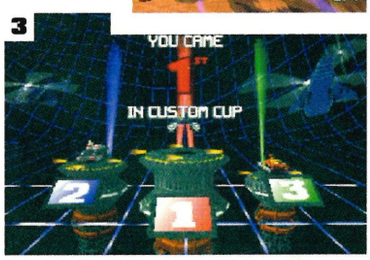
Supercomputers have taken over the world, and they're a tad bored. To relieve their boredom they've taken to racing in creature cars, armed to the teeth and ready to rumble. All to decide who's top dog. Or top cat. Or top shark.

Gameplay

SCARS is a weird 'un, because it plays a bit like remote control cars down the park. But that's okay – it just means it's fast, full of crashing and a mite easy to flip your vehicle. The only problem we've got is the other cars seem to cheat like hell to win. A touch unfair but then supercomputers aren't fair in this one.







1 It's too easy to flip your car **2** Although you can't tell, it really is fast **3** Look at me, Ma! I'm top of the world!

What we like

Mmmmm... guns

What futuristic racing game would be complete these days without a big bag of weapons to blow up cars with? So there's a whole zoo-full on offer here – bullets, homing rockets and even No Entry signs that block the other cars. The best of all, however, is the Ultimate Boomerang – power it up and let rip with some returnable Australian anarchy.



■ The stinger can be used to stun opponents



■ Blockers, however, are a pain in the arse



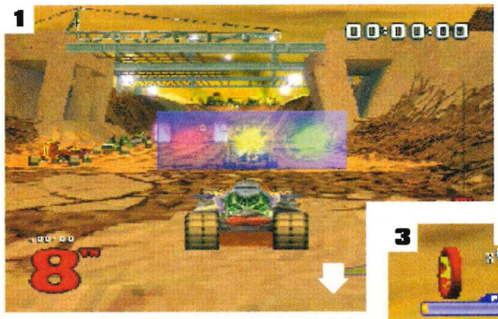
■ And magnets are so annoying, it hurts



■ Boomerang – max pain, minimum effort

The grand tour

Once you've finished all the cups available at the start, there's a special cup for truly talented people. And being kind, charitable souls, we thought we'd treat you to a quick spin around the toughest track of this cup – the Pipe.

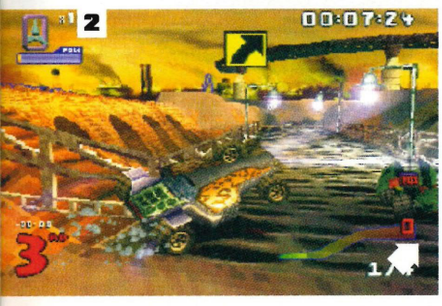












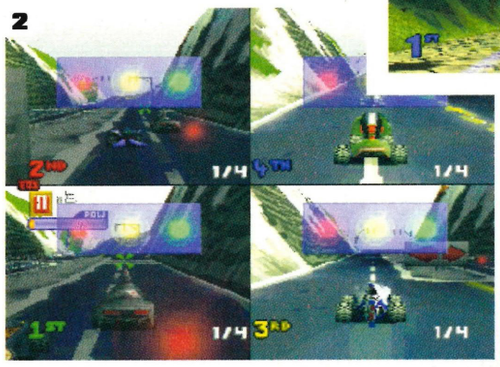


1 Get your mammal's motor running, then... **2** Head out on one bumpy highway... **3** You're looking for some monster adventure **4** There's some top scenery, but... **5** The magnets are a real drag **6** Slip slidin' can lead to... **7** These beast-mobiles flippin' right out...

Multiplayer

If you've one of the lucky ones, you'll have a multitap. Plug it in, find three of your closest chums, then sit back and enjoy all the shenanigans that come with racing round and beating the shit out of your friends. Tally-ho and all that.







1 Two-player racing is fun enough **2** Bring in a load of mates though and it's a riot **3** See? I told you I was better than you. Cheeta

plus

We'd like to say...

OK, so you might be getting sick of racing games, but if you're going to buy one, you can't go too far wrong with SCARS. It's fast, frantic and above all – FUNKY. And that's what it's all about, right?

Cars

You have five cars to start, all shaped like different animals. Everytime you win one of four Grand Prix, you get the chance to challenge for extra cars. One race against one car is the only thing between you and a new kick-arse motor...









1 The five basic cars, including the Shark, are okay... **2** But the Scorpion is groovy **3** The King Cobra packs a mean punch... **4** And the Cheetah really kicks animal butt

Tracks

There are nine tracks to choose from, like Island Volcano, Aztec Jungle, Blade City and even the bottom of the ocean. But you can't play on them all from the start – no, no, no. You've got to earn the right by some top drivin' in the Grand Prix. If you do violently well, you might even find the hidden Pipe course...



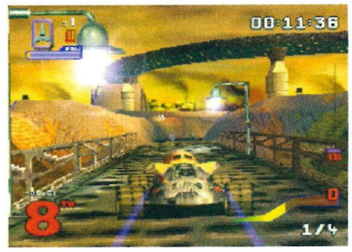
■ The water track: 'atmospheric' we call it



■ Aliens! Like it isn't mad enough already...



■ Blade City has some nasty corners



■ The Pipe track is a real bugger...

If you prefer having a bit of a laugh more than driving realism, go for this one. It's a tough one though, so don't come you running to us when you can't do it. **Martin**

PlayStation plus
RATED 83%

■**OUT** SEPTEMBER ■**BY** THQ ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-2 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

G-DARIUS

Fry yer mind and frazzle yer nerves. This is one hardcore blast.

Somewhere out there, in the depths of space, is a fish with your name on it. In fact there's about a thousand of 'em and they want revenge. It's payback time for being cruel to goldfish and laughing about having 'a fish supper'.

What we like

Pure arcade

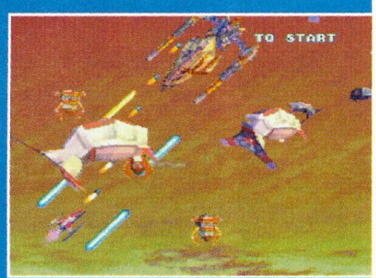
The ideal way to play G-Darius would be to pull yer brains out and plug the controls straight into yer nerve endings. It's shooo bloody pacey and hectic that thinking just gets you nuked. Don't expect to get much from playing other than a massive adrenalin rush.



■ This baby should carry a health warning



■ Non-stop mayhem for two players



■ The screen goes all over the place

Let's split

Partway through each level and after caning a boss, you get to choose a new route through the game. Top marks, we say, 'cos it means scenery is constantly changing, and when you think you've finished the game there are actually tons more to explore.



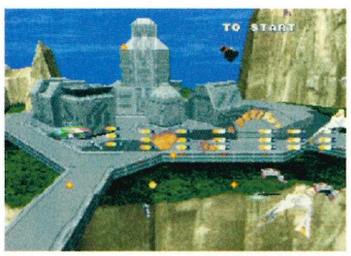




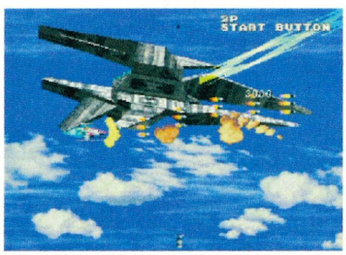
1 Wipe out big bosses, if you can **2** Select your next destination **3** Part way through levels you can change course and choose your next route – you ain't finished yet

Graphics

Everything's got a smart 3D feel and the acid colours'll melt yer retina. Backdrops are solid so you think you can see into the distance. Loads goes on in the background: massive dinos fly about, planets are wiped out by death rays and cities buzz with activity.



■ Chunky, solid backdrops



■ Always plenty kicking off



■ Corking enemies and meaty explosions

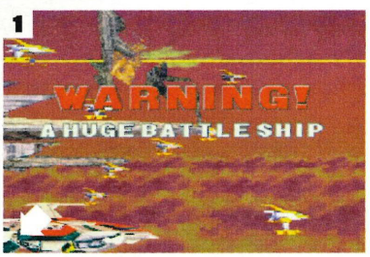


■ Cool effects that make yer head spin

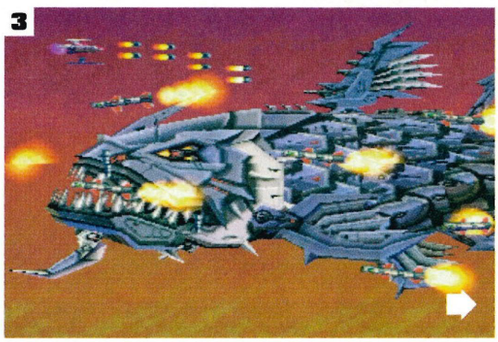
Huge fish

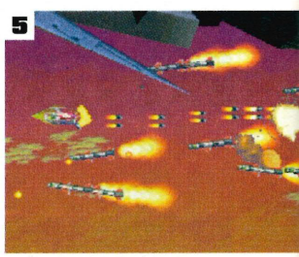
The biggest, baddest, ugliest bosses you'll ever see. Über-lords are based on aquatic creatures, so they look like sharks and whales, manta rays, swordfish, lobsters and octopuses.

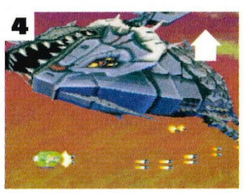
Sirens warn if one is approaching; next thing you know this mega-beast wades in with zillions of guns pumping...











1 Yeah, no probs. I've got loads of mates with me... **2** Oh bugger. The old trout chewed 'em up... **3** Don't expect any of these buggers to be a push over... **4** They'll twist and turn like nobody's business... **5** And their pumping firepower is absolutely awesome

Capture balls

This is really cool. If you see an enemy you think looks tasty, shoot off a capture ball. They'll be pulled to the side of your ship where you can use 'em as extra fire power or a bigger shield. Get bored - no probs. Hit the button again and they turn into smart bombs, destroying stuff all over the screen.









1 Step one: take out shields... 2 Step two: fire capture ball and reel him in... 3 Step three: make use of mad weapons... 4 Step four: get bored and use 'im as a smart bomb

plus We'd like to say...

G-Darius is very nearly an all-time classic shoot 'em up. It's just let down by the difficulty level. This bitch is harder than nails. In fact it's harder than King Dong after he's swallowed 10 packs of Viagra. Still, you want a bit of challenge for your bucks, don't you?

Weapons

You start off with basic lasers, missiles and bombs. Shoot a glowing alien, pick up the globe they leave and get a weapon power-up. Providing you've got enough charge you can shoot a massive plasma beam. Oh, and shields are also on the menu.



■ Guns are a bit crap to start with



■ Oooh baby. Just feel the girth

Welcome to the watery world of fish. A totally mental super blast. Like getting sopping wet and then sticking yer knob in a power socket. Probably. **Jon**

PlayStation plus RATED 89%

■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** PSYGNOSIS ■ **COSTS** £34.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MOUSE

SENTINEL RETURNS

Slow-moving, simplistic strategy game tries to make a comeback.

This game fell out of the ugly tree, hit every branch on the way down and got beaten unconscious by the boring stick, run over by the pointless car and shot by the dull gun.

What we don't like

Crusty

The original Sentinel first came out when computers were made of stone and powered by springs. At the time it looked really basic, but in them days it was OK. Coming up with something so crusty these days is a crime. This is not what our PlayStations were made for.

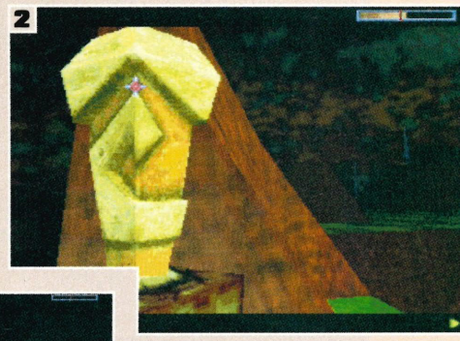


1 Would you take a look at the quality of that brown stuff 2 This is either a tree or tooth pick 3 And this, of course, will be you, yer Sentinel sucker

Gameplay

Ready for this? You start at the bottom of a hilly landscape. Absorb trees and boulders to make energy. Use energy to make copies of yourself, then transport into these copies. Move up mountains avoiding scans from the Sentinel being. Get to the top and you can absorb the Sentinel himself and move on to the next level. Phew.









1 Absorb stuff to power up... 2 Use your energy to clone yourself... 3 Get to the highest ground... 4 Now suck in the Sentinel

Hideous to look at, slow-moving and really dull to play. Not even yer old maths teacher, who smoked a pipe and organised the chess club, would enjoy this. **Jon**

PlayStation plus RATED 30%

■**OUT** SEPTEMBER ■**BY** CORE DESIGN ■**COSTS** £44.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

NINJA: SHADOW OF DARKNESS

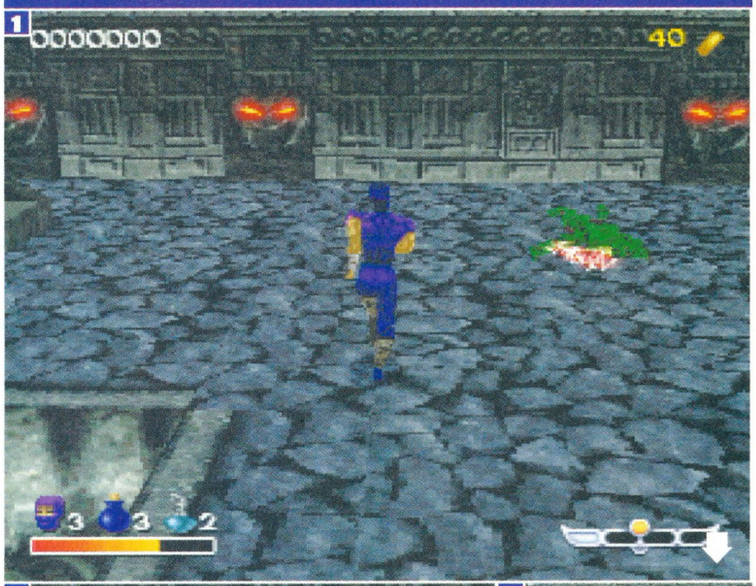
Well it ain't gonna be a shadow of lightness now, is it?

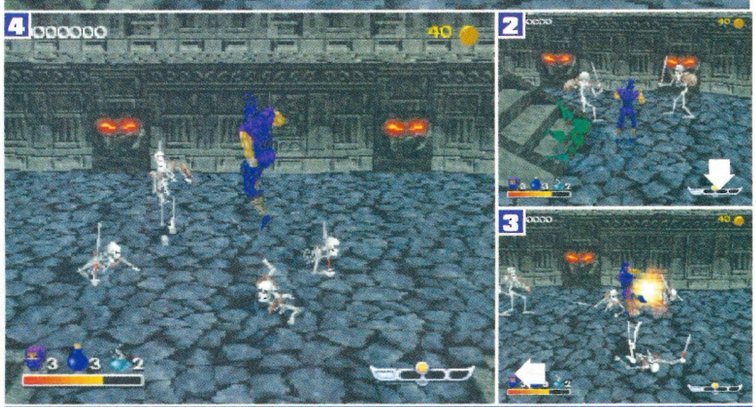
Ninjas: a mysterious breed of assassins. Famed for their silent strikes, magical powers, and their ability to walk like fairies. No, no it's true. The star of this game minces worse than John Inman on a catwalk.

What we like

Bones

On his journey, our man finds burial chambers which open to spit out skeletons. Smack the undead and they split in two. Legs try and kick your butt whilst the upper parts crawl after you. To finish the job you've gotta stomp on their skulls, which makes a satisfying egg-cracking sound.





1 Could be trouble... **2** Ah, he don't look so tough... **3** Still want more, eh? **4** Let's crack some 'eads

What you do

Beat the crap out of loads of different creatures. Find chests, grab keys, unlock doors and carry on killing. You play through the first few levels and think, 'cool'. Then you get a bit further, the same things happen, but with different graphics and you think, 'not so cool'.











1 Bit of bare-knuckle fighting **2** Mess around with different kicks **3** Handy supplies of throwing knives are unlimited, thank you very much **4** Check all of them 'cos some chests contains keys to new sections **5** Every so often you have to jump ledges

That's magic

Keep eyes peeled for scrolls that could pass as cheese-graters. They charge up a power bar which gives you spells. When you use these powers the special effects are pure quality – transparent lighting shoots all over the shop. Just watch you don't shoot yer load too quick. You'll need to save some spells for the bosses.



■ Collect those cheese-grater scrolls to charge up yer spell bars



■ Stage one magic gives you explosions to put the wind up his bony ass







1 Stage two has a really classy energy flash **2** Stage three lightning looks mad but ain't much cop **3** Stage four radiates blue plasma balls... everywhere

plus **We'd like to say...**

Real Ninjas do awesome things. This Ninja does average things. A few punches and kicks, jumping and some magic. We wanted him to climb sheer surfaces, sneak around and slit throats, fire poison darts – but he can't. Bugger.

Road to hell

Your adventure begins deep in a forest and right away you'll notice how solid all the scenery feels. Wander through a cemetery, monastery, catacombs, village in the skies, a beach, and a bunch of others. On the whole it's all pretty nifty but it won't blow yer mind.











1 On your way through the forest kill squirrels for extra points 2 Watch out for the huge man-eating plants in the cemetery 3 Inside the monastery tons of enemies get on your case 4 Catacomb areas are packed with traps and obstacles 5 Up in the clouds bridges and platforms disappear

Puzzles

Nothing too tricky to worry about. Stand on a pressure plate to make spikes disappear and open a path, figure out how to avoid all manner of spiked things, discover where invisible platforms will appear. If you get stuck the answer is usually to kill everything and wait for a chest to appear.







1 A bottomless pit. Where do I go? 2 Get close and a bit of ground appears... 3 Follow the path in the right direction and you're laughing

Make meat

Loads and loads of things to kill. From men with pancakes on their heads, to axe-wielding giants, samurais, dragons and demons. End of level bosses are big enough, but most of 'em are pretty bloody stoopid, so avoiding their attacks is piss easy.







1 At last we discover what happened to Pete's Dragon 2 Giant spiders pop out when you least expect 'em 3 These crabs seem to have been exposed to radiation, doctor

Shopping

As you kill or search chests you'll build up a tidy stash of cash. Get to the end of the level and, as if by magic, a shopkeeper appears. Buy weapons, extra lives, food or choose to save your achievements. Stuff on sale is a bit dull, but messin' the shopkeeper is a laugh.



■ **Check out the chests to collect plenty of this stuff...**



■ **Weapons are best with their special powers...**



■ **But if you've got no cash just wind up the shopkeeper**

Traps

Exploding chests and barrels, lightning, tripwires that set off falling spades, toppling trees and pillars – a Ninja's lot is not a happy one. If you wanna avoid pain, watch the shadows and don't run into an area that seems safe.









1 Small flashes on the ground warn of a lightning strike 2 Some chests are packed with nasty stuff 3 Watch for falling trees 4 If spears drop from the sky you've tripped a wire

Rent it Good looking, but it's got no real balls. Punching and kicking beasts gets boring after a while and nothing really makes you go, 'wow'. **Jon**

PlayStation plus RATED 82%

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

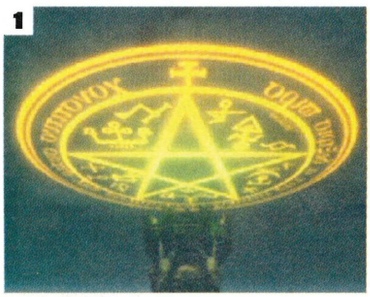
AZURE DREAMS

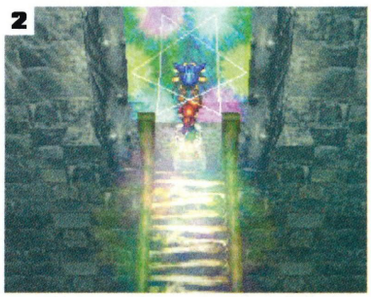
Train yer monster to get the girls – makes sense...

In most adventure games you've got to find some holy chalice, kill some overlord of death, uncover the secrets of secret things. 'Bit naff. So howz about a change? In this RPG you're aiming to get the best birds in town.

Do what?

You're the son of a famous monster-tamer and you're old enough to enter Monster Tower. Set off on quests, seek out monster eggs, fight off weird beasts, watch out for traps. Adventuring all takes place in this tower, then it's back to the village for a beaver patrol.









1 Looks like yer old man has copped it. Time to follow in his foot steps 2 Set off into Monster Tower 3 Grab yourself treasures but watch out for traps 4 Done all yer adventuring? Then go get yourself a girl...

Combat

Equip yourself with swords, shields, staffs and loads of magical goodies. Now you're ready for a scrap. Nothing too hard to handle, hit ⊗ to attack or select an item from yer pack. Fights are over pretty quickly, which is just as well 'cos you'll meet about a million enemies on yer average quest.











1 Everything happens in turns. Have a hack... 2 And wait for the retaliation 3 If you need a bit extra: look in yer pack... 4 Polish off one ugly mother... 5 And another is just around the corner...

Monster mates

Now this is quality. Find yourself a monster egg, take it home and hatch an 'ickle beast. Do this a few times and you can cross-breed, creating all sorts of freaks. Slap a collar on yer new found fiend and he'll follow you around attacking your enemies. We like.







1 We've struck gold here. A rare monster egg left unguarded 2 At home you've got a monster cellar to breed 'em in 3 Inside the tower you need all the help you can get

What we don't like

Stoopid saves

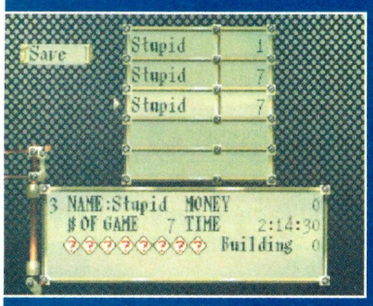
Saving progress is a complete nightmare. On quests in Monster Tower you can save yer position, but if you reload and then die before you hit another save spot you're dropped back in town without all yer items, money and experience.



■ Saving games in the village – no probs...



■ But inside the tower you've gotta find lifts...



■ To save you have to quit. But...



■ If you die before finding a lift you loose it all

Village people

Your home is the remote frontier town of Monsbaia. Here you can get almost anything, but the nightlife sucks. There is however an answer to this problem. Visit the carpenter and he'll cobble together new buildings. Fancy your own casino?







1 Most folks are nice enough, but they're all a touch strange 2 So I shesh to this bird, d'yer fansy sheeing me monshter... 3 If you've got the cash, visit the chippy and build up the village a bit

Graphics

OK, so this ain't no Mona Lisa, but the graphics are still pretty neat, and comical. Buildings feel nice and solid, even if the scenery is a bit bare, and the monsters are just bonkers. You can also swing the camera around to any position you want and zoom in or out.



1 Friends and family are a freaky old bunch **2** Walking around the village, the buildings feel chunky **3** Special effects are just about up to the job **4** You're unlikely to get scared by the monsters





plus **We'd like to say...**

Azure Dreams could have been storming – in an RPG way. It's got mini games tucked away, all kinds of monster breeding tricks up its sleeves and ever changing places to explore. It's just let down badly by a very, very simple thing – the saving system.

New worlds

One village, one Monster Tower, you're gonna get bored, right? Maybe not. Every time you set off on a quest the tower changes. None of the treasure or monsters stay in the same place and the scenery all changes too.





1 First time out this is what lies behind the tower doors **2** Next time around it's all changed

Rent it Big adventures and cool new ideas mean you should be hooked for hours. Trouble is, die and you're back to square one. Totally frustrating. **Jon**

PlayStation plus **RATED 67%**

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** GT INTERACTIVE ■ **COSTS** £34.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, LINK CABLE

SAN FRANCISCO RUSH

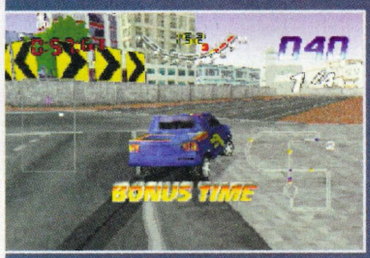
There'll be no stampede down to the games shops of San Fran for this one...

San Francisco Rush is an arcade classic apparently. Hands up those of you who've heard of it before now? No, us neither. So you'll be happy to know it's coming to your home machine real soon. Oh joy.

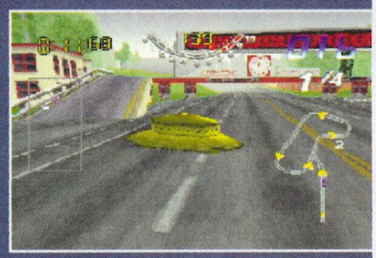
What we don't like

Really stupid things

SF Rush is full of annoying features that just shouldn't be there. Like your car blowing up because you brush against a wall. Like having to start all over again, even if you come second. Like not being able to drive anywhere you like because the game resets your car if you stop or face the wrong way for more than five seconds. It's wrong, can you hear us? WRONG!



■ Doing 152. But 152 what? Inches per hour..?



■ Look, I'm a spaceship. But I can't fly. Stupid



■ The 'extreme' car. Dangerous apparently...



■ We disagree. Sorry, this is just dull

Good bits and bad bits

Despite playing like a constipated snail, SF Rush has some good points. The Explosive Mode is quite cool when you race around Speed-like trying not to drop below 60mph. There are lots of hidden cars and shortcuts to find by picking up keys. But that's it really. There's no feeling of speed, tracks are unexciting and you'll be bored in an hour.



■ Landing this jump is just fine



■ But hitting this wall isn't



■ Expensive effects? None here

If you look up the word 'arse' in the dictionary, there'll be a picture of this game next to it. The only rushing you'll be doing after you've played it is to the dustbin. **Martin**

PlayStation plus **RATED 48%**

■**OUT** SEPTEMBER ■**BY** TELSTAR ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-2 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, ANALOGUE PAD,

ASSAULT

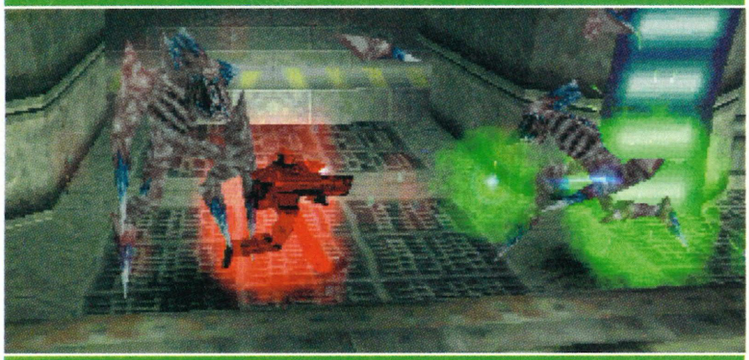
Go on an assault. Pepper things with lead. Thank God you're a seasoned marine...

Bollocks to the Universal Translator. There's one language aliens always understand. Hot death pumping out of large bore firearms. You're way fluent in that language. Here's some aliens. Start communicating...

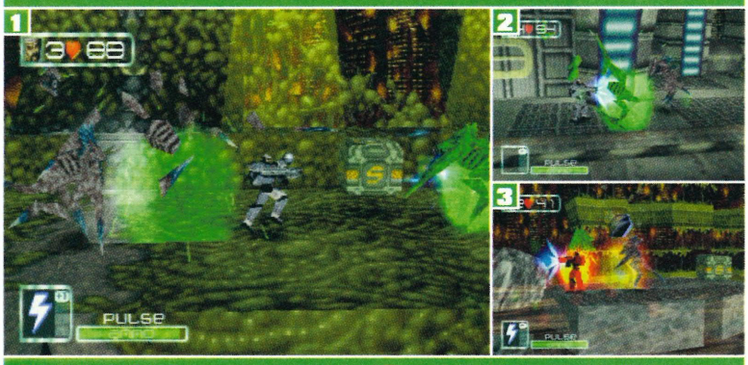
What we like

Heads up!

Everyone knows good monsters don't die clean. And the ones in Assault die dirtier than most. You can shoot their arms off. They'll keep running. You can shoot their heads off. They'll keep running. Hell, you can do stuff to them that would have doctors shaking their heads and saying: 'Let's turn off the life support', and they'll keep on running. That's entertainment...



■ Blam! Guess he's mostly 'armless now! Now, don't go losin' yer head. Snarf! Snarf!



1 Watch the foolish alien run around with no head 2 Crump! Blam! Maim! Another alien starts drawing disability benefits 3 More headless capers. Oh, the fun we have...

bonuses!

Frenzy's the name of the game here. You kill aliens at a rate that wouldn't shame a large mechanised abattoir. And all the time they're biting lumps outta you at frightening speed. Hectic shit. Fing is, power-ups and health packs shower down pretty damn quick too. Move fast. Kill 'em quick. Pick up a power-up and do it again...



■ Power-ups are everywhere. And you'll need loads of 'em



■ Thing is, this amount of aliens is pretty bog standard in Assault...

Gameplay

Kinda simple really. You're a one-man army. You got to 'pacify' anything that so much as twitches within range of your pulse rifle. And... errr... that's it, really. Everything must die. Crank up that pulse-rifle. You got work to do.









1 A very simple concept, just Kill everything in sight. And then move on somewhere else... 2 ... And start doing it all over again! It's a mighty, mighty fine life being a marine 3 Look! Yet more aliens. Would you say they're they lookin' friendly at all? Nope? Then, flex that trigger finger buster... 4 Bigger aliens. Alien gun emplacements. Kill 'em. Kill 'em all...

Is that a gun in your pocket...?

You're a one-man army. So command's been a bit stingy with manpower, but they sure as hell ain't been counting the pennies when it comes to dishing out the weaponry. Stuffed in your backpack's around five ways to flash-fry any bug-eye that looks at you funny: but ammo's the problem. Keep 'em peeled for those sweet little power-ups...



■ Powered-up pulse-rifle: not to be sniffed at



■ Drain the national grid with yer electric gun







1 Homing missiles. They 'home'. They explode. What else d'you expect? 2 Five-in-one. Now this is a connoisseur's weapon 3 Cutter. This little fella fires bouncing bombs...

Bigger, badder...

Aliens come in two sizes. You've got your cannon-fodder type aliens who run around like headless chickens trying to bite you, then you got your big daddy über-aliens who've got degrees and PhDs in advanced techniques of causing pain. They're trouble. If you were thinking 'Hey! I'll finish this level without losing any lives!', then think again...









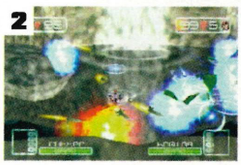


1 Suddenly a big, bad lad pops up... **2** And he really is trouble... **3** Time to crack out the big guns, we reckon... **4** And he takes it like a bitch. Except... shit! There's life in him yet... **5** Not now there isn't. Who's the man with the masterplan?

Two-player action

You can even go halves on the mass carnage with a chum. It's a heart-warming feeling having a mate next to you spraying death left and right. But the alien freaks don't like. Less heart-warming, but loadsa laffs are the races you'll have to get the best power-ups...









1 Double the firepower. Double the death. It's a hard life being an alien fiend **2** They knew what they were signing-up for. The scum **3** One downer is the platformy bits are even more tricky with two people **4** But then you can both get back to blasting away the bug-eyes. Mmmm...very tasty

Boom!

Everything in the world of Assault can explode. Like, everything. Pump a coupla rounds into a park bench and it'll go off like a hundredweight of dynamite. Ooh, nice colours. And it's also pretty handy when it comes to blitzing the alien types. Shoot off rounds at a box with alien blokes next to it, and when the box goes sky high, so will the bug-eyes...





1 That was a tiny little box, that was **2** A bigger box goes the way of all flesh. Hell, it's your job...



■ Whoomph! Damn that alien furniture. It was buggin' my ass...

plus

We'd like to say...

Switch the old grey matter down to 'essential functions only'. This ain't gonna tickle your synapses. But it'll tickle your kill centres so much you'll be begging it to stop. Mindless, violent, packed with absurdly powerful weaponry and with constant graphic scenes of injury and death. Yup, it's got it all. If no-frills arcade blasting action's what you're after, you've come to the right place...

Keep it in perspective...

There's one tiny little niggle we'd like to share with you. It's the perspective, see. It's a kind of common problem with 3-D third person shoot 'em ups: there'll just be times when it's way tricky to point your gun the right way, or to get jumps just right. This ain't a major bugbear, but at times it'll grind yer nads...



■ Judging distances between platforms is tricky



■ ...Trying to angle shots is near impossible



■ Aiming during running battles is dead hard



■ You mark our words...

Non-stop murder at manic speeds. Mindless killing. Constant kick-ass explosions. Well tasty. Sure, the perspective's a tad annoying at times, but this is still a blast. **Rob**

PlayStation plus

RATED 88%

The A-Z of Tomb Raider

We'll be probing Lara like she's never been probed before. Come to our new online shrine to the The Peoples' digital Princess, where we show a Stalker-like dedication to collating the facts behind the figure.









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

WWF WARZONE

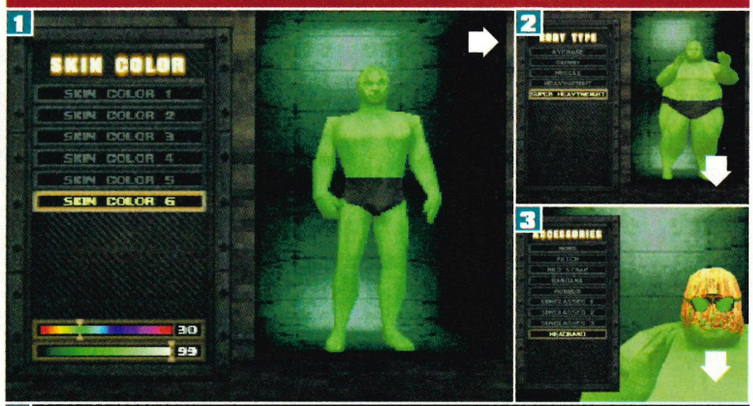
It's time to slip into some Lycra, plaster on the dodgy make-up and get yourself oiled up. Wrestlers can be a queer bunch of folks, y'know.

Wrestling games are usually all mouth and no trousers. Spot plenty of Ws, Fs and Cs on a box and words like sluggish, dull and repetitive spring to mind. But kids still love 'em and the latest of the lot ain't all bad.

What we like

Creating freaks

This is easily the best feature. Create a freak of your own. Pick body shape, choose a head, haircut, clothes, accessories, even make 'em hairy or give 'em tats. Strange thing is, no matter how freaky you make yer man you just know there's someone in the US who looks exactly the same.

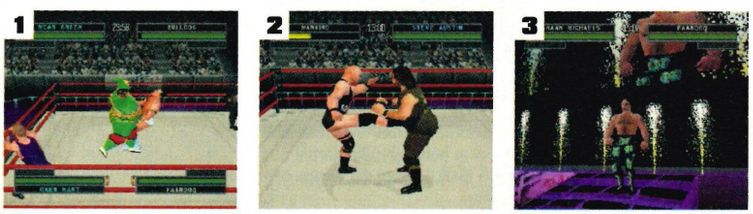




1 Start off with skin colour... 2 Now pump him full of steroids and burgers... 3 Pick out the details like a smart haircut... 4 Now, don't forget to name that freak

Squeal like a pig

If you like that scene in Deliverance – the one with the shotgun and the backdoor entrance – you'll love this. Pick grease-ball Mankind and wade in. Everytime you connect with this oddball he'll squeal like a pig. Other contestants groan like they're in a porno.



1 More grunts than a skin flick 2 Listen to Mankind's porky squeal 3 Fighters even have theme tunes

Moves

Bitchslaps, kicks to the balls, joint-snapping holds, slow clumsy throws. Each of the 18 characters has their own style, and it's all pretty meaty, nasty, stuff. The controls feel surprisingly sharp and accurate for this style of game, but the graphics aren't the best, and look pretty glitchy.







1 Grapple and try out some throws 2 Weaken yer man with punches, kicks and headbutts 3 Fancy a bit of sex off the top rope?

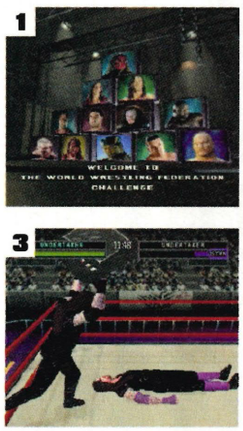
plus

We'd like to say...

Wrestling games. Do we need 'em? Sure they're fun if you're tanked up, and so are yer mates. But at this price you could go out and buy a serious beat 'em up. Tekken 3 anyone?

Modes

Start as a rookie and challenge for the world title, or go for simple one-on-one action. Tag team contests are storming 'cos you go for two-on-one beatings, and in the cage it's virtually a fight to the death. Top marks go to the weapons option, where you beat opponents with TVs, bottles and the bell.





1 Beat this lot and become world champ 2 Go for some group action tag team-style 3 Grab a TV and smash it on his head

As wrestlers go, it's a good effort. Some nasty violence, plenty of laffs and you get to spawn a redneck or two. It'd be more a beat 'em up for the kids though... **Jon**

PlayStation plus

RATED 73%

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** VIRGIN ■ **COSTS** £44.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

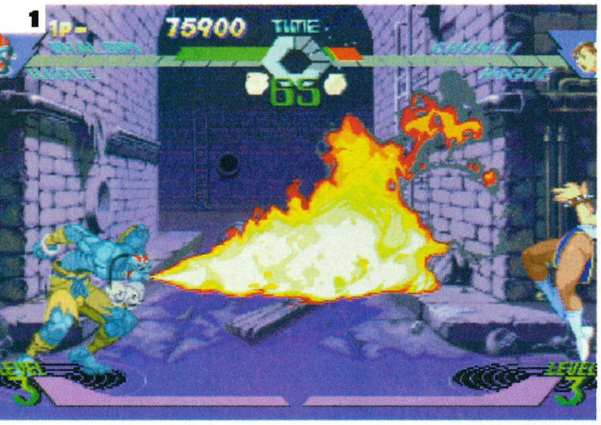
X-MEN VS STREET FIGHTER

It's spandex vs pyjamas in the fight of the, er... week

So, there's a bunch of square-jawed supaheroes and their god-like powers versus some guys who are good at karate. Who're you gonna bet on? The smart money'd be on the comics boys, but with dodgy gameplay and graphics, d'yer care?

Combat

Street Fighter has been around for donkey's years now, so you may well have got the hang of it. Just git out your black belt and start slapping and kicking. Seeing as how the X-Men are well 'ard and use shit loads of laser beams and crap. To make things fair you'll find the SF crowd have also learnt a few tricks. Only a few mind, 'cause they're not too clever, but their super-attacks are more powerful than usual.









1 Ryu's fireball move never used to be this powerful 2 Don't be so blue Dhalsim – look you've got a much bigger fireball now 3 The X-Men's attacks aren't too shabby either 4 Where your team mate goes after this is a mystery – the loafer!

What we don't like

Crap animation – again

Yeah, you guessed it. Just like the previous X-Men outings this game is a couple of frames short of convincing animation. It's no-one's fault really – the PlayStation just ain't got the memory. But it lets the game down. While there's Tekken 3 out there vying for yer cash with top-notch graphics and all, this has got 'could try harder' stamped all over it.





1 Magneto's punch has only a measly got two frames worth of animation! 2 Hmm, Mr Graphics Man, what happened, late night last night. Well don't do it again, yer hear?

Teamplay

The brand new big thing with this fighter is you get to control two characters at once in a two-on-two barney. Well, that's the idea anyhow. Which is a very good one. The only problem with it is you can only bring them on for the odd special move. Which is a touch disappointing. But then having to control two at once would be nigh impossible.



■ **Wolverine legs it, leaving poor old Zangief to do all the work**



■ **Chun-Li and Charlie go mental, and Cammy prepares to die**

Fighters

The one thing XM v SF does have in spades is cool fighting characters. The Street Fighter crowd – dudes like Ryu, M Bison and Chun-Li – are all gaming legends, but Charlie lets the gang down through not being very well-known. The X-Creeps also rate pretty high on the household name-o-meter. As a bonus this game features the first and only beat 'em-up appearances of Gambit, Sabretooth and Rogue. Nice.







1 Gambit looks really cool – even if he is half French 2 Who the hell is he on the left? 3 Ken decides to slap his bitch up, and her mate for good measure, too. Rogue is one badass character though, so he shouldn't mess

Backgrounds

Unlike the recent Marvel Super Heroes vs Street Fighter arcade game (yes, they really did bother) there're some all-new backdrops for this game. Ain't that nice of 'em? They really aren't that great to be honest, with very little movement or surprises, but all you anoraks out there will enjoy spotting all the Street Fighter and Marvel cameos. Especially in Apocalypse's test tube-filled level.







1 A television studio is an odd place to hold a pyjama party 2 This is a shopping centre – not a mall! 3 What did yer ma tell you? Never fight in front of a copper

Aerial combat

The basics are all pretty much the same for the original characters though everyone's had a bit of a spit and polish on their fireballs 'n' stuff. This's a bit of a con though, specially as there's only three new characters. To make up for things the aerial fighting is better than before. All fighters can leap miles in the air and you get tons of bonus for aerial raves – so you can kick ass in the air and all.



1 Is it a bird, is it a plane? No it's Rogue giving Storm a right good seeing to 2 Up into the wide blue yonder they go 3 Hmm, is that lesbian action we spy in X-Men vs Street Fighter? Course not

plus

We'd like to say...

To be honest this one's beat 'em-up skills need a touch updating. This is still great fun in a Street Fighter stylee but then that's been around just a tad longer than your mum. And the fact it's not a particularly brilliant conversion don't help none either.

Specials

Like everything else in this game, the specials are pretty much the same as they have been in previous games. That don't mean they're no good though, and you do at least get some super specials, on top of your bog standards. Build up your power bar all the way and get yer computer mate to join in and create some kickass super-duper firepower.



■ Cyclops powers up his special move and lets loose on Wolverine's ass



■ Scything stuff to cut yer face...



■ Sabretooth unleashes a super X power move

Rent it Still a wicked beat 'em up though the idea might be a bit stale. But you've gotta be some sort of nostalgia nut to really bother with it. **David J**

PlayStation plus RATED 74%

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

WILD ARMS

More magic than you can shake yer wand at, and a load of fights too. Spellbinding.

When it comes to RPGs, you know the score. Mystical land, truck loads of monsters, evil forces consuming everything in sight. And though this sounds a mite familiar, Wild Arms really is a sweet breath of fresh air.

D'ya wanna be in my gang?

When you start you've got a choice of three characters, each with their own storyline. But as you play each one, their paths cross and soon you'll be trekking down the local pub as a team. Mixing together the exploring features and fighting styles of tons of RPGs (tones of Final Fantasy VII here) there's enough in it to keep you going for, oh, months on end.



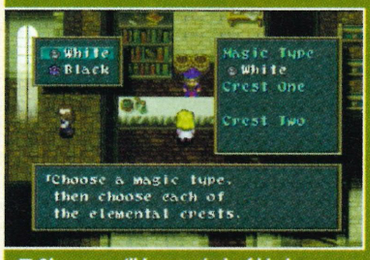


1 Convent girls are apparently best 2 Get them together and every night is party night. Really

What we like

Now that's magic

One of the best things here is you get to make your own magic. By going to a magic guild and choosing different elements from a list, such as black or white magic, water, earth, wind and fire, you can put together and even name your own spells. Then all you've got to do is find one of the hundreds of monsters around and kick his arse with it.



■ Okay, so we'll have a pinch of black...



■ A dash of fire...



■ And volia! A nasty spell



■ And here's the finished result. Nice

Groovy, baby. This puts all the best things about RPGs into one massive cauldron. A must for all hardcore RPG fans, and certainly worth a look for everyone else. **Martin**

PlayStation plus RATED 88%

■**OUT** SEPTEMBER ■**BY** VIRGIN ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-2 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

R-TYPES

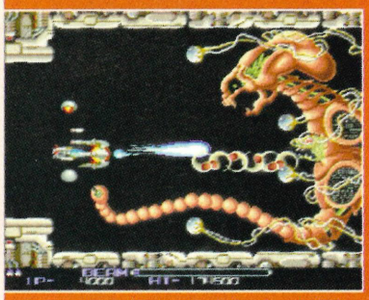
Dead old but hard as nails. Blimey, Reggie Kray's coming to yer 'Station!

Dead simple, rock solid and two games in one. It's the mutt's nuts of old skool shooters and still whups ass even though it's older than Ethel from EastEnders. Full-on action, shit-loads to blow up and more guns than a John Woo film.

What we like

Bosses

These are big, bad bastids who'll fry your ass in seconds unless you frag 'em first. R-Types has got loads of boss nasties, some of which are not too tough and others who are damn-near impossible to beat. To stand a chance you've gotta learn their attack patterns, then start spitting laser death...



■ If you think this twat looks hard, wait till he starts chucking out fireballs

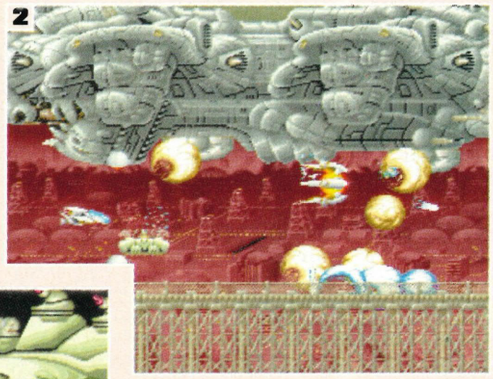


■ This bast's from R-Type II and yup, he's a shite to kill too

Power-ups

There's a lotta guns to be had in this here game. Loads of 'em. The ship's kitted out with a shite shooter when the action kicks off, but bag some nasties and they'll leave behind some power-pods. Inside is anything from fire cannons, which chuck out jets of fire either side of the ship, to sparkly lasers which bounce off walls. Speed-ups crank up the hyperdrive, but first you wanna get the shield pod 'cos it stops incoming shots and can also be used as a weapon. C'est magnifique, mais oui?





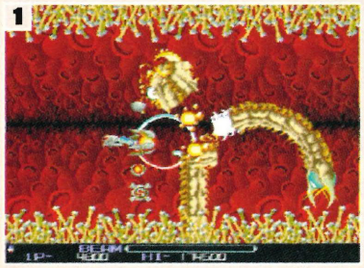




1 This here pod can be strapped to either the front or back of your ship... **2** It can also be fired out into the middle of an enemy swarm, killing 'em all – instantly! **3** Hold down the fire button for the daddy of all laser blasts **4** The bouncy lasers are great for bagging bad guys behind you

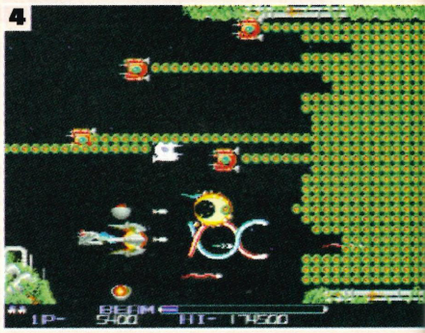
Waddaya get?

Two games for the price of one. OK, they're ancient but take it from us, that's still a bargain. Even though it's over a decade old, R-Type's up there with the best of 'em and the sequel's not far behind either. True, they don't look so hot but you'll OD on gameplay and that's what counts, right?









1 R-Type's no software supermodel... **2** But it sure as hell plays like a corker **3** The rules are simple. Just shoot everything... **4** Shame it's not quite that easy to steam through the levels. Darn...

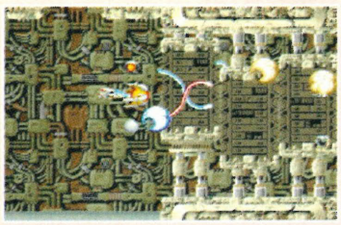
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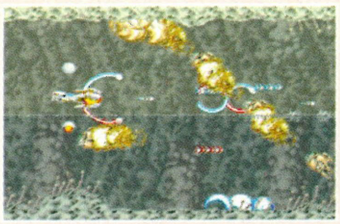
We don't normally like retro games 'cos they're often pap. R-Types ain't so. It doesn't look as slick as some of the recent shooters but holds its own when it comes to gameplay. It's got one-more-go feel, you come back for more even though you've been fragged a zillion times.

Levels

Each game's got six levels, making 12 in total. All dead hard. Though there's really no big difference between both games: stages make you use all weapons and power-ups. Easy if the bad guys are in front, but when they come from all angles start filling those keks.



■ Touch the scenery and it's game over man



■ Half underwater? Makes no difference

R-Types would be dog-ugly but wait, 'cos this baby's really got a great personality. Better still, it won't complain if you come home late, pissed out your tree. Result! **Alex**

PlayStation plus

RATED 81%

DON'T BE AN ARSE!

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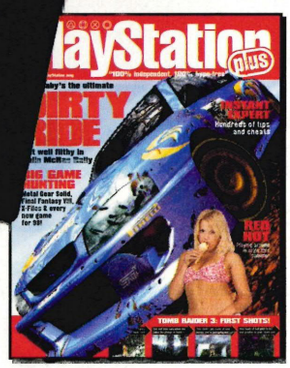














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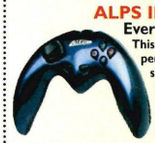


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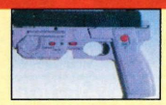


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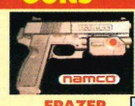


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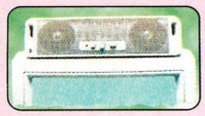
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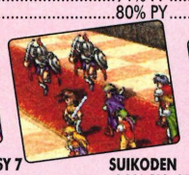


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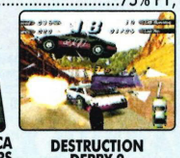




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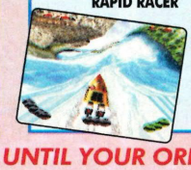




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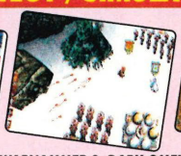
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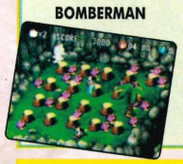
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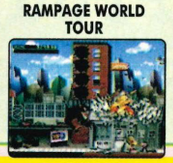

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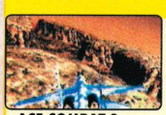
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0-50%.....Total toss
51-60%.....Just toss
61-70%.....Only okay
71-80%.....Good, not great
81-90%.....Almost classic
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Rental Chart

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Wanna try before you buy? The hottest rentals this month

Key: (NE) New Entry
(RE) Re-Entry
(4) Position Last Month
(-) Same Position

1. **(NE) Colin McRae (Codemasters)** Awesome rally racer. Must be bought.
2. **(NE) Premier Manager 98 (Gremlin)** Excellent management sim.
3. **(-) Gran Turismo (Sony)** Superb racer. The best for yer cash.
4. **(NE) Motorhead (Gremlin)** Super-fast racer. Loadsa laffs.
5. **(10) Three Lions (BMG)** Rising back up the charts.
6. **(1) Spice World (Psygnosis)** Wank game goes down the charts...
7. **(4) Tekken 2 (Platinum)** Monster beat 'em up for a song.
8. **(NE) Heart of Darkness (Infogrames)** Good-looking platformer...
9. **(7) Die Hard Trilogy (Platinum)** Budget Bandicoot bouncing.
10. **(5) Tomb Raider (Platinum)** Still hanging on in there...

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%**

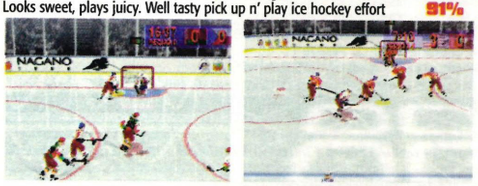


Actua Golf £44.99

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 Power soccer 98 £34.99

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Crappy old footy game doesn't cut the mustard. **55%**

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%**

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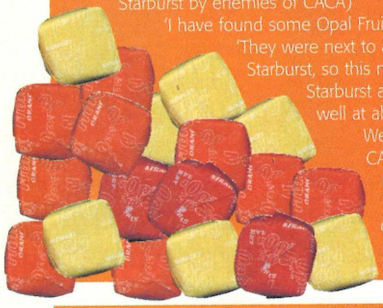
'I have found some Opal Fruits!' writes Joe, 'They were next to a huge amount of Starburst, so this must mean that Starburst are not selling very well at all.'

Well, Joe. Here at CACA we reckon it's more likely they were just some old Opal Fruits they hadn't sold yet, but thanks for helping to further the cause...

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2. Get free vouchers by being stroppy. And send proof.
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4. Tell 'Don't Try This at Home' (a telly programme on Saturday nights) to stop using the word 'mall' (as in, 'Paul at the Mall') 'cos that's an American word for shopping centre.





Air Race £44.99
■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗
Racing takes to the skies. Easy to pick up and fun to play. Rent it 76%

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%

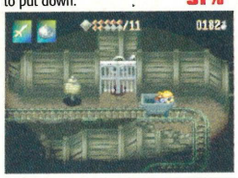
Alien Trilogy £19.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓
Excellent Doom clone which captures all the scares of the films. Platinum 85%

All Star Soccer £44.95
■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1-4
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓
Tries to mix footie and humour. Doesn't make much of a job of it either... 34%

Alone In The Dark £39.95
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Interesting puzzles fail to make up for the game's dated presentation. 82%

Alundra £39.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Excellent RPG that's easy to play but hard to put down. winner 91%





Andretti Racing £44.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-4
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
A lightweight alternative to the fantastic Formula 1. 85%

Aquanaut's Holiday £39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Environmentally friendly undersea adventure. Very dull. 53%

Area 51 £44.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Light Gun
Memory card✗ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗
A bland shoot 'em up based on an arcade game. 52%

Ark of Time £39.99
■ Company ICE ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗
Dull puzzler game: too boring and too hard. 65%

Armoured Core £39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Robotic shoot'em up. Worth a look. 86%

Assault Rigs £44.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
A nice idea, but just too simple and too easy for its own good. 81%

Atari Collection £44.95
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Golden-oldie retro compilation. Ideal for old farts everywhere... 75%

Atari Collection 2 £34.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Only Gauntlet and millipede shine in rubbish retro collection. 55%

Auto Destruct £44.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Cop show-style driving and shooting with lots of fizz. Rent it 77%

Ayrton Senna 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%

Ayrton Senna Kart Duel 2 £39.99
■ Company Infogrames ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
A karting game with all the fun of a lobotomy. Yeuch. 35%

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%

Batman and Robin £39.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Ambitious, but sadly flawed take on the on the Batman theme. 73%

Beast Wars: Transformers £39.99
■ Company Hasbro ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Awful, Beryl. Really awful. And you know what I said? I said... 45%

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%

Blasto £39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓
The kind of game that visits singles bars, goes home alone and cries. 56%

Blast Radius £44.99
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Good-looking space blaster only let down by lack of variety. Rent it 83%

Blam! Machinehead £44.99
■ Company Core Design ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Hard to work out. But once you get into it, it's a gripping 3D blaster. 89%

Blazing Dragons £44.99
■ Company BMG ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Graphic adventure. Good humoured, but too much like hard work. 87%

Bloody Roar £39.99
■ Company Virgin ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ winner
Fast punchy beat 'em up where the players turn into giant angry beasts. 92%





Bomberman World £34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-4
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓
Explosive cutesy murder 'em up that's a multiplayer must. 83%

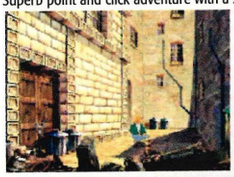
Break Point £44.99
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1-4
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓
Inoffensive tennis game, but moves take some getting used to. 73%

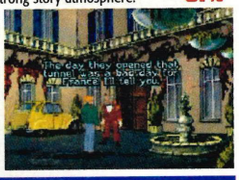
Brahma Force £44.95
■ Company JVC ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Techie-as-they-come robot-blasting shoot 'em up. 73%

Breath of Fire III £39.99
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Cutesy role-playing epic involving dragons and things. 84%

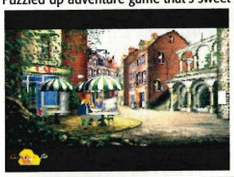
Broken Helix £39.99
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Good ideas, but very dated shoot 'em up. 70%

Broken Sword £44.99
■ Company SCEE ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗ winner
Superb point and click adventure with a strong story atmosphere. 91%





Broken Sword 2 £34.99
■ Company SCEE ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗ winner
Puzzled up adventure game that's sweet as a nut but hurts your brain. 91%





Burning Road £44.99
■ Company Funsoft ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
The PlayStation's equivalent of Daytona USA. Good gameplay and looks. 88%

Bubble Bobble Pack £44.95
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Dust down those tank tops, this is one of the best retro collections. 84%

Bubsy 3D £34.99
■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✗ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Ugh! Ultra-crap platform game that looks and plays toss. 30%

Bug Riders £39.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Ugly, unplayable insect-riding racer. A load of cock. 34%

Bushido Blade £39.99
■ Company SCEE ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Rent it
Samurai swordfighting game that's too realistic to pump up your pulse. 83%

Bust-a-Move 2 £19.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗ Platinum
One of the cutest, most incredibly addictive puzzle games of all time. 89%

Bust-a-Move 3 £34.99
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Bubble-bustin' puzzler that's too damn similar to the last Bust-a-Move. 85%

Cardinal Syn £34.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Surprisingly good beat 'em up with swords. 82%

Carnage Heart £34.99

■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Build some robots, then turn them loose to fight in this strategy game. **74%**

Casper £44.95

■ **Company** Interplay ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Graphics are fine and dandy, but the gameplay's totally average. **62%**

Castlevania £44.99

■ **Company** Konami ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Old school 2D action and gameplay galore in this Dracula spectacular. **89%**

Cheesy the Mouse £44.95

■ **Company** Ocean ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The awful main sprite hides some good platform action. **82%**

Chessmaster 3D £44.95

■ **Company** Mindscape ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rough, tough butt-kicking (only joking) chess sim. **87%**

Chill £39.99

■ **Company** Eidos ■ **Players** 1-2 ■ **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Loads to do and cool two-player in another snowboarding clone. **82%**

Circuit Breakers £39.99

■ **Company** Mindscape ■ **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Mini-racing effort that's a bit too much like Micro Machines. **80%**

City of The Lost Children £44.95

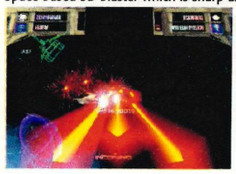
■ **Company** Psygnosis ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent graphics in this adventure game, but incredibly annoying. **68%**

Clock Tower £44.99

■ **Company** SCEE ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Poor attempt to move into Resident Evil territory. Boring, dated, not scary. **43%**

Colony Wars £44.99

■ **Company** Psygnosis ■ **Players** 1 ■ **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Space-based 3D blaster which is sharp as a tack. Loads to do, too. **93%**




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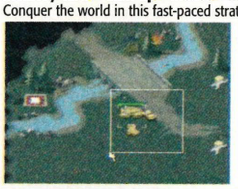
We like to bring lookalikes together. It makes us feel all warm and mushy inside... This month: Jarvis Cocker and Earthworm Jim.



Earthworm Jim — Earthworm Jarvis

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%**

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Microprose: 01454 893893
Mindscape: 01444 246333
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Psygnosis: 0151 282 3000
Sony: 0171 447 1600
Telstar: 01932 222232
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UBI Soft: 0181 941 4004
Virgin: 0171 368 2255

Cyber Sled £39.99

■ **Company** Sony ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull arcade shooting game. Even Namco can make mistakes. **69%**

Cyber Speed £39.99

■ **Company** Mindscape ■ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
You race about on wires. Not a WipEout-beater. **68%**

Cyberia £39.99

■ **Company** Interplay ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Underwhelming shooting and puzzle games. **60%**

D £44.99

■ **Company** Acclaim ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Rent it
Looks great, but way too short: it'll take you an hour to complete. **83%**

Dark Forces £44.99

■ **Company** Virgin ■ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Old-style 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** ✗
Ace adventuring without a spoddy aftertaste. **91%** winner



Die Hard Trilogy £19.99

Company Fox Interactive **Players** 1 **Special** Gun/Wheel
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✓ **Multitap** ✗
Three top games for the price of one. **92%** winner



DiscWorld £39.99

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✓ **Multitap** ✗
Fantasy 'comedy' adventure with annoying puzzles. **71%**

Disruptor £39.99

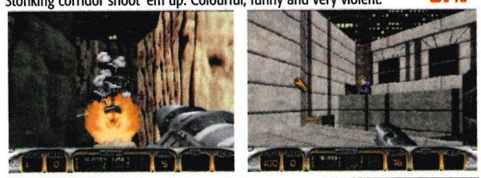
Company Interplay **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Slick ultimately yawnsome first-person shooter. Nice weapons though. **82%**

Doom £19.99

Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✗ **Link-up** ✓ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Bloody, dark shoot 'em up that's one of the all-time greats. **90%** Platinum

Duke Nukem £39.99

Company GT **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Stonking corridor shoot 'em up. Colourful, funny and very violent. **91%** winner



Dynasty Warriors £44.99

Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Beat 'em up with swords that doesn't really cut it next to Soul Blade. **67%**

Earthworm Jim 2 £44.95

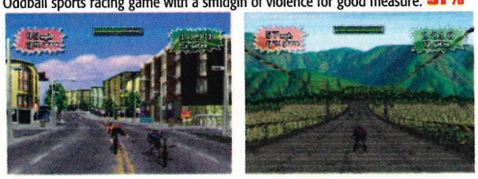
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Conversion of the old SNES classic that manages to be a lesser copy. **79%**

Epidemic £34.95

Company SONY **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Sequel to Kileak the Blood fails to improve on a pretty poor game **64%**

ESPN Extreme Games £39.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Oddball sports racing game with a smidgin of violence for good measure. **91%** winner



Everybody's Golf £39.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
A golf game that's - wait for it - fun! And great to play too. **85%**

Excalibur 2555AD £19.99

Company Telstar **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Merlin's niece goes sci-fi in this Tomb Raider wannabe. A near miss. **77%** Platinum

Exhumed £44.95

Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Still one of the best and most challenging Doom-style games around. **91%** winner



Carla meet Lara

Would Carla Pivonski make a good Lara Croft?

It's been rumoured that model Carla Pivonski is going to play Lara in the new movie. Let's see if she's up to the task...



Explosive Racing £34.95

Company TOKA **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✓ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Lack of control and cheesy whiff let down fun racer. **51%**

Extreme Pinball £44.95

Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Sad, lonely, orphan of a pinball title with unrealistic ball movements. **44%**

Extreme Snow Break £39.99

Company Microids **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Shite snowboarding rubbish. **50%**

Fade to Black £19.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Absorbing, interesting 3D game. There's plenty to see, do and shoot. **87%** Platinum

Fantastic Four £34.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✓
Dull and repetitive beat 'em up featuring the Marvel comics heroes. **59%**

Felony 11-79 £39.99

Company ASCII **Players** 1 **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Pacey joyriding game which offers lots of bangs for your buck. **81%**

FIFA 96 £19.99

Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✓
Footy game with little control over players and bad camera views. **58%** Platinum

FIFA 97 £44.99

Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✓
Not much improvement over '96, since it plays so very slowly... **64%**

FIFA 98: Road to World Cup £39.99

Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Fairly average footy game. Only for true fans. **65%**

Fighting Force £44.95

Company Eidos **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Beat 'em up adventure that's dull as dishwater. **66%**

Final Doom £44.99

Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✗ **Link-up** ✓ **Mouse** ✓ **Multitap** ✗
30 new levels, but still, at the end of the day, much the same game. **89%**

Final Fantasy VII £44.99

Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
An epic adventure on three CDs that blows away the competition. **97%** winner



Firestorm: Thunderhawk 2 £19.99

Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card ✗ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
3D graphics aren't exactly perfect but this is still a great helicopter game. **82%** Platinum

Firo and Klawd £44.95

Company BMG **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✗ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Interesting buddy cop game, but it loses points for no 'save game' option. **82%**

Floating Runner £44.99

Company THQ **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Enjoyable, playable 3D platformer with strange viewpoint, weird controls. **81%**

Fluid £34.99

Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Create your own sounds and music, mix 'em all up. **84%**

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

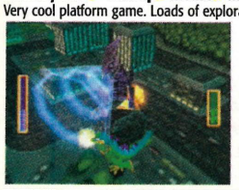
Company Sony **Players** 1-4 **Special** Negcon
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✘ **Mouse** ✔ **Multitap** ✔
Graphically impressive shoot 'em up, but lacking in gameplay. **36%**

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

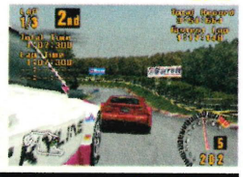
Company Konami **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✘ **Mouse** ✘ **Multitap** ✘
Big sprites lumber by on zimmers and stairlifts in this football game. **66%**

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%**

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
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✘ **Mouse** ✘ **Multitap** ✘
Cool presentation and gameplay in Disney-inspired platformer. **81%**

Hexen £44.95

Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✔ **Mouse** ✘ **Multitap** ✘
Graphics are a wee bit slow and blocky, but this Doom clone has depth. **84%**

Hi-Octane £44.99

Company Bullfrog **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✘ **Mouse** ✘ **Multitap** ✘
Really boring racing game that doesn't have enough substance. **76%**

Hybrid £39.99

Company Elite **Players** 1
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✘ **Mouse** ✘ **Multitap** ✘
Could this be the worst PlayStation game ever? Almost... **14%**

Independence Day £44.99

Company Fox Interactive **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✘ **Mouse** ✘ **Multitap** ✘
Dated shoot 'em up based loosely on the hit film. **69%**

Indy 500 £39.99

Company JVC **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad, steering wheel
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✘ **Mouse** ✘ **Multitap** ✘
Offensively average Indy car racing sim that's dull, dull, dull. **50%**

Impact Racing £44.95

Company JVC **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✔ **Mouse** ✘ **Multitap** ✘
Offbeat racing game mixing Destruction Derby with Mad Max. **82%**

In the Hunt £39.99

Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✘ **Mouse** ✘ **Multitap** ✘
2D submarine shoot 'em up with plenty of things to fire at. Which is nice. **79%**

International Track & Field £19.99

Company Konami **Players** 1-4
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** ✘
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%**

Jeremy McGrath Supercross 98 £39.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✘ **Mouse** ✘ **Multitap** ✘
Supercross? Crapcross, more like. **52%**

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%**

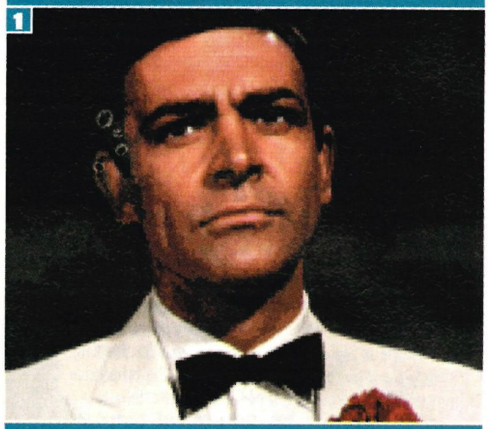
Jonah Lomu Rugby £44.99

Company Codemasters **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✘ **Mouse** ✘ **Multitap** ✔
Brilliant rugby simulation, but bloody fiddly controls drive you mad. **84%**

Rumours and lies

We start some untrue rumours

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Connery: second to Caine in the gamesplaying stakes

1. Scottish actor Sean Connery has sensationally claimed Jersey Devil is 'too hard'. In a recent press conference, Connery said, 'Jershey Devilsh too difficult for me. I get shtuck on the shecond level'. However, he did admit his friend, Michael Caine, has completed the game.

2. President Clinton, who rules America, has spoken out against game loading times. 'Sometimes they can be too long,' he said, but refused to comment further.

3. Games character Abe has been spotted on holiday with TV presenter Davina McCall. 'They couldn't keep their hands off each other,' said an onlooker.

4. Onlookers and bystanders have been outlawed by the Mexican government. Despite newspaper protests, both onlookers and bystanders will now be arrested if they appear at film premieres or nearby famous couples on holiday.

5. Virgins are better at videogames, says the church. In a recent sermon, Rev C Melater told his congregation that those abstaining from either sex or 'dirty thoughts' were much more likely to pass their International 'A' licence in Gran Turismo.

6. The idea for Tomb Raider 3 came to its makers in a bank statement. The statement told them how they must make a sequel soon or be forever damned. And they didst.

7. Italian star Lolo Ferrari is to be the model for a new series of moves in Tekken 4. 'The Big Buster', 'Chest Choker', and 'Bra Basher' are all inspired by the Eurotrash presenter.

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Lolo's moves will be easy to pull off

GEAR

Other stuff you need for your 'Station



NEW THINGS!

Nugen Link Cable £9.99 ⬟
Link cables ain't the most flashy bits o' kit. They kind of just sit there doing their thang. And this 'un sits doing its thang with the best of them. Plus, sterling linkage, and all for half the price of the Sony effort.
Get it out for: Red Alert Retaliation.
Rated: It links. You can depend on it. It only costs you a ten spot. How can you possibly go wrong? **95%**



Nugen Dual Impact £19.99 ⬟
Strangely black and minimal, this little fella. If you live in the kind of minimalist converted attic that you insist on referring to as a 'living space', you'll want one of these lying around on your chrome-plated coffee table. Maybe. This 'un's another Dual-Shock-bandwagon-jumping effort that also does the great analoguing, rumbling thang. Mmmm. Rumbly.
Get it out for: Impressing your interior designer friends.
Rated: The rumbling's a bit pathetic. Vibration-wise, this clocks in around the deep freeze kind of level, rather than Richter scale. Not that impressive. The analogue sticks work fine, but the pad's an odd shape. Unless you got funny hands, be wary. **55%**



The Glove 49.99 ⬟
Gizmo collectors take note. This might well be über-gizmo. It's a kind of sci-fi glove thing you wear to control your PlayStation. And it's way beyond weird.
You control the keys with yer fingers, and move directionally by moving your wrist. So single men must have a pretty hefty advantage with this 'un. If you're the kind of wanker who's out there at the front of the queue salivating whenever any new bit of technology's unveiled, you'll love this.
Get it out for: Bamboozling your chums.
Rated: Nice idea, boys 'n' gals, but it's suffering from a severe usability deficit. Like, really.
The blurb that comes with it goes on about a 'learning curve' but it's more like a learning plateau. You get to the plateau very quickly indeed. And even then you still can't use the bloody thing. Listen to our words most carefully. It's shite. And as you know we only speak the truth. **40%**

PADS

Analogue Pad £24.99 ⬟
Feels chunky, plays great. Analogue function is dreamy.
Get it out for: Any 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: Sweet. This'll melt your butter. It's top. **90%**

Gamester Analogue Joypad £19.99
This 'un's a blatant copy of the Sony pad. Except the Sony pad was rather 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 herpes on your 'want' list. **40%**

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 which has been specially made for zombie murderers the world over.
Get it out for: Go on, guess. Just guess.
Rated: As the name would suggest this one is super-specific, but it does just what it says on the tin. **85%**

Nugen Joypad £8.99
Cheapo joypad with no redeeming features.
Get it out for: As a joke.
Rated: Stiff, useless, bollocks. **40%**

Joytech Dual Jolt Control Pad £24.99
Analoguey, rumbly joypad. Dual Jolt, Dual Shock, see?
Get it out for: Rumbling.
Rated: Well, all the analogue bits are all fine and dandy. But to be honest the rumblings are, how can we put this? Just a little bit 'funny'. **70%**

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%**

Hyperdrive £19.99
Stupid controller with wheely bit. Made by knuckleheads for knuckleheads.
Get it out for: Nothing, dumbass!
Rated: Turd. **50%**

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: Crash Bandicoot.
Rated: Still a sound buy. **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%**

Barracuda Joypad £34.99
Big, bulky bastard that plays like dogshit.
Get it out for: Please don't.
Rated: The shitometer has gone off the scale! **30%**

Cyclone Pad £24.99
No good for accuracy or precision.
Get it out for: ...Don't, basically.
Rated: Below average performer. **50%**

ASCII Grip £24.99 ⬟
One-handed joypad that looks and feels a bit funny.
Get it out for: Useful for Tomb Raider.
Rated: Relaxing, but no use for speedy play. **65%**

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 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: If you're stuck.
Rated: Useful. **80%**

Sony Multitap £32.99 ➡
Purpose-designed for four-player games.
Get it out for: Thrashing your mates.
Rated: Smart. **95%**

Sony Mouse £24.99
It's grey, you get a free mat, and it works extremely well.
Get it out for: Point and click adventures (Broken Sword etc).
Rated: Functional. **80%**

Smart II Pal Converter £24.99
Changes the output from your import 'Station so you can use it on a normal telly instead of a SCART one. Clever.
Get it out for: Don't.
Rated: Does the trick. Does it good. **85%**

Aura Interactor £24.99
Vibrating backpack that'll make 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%**

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%**

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. You kind of tend to end up turning in that on-off dabbing the joypad way that you do with an ordinary pad. Not that bad, but not brilliant...
Get it out for: Only if you don't have a Logic 3 or Gamester.
Rated: Not one of the top boys, but it does its stuff. Kinda. **80%**

Logic 3 £69.99 ➡
This is super-slick. Looks and is the business. It's even got leather bits on it. It makes you feel like you should be rolling down the car window and saying 'Well, hi, girls'. But you can't. But, you can turn smoother than you can possibly imagine, and purr along with a driving suaveness that will make you the envy of yer chums.
Get it out for: TOCA Touring Car.
Rated: Turns are sweet and neat. The pedals are just so. Everything's so perfect, dammit! The ultimate accessory for the armchair motorist. **95%**

Gamester II Wheel and Pedals
Big beefy pedals, smooth turning circle and a sweet analogue feel. This has got all the ingredients necessary to ring your bell. It'll make you drive like a demon. Unless you're a total div. Mark our words.
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. Well worth your attention, boys and gals. **94%**

Mad Catz Steering Wheel £56.99
The official Sony wheel. It's got everything you want in a wheel: sweet little pedals, smooth turning, hard braking. And hey! It's got that official Sony stamp on it!
Get it out for: Whenever takes your fancy.
Rated: A damn fine buy. It ain't quite top dog, but it's been guzzling the marrowbone Pal and it's not far off the top spot. This we like a lot. **93%**

Gamester Rumble Force Wheel £69.99
It purrs like an ickle pussy cat on the straights, and buzzes out the deep-throated growl of the larger varieties of ladies' personal pleaser when you meet trouble. And it steers like a bleedin' demon, too. Smooth, slick and responsive, superb. It even smells good.
Get it out for: Colin McRae Rally.
Rated: This is thumb-suckin' good with Colin McRae Rally, but it'll warm the cockles of your heart with just about any 'Station racer you care to name. Hot damn. And, all thanks to a little gizmo you get bundled with it, it'll even work with steering-wheel scrambling Gran Turismo. **93%**

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 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 too much of 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%**

GUNS

G-Con 45 £59.99 (bundled with game)
This fearsome beast is hyper-accurate and sweet as a nut. It'll only work with G-Con compatible games, though, like Time Crisis, Judge Dredd and Point Blank.
Get it out for: Time Crisis.
Rated: The best lightgun. This is an absolute dream. **97%**

Predator £29.99
Tasty looking lightgun that's pinpoint-accurate. Has flashing lights.
Get it out for: Die Hard Trilogy.
Rated: It's well accurate, but too heavy for a long bout. **80%**

Hyperblaster £29.95
Looks crap, shoots like a mean bastid. It's light, easy-to-use, and well accurate.
Get it out for: Die Hard Trilogy.
Rated: Spot-on, brain-splatteringly accurate tool. **95%**

Light Blaster £24.99
Dan Dare-esque death dealer that's got a cool little flashing light on top.
Get it out for: Kills and spills.
Rated: Accurate, with murderously quick autofires and turbo buttons. **85%**

Erazer Light Gun £29.99
Uzi-type sidearm that's a disgrace to life on earth.
Get it out for: Keep that cupboard door closed.
Rated: Total bollocks. Half the time it doesn't work. **40%**

⬅ Joytech Real Arcade Lightgun £44.99
Slick cyber-sidearm with recoiling top bit. It can shoot-to-kill on older games AND on G-Con compatible games. Clever.
Get it out for: Time Crisis, but only if you don't have a G-Con.
Rated: A touch heavy, and not as accurate as the G-Con. Still, a top drawer performer. **85%**

The Knowledge: updated every month

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%**

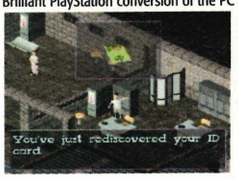
Krazy Ivan £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Graphics win over playability in this robot game. **73%**

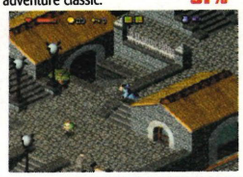
Kula World £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very classy head-stretching puzzle game. **89%**

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%**

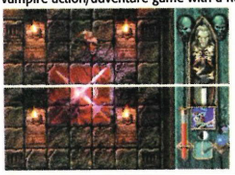
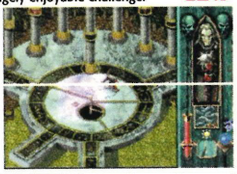
The Last Report £39.99
Company Microids **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Adventure/puzzle game. Like Resident Evil except piss poor. **35%**

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%**

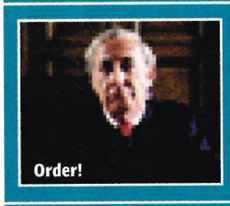
Lomax in Lemmingland £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
It's a Lemmings-inspired platformer. Our verdict? It just leaves us cold. **70%**

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%**

Star Wars court

Star Wars games are accused of being crap...



The charge
All Star Wars games that have thus far appeared on the PlayStation are hereby charged with being beyond shite and, in some cases, complete wank. How do you plead, Star Wars games? Guilty or not guilty?

PLEA: NOT GUILTY

The case for the prosecution
M'lord, just look at Rebel Assault, Master of Teras Kasi and Dark Forces. Three well below-average games. Is it not true that these games are so dire that in some cases they are called, 'Masters of Terrible Khazi', and 'Dark Foreskin'?

The case for the defence
The defence has no reply, m'lord. We are forced to admit that even Rebel Assault is way bollocks.

The sentence
Masters of Terrible Khazi, Dark Foreskin and Rebel Asswipe, you will be taken from here to a place of execution and hanged by the neck till you be dead.

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%**

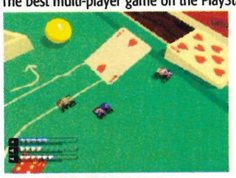
Motorhead £39.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Super-fast racer that pulls our chain. **winner** **92%**





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%**

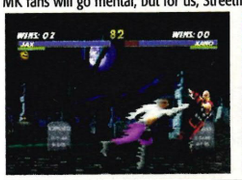
Micro Machines V3 £19.99
Company Codemasters **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
The best multi-player game on the PlayStation. A real racing classic. **winner** **91%**




Monopoly £39.99
Company Hasbro **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Smooth PlayStation version of the classic board game. **78%**

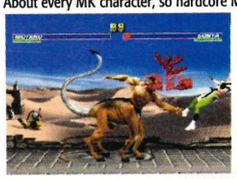
Monster Trucks £44.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This off-road racer never really gets going... **82%**

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%**

N20 £39.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fast, arcadey shoot 'em up with an ace techno soundtrack. We like. **89%**

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

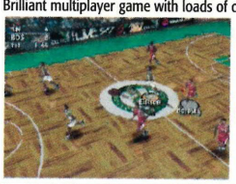
Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Uses the FIFA '96 graphics engine, and it shows all too clearly... **81%**

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. **48%**

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%**

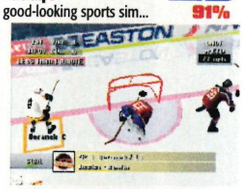
NFL Quarterback Club £39.99

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%**

NHL Powerplay 98 £39.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-8 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
If you've gotta get a hockey game, you could do a lot worse... **89%**

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

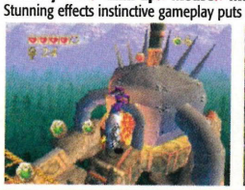
Company Telstar **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This is the most incredibly bland footie game. **65%**

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%**

Pax Corpus £39.99

Company Cryo **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
For a joke, persuade a mate to buy this piece of shit... **30%**

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%**

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%**

We can't wait...

The games we're really looking forward to



Metal Gear Solid
When? November
Why? 'Cos Metal Gear Solid'll be the most awesome you've ever played. We've seen it running and it rocks. Could be the best game ever...
How much in Rons?



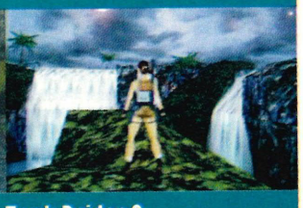
Silent Hill
When? May
Why? Silent Hill's got all the best horror and goo bits out of Resident Evil mixed in with a kind of detective story. It looks stunning, and it's got atmosphere in spades.
How much in Rons?



Parasite Eve
When? Yet to be confirmed
Why? This looks a doozy. It's on a Final Fantasy VII-style tip with a dash of Resident Evil thrown in. It looks great, but might be on the boring side. Still want it, though...
How much in Rons?



Tekken 3
When? September
Why? Why? WHY! 'Cos Tekken 3 is beat 'em up heaven. This has got the coolest characters and most shit-kickin' moves of any fighting game ever.
How much in Rons?



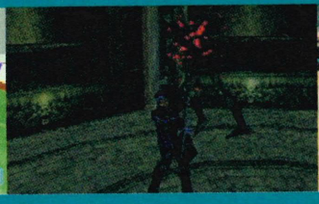
Tomb Raider 3
When? November
Why? Simply because it's Tomb Raider. Having said that, the Ron count's on the low side 'cos we're worried it's gonna be a straight re-hash of the other two.
How much in Rons?



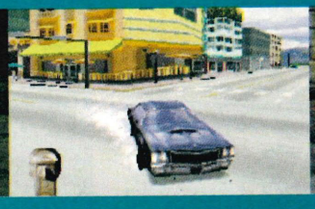
Final Fantasy VIII
When? December
Why? You know the movie bits in Final fantasy VII? From what we've seen the WHOLE of this is gonna look that good. One Ron only? Well, some of us reckon Final Fantasy is a little too spoddy...
How much in Rons?



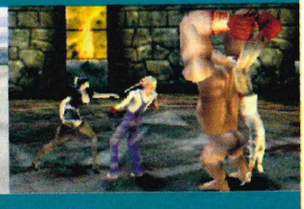
ISS Pro 98
When? September
Why? 'Cos ISS Pro is yer top blast when it comes to kick 'em ups and this one's gonna be no different. The one to paste all the competition, we say. And we should know. We got footy in our blood, us.
How much in Rons?



Legacy of Kain 2
When? November
Why? Numero uno had vampires and adventure which was good enough for us. Looks like two will up the stakes, though. They've really gone to town on the graphics and the effects are awesome.
How much in Rons?



Driver
When? December
Why? Grand Theft Auto in 3D anyone? OK then, howsabout you play a getaway driver with a mission to avoid the fuzz? City streets are reproduced in full and it's up to you to find the right alleys and shortcuts.
How much in Rons?



Thrill Kill
When? May
Why? 'Cos this is the most shocking beat 'em up we've ever seen. OK, it may be a bit on the limited side, but once you've checked out some of the gruesome moves you'll be hooked.
How much in Rons?

Excitement measure in Ron Atkinsons: = Itchy with anticipation = Butterflies. Cold sweats = Dribbling. Gibbering. Insomnia

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%**

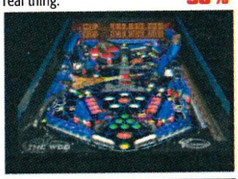
Premier Manager 98 — £44.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✔ **Link-up** ✘ **Mouse** ✔ **Multitap** ✘
Superb football management sim. **Winner** **92%**





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. **94%** Winner




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. **91%** Winner




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. **91%** Winner




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. **76%** Platinum

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. **84%** Rent it

Rise 2: Resurrection £44.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Despite plenty of fighters, this is still only a mediocre beat 'em up... **78%**

Riot £44.95

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-16
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Despite mega multiplayer possibility, this game offers little for your cash. **67%**

Risk £39.99

Company Hasbro **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
A new spin on the classic board game that's well worth a look. **81%**

Riven £49.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Clever and great looking puzzle game. But not for everyone. **84%**

Road Rash £19.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Straightforward, frustrating racing game. **64%** Platinum

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**✗
Abysmal rental-only beat 'em up. **19%** Rent it

Sentient £44.95

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Set on a spaceship, this game is pretty ambitious, but too complicated. **71%**

Shadow Master £39.99

Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
You in a tank and loads of mindless blasting. Very good. **88%**

Shellshock £44.99

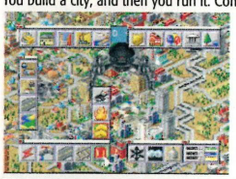
Company Core Design **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pretty second rate: levels are dull and grey, and action is very limited. **75%**

Shockwave £39.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Empty shoot 'em up with tiny sprites against a dull background. **56%**

Sim City 2000 £44.99

Company Maxis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
You build a city, and then you run it. Complex strategy. **91%** Winner




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%**

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%**

Snow Racer £34.99

Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Lotsa fun racing game on boards and skis. **85%**

Soul Blade £34.95

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This classic weapons-based beat 'em up has all the right ingredients. **94%** Winner




Soviet Strike £19.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good sound effects and graphics create a classy 3D chopper shoot 'em up. **92%** Winner




Space Hulk £19.99

Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Drag mercenaries around. Slow but good strategy/action game. **84%** Platinum

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 £39.99

Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Slow, boring and about as exciting as watching an egg boil. Maybe less so.. **45%**

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%**

Spice World £19.99

Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A shabby excuse of a game. Short, boring and unimaginative. **21%** Platinum

Spider £39.99

Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
An innovative idea for a platform game, but fails to rise above average. **70%**

Spot goes to Hollywood £34.95

Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Too little, too late for this platformer. Er, it's got good music though... **77%**

Star Gladiator £44.95

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Capcom's first 3D beat 'em up. They don't make a bad job of it either. **91%** Winner




Starfighter 3000 £44.95

Company Telstar **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Nice enough to have a gawp at, but there's not enough going on. **80%**

Star Wars: Masters of Teras Kasi £34.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A shite bubble of a Star Wars beat 'em up. Absolute crap. **30%**

Starwinder £44.95

Company Mindscape **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Simplistic racing game where every level plays the same. **59%**

Steel Harbinger £44.95

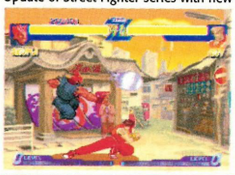
Company Mindscape **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull graphics, but 11 levels and variety of weapons can make this fun. **79%** Rent it

Steel Reign £34.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cool tank game that can be a bit repetitive. Worth a look, though. **75%** Rent it

Street Fighter Alpha £44.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Update of Street Fighter series with new moves and new characters. **91%** Winner




Street Fighter Alpha 2 £44.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Custom combos and counter-moves add up to an excellent sequel. **92%** Winner




Street Fighter Collection £39.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ **Joypad**✓
Three Street Fighter games, one CD. That's science for you. **87%**

Street Fighter Ex Plus Alpha £44.95

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Superb fighting in 3D take on the Street Fighter theme. **93%** Winner




Street Fighter The Movie £39.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Insult to the Street Fighter name. Based on the movie. **67%**

The Knowledge: updated every month

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%**

Super Puzzle Fighter 2 £39.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Horribly addictive puzzle game featuring Ryu, Ken and friends. **92%**



Supersonic Racers £44.95
Company Mindscape **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Micro Machines-style racer doesn't pull out enough stops to keep you hooked. **74%**

Swagman £44.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
There's plenty of arcade-style fun on offer in this great-looking 2D game. **85%**

Syndicate Wars £44.95
Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✓ 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%**

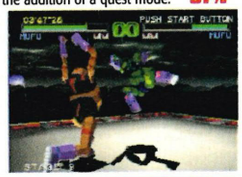
Time Crisis £59.99
Company Sony **Players** 1 **Special** Gcon 45
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
So playable even your girlfriend'll enjoy it. The definitive gun game. **93%**





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%**



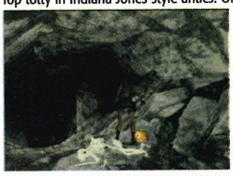


TOCA Touring Car Championship £44.99
Company Codemasters **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Hyper-realistic touring car racer. A real blast. **91%**





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%**





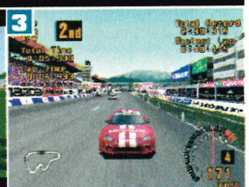
HMV Chart

What's everyone else buying?



Colin McRae Rally: messin' in the mud


2 Premier Manager 98


3 Gran Turismo: shit hot


4 Spice World: just shit



5 Point Blank: sharp shootin'

Key:
(NE) New Entry
(RE) Re-Entry
(4) Position Last Month
(-) Same Position

1. **(NE) Colin McRae Rally (Codemasters)**
   Slippy, slidey rally heaven
2. **(NE) Premier Manager 98 (Gremlin)**
   Awesome racer worth your cash...
3. **(2) Gran Turismo (Sony)**
   Breathtaking racer'll rock you...
4. **(3) Spice World (Sony)**
   Full of zombies.
5. **(NE) Point Blank (Sony)**
   Excellent shooter. Uses G-Con45..
6. **(1) World Cup 98 (EA)**
   Cool kick 'em up.
7. **(6) Tomb Raider (Platinum)**
   Nobody bores of Lara
8. **(6) Tekken 2 (Platinum)**
   Budget beat 'em up.
9. **(4) Resident Evil 2 (Virgin)**
   Full of zombies.
10. **(RE) Crash Bandicoot (Platinum)**
    Back in da charts...

Tombi £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Typically Jap-style cuteness fails to ruin an excellent platformer. Rent it 79%

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**✗
Good, but ONLY if you're a basketball fiend. Rent it 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%

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%

Versailles £39.99
Company Cryo **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Even other point 'n' click adventures aren't as boring as this. 10%

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%

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%

#12 Abe's Oddysee



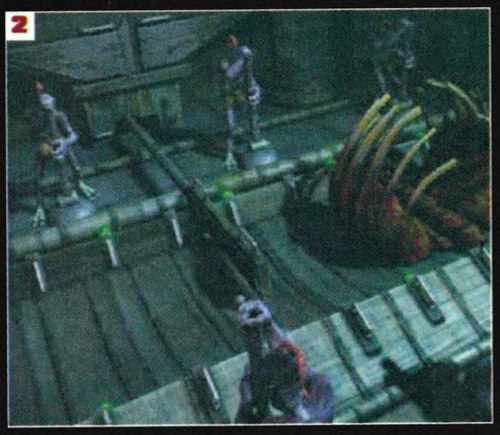
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First Out: September 1997

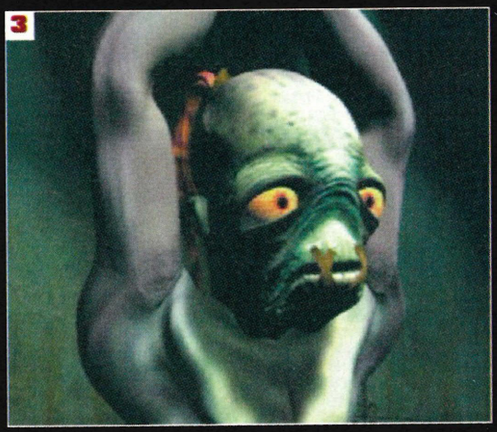
What we said then:

'Check out Abe's, which'll push stress levels to the max as puzzles tax your patience to the limit. Tough puzzles, cute aliens, lots of laughs, stacks of challenges... it has it all. A platform-cum-puzzler that'll blow your mind.'

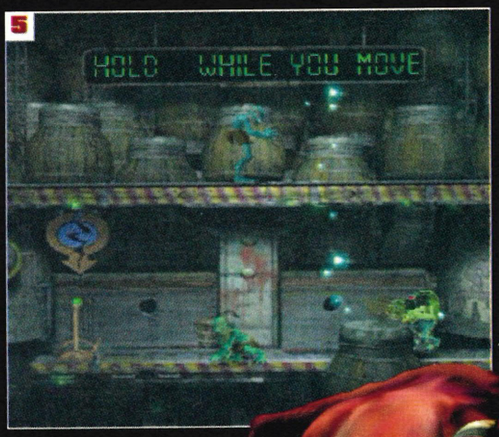
The story so far There's a bunch of greenish people who communicate only by farting. Not senior citizens, dammit, Mudokons! Abe has found out him 'n' his buddies are supper for the Slig bosses at the meat factory. Time to bust a move...

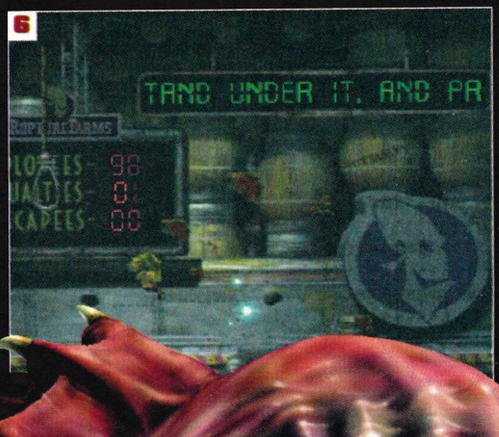












That magic moment **[1]** 'This is Rupture Farms...' Hey! Even his voice is weird! **[2]** And the intro sequence is pretty cool. And weird. **[3]** Your first sight of Abe, alien, and soon-to-be-burger **[4]** Except he makes good his escape. Hurray for the farting alien bloke! **[5]** Time to get some serious vengeance: possess one of yer nasty Slig captors **[6]** Then make the little bastard's head explode. Sweet

Why we like it Exploding heads! Giant bubbling vats of dubious meat products! Cruel alien overlords! Loud, rasping farts! With that many distasteful ingredients, how can it fail? Weirdo atmos is where it's at with this 'un. Even the sounds are weird. Check out the moment when Slig's head goes squelch. Tasty.

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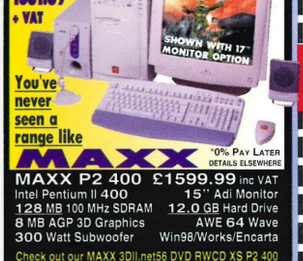
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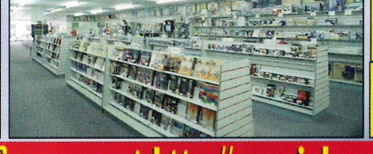
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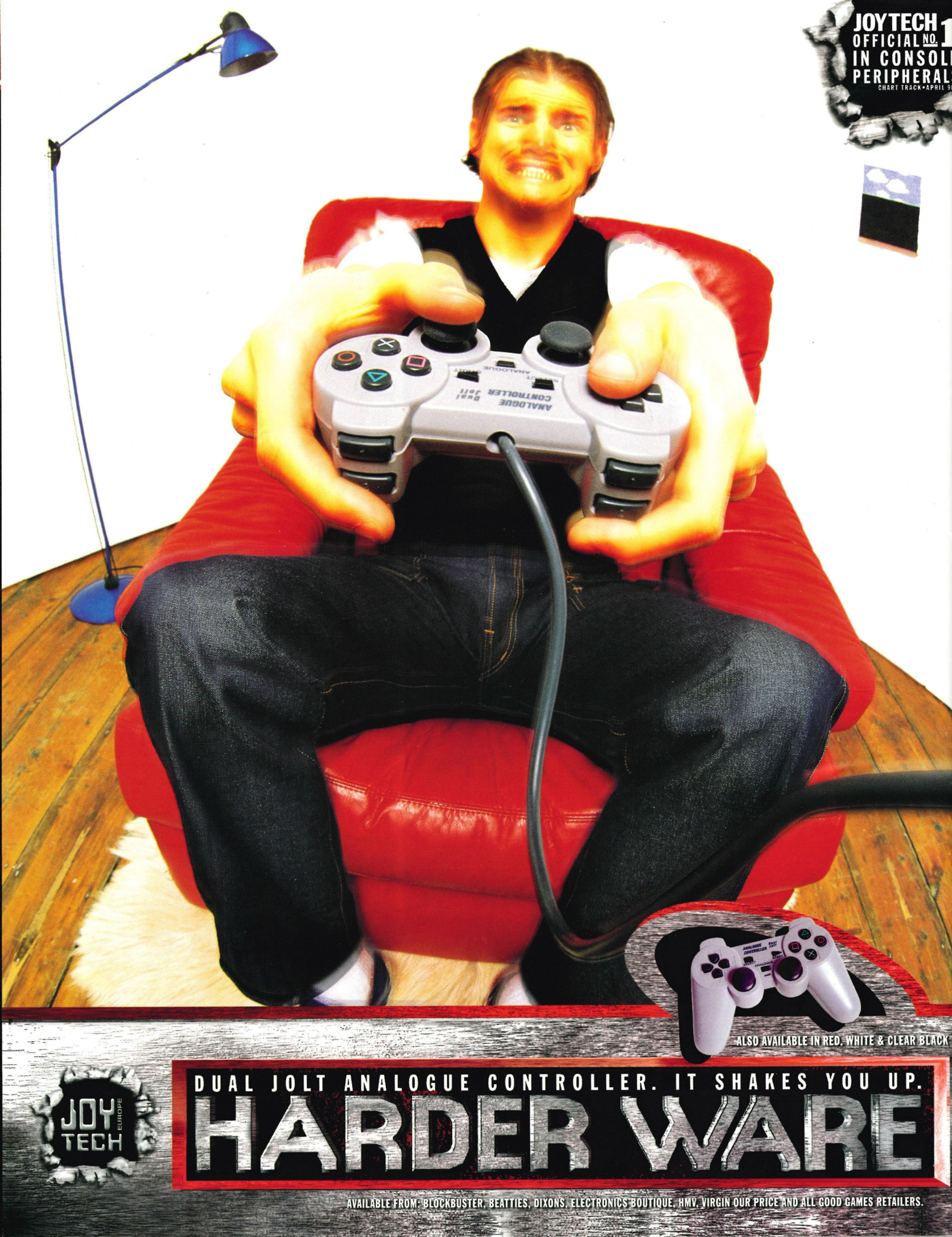
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