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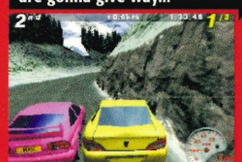

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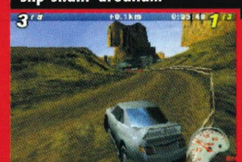

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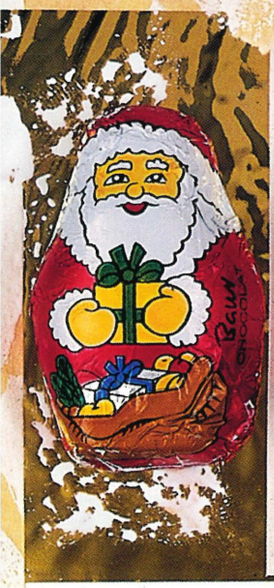

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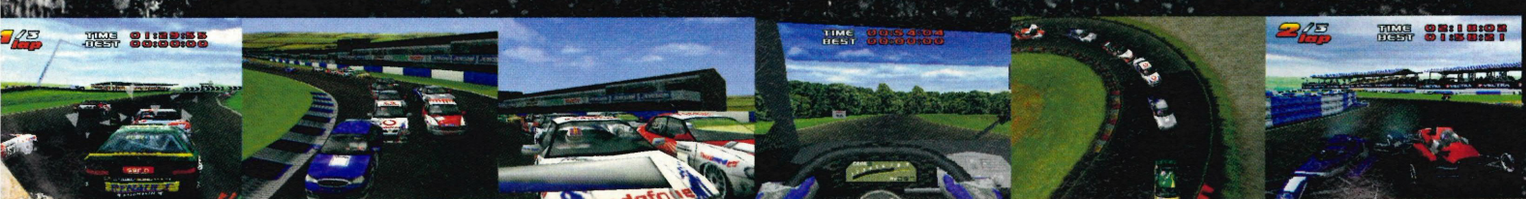

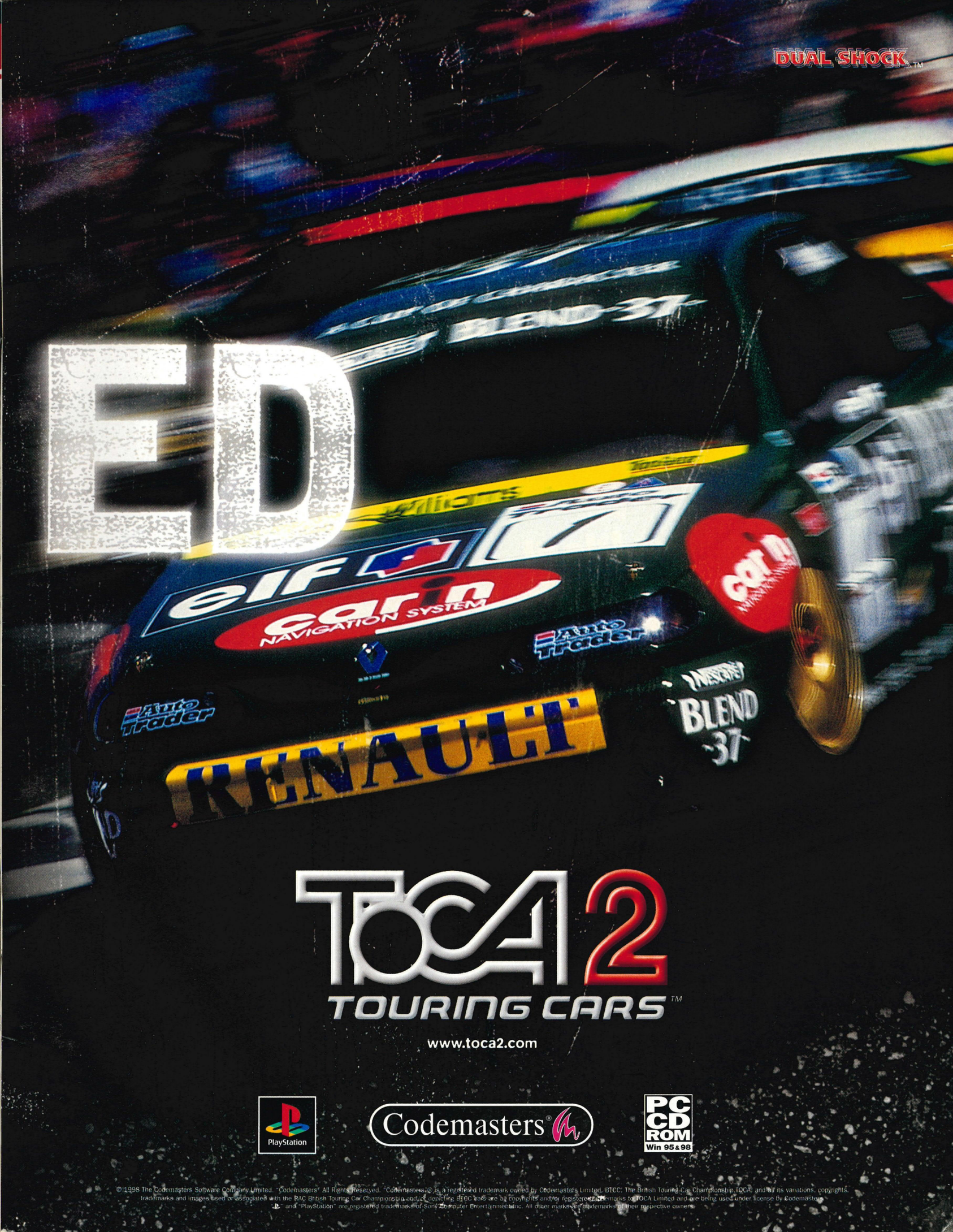

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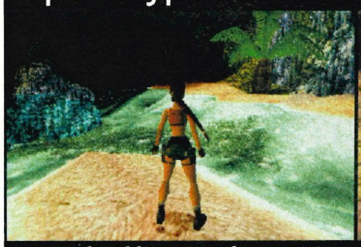
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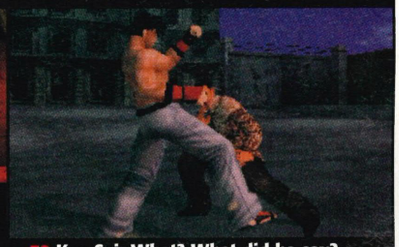
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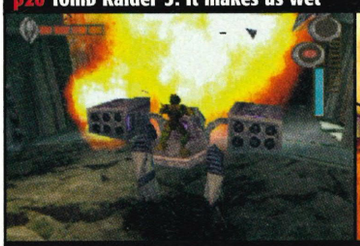
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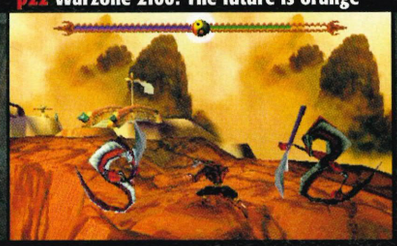
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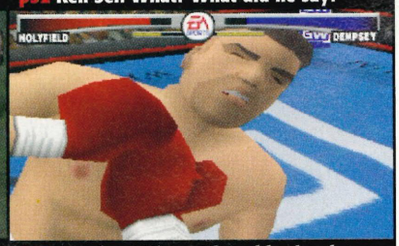

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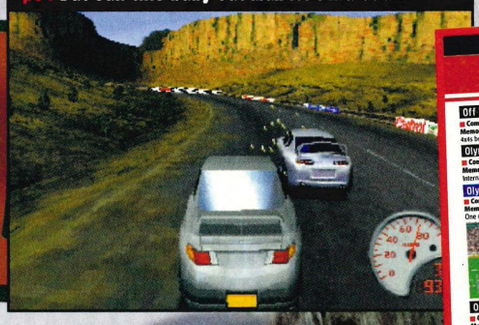


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There's Owen'y one...

Footballers eh? If they're not smacking their wives about, they're drinking excessively, snorting coke and knobbing some page three stunna. But NOT Michael Owen — hero of England's World Cup campaign and star of this top new footy game...



We all like to think we're as cool as the drool on a big dog's tool when it comes to knocking a ball about. But the sad reality is that you probably wouldn't make the first eleven for the local legless ladies' pub team. The ambition's there, but you haven't got the talent. So what you going to do? Get a copy of Michael Owen's World League Soccer 99 — probably the closest thing to the beautiful game itself.











1 A goal, surely **2** One-on-one with the keeper **3** Owen takes it past the Irish defence **4** The lad turns to bang in another **5** Check out the different pitches **6** Liverpool about to go one up against Newcastle

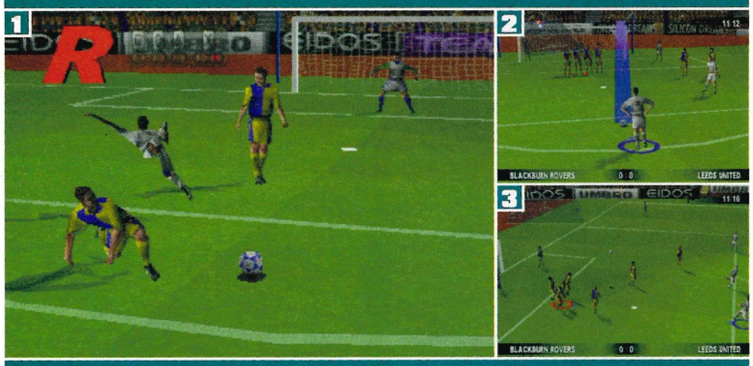
»

The Works: World League Soccer 99

What we like

Free kicks

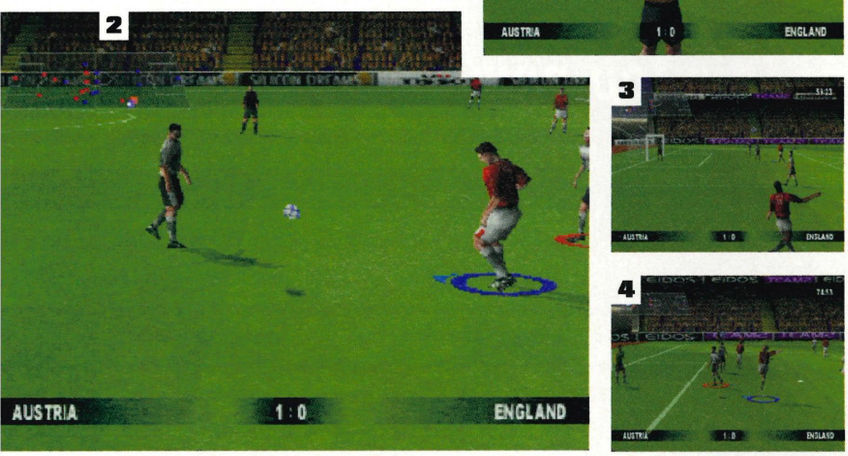
Picture the scene – England vs Columbia. Beckham's lining up to take the free kick. Bang. He bends it round the wall and into the top left corner while the keeper's still scratching his arse. Now you can do the same with WLS 99. By marking out which direction you want the ball to go in and where you want it to end up, you can swerve the ball around the defensive wall and into the back of the net. Nice one.



1 A nasty tackle just outside the penalty area 2 Lining up to take the free kick 3 Blast it around the wall and into the net

Just like real life

There are no one-man heroics down the wing here. No simple crosses from the byline hitting the back of the net. No sir. Marking tends to be tight, so the whole move has to be built up with a series of passes before you're in a real position to score a goal. Just like in the real game.



1 The keeper rolls the ball out to the defender... 2 He punts it up the field to the left winger... 3 He crosses it into the opposition's box... 4 With a one-two chipped return and header to finish

The Guv'nor

The smart formation option allows you to choose exactly how to play your team. Choose how many players you want in attack, midfield and defence. Individually position players, get them marking a particular zone or man. Add a sweeper or midfield striker. This is made all the more realistic with the inclusion of the proper player names, something sorely lacking from ISS Pro 98.



■ Wanna be the manager?



■ You'll be needing a sheepskin jacket then

Personality transplant needed

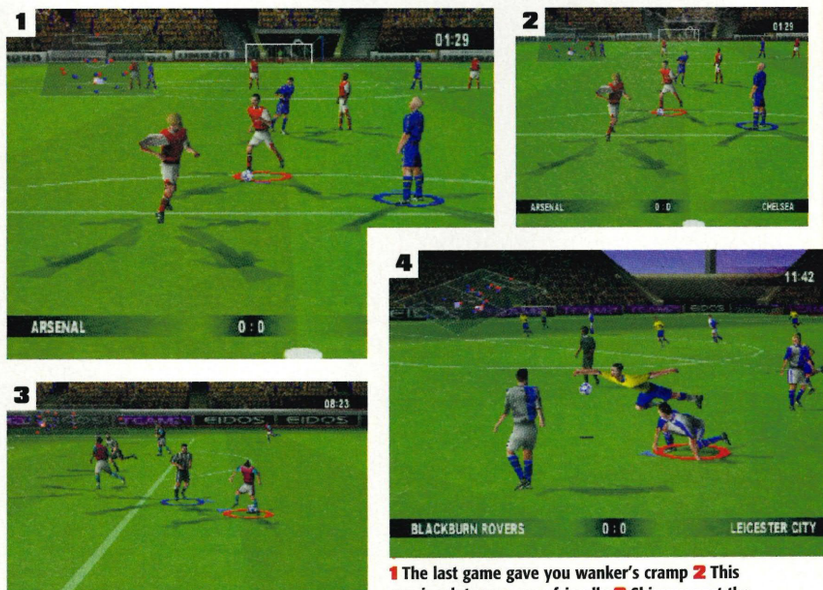
'Welcome to Michael Owen's World League Soccer 99 – have fun', says the boy Owen in the opening sequence, with all the personality and charisma of a lobotomized fish. You shudder to think how much they paid him for it. Rearrange these words please Michael: 'I', 'bastard', 'lucky', 'a', 'very', 'am'.



1 Here's the man himself 2 There's no denying his skills on the pitch 3 But he's as dull as dishwater off it 4 No offence intended

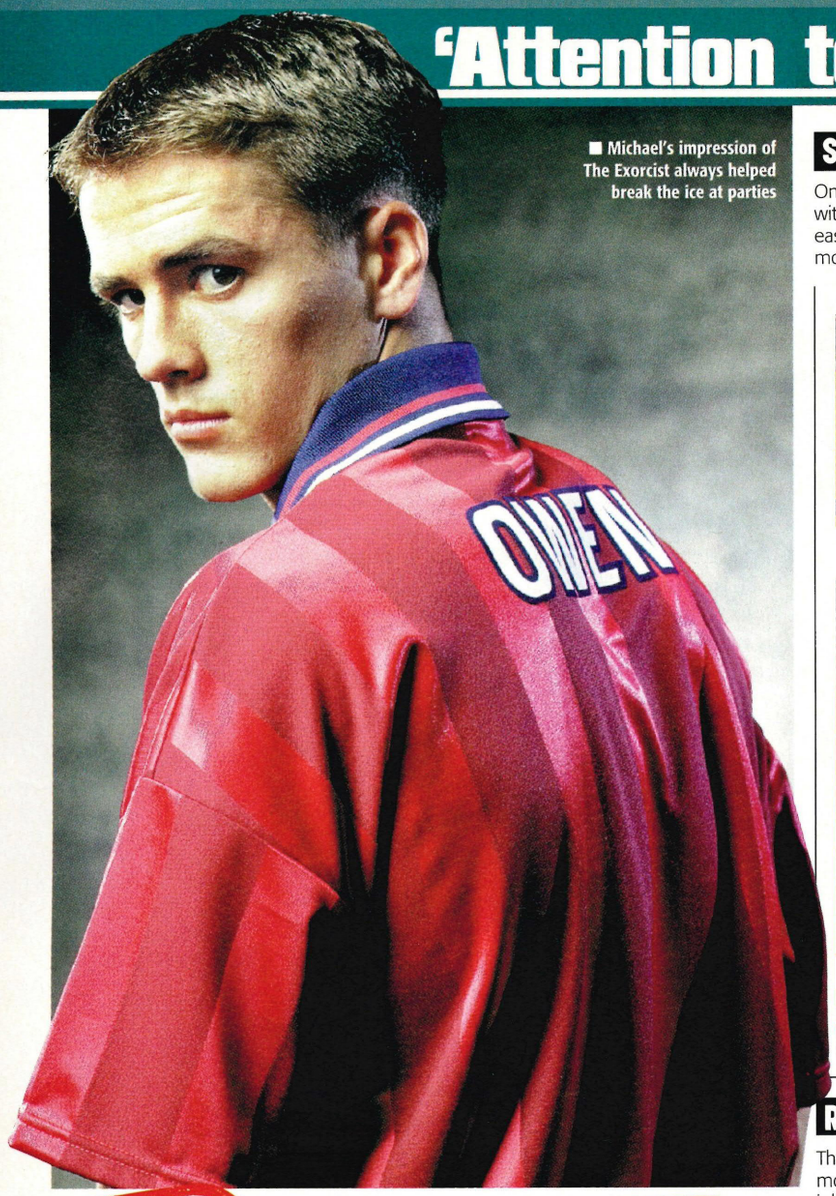
Controls

The problem with last year's game is that you needed a degree from Oxford in Manual Finger Dexterity before you could execute even the most basic moves. Not so this year. The controls have been simplified so that even beginners can pick up the basic shots, chips, passes and headers, whilst experts can pull off the more fancy one-twos and shimmies.



1 The last game gave you wanker's cramp 2 This one is a lot more user-friendly 3 Shimmy past the defenders 4 Sliding tackle is a bit risky

'Attention to detail's way cool'



■ Michael's impression of The Exorcist always helped break the ice at parties

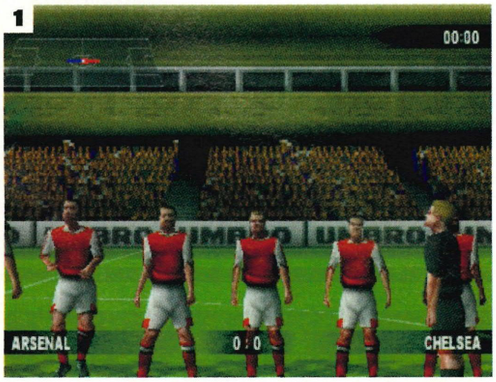
plus

We'd like to say...

The great thing about Michael Owen's WLS '99 is that even if you're just a normal bloke who farts and eats crisps, you can at least pretend to be a pro footballer. It's just like real footy, with all the kicks, headers, volleys and tactical options of the real-life game. Top stuff.

Graphics

Not as sumptuous as ISS Pro '98, but still mighty tasty. The attention to detail is way cool, with animated crowds, rippling goal nets, flapping corner flags, rotating advertising boards and realistic weather effects. Our only real gripe is that the player animation is a bit knobby, but it's still better than most footy games.



1 The pitch and players look the business **2** The attention to detail is well impressive **3** The stadia are mucho coolio

Scoring made simple

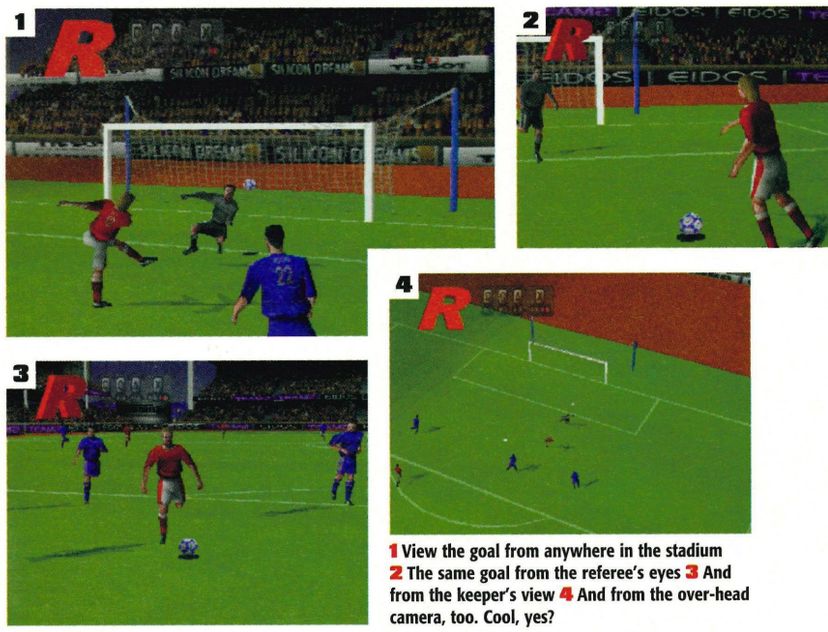
One of the main problems with last year's game is that it was too difficult to score goals, with most of the matches ending in a dull 0-0 scoreline. This year it's been made a lot easier to get the ball in the back of the net, as shots automatically bend towards the goal mouth and the keepers tend to let more in. Which we reckon is a good thing.



1 Look forward to some high scoring games **2** There are no guaranteed ways of scoring or 'sweet spots' **3** Keep banging 'em in

Replays

The excellent replay option in Michael Owen's WLS 99 allows you to relive those precious moments of glory frame-by-frame and from virtually any angle. You can even temporarily inhabit the body of any of the players or officials and see it through their eyes. Which is guaranteed to piss your mate off who you've just scored against.



1 View the goal from anywhere in the stadium **2** The same goal from the referee's eyes **3** And from the keeper's view **4** And from the over-head camera, too. Cool, yes?

winner With loadsa moves, top visuals and plenty of tactical stuff, Michael Owen's WLS '99 is a game befitting the talent of the man himself. **Lee**

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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, write to the same address, marking your envelope Q and A. We'll then print an answer in a later edition of PlayStation plus.)

Villa villains

West Midlands whingers come out to play

How I laughed when I read Mike from Leicester and his memories of last season. **That's Mike the Leicester City fan. We're sure he'll be cock-a-hoop when he knows what big yucks he's been providing** Your 3-1 jammy win was only one game, but who finished higher in the league... **Goes on for ages, listing reasons why Aston Villa are better than Leicester City, concluding with the ultra-incisive...** Villa are just better. Who's the wanker now?

Alex, Birmingham



■ **Villa Park before our secret bombing raid**

Concerning the letter last month from your mate: Mike, Leicester. A couple of things concerning his letter and the Villa/Leicester debate. The score last season was not 3-1 to Leicester, and Leicester did not 'cane Wimbledon's arse' as he suggested. Try getting your facts right Mike. And after Saturday's game, where Leicester came to kill the beautiful game of football, how the hell does Emile Heskey get on at functions and the like, because every time anyone went near him on Saturday he fell over?

Av Illayouth

arse THE BIGGEST TWAT IN THE WORLD!

Has everybody gone mad? **Only you, judging by this** Magazines are regularly giving OK games over 90%. Resident Evil 2 was short and not scary. A game that takes half a day to complete is a pisstake. Gran Turismo gets boring very quickly. The graphics are only OK, and the car damage is unrealistic. **Anything you like about probably the PlayStation's best racer?** Tekken 3 is also poor. Slow gameplay and repetitive gameplay **Talking of repetitive, you realise you used 'gameplay' twice when once would have done?** means this should score in the low 80s. I own Metal Gear Solid, and if I had the chance, I would not have bought it. **Think about it: you probably did have a chance** £50 for a game a five-year-old can do in ten hours is not excellent. **It's time for you to put yourself in a cryonic stasis and wake up when games are perfect. You're too much of a twat for the present**

Mark Jowett, e-mail wanker

BEN'S A-BUFFING

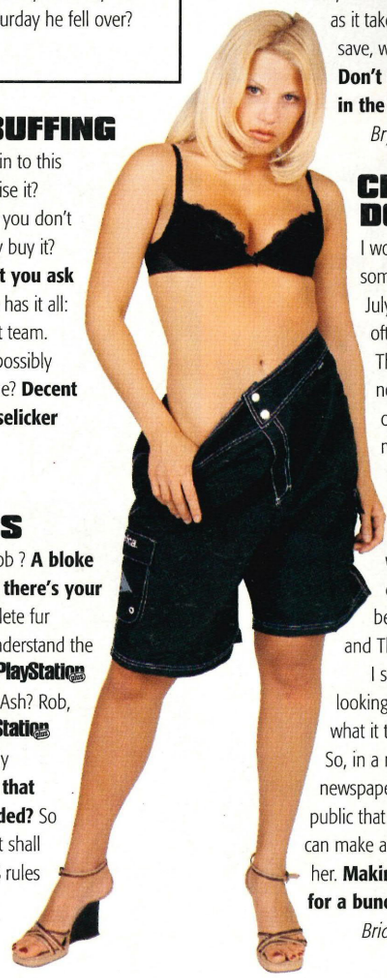
Why do people write in to this magazine just to criticise it? **Dunno. Ask them** If you don't like the magazine why buy it? **Beats us. Why don't you ask them?** This magazine has it all: style, class and a great team. What else could you possibly hope for in a magazine? **Decent letters. Now go. Arselicker**

Ben, Sheffield

ASH FUR QUESTIONS

What is wrong with Rob ? **A bloke who likes Ash. And there's your answer** Is he a complete fur burger? Doesn't he understand the pure genius which is PlayStation plus and the tosh which is Ash? Rob, Ash are SHIT as PlayStation plus says and you are anally retarded. **What does that mean? Anally retarded?** So it shall be written, so it shall be done. PlayStation plus rules and you lose!

M.I.B London



BRY OUT OF HULL

I just want to say that Premiership football is crap. Proper football is played in the Nationwide Football League as there are none of your 20,000 a week puffs who claim a foul whenever someone moves **But only watched by an old bloke and his dog, in fact** Also there are no glory supporters in the Nationwide League, all the fans are true supporters who also are a lot harder than glory-supporting puffs. **Like the glory-supporting puffs who support Charlton? Leicester City? Coventry? Wimbledon? Southampton? Sheffield Wednesday? Tons of glory there** You may laugh at my team Hull City just because we are bottom of Division 3 **And on the verge of bankruptcy** but we can beat any Premiership club just ask Crystal Palace last season in football or in riots. **In riots? Oh, there's something to be proud of. Tosspot** Oh yeah, just a tip to anyone who plays Premier Manager 98, make sure you have an empty memory card as it takes a full card up when you save, which is a bit of a bastard. **Don't mind pretending we're in the Premiership then?**

Bry, Hull

CHARLIE DON'T SURF

I would like to mention something about Charlie from July's issue of PlayStation plus. I often read the Daily Star and The Sun newspaper, and I've noticed they always take credit for finding any models that make it big time. I have also noticed Charlie appeared in both of these papers. so I would like to say you discovered Charlie first, before both the Daily Star and The Sun.

I say this because, just by looking at her, I can tell she's got what it takes to make it to the top. So, in a nutshell, if either of these newspapers try bullshitting the public that they discovered her, you can make a stink because you found her. **Making a stink? No problem for a bunch of curry fans like us**

Brian Chill

Bulging sack

Other stuff in posties sack

My mate reckons he can 'cure' Zoë of Kent.

Steve Leach, Widnes

I own approx 30 PlayStation titles.

Jack Lumano, Auckland, New Zealand

I've had my moan, hope you print this letter, so your male readers know that the majority of females in this world are not boring.

Julie Robinson, Birmingham

I have been reading your magazine for a year and I really believe I am a better person because of it.

Chris Record, Weymouth

Print Jenny McCarthy's picture for a change.

Lee F, Waveney

How come all your male readers think lesbians are cool?

Andy D

Anyway, now I've done the grisly rounds I'm going for a beer.

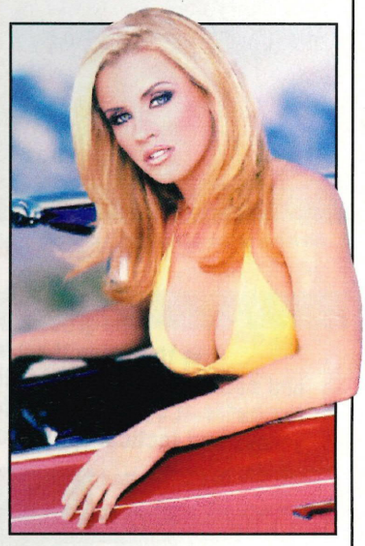
Simon the Sex God.

Yeah, I know, I'm gibbering.

Aaron Taylor, London

My girlfriend is the one who buys this mag. She loves it.

DJ Maximum and Psycosis



■ **Check out Jenny's lovely open top...**

JUST THE FAX MA'AM

Hope you don't mind if I send this again, but I think the one I sent yesterday didn't work as the fax machine didn't print out a transmission report, so I'm trying again! **No, it got here OK. We just thought this one was better**

Jewel Roberts, Croydon

WILD QUALMS

I didn't buy October's edition of PlayStation plus. **Then you'll have missed the 'free games to all readers with the surname Wild' offer, then?** But I did buy November's and I read a letter by Michael Foster defending Gran Turismo against the satanic words of a Mr RT. I completely agree with Michael... **Goes on about how good** »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Gran Turismo is, finishing with... Don't anyone ever piss with GT again or I will get mad. **Piss with?**

Ben Wild, Leeds

WE'LL PRINT ANYTHING, US

Me and my friends were playing the excellent Tekken 3 at the weekend. The fight in question **Yawn. That's interesting. No, really** was Ogre vs Panda and when Ogre did a throw he lifted Panda up and clearly gave him a blow job. We think the world should know what side Ogre's bread is buttered on. **Well, now the world knows what fun times there are to be had round yours**

Jez, Dunx and Nath, Wilts

DON'T THANK US

Thanks for taking time to read this letter. **No need. Your letter was read in a space/time vacuum and we actually gained 15 minutes**

Simon Kirby, Mansfield

BIRCH IS TOO GOOD FOR 'EM

What's all this 'gimme Abi, gimme Charlie, gimme Gill?' **That'll be other readers asking for pics of their fave babes. At a guess** In my opinion Emma back in March beats them all hands down and I feel after her appearance in your mag many months ago she has been somewhat neglected by your stunning publication. Thanks. **Yeah, yeah. You want a picture of Emma. You only have to say, you know**

Ross Birch, Surrey

PS You're right, Leonardo Di Caprio does look like a sprout.

CAKEHOLE SHUTTING INC.

My good friend, or not so good now, Gina Roberts, BEAT me on a game I thought I was undisputed champion at. Yes, Tekken 2. Anyway, she keeps going on about it and I wish she'd shut up. She buys your mag so tell her to shut her cakehole. **Consider it done** We are both groovy gaming girlies, so please treat me with respect. **Sheesh. Next you'll be expecting us to open doors for you**

Sarah Dutfield ***soz if your name's wrong Sarah, but your handwriting...*** *Devon*

THE DOCTORS ARE IN

I need your professional diagnosis **Ooh. It'll cost ya. 'Professional Diagnosis'? Could be a big job, that** It is urgent. I have not wanted to play on my 'Station for three days. Whenever I ask myself 'shall I go on my PlayStation I never want to. How long will this last? Is it curable? Will it go away in time?

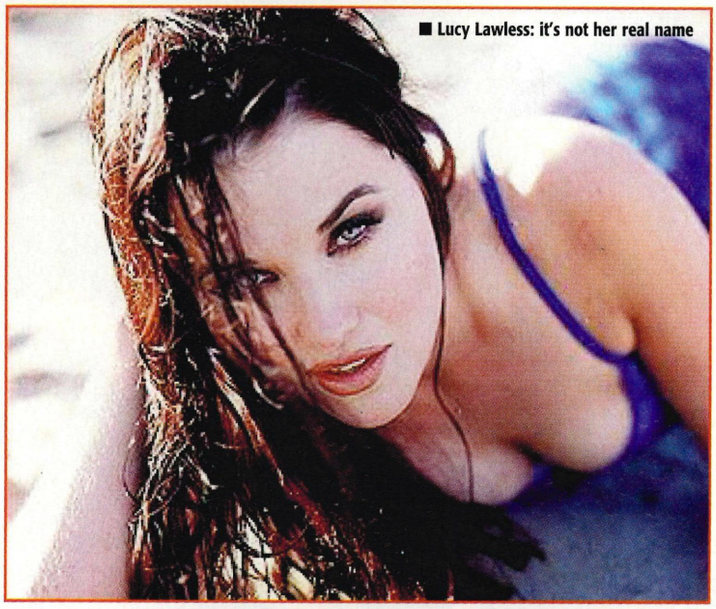
Please can you help me because it is really not healthy for me to completely ignore my usual daily diet of shooting people on Grand Theft Auto and booting zombie cheeks on Res Evil 2. **This could well mean that you've 'Gone off PlayStation'. This illness was first recorded by bald-headed scientists in Belgium. Sufferers often forego their daily PlayStation in favour of a hobby such as wood-turning. If that's the case, knock us up a couple of chairs would you?**

A Bloke



Who will play Lara?

The debate rages on



■ Lucy Lawless: it's not her real name

Why shouldn't Sandra Bullock be Lara Croft in the film? She'd have to do is lighten her hair.

Luke Rawlinson

You keep on getting letters about who should play Lara Croft, and in my opinion there is only one choice, and that's Terry Farrell who plays Dax in Deep Space Nine.

A bloke with a made-up name so crap we didn't print it

Does the name Lucy Lawless mean anything to anyone? Perhaps the name Xena: Warrior Princess will help more.

Think about it, she would be perfect for the part. She's got that all that long black hair, **Just like our Tomb Raider heroine, eh?** that hard bitch attitude and I don't think she'd have much trouble filling up that green vest. **Right on the last two counts though**

Adam, Birmingham

A DICKHEAD WRITES

I have been wondering now for a long time why you keep publishing your PlayStation magazine. **Well that makes you a moron. And why be a 'reluctant reader'? Why not piss off and be a 'non-reader'?**

A reluctant reader

HUGHES OF ATHLONE

Right, I've only written in to ask two very important – in my view – questions. You guys have played Tomb Raider 3 right You must have come across a waterfall. Please tell me, you know the sound of running water? Is it like it was in Tomb Raider 1, where it was continuous, or is it like in Tomb Raider 2, which only had a short burst of running water followed by a weird grinding noise? **You should get out more. Like, A LOT more. Oh, and question number two? We did you a favour by not printing it. And, where by the way, was the second question? On second thoughts, you don't have to bother**

Hughesey, Liverpool

Award winner!

A prize guy writes...



Hi , Before I start I must make it clear that I am not ginger , I do not have a dodgy second name like Bates and I am straight **Congratulations. You're the first non-ginger, straight person without a stupid name to make it onto Verbal. Please accept our award.** Who are these strange people who waste their money buying stamps just to send you a letter with about 15 words , it's so pointless. **Chances are we just cut some shit out and left the 15 words ourselves. You'll find we've cut some shit out of yours, too** That's all I have to say for the moment except Congrats on the first class mag **See? We cut quite a bit, didn't we?**

Andy, Dundee

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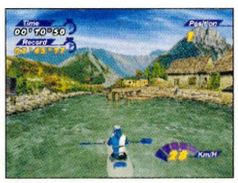

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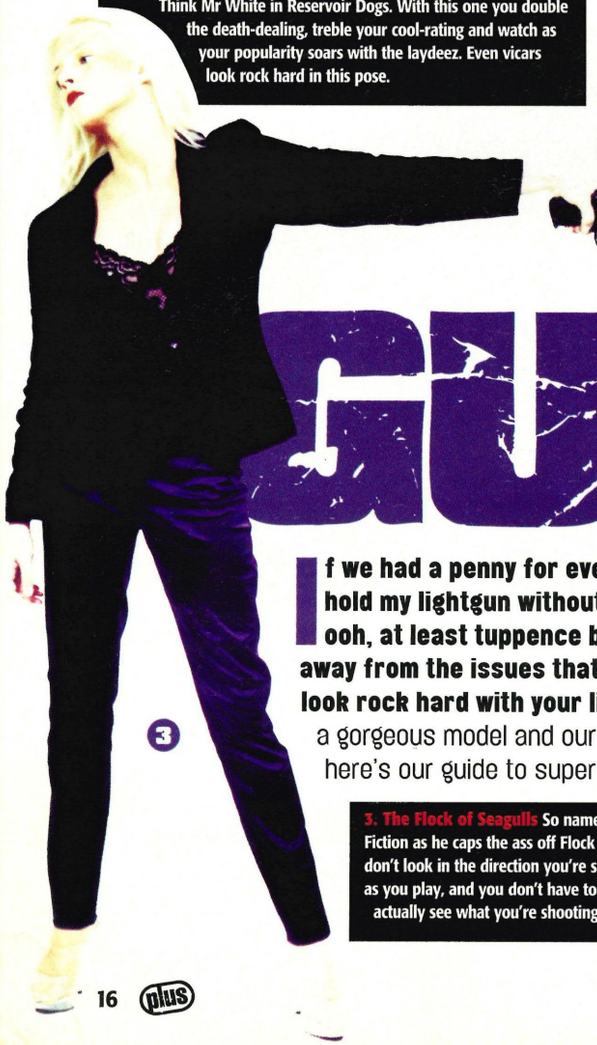
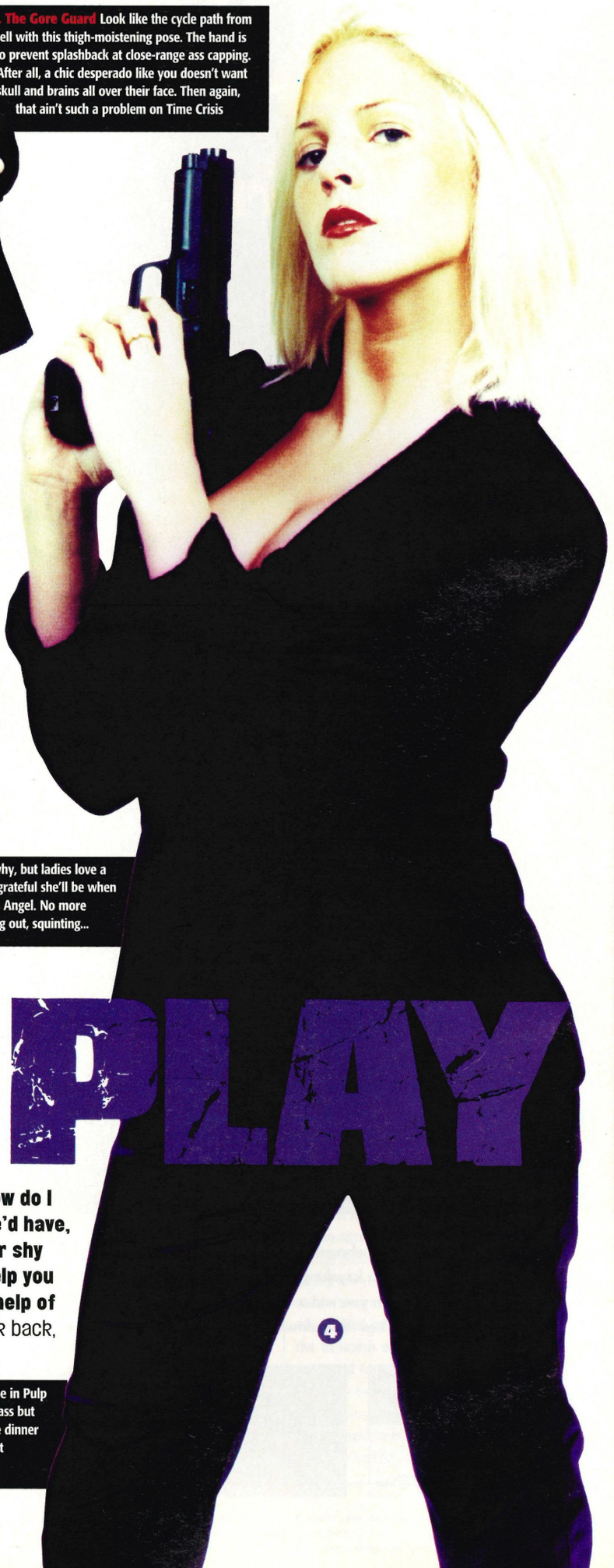
1. The Woo Dog Think every John Woo film you've ever seen. Think Mr White in Reservoir Dogs. With this one you double the death-dealing, treble your cool-rating and watch as your popularity soars with the laydeez. Even vicars look rock hard in this pose.



2. The Gore Guard Look like the cycle path from hell with this thigh-moistening pose. The hand is to prevent splashback at close-range ass capping. After all, a chic desperado like you doesn't want skull and brains all over their face. Then again, that ain't such a problem on Time Crisis



3. The Flock of Seagulls So named because Samuel L Jackson uses this pose in Pulp Fiction as he caps the ass off Flock of Seagulls. The trick is to look like a badass but don't look in the direction you're shooting. True, you can keep an eye on the dinner as you play, and you don't have to see all that icky blood, but, erm, you can't actually see what you're shooting at...



4. The Charlie's Angel Don't ask us why, but ladies love a bit of lightgun action. So imagine how grateful she'll be when you introduce her to the The Charlie's Angel. No more spazzy gun-holding, tongue sticking out, squinting...

GUN PLAY

If we had a penny for every time we're asked, 'how do I hold my lightgun without looking like a gimp?' we'd have, ooh, at least tuppence by now. But, hey, we never shy away from the issues that matter. So in a bid to help you look rock hard with your lightgun we enlisted the help of a gorgeous model and our office Tarantino geek. Kick back, here's our guide to super-smooth lightgunning...



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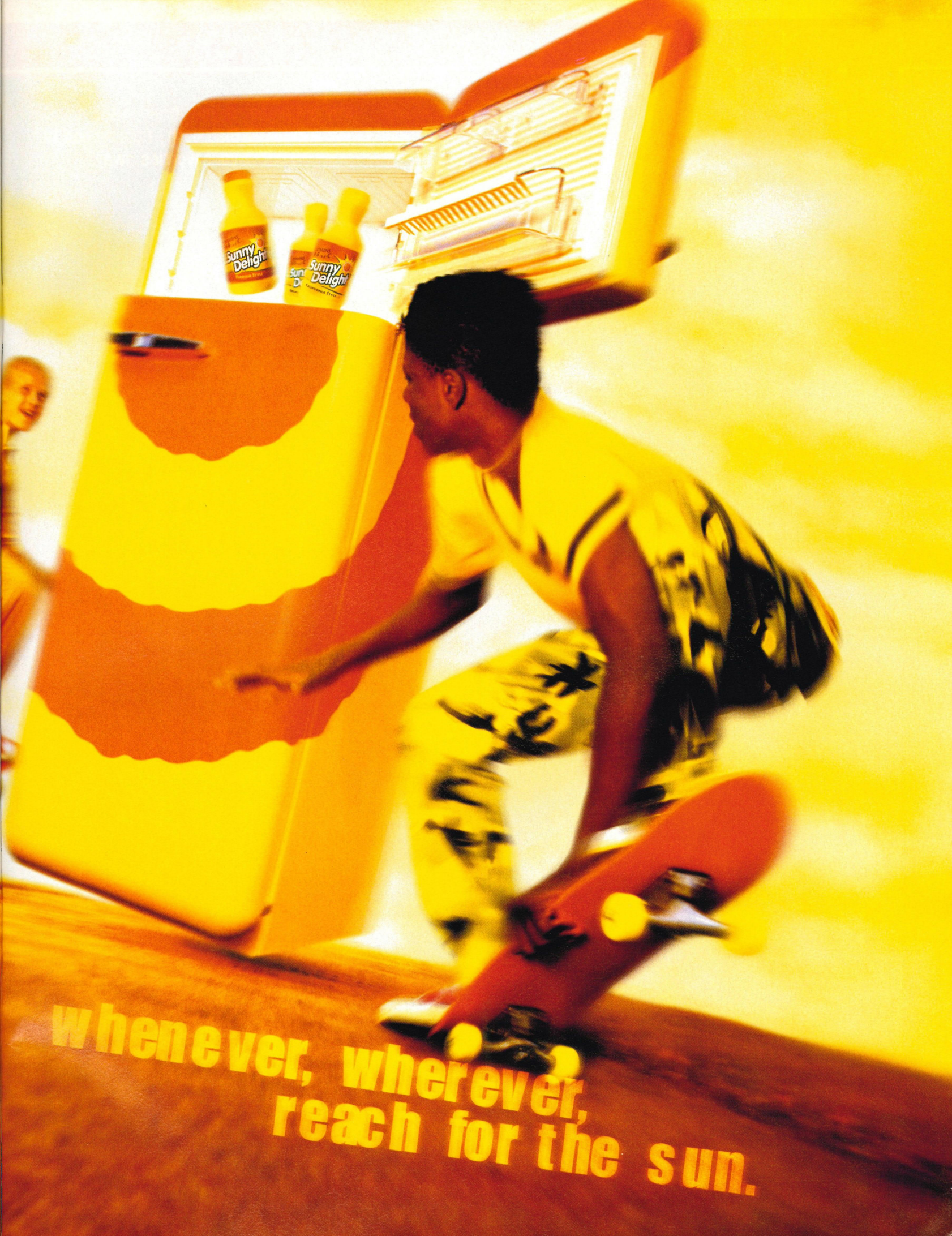
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Blab

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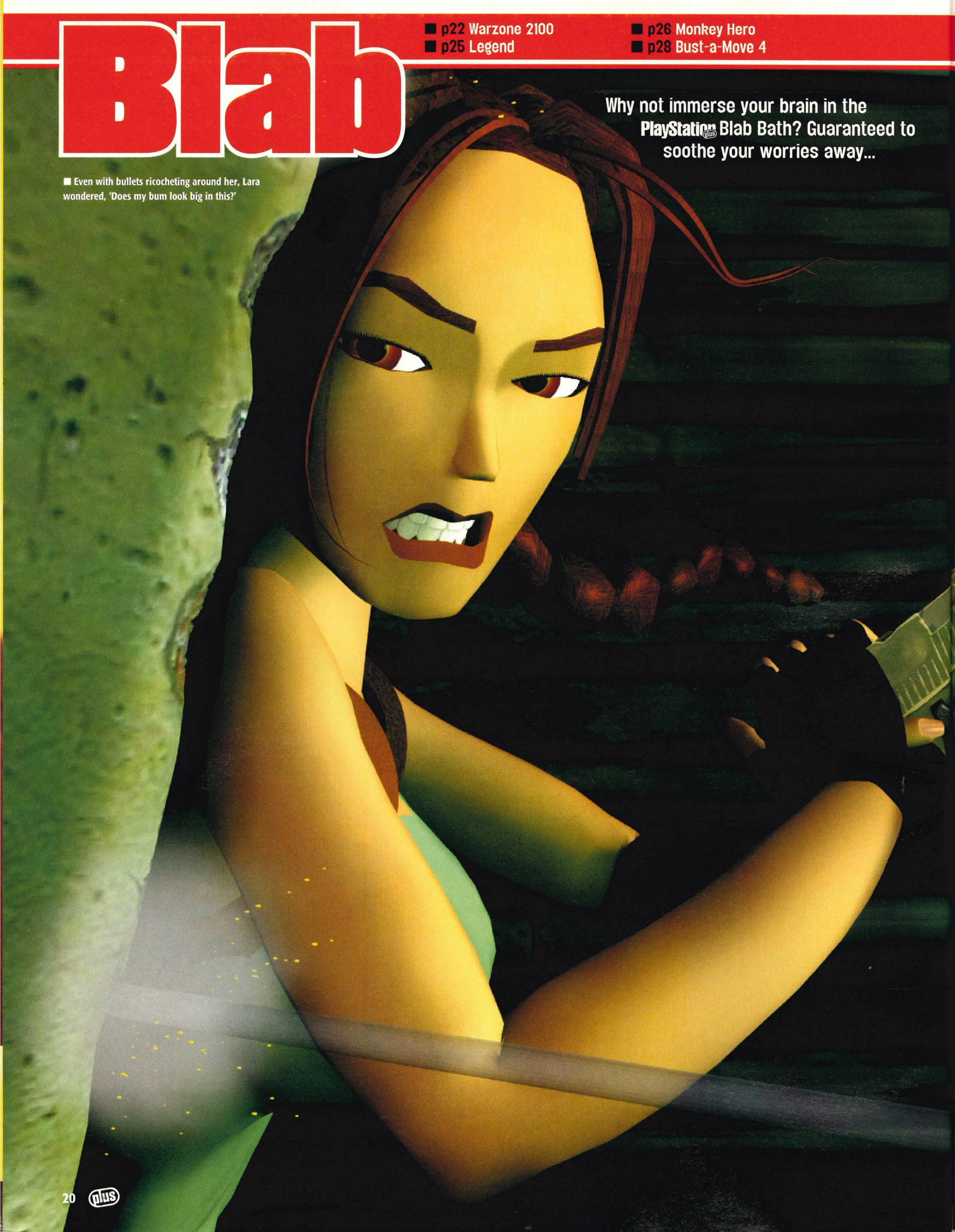
Why not immerse your brain in the PlayStation plus Blab Bath? Guaranteed to soothe your worries away...



■ Even with bullets ricocheting around her, Lara wondered, 'Does my bum look big in this?'

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■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** EIDOS ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Tomb Raider III update

Twitching hands. Sweaty bollocks. Sleepless nights. All symptoms of Tomb Raider III fever...

By the time you read this, the world'll be mainlining pure Lara. The saucy babe's third adventure will be crowding other games off the shelves and you won't be able to move for hotpants. Lara overdose? You've come to the wrong place for a cure...

Anyone home?

So what's it like? Well, down to stuff like deadlines we can't give you the full lowdown yet. In the meantime, we've been checking out Lara's house this time around and the good news is, it's been beefed up big-style.

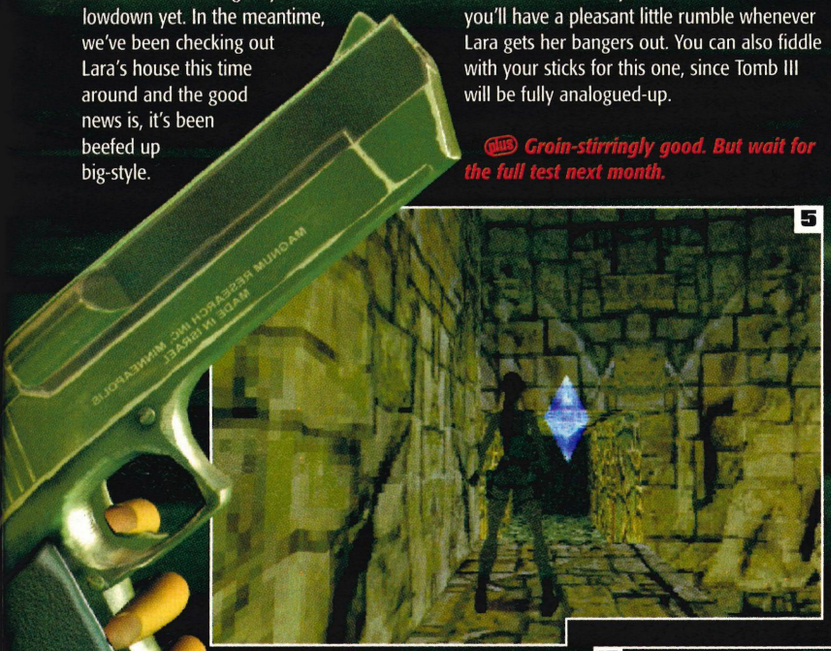
The butler did it

You can now use parts of the grounds to check out Lara's new quad bike. The quad's just one of the new vehicles in the game which looks to be stuffed with all kinds of new touches.

Cop a feel

You'll also be able to feel Lara in your hands this time round. Play it with a dual shock and you'll have a pleasant little rumble whenever Lara gets her bangers out. You can also fiddle with your sticks for this one, since Tomb III will be fully analogued-up.

***plus** Groin-stirringly good. But wait for the full test next month.*







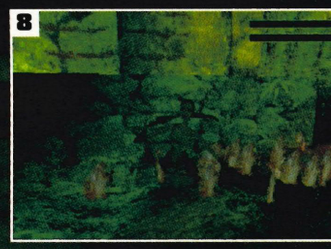


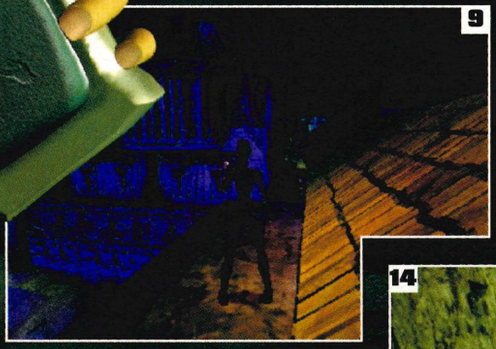


1 Lara demonstrates her new crouch move. On the butler. We try really hard to get screenshots like this **2** Get an eyeful of the new crawl move **3** Test the quad bike **4** That's a fine-looking ride...





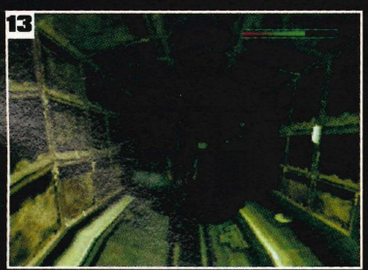


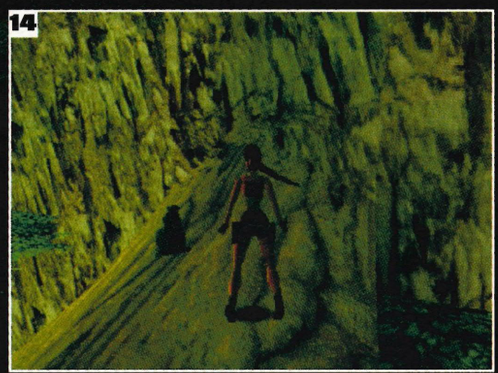














5 Game saves are different **6** There are tons more movie scenes, too **7** Those quad bikes can be dangerous... **8** Piranha fish are none-too-friendly **9** It's London. It's raining. One good thing, though: Lara's wearing a leather catsuit **10** While she's there Lara checks out the underground... **11** ...gets harassed by commuters... **12** Fools about on the escalators... **13** ...And, erm, gets hit by a train **14** Not all animals are there to shoot. This monkey can help **15** Oh, OK. Shoot it then

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

Warzone 2100

Sit back, relax. It's high time to open up a can of wup-ass. Enjoy...

It's always satisfying when glancing at your pay cheque every month, to realise that the large portion creamed off in taxes is spent by the government on worthwhile causes like thermo-nuclear warheads. If only we knew what the creators of Warzone 2100 know.

Apocalypse now

The year is 2001. The Earth has been flattened by a nuclear holocaust and only around a million people have survived. As the commander of a small band of scavengers, the task has fallen to you to rebuild North America and reclaim lost technologies. But this sounds about a million times more complicated than it actually is. Most of your time is spent constructing your base, mining ore, researching new weapons and helpfully providing a free euthanasia service for the enemy.

'I love the smell of napalm'

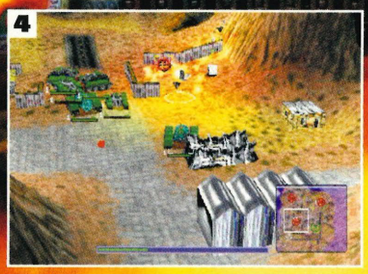
Warzone 2100 has been crammed full of action-packed mission campaigns, with more than 2000 different units to design, and a two-player link-up death match games to boot. The 3D graphics and effects are top-notch and the music score ain't too bad either. Could be a winner.

It's early days yet, but Warzone 2100 could well shape up to be a top action strategy game. We'll keep you up-to-date.











1 It's a bit like C&C but with more emphasis on the action **2** Check out the fantastic 3D graphics **3** You actually get to drive the tanks around yourself! **4** Smash the enemy base and nick their technology **5** There are loads of different maps to explore...



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■ Get yourself some tanks...



■ March over to the enemy...



■ And kick some serious ass!

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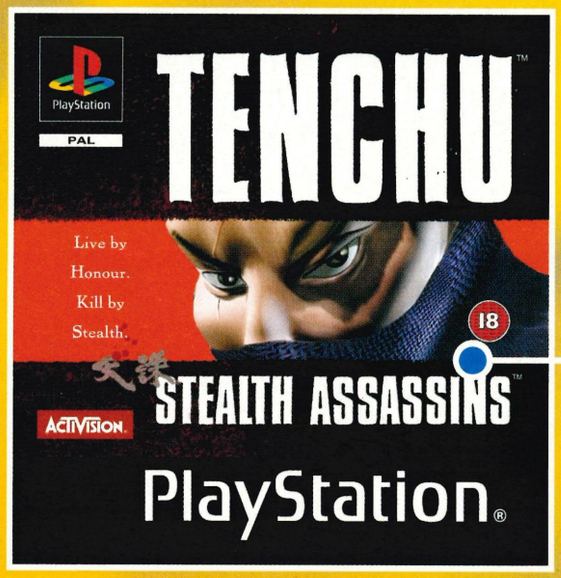

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■ **OUT** DECEMBER ■ **BY** FUNSOFT ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Legend

Shit-kicking in another dimension, will they ever learn to behave themselves over there?

Fancy rucking with mutant pig-men and the crocodile people? Think you're up for it? Good, 'cos there's going to be a fair amount of travelling involved as Legend takes place on another world which also happens to be in another dimension.

Basically, it's a good-against-bad, everything's-at-stake kind of thing. The sort of ruck that will effect everything. Like forever. You get to do the universe saving thang as one of three hardnuts with a variety of wholesome, yet ever-so-deadly, weaponry.

Ruckadelic

The fisticuff action takes place in an olde worlde scrollathon scenario. You're coolly walking along a path bumping into creatures who sure as hell ain't there to give you directions... Except of course to the end of their fists and swords. The international language of diplomacy is not going to apply in these sort of situations, so you can expect to leave many a severed swine or garrotted pooch in your wake.

***plus** This is looking a touch on the one-dimensional side at the moment, but there's definitely a cool idea in there gagging to get out.*















1 Negotiate with a caveman? Er, no **2** Use your enemies as useful battering rams **3** Fighting over an apple? Times are hard **4** Visit your local Kwik Save **5** She ain't a girly girl **6** Look out **7** Don't go in there

'Time to be a medieval hard-nut'

■ **OUT** JANUARY ■ **BY** BMG ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Monkey Hero update

The Nightmare King's only gone and stolen the Magic Story Book. Sounds like an excuse to hit cute monsters with a bamboo stick...



1 Talk to dubious Sage types. They will explain your mission 2 And they're off! Solve simple puzzles like this 'un 3 Kill little blokes like this fella 4 Open boxes, find goodies

Old school's the name of the game here. Everything's kept dead simple, brightly coloured and two-dimensional. Find keys. Hit slugs with your stick. Solve zombie-level object puzzles. Be cute. Just the way games used to be before all these young whippersnappers marched in with their funny ideas and their graphics and their playability. If old school 2-D action's your bag, though, look no further...

'Squat orientals will help by talking to you, and important words are in CAPITALS'

Innit cute?

It isn't just platform action, though. There's other blokes in there too. Squat orientals will help you on your mission by talking to you, telling you where to go and what to hit with your staff. Helpfully, all the important words are in CAPITALS. Take the MAGIC HEADBAND. Use BAMBOO STAFF. Eat the ICE LOLLY given to you by the NICE MAN...

plus ***Probably not one to have in lights at the top of your Christmas list. Might serve to keep unruly children silent over the festive season...***

There was no way monkey was getting back into the barrel. Like, no way



5 Use goodies to solve more puzzles 6 Can you spot a cycle developing here? 7 Sharp lad 8 The poisonous influence of big Walt Disney can be detected here...

Beaver Patrol

The search for the holy grail

Now we've finally gritted our teeth and accepted all the Lara nude cheats are actually bollocks, we're moving on to more practical ways to get them clothes off our fave busty minx. So first stop, we called up the good people at Men Only magazine...

Bloke: Hello, Men Only

Intrepid PlayStation Staff Writer: Do you accept suggestions from readers for birds to have in your mag?

Bloke: Errrr... sometimes

Intrepid PSW: Well what about doing Lara Croft?

Bloke: Which Lara Croft do you mean? Rhona Mitra...?

Intrepid PSW: No. The fictional one.

Bloke: Well, uh...

Intrepid PSW: We thought maybe in a lesbian shoot with Jo Guest.

Bloke: There might be legal problems with that.

Intrepid PSW: Do you not think Lara's a lesbian then?

Bloke: No.

No dice there. Our finely-tuned minds are on the case, though. Keep watching.



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

Bust-a-Move

One, two, three, four – do we really want some more?

If you've never come across Bust-a-Move before you're probably unaware of a game so sweet it'll not only rot your teeth, but turn your brain to a sugary mush.

Think Tetris with a cute-ass personality. If it was a pop star it'd be Billie: all lipgloss, catchy tunes and nicey-nice dance moves. Like Tetris the aim of the game is to match up shapes and trying to keep your screen empty. Unlike Tetris, you have to match up coloured balls, and there's an opponent doing their best to offload their balls onto you.

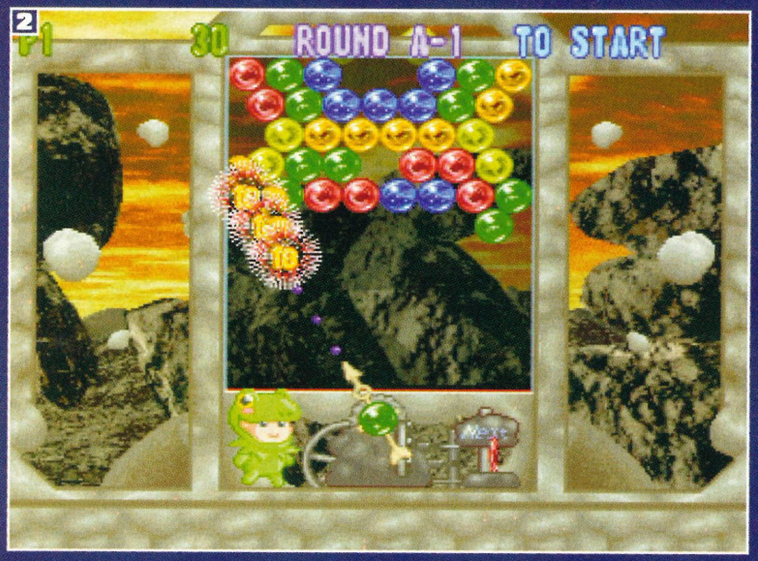
Loads of balls

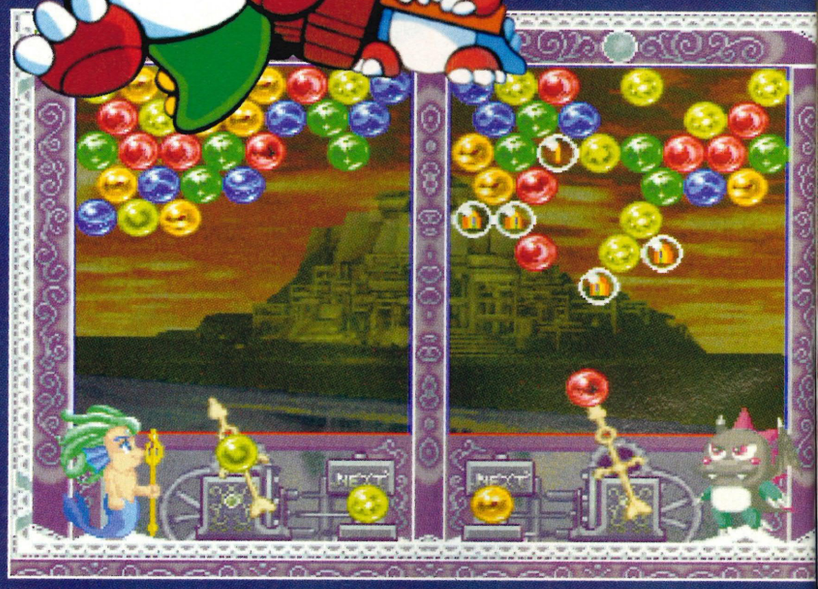
Number four in the series promises all-new characters to titillate and stimulate, with a cute-o-meter rating that goes right off the scale. Gameplay's been tweaked as well, with the addition of a chain reaction move which allows you to get rid of loads of your balls through cunning colour matching. It's all fiendishly clever and adds to a game renowned for addictive gameplay.

***Plus** Not looking radically different, but no need to re-invent the wheel. It looks like being a real winner.*









■ So you get your balls to hit together before he gets his balls to drop on to yours. Got it?











1 Any cuter and we'll puke 2 Green is, according to those in the know, the new black 3 Space is really like that 4 Not a fair match really 5 Mermaids – hmmmm serious fun for all the family 6 Lovely view 7 Never trust a mermaid to get a job fin-ished, and this one is giving you a battle of wits and nerve.



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■**OUT** MARCH ■**BY** MINDSCAPE ■**PLAYERS** 1-4 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MULTITAP

Rat Attack

Evil Rats! Is there any other kind? Evil SPACE rats! AAAARRRRGGHH!

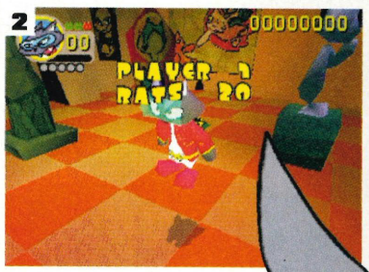
Okay, here's the deal. Evil space rats have invaded Earth and are about to exact a terrible revenge on all and sundry. By eating their furniture. Thankfully an elite band of feline fighters, known as the Scratch Cats, are at hand to prevent such terrible crimes against household furnishings.

What's up pussy cat?

The basic idea of the game is simply to kill all of the rats pouring into the room and nibbling at the furniture. Trap them with a device known as the 'Eraticator' – get it? – before dumping their dead carcasses into the 'Destroyer' storage unit. Sounds simple enough. But the rats have a few tricks of their own, such as the 'Duplicator' device, which spawns a new rat every time a rodent walks over it. Bugger. 'Course the real fun lies in the excellent multiplayer game, which allows for players to compete head-to-head at the same time. Top stuff.

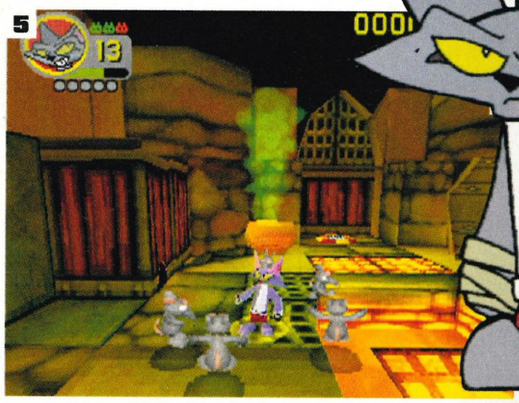
***plus** It's an original idea and the multi-player game is a top laff. Could be a bit 'kiddy' for some players though.*

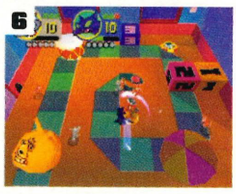












1 Despite the fact that rats carried the Bubonic Plague and helped wipe out thousands of people in the 18th Century... **2** They still manage to look furry and cute here **3** Naturally they like a good 'attack' do these rats... **4** But then, what do you really expect from a game that's called Rat Attack? **5** Rats attacking. Obviously

Helpline hassles

We put helplines to the test. OUR test...

Y'know those telephone helplines for games? We got to wondering how they'd deal with a real low-watt bulb. Someone unfeasibly stupid and annoying – i.e. one of us...

GT Bloke: Hello, GT.

Irritating person: Hi, yeah. I'd like some help on a game. D'you know Oddworld: Abe's Oddysee?

GT Bloke: Yeah, what bit're you stuck on?

IPP: Well it's the bit where you get the lead bar

GT Bloke: A lead bar? Are you sure? It isn't, like, a rock or something

IPP: No, no. It's long and grey. It's definitely a lead bar

GT Bloke: What level's this on? Are you sure it's in Abe's Oddysee?

IPP: The Midas Palace level

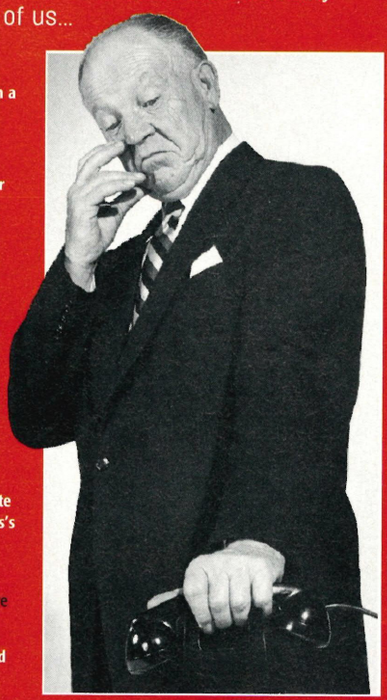
Confused GT Bloke: The what? This is in the Oddworld game, right? Is it in the level where you get the blue ring?

IPP: Oh no. I'd have noticed a blue ring. My mate said something about having to put it into Midas's hand but I don't know where it is...

Angry GT Bloke: Look, I've played the game hundreds of times. There's no lead bar. Are you sure this isn't in Tomb Raider?

IPP: Certain. It's Oddworld. The bit with the lead bar...

And so on...



■ **'Dial 999! My face is falling off!'**

■**OUT** DECEMBER ■**BY** ACTIVISION ■**PLAYERS** 1
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK

Apocalypse update

He's back. He's bald...

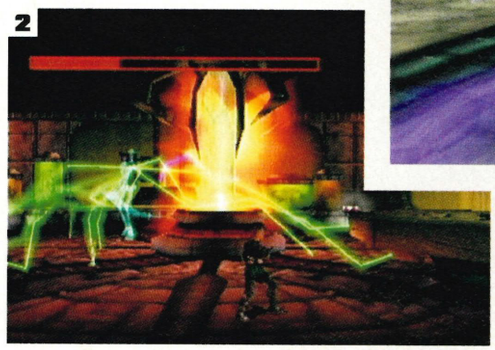
Yup. Bruce Willis has his name in lights on this 'un. And El Baldo is going to be solving sophisticated puzzles, wading through oodles of complex dialogue and... Nah. Just japing. As ever, Bruce is gonna be using high-end military hardware to reduce a seemingly endless stream of baddies to meat paste. We like.

Brucie bonus

It's 100% pure 3D sci-fi blasting action in here. Just wait till the whites of their eyes glow in your last muzzle flash, turn and unleash another electromagnetic blitzkrieg. Simple, yet elegant. Could be class...

***plus** Appetising. We'll keep your posted.*







1 As these shots show **2** Apocalypse is full of runny, gunny, hurty bits **3** And Bruce Willis

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

Ken Sei: Sacred Fist

And you're too bloody right it's sacred. This one is going to be the most level-headed and reliable sexual partner you'll ever have...

Yup. It's kung fu chopsocky time again. Meditate. Get your chi in tune with your Feng Shui. Polish up your Yin and stick a plaster over the crack in your Yang. Then repeatedly kick a Steven Segal lookalike in the teeth. Ah. Oriental wisdom...

Fight said Fred

Controls are easy to pick up, so the action'll be blisteringly fast. All fighters are tooled with an extra large menu of ways to hurt fellow men: even the stupid should be able to string together bone-splintering combos.

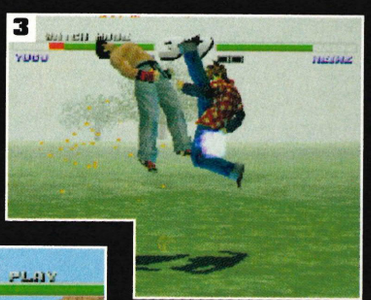
Throw

Limb-snapping and strangulation fans'll be pleased to hear that throws are gonna be big on the menu: there's plenty of them, and it's pretty darn simple to pull off some real socket-wrenchers. Well nifty.

***plus** This has got many of the good qualities of both Tekken and Dead or Alive rolled into one sweet little bundle. One to watch.*

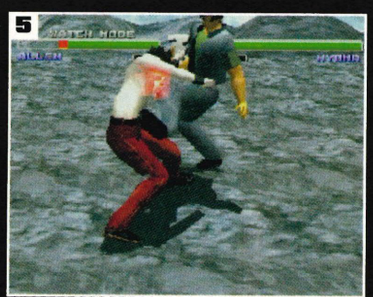


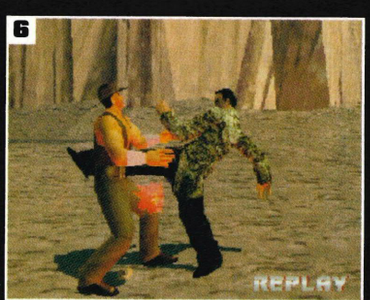






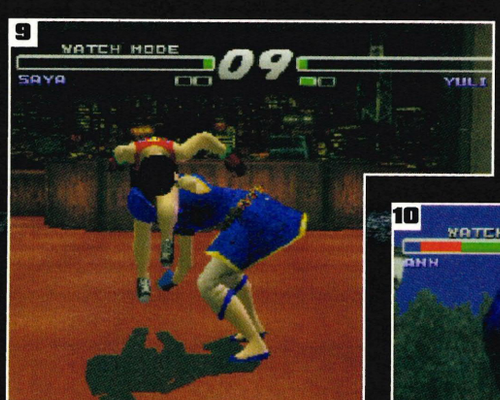
1 Sock! **2** Bam! **3** Pow! **4** Each of the boys here has a right nifty little range of moves ready to extend maximum pain to other men...

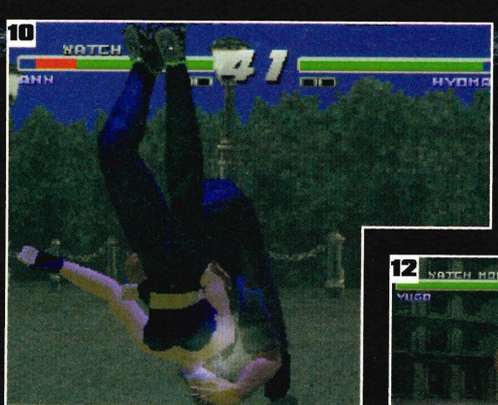


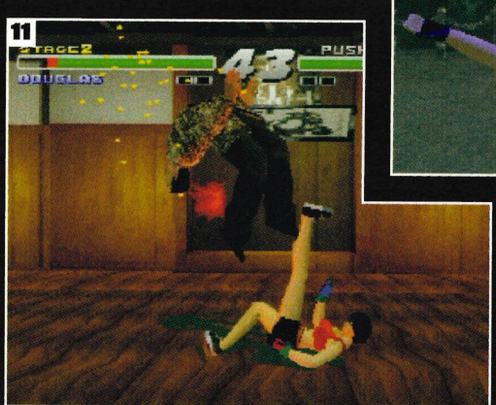








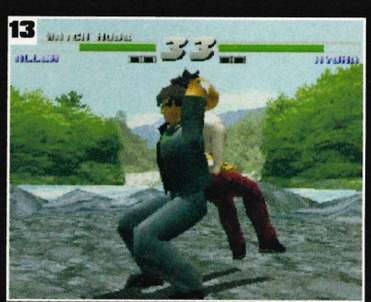






■ A 'punch in the gob' chaser





5 And the controls ain't even that knuckle-knotting. Cool **6** And extra-tasty are the throws. Take... **7** ...That! **8** Steven Segal struts his funky stuff **9** Except this time he weighs less than 40 stone **10** But it's still highly refreshing to tan him one across the jaw **11** And for your entertainment ladies and gents... another of those throws **12** Oh, what the hell. Here's another **13** And... oh, go on... another



■ And after you've taken them all out, it's a bad case of motorcycle emptiness

'Even the stupid will put bone-splintering combos together'

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

Cool Boarders 3

Winter's here, so best stay out of the cold and get board stoopid.

Snowboarding is terminally cool. If it was any cooler your nads would freeze solid and snap off – with or without the rockin' gear they wear. So, as if by iced magic, the latest version of the Cool Boarders series hits the shops. Cynical marketing you say. Bah humbug, we say. See, this game has a top-notch pedigree that makes the Royal Family look like a bunch of Greek and German immigrant farmers. Which, of course, they basically are.

Too cool to care

Third time out and you can expect a massive buffet of options to tantalise your snow synapses. There're loads of killer mountains to chuck yourself down. A particular favourite of ours is the rather rudely titled Devil's Butt. And being boarders fashion-wise, you'll have access to more fleecy tops than a shop full of sheep, and a variety of boards for all manner of suicide runs. And if we're talking tricks, then this baby could show a seasoned pro a thing or two. Oh, and its super-slick graphics are to die for, too.

***plus** This one is a solid sequel in the series: more of the same but maybe better. It's time, once more, to play the old wait-and-see game.*



■ Four top sliders at the top of the slope



■ The Cormack family did everything together since 'the talk'

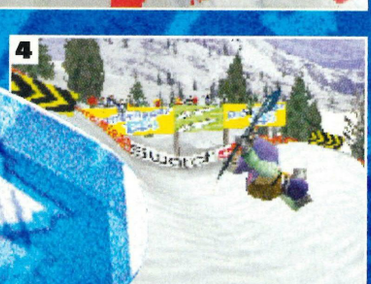




■ Hold your breath, there's no turning back...









1 Turning tricks 2 We think this is what is known as 'rad' in snowboarding circles 3 Don't look now, it's a long way down y'know 4 This is perfectly safe, honest guv'nor 5 Check out that awesome view, man 6 Fast. Fast! That's not the half of it, mate 7 'Cos you've gotta get high if you wanna fly...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Give us your money

Let's bombard software companies with stupid ideas for games, someone suggested. So we did...

Dear Sirs,

I really like all of your games, except Colin McRae Rally which I haven't bought, even though I would if I was a millionaire like Luke Skywalker.

Talking about Luke Skywalker brings me onto the subject of my letter which is about my idea for a game. Imagine Star Wars, but set at EuroDisney. I think this would be a great idea for a game and I know that all my friends would buy it and I have a lot of friends so I think we could make a lot of money.

If you would pay for me to go to Eurodisney for two weeks, I could investigate the possibility of this game. You would also need to pay for my mum and dad and brother and my best friend, Nick, who helped me think up the idea.

If you could do this, and put out the game, I would be happy to split the profits with you.

Yours faithfully,

Claire

How did Iznogoud get made? How come somebody thought Frenzy was a workable idea with a bright future ahead of it? 'Cos some bright spark suggested it to a software company, that's how. But just how crap does your idea have to be before even Gulliblesoft will kick it into touch? We decided to see by first writing to Codemasters with our game idea for 'Star Wars set at EuroDisney'...

Codemasters
Software Company Limited

Our Ref: RD/ld

22nd October 1998

Dear Claire

Thank you for your recent letter concerning your idea for a game based on Star Wars set at EuroDisney.

I regret we are not able to include this in our future development plans, but would like to thank you for your interest in Codemasters.

Yours sincerely

Sozzer...

The unthinkable happened

You know how every so often something happens that's just so against the odds? Y'know, the sort of thing that only happens once every million years? Well that's kinda happened to us. In the September issue's Q&A, we stated that the Blaze Scart suffered from a fault which pushed the screen off to the left of the TV. This isn't a fault with that specific lead but is, in fact, a problem experienced by some televisions playing some games. The only way to get around this is if the game itself has an option to centre the screen. So we're sorry, Blaze. It won't happen again and that's a guarantee...



Other scarts do this too ➡

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

Small Soldiers

They're small. They're soldiers. You've guessed it – they're Small Soldiers.

So you've seen the movie, worn the T-shirt, bought the soundtrack album, drank from the mug, collected the action figures, are looking forward to the video release and spin-off TV series. Ah, you'll be needing the videogame then.

Toys for the boys

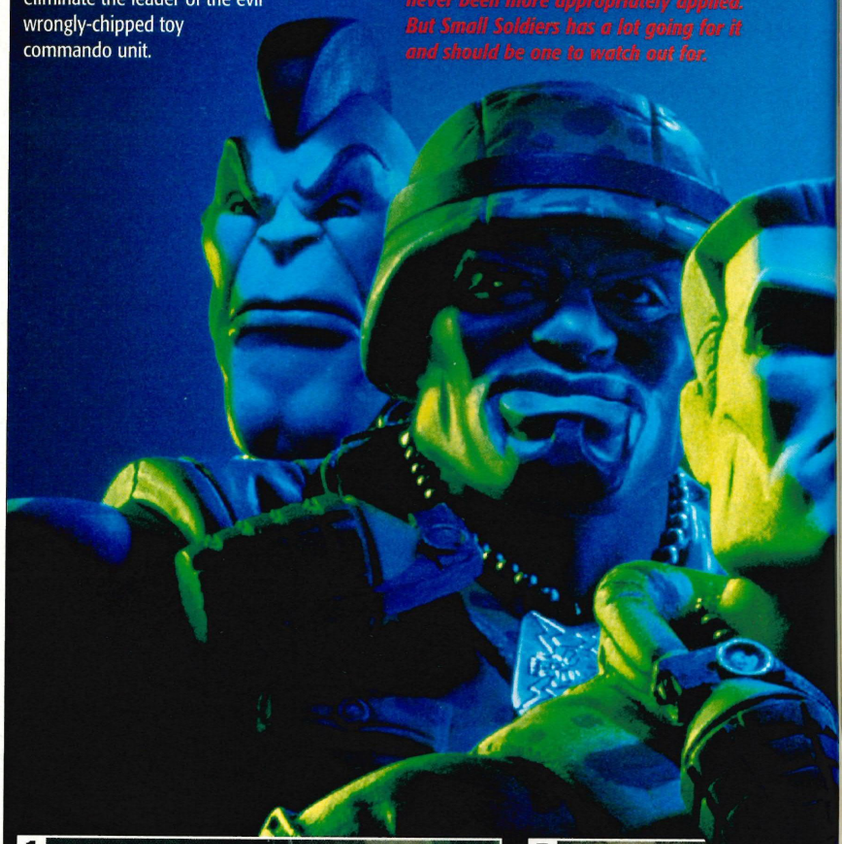
When a batch of super-advanced microchips are wrongly-placed into toy action figures, all hell breaks loose as the toy soldiers begin to think for themselves. Taking control of the leader of a peaceful toy commando unit, the basic idea of the game is to track down and eliminate the leader of the evil wrongly-chipped toy commando unit.

Seek and destroy

The game itself is a very Tomb Raider-esque running around levels affair, which is the current the trend these days. But this is no bad thing, as Small Soldiers is shaping up very well indeed.

There are plenty of evil wrongly-chipped soldiers to wreak your bloody revenge upon, loadsa different weapons, the usual exploration and puzzle-solving elements in addition to a smart two-player deathmatch mode. Could be the business.

The words 'Tomb Raider clone' have never been more appropriately applied. But Small Soldiers has a lot going for it and should be one to watch out for.









1 The graphics are pretty smart **2** The gameplay ain't too bad either **3** Don't expect any surprises



4 That's what we like to see – BIG explosions! 5 Loadsa different weapons to choose from 6 Cool special effects 7 Find the keys to get to the next level 8 Levels are huge 9 And filled with all kinds of nasties 10 The cool two-player death match

■ Fire in the hole! Little soldiers, big flames

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

Rebus

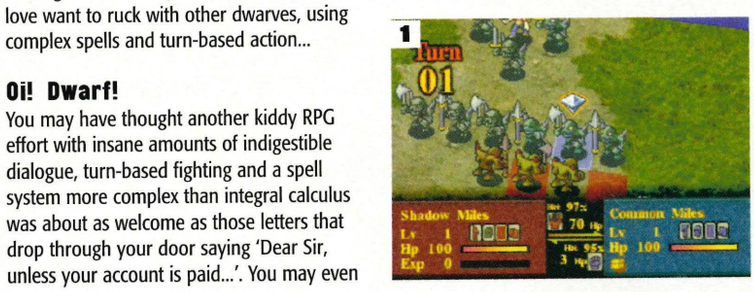
More cutesy Jap role-playing shenanigans. Brace yourselves

OK, so there's a fiendishly abstract plot. But being the kind of devil-may-care chappies we are, we'll totally ignore it. What you need to know is this: a posse of those garish children/dwarves the Japs so love want to ruck with other dwarves, using complex spells and turn-based action...

Oi! Dwarf!

You may have thought another kiddy RPG effort with insane amounts of indigestible dialogue, turn-based fighting and a spell system more complex than integral calculus was about as welcome as those letters that drop through your door saying 'Dear Sir, unless your account is paid...'. You may even have been right. But if you're a fan of that kind of shit, this 'un's looking polished.

plus Polished and detailed an' stuff. Fun? The Lord only knows...





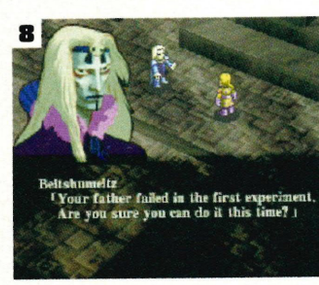












1 They're your grunts: move 'em forward to get 'em killing 2 Get your boys in position, and start summoning 'Phantoms' 3 Wade through the complex plot 4 Fight. Endure plot bits. Fight again 5 But for sophisticated palates, nothing beats a spell or two 6 Everything can be changed: plenty o' depth here 7 And big hurty spells. Take that, stunted one! 8 Come away a better person...

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

T'ai Fu

Everybody's kung fu fighting. Even the the animals are at it...

Imagine a time long ago, when animals roamed China indulging in clan warfare, and generally not getting along. As is always the case with these things there's an evil overlord at work – that'll be the Dragon Master accounted for, then – and he's causing merry hell. Enter T'ai, the last of a rock hard crew of tigers. He's the tiger/man for the mission and he's a dab hand at kung fu, which you have to admit is rather clever for a tiger.

Animal instinct

T'ai rocks a fat one when it comes to dishing out the law of the jungle. In order to succeed he's mastered many a move, including the tiger pounce, the crane hover and the monkey roll. The action happens in a vivid 3-D world packed with 20 levels, ranging from rivers to forests. There's not a sniff of human around, so you get to do the dirty with snakes, storks, leopards and monkeys, before settling a score with the dragon master.

***plus** No denying the idea's there, but can they pull it off? Let's hope so.*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■ It's ancient China, he's a tiger wearing trousers. Go figure


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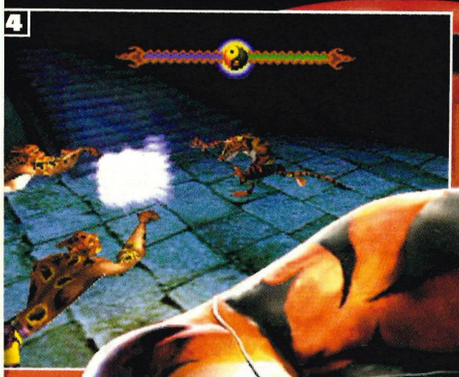
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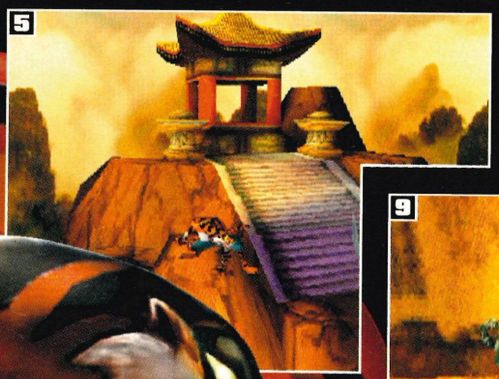
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1 These snakes are organised **2** Tigers wearing trousers – what next? **3** The animals built this temple. Crazy **4** Remember leopards never change their spots **5** Try the stairs **6** Never run from a tiger **7** It's gonna go off **8** It's the law of the jungle **9** This boy sure can dance **10** He's just hard **11** Laying a trap **12** This is going to get nasty

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■OUT JANUARY ■BY SONY ■PLAYERS 1-5
■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

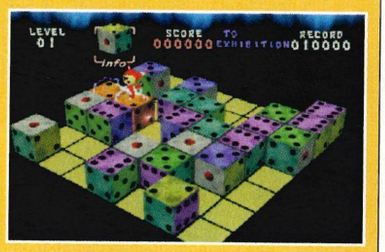
Devil Dice

Satan himself has taken the humble dice and infused them with evil. This is vicious...

You'll be screaming in agony, shouting at your 'Station and throwing around your joypad. Devil Dice is bad.

The aim is to turn over dice using a little imp and get a group of three threes, four fours and they disappear.

Sounds simple, but you've also got more dice appearing all the time, a limit on your time and an opponent if you really need one.

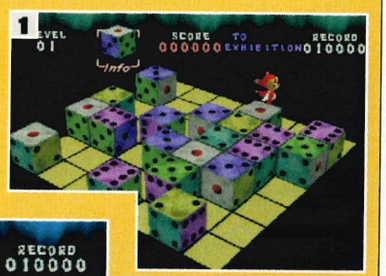


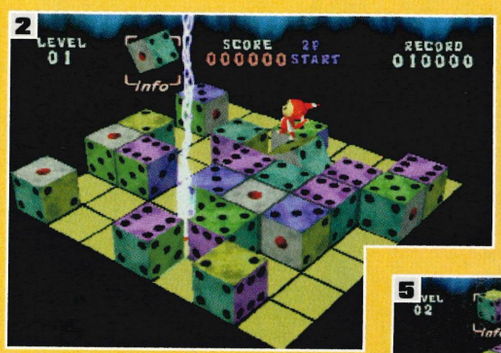
■ Going down on two

It's a gamble

Simple to pick up but impossible to master, Devil Dice takes a basic gameplay and adds a dash of wickedness. Tetris for the Year 2000.

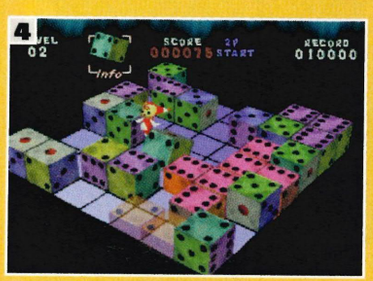
plus Could be a cult classic – simple but frustrating. Like beer it's no good for you but you just can't get enough.













1 This is your starting spot 2 Lightning strikes 3 Two goes down 4 Game's got six appeal 5 Ones to go 6 Ride those tumblin' dice

■OUT JANUARY ■BY GREMLIN ■PLAYERS 1-4
■COMPATIBILITIES JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MULTITAP

Premier Manager 99

Fancy a go at the top? Here's your chance.

So Hoddle's feeling the heat, Gullit's brand of sexy football isn't exactly doing wonders for Newcastle and Gazza's giving Robbo more than a few headaches. It's tough managing a top side, as you can find out for yourself with the imminent arrival of Premier Manager '99.



New stuff

Building on last year's success, this features revised team listings, new visuals and tactics and improved player intelligence. Better finances allow stadium capacities to be increased and there are transfers. If your team doesn't perform, the sacking feature means you'll be gone quicker than Dalglish.



plus Mucho managing action. We're tipping this one for success.





1 So this is the team to win the league then? 2 With that line-up? 3 Shouldn't you be buying some players? 4 That's much more like it. Nice one

We just can't wait

The excitement's stiffening

The Millennium Dome, old age, senility, Ash's next album. The future's filled with horror. But lighten up. These games are coming, and they're going to rock your world...

1. Metal Gear Solid
Your social life's gonna wince when this hits the shelf. Spying. Killing. Stealthing. Choice.

2. Legacy of Kain: Soul Reaver
So goth it hurts. But this 3D vampire adventure looks like it's gonna bleed 'em dry.

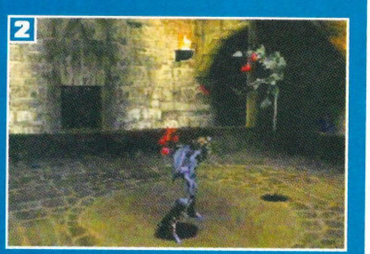
3. Tomb Raider 3
Bosomania! Yup that 'balls like watermelons' feeling of prolonged Tomb Raiding's coming back atcha...

4. Ridge Racer 4
Slick graphics and arcade-style action might make this a Gran Turismo beater...

5. Silent Hill
Blood and guts in High School. With horrible little foetuses. And sexy cops. Cool.



■ MGS: Days won't have enough hours



■ Soul Reaver: Vampires have goth the lot

Excitement rating in Viagras: Swollen, purple Veins standing out like whipcords Painful inflation and brain haemorrhage.

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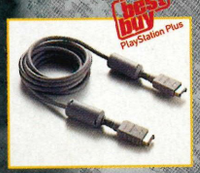

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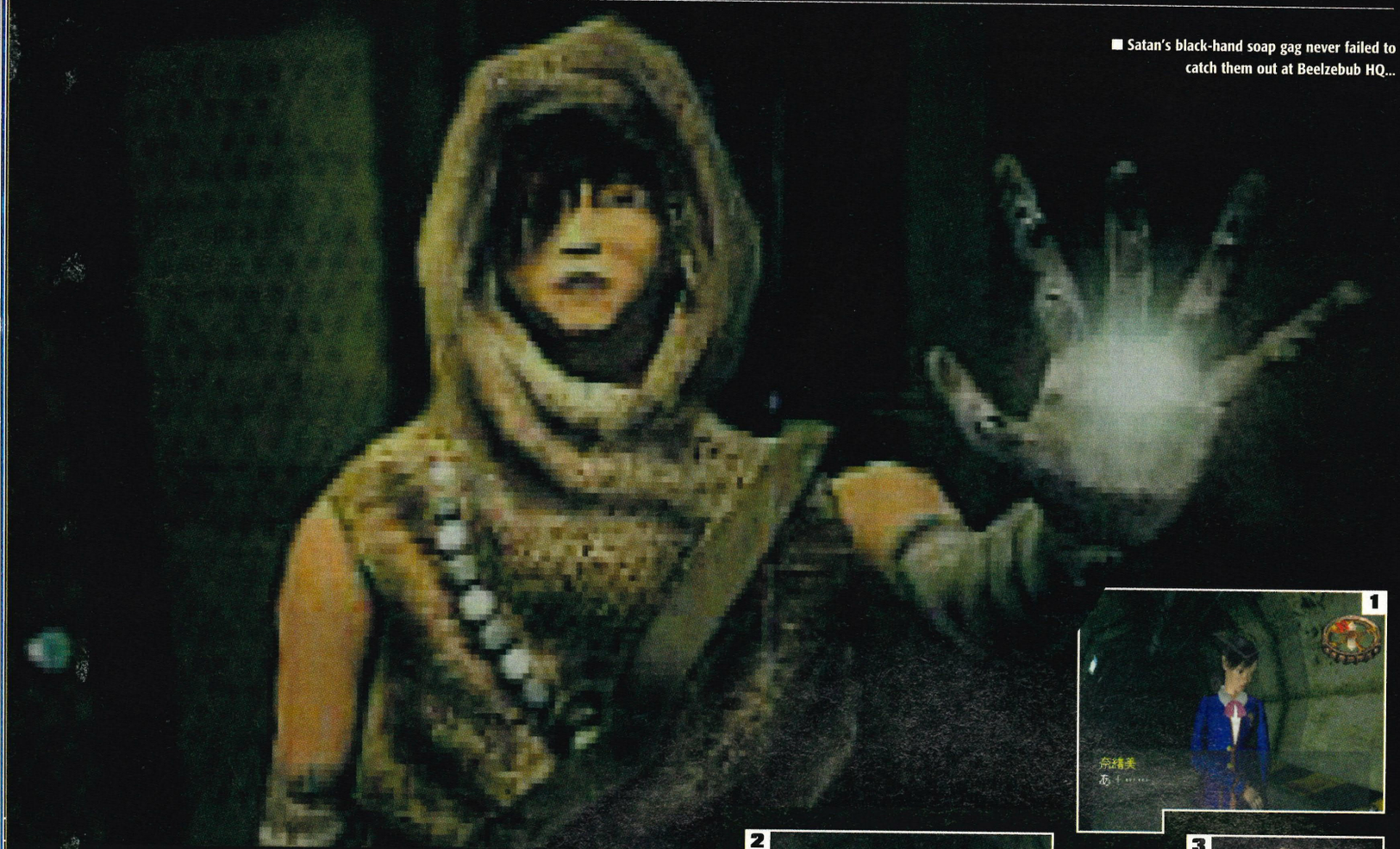
Pack the shades and shorts, Satan's followers are on their hols...

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



■ Satan's black-hand soap gag never failed to catch them out at Beelzebub HQ...

Dark Messiah

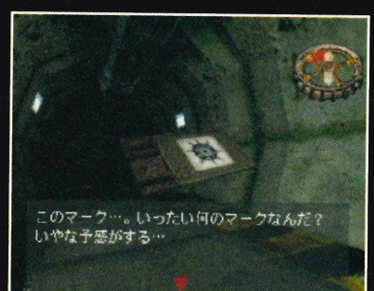
Bursting pustules. Geysers of blood. Horrid little green foetuses. And Satan himself! It couldn't get any better...

Tokyo. The world's ultimate monster magnet. Mothra, Mechagodzilla. Need we say more? But this time, Sushi Central's really got it coming. The son of Satan's on his way. And he's a right chip off the old block. There's nothing he likes better than splattering folk up against glass panels, chucking 'em under trains or popping out their eyeballs with a gentle 'plip'...

Beelzebub, I presume?

You end up alone in the subway, unarmed.

'We love blood. We love human innards. We love Satan. So this could be cool'



■ Errr... Come again?

And purple things with claws are looking for you. If they find you, you'll swiftly be doing a good impression of raw mince. Keep running. Use objects on each other. Talk to whoever you meet. There's a right old mix of game styles in there. Just don't let 'em catch you...

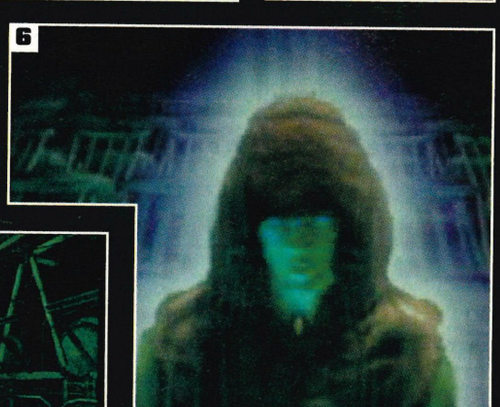
***plus** Looking flash as Hell, but we can't help feeling it's a touch bitty at the moment. But we love blood. We love human innards. We love Satan. So this could be cool...*













1 Schoolgirl... **2** Meet purple zombie thing **3** Girl does silly 'I'm in pain' dance **4** Scared **5** Scary **6** Even more scary **7** But scariest of all are the weird object puzzles. Especially in Japanese...

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

Knockout Kings update

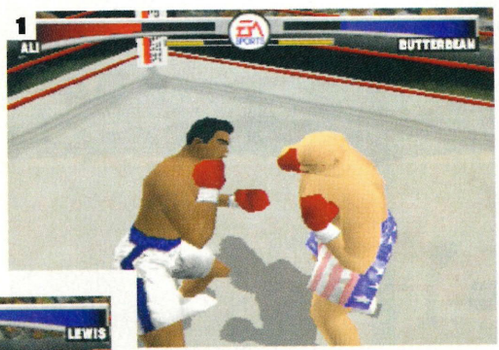
Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee. Or just hit people. Hard. In the head. It's your call.

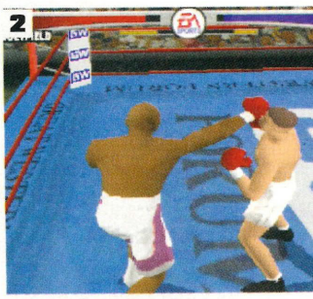
Evander Holyfield pre-Tyson's Van Gogh treatment. Mohammed Ali before zombification. George Foreman. Other famous massive blokes with meaty fists. All ready and willing for you to urge them into the ring to hit each other again and again. Take the helm. It's time to wade in and hurt the stars!

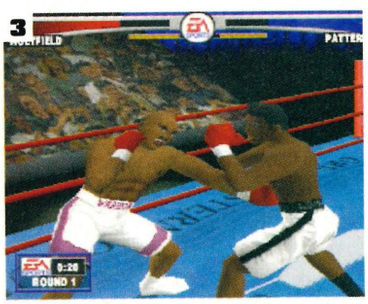
Knock 'is block off!

This has got a totally different flavour to your average chopsocky-tinged batter 'em up. None of your dislocating the knuckles before playing so you can get in your 140-hit combos finishing in a super-alpha-hyper murder move. Nope. What you have to be thinking is how to unbalance your opponent so you can get a clear crack across his chops and take him down. This is proper boxing shit. Get in the ring...

***plus** A bit more spit and polish and boxing fans are going to think it's Christmas. And by then, it will be. Bonus.*





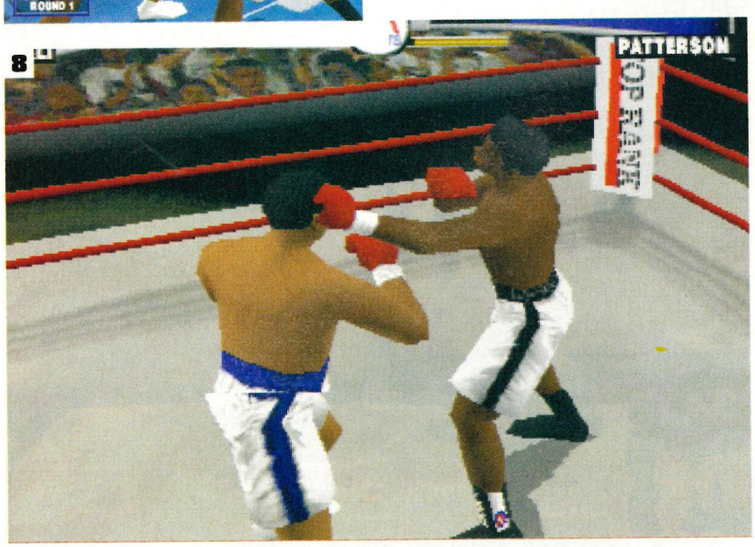




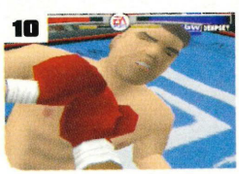


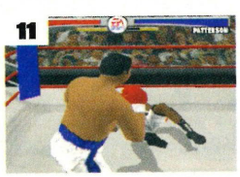














1 Mohammed. Still frisky **2** Holyfield. With ears **3** Huge fat man **4** Keep ducking **5** ...Staying behind your gloves **6** Till your opponent makes an ill-advised swing **7** Then it's time to hurl all your body mass at his head **8** Half the struggle is staying conscious **9** Keep your wits about you **10** So much thinking, a wonder real boxers cope... **11** Beat. Batter **12** Watch the sucka hit the mat...

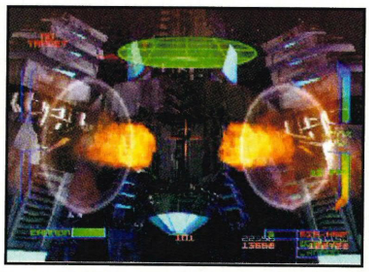
★★★★ ME
IT'S MADE PAROLE
GRAND THEFT AUTO ★★★
PLATINUM

■ **OUT** FEBRUARY ■ **BY** PSYGNOSIS

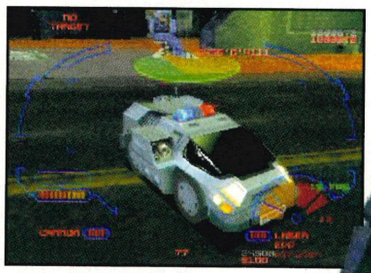
G-Police 2

There's no doubt future cop shoota G-Police was an immense stunner of a game, although a tad too fiddly to bring you real pick up 'n' play pleasure. So the backroom boys went away, thought about it, and returned with a sequel busting with improved gameplay and missions.

What they'll be tempting us with is new vehicles – five of the bastards – new weapon effects, better buildings and a new space environment to explore. The vehicle control system has been modified: gone are the brain-mashing flight controls. Yay! Sounds like they might have hit the right button this time around.



■ Spanking new places to explore



■ Easier controls for your vehicles



■ G-Police are after us

Asteroids

■ **Out:** Feb ■ **By:** Activision

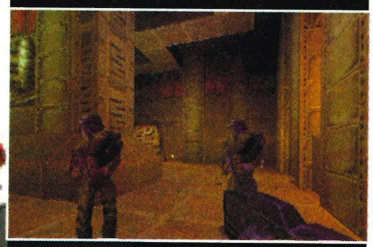
Hands up who played this the first time round. If you can still raise those arthritic sticks above shoulder level, that is. You old bastards. Yup. Here's more ages-old retro action given a quick polish and shoved 'Stationwards. A quick recap for the under-100's though – you: spaceship. Them: rocks. Shoot rocks. Split rocks in bits. Shoot bits. Repeat. Ahhh, the good ol' days.

This time round though, there's going to be a bit more of a mix of gamestyles in there. Other spaceships will feature. It's in colourful ever-so-beautiful 3D. But don't fret, aged ones. There's still plenty of rocks.

Quake 2

■ **Out:** Feb ■ **By:** Activision

Steaming giblets and eviscerated carcasses-R-us.... Yes, it's coming. The murderous 3D PC shooter with more gore than you can shake a hyperblaster at is going 'Station, and looking multo purty. And there'll be a split-screen two-player mode so's you can maim your mates...

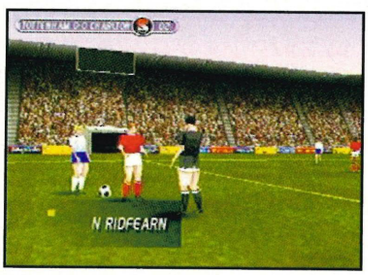


■ They were quaking in their boots...

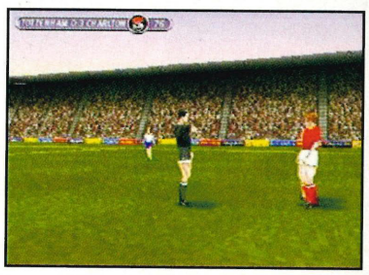
■ **OUT** MARCH ■ **BY** GT INTERACTIVE

Sensible Soccer 2000

You might be thinking that yet another footy game was about as welcome as a savage kick in the cock. But wait. Sensi 2000's the follow up to Ye Olde ultra-playable footy effort Sensible Soccer. Slick, easy to use, and ultra smooth, it wuz a winner back in the day. Can it cut it now? Well it's all looking kind of retro, as in bleeding ancient, at the moment, but there's still time, there's still time...



■ You've been a naughty fellow...



■ So, I'm going to show you yellow

Poy Poy 2

■ **Out:** Spring ■ **By:** Konami

It's the game where little people kill each other by throwing huge, heavy objects around. A winning formula if ever there was one. And this is the sequel, of course, so it's gonna be even better. More little people. More spine-splinteringly huge objects. Weirder power-ups. Tasty.

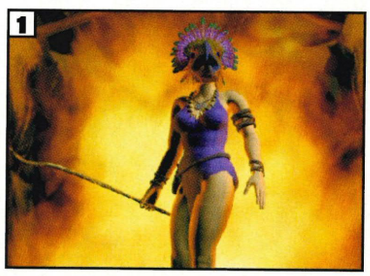


■ Throw harder. Hurts more

■ **OUT** TBC ■ **BY** ELECTRONIC ARTS

Populous: The Beginning

Full-on strategy game where you control a female Shaman leading a tribe to victory against a load of others. As you progress you learn bigger and better spells, starting with bee swarms and progressing up to volcanoes under your opponents' villages. Sounds like an ace idea. Looks bootiful too.







1 A female Shaman in best going-out-for-the-night kit **2** Volcanoes under villages look good close up... **3** And from afar too...

Trap Runner

■ **Out:** Summer 99 ■ **By:** Konami

Place traps. Run. Avoid traps. Fail to avoid traps. Fly 150 metres into the air and come back down as a gentle rain of charcoal. Trap Runner's gonna be a two-player split-screen hyperactive blast fest where you try and trick your opponent into running over one of your devilish traps. A long way off but still looking mighty fine...



■ First you lay the trap...

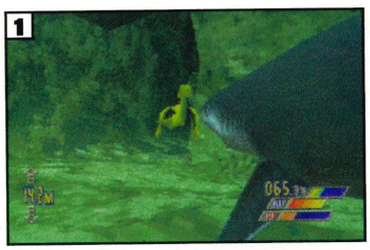


■ Then you nuke the bad guys. Easy

■ **OUT** SUMMER ■ **BY** KONAMI

Deep Blue

Swim. Hold your breath. Spear people with underwater guns. Find treasure. This 'un's gonna be full on deep-sea action with all the sharks, spear-gun impalement and slow suffocation you'd expect. It's been a bit delayed, but it's already looking like a tasty morsel...



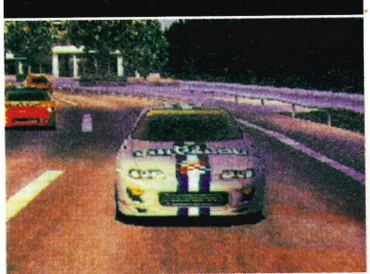


1 Watch out behind you... 2 SHARK!

Ridge Racer 4

■ **Out: Spring** ■ **By: Konami**

Rage Racer was a looker. Then Gran Turismo came. Rage Racer was instantly pig-ugly. But in game gulags in Japan, the Ridge Racer boys went back to work. This is their comeback. Pin-sharp graphics, ice-cool driving. A GT-beater? Could be...

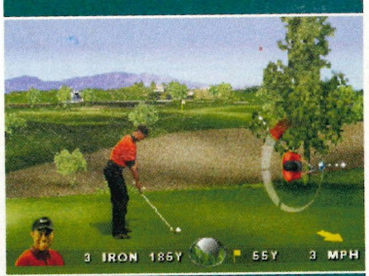


■ We reckon this'll cane Gran Turismo

Tiger Woods

■ **Out: Feb** ■ **By: EA**

Tiger Woods is lending his considerable clout to a new golf game, to be brought out early next year by EA. Word has it that it's going to be just that bit special, with tasty gameplay and lovely graphics. Could be the master of all golf games ...



■ Now we can all be Tiger Woods

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 the moolah, check with the shop. These dates have a nasty tendency to slip...

RELEASED	REVIEWED
13 NOVEMBER	
Apocalypse	
Breath of Fire 3	88% June 98
Colony Wars: Vengeance	93% December 98
Lemmings Collectors Edition	80% December 98
Live Wire!	
Michael Owen's WLS 99	91% November 98
NFL Blitz	86% December 98
Oddworld: Abe's Exoddus	91% November 98
Small Soldiers	
T'ai Fu	
20 NOVEMBER	
All Star Tennis 99	
B-Movie	
Dodgem Arena	
KKND 2	
Megaman Legends	
Megaman X4	
Monaco Grand Prix	
Music	92% December 98
NBA Live 99	
Pocket Fighter	79% October 98
Psybadek	67% December 98
Rival Schools	92% December 98
Rogue Trip	76% November 98
Cool Boarders 3	
Tomb Raider 3	
Viva Football	
X-men vs Street Fighter	
27 NOVEMBER	
Actua Soccer 3	78% December 98
FA Soccer Manager	
FIFA 99	75% December 98
Global Domination	
Pool	70% December 98
Rat Attack	
Streak	79% December 98
TOCA 2	93% December 98
30 NOVEMBER	
Asterix	
Brian Lara Cricket	89% December 98
Earthworm Jim 3D	
Puma Street Soccer	
R/C Stunt Copter	
Rush 2	
Soccer Pro Manager	
Wild Arm	88% September 98
4 DECEMBER	
Asteroids	
Pro 18: World Tour Golf	
Test Drive 4x4	76% December 98
VR Football 99	
11 DECEMBER	
Big Air	
Knockout Kings	
Sensible Soccer 2000	
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Golf Pro	
Libero Grande	
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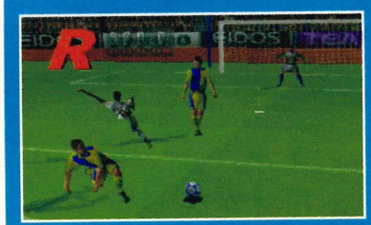
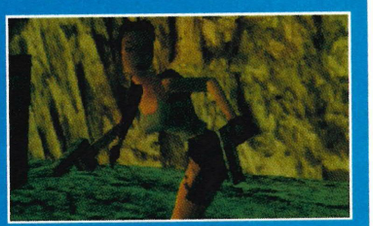


■ Michael Owen WLS 99. Out 13th November.



■ Tomb Raider 3. Out 20th November.

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Get into Lara's knickers

And her jacket, socks, t-shirt, tie, watch...

Tomb Raider publisher, Eidos Interactive, has just announced its plans to release a new range of Lara © clothing and accessories in association with top designer clothes label Animal. Planned to coincide with the imminent release of the incredible Tomb Raider III, record bags, T-shirts, fleeces, backpacks, key rings and jackets will be made available to Lara-crazed punters.

A bit of S&M

Meanwhile, Marks and Spencer is getting in on the act with its own range of Lara Croft merchandise. Lara is to feature on a range of socks, mugs, ties, pyjamas, T-shirts, mouse mats and underwear (available in both black and khaki, in case you were interested), available at more than 65 M&S stores from the beginning of November. Eidos insists there are currently no plans to expand the range to include Lara © branded unisex jeans with elasticated waist bands. Big shame.

Lara in the Millennium

In related, but ultimately dull, Tomb Raider news, Lara Croft and her scantily-clad adventures in both Tomb Raider I and II have been granted Millennium Product status. The news was announced by Labour spin-doctor, Peter Mandelson, at the recent CBI Conference in Birmingham, before he presented an award to the Derby-based developer, Core Design. What this basically means is Lara looks certain to be chosen to appear in the Millennium Dome – if it's ever finished – to represent the very best of British creativity. Told you it was dull.



■ Lara's a model now

Sony slashes prices

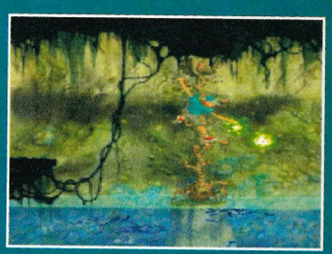


■ Cut price football doesn't only exist in the lower leagues

Mounting pressure from UK retailers has forced Sony to slash the cost of big Christmas game releases. The move comes after disappointing sales of the recent Tekken 3. Sony has conceded the £44.99 price tag may have been a factor, but is also responding to the fact most N64 titles are now only £39.99. Sony's top Christmas line-up includes the highly rated Bust-a-Groove and Libero Grande at £34.99 and Crash Bandicoot 3 at £39.99.

BULGING PACKAGES

■ **With Christmas just** around the corner, the high street shops are putting together some terrific PlayStation bundles. Pick of the bunch is Toys R Us, offering a PlayStation with four games for a stonking £149.99. Titles included in the promotion are WWF: Warzone, Premier Manager 98, Heart of Darkness and V-Rally. In addition, bargain hungry punters can pick up a PlayStation Platinum title from £4.39 when they purchase the console. Also of interest is you can pick up the highly-rated Spyro the Dragon with a Dual Shock controller for £44.97. But after the massive shortages of last Christmas, you'd better hurry.



■ Heart of Darkness: looking good

SPIN ON THIS

■ **When you think** of cheesy TV game shows, Wheel of Fortune is up there with the greats. And now the PlayStation's gonna fall victim to its considerable charms. Think glitz, think glam, think pressure. Expect a spinning wheel, a tasty hostess and a spellbound – if dopey – audience.

There're going to be more than 2,000 brain-twisting puzzles to keep you glued, and if you play with a memory card you won't face the same puzzle twice until you've been through them all. You'll be able to play with up to three opponents, either your mates or the computer, with game lengths to fit any schedule. Spin that wheel.



■ 'Oh' I know this one, I do'. Right

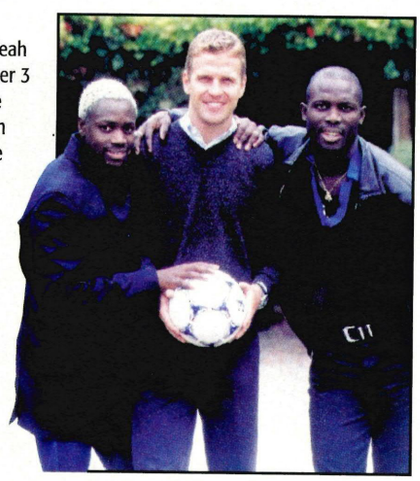
Footy trio signed

AC Milan stars to promote Actua Soccer 3

Top AC Milan footy stars, Oliver Bierhoff, Ibrahim Ba and George Weah have been signed up by Actua Soccer 3 developers Gremlin, to promote the game across Europe. Bierhoff, who has just been named 'German Player of the Year' will be endorsing the German version, while his strike-force partner Weah, will be the fronting the campaign for the Italian version of the game.

Ibrahim Ba, who made the £4 million move to Italy at the beginning of last season, will be promoting the game in France. While the best of British – Alan Shearer, will continue to be the face of Actua Soccer 3 in good old Blighty.

The so-so Actua Soccer 3 will be available to buy in this country from November the 27th.



■ Actua Soccer's dream advertising strike force

Bargain games

Doing it for charity

■ **As some of** you might remember, a special edition triple PlayStation pack called 'HELP' was launched last year, and raised over one million pounds for UK-based children's charities.

This month the launch of 4-PlayStation (Multi-Pack) takes place, a compilation disc featuring four top 'Station games, with profits going to charity. Various software companies have donated their games, with Overboard, Actua Soccer Club Edition, Independence Day and Thunderhawk 2 headlining. The exact price hasn't been finalised yet, but expect to pay around £39.99 for the pack – a piffling £9.99 per game! What are you waiting for?

Tomb Raider movie news

The latest rumours circulating in filmland about the on-off Tomb Raider movie is that homegrown British talent, Catherine Zeta-Jones, is to play the lead role of Lara Croft. The British actress who first came to our attention in the ITV series, The Darling Buds of May, has just hit the big time Stateside with the recent release of the film The Mark of Zorro in America. While the reports that she is to play Lara haven't been confirmed yet, we reckon this Welsh rarebit would be 'perfick' for the role.



■ **Two reasons why Cath'd fill Lara's er, boots**

OSCAR NOMINATED

■ **Computer games are** at last taking over the world so it seems. And in areas where you might not have expected. If any further proof of this was needed, then take note of Abe's Exoddus, which is being put forward for Academy Award consideration. The movie scenes from between the levels in the game have been made into a short film, snappily titled: Oddworld: Abe's Exoddus The Movie. The film might well be made available to us punters on video over here. Go Abe-pharrrt.



■ **Oscar's modesty was protected by his sword**

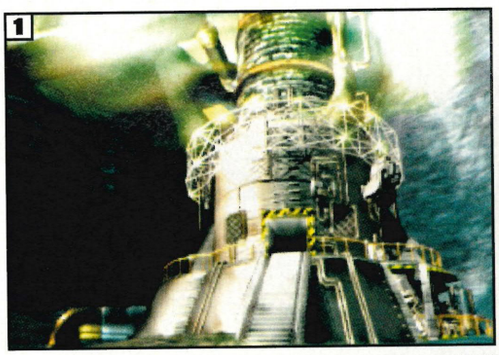
Movie mayhem

Final Fantasy film update

More news is leaking out about the forthcoming George Romero Final Fantasy movie. Developer of the hit RPG series, Square, announced it has signed a deal with Columbia Pictures for the distribution of Final Fantasy: The Movie, scheduled for release in 2001. The fully digitised computer-generated film is in production in Hawaii and is set on Earth in the year 2065.

President of Square USA said of the movie, 'With this film, I want to create entertainment that touches the imagination of new generations by setting the viewer on an exciting voyage of personal discovery'. Yeah, right.









1 'What's that smell?' wondered art editor Jo **2** 'Y'know, I can smell something too,' agreed dep art bloke, Mike **3** 'And me...' chimed writing chimp Lee **4** And as one the team turned to see office Final Fantasy spod Rob, sloping off, shame-faced and wet...

Other stuff

Stuff we couldn't keep to ourselves

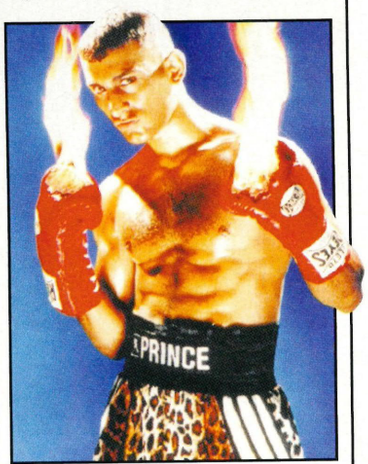
■ **Le Mans 24hr** is a new racing game from the boys behind Max Power Racing. Due out next summer, it'll feature highly realistic cars and a real time race, allowing players to compete for a full 24 hours!

■ **Rally Cross 2 is gearing up for release.** The developer has apparently listened to the many criticisms of the original game and included 24 tracks, 20 vehicles, a car-tuning mode and a track editor.

■ **X-Games Pro Boarders** is the latest snowboarder to hit the PlayStation. Included is the usual mix of events, ranging from slalom and half-pipe to stadium events. You can expect hidden routes and big jumps, allowing you to pull off over 150 moves..

■ **Prince Naseem** will be giving his name, and expertise to the forthcoming Prince Naseem Boxing. The Prince is so eager to be involved he rushed home from his recent title defence in America to meet up with the Codemasters team and work on the game.

■ **Namco has announced Ridge Racer 4,** due for release in Japan in December, will include a bonus disc containing two versions of the original Ridge Racer game. One will be the original PlayStation Ridge Racer.



■ **Prince's oven gloves often came in handy**

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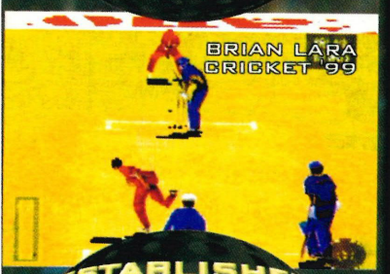

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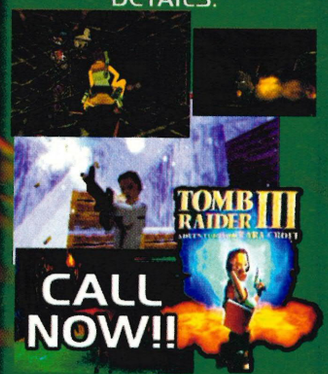


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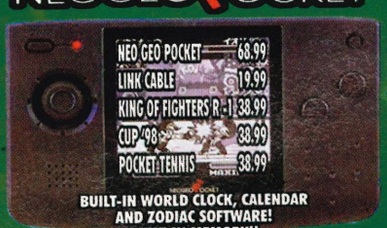

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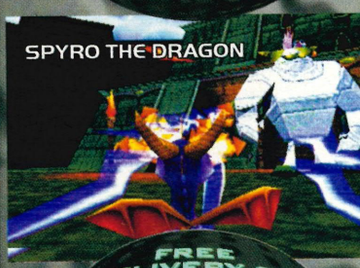

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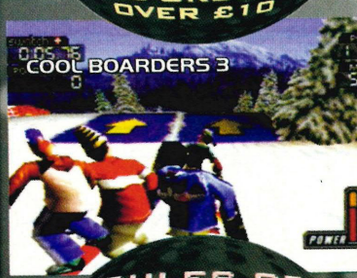

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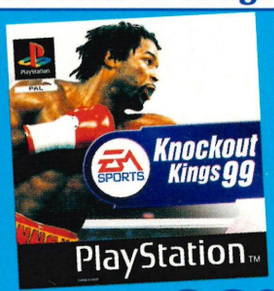

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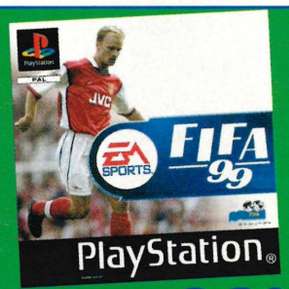

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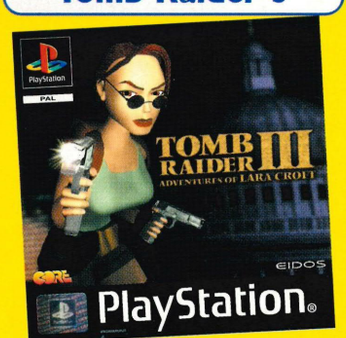

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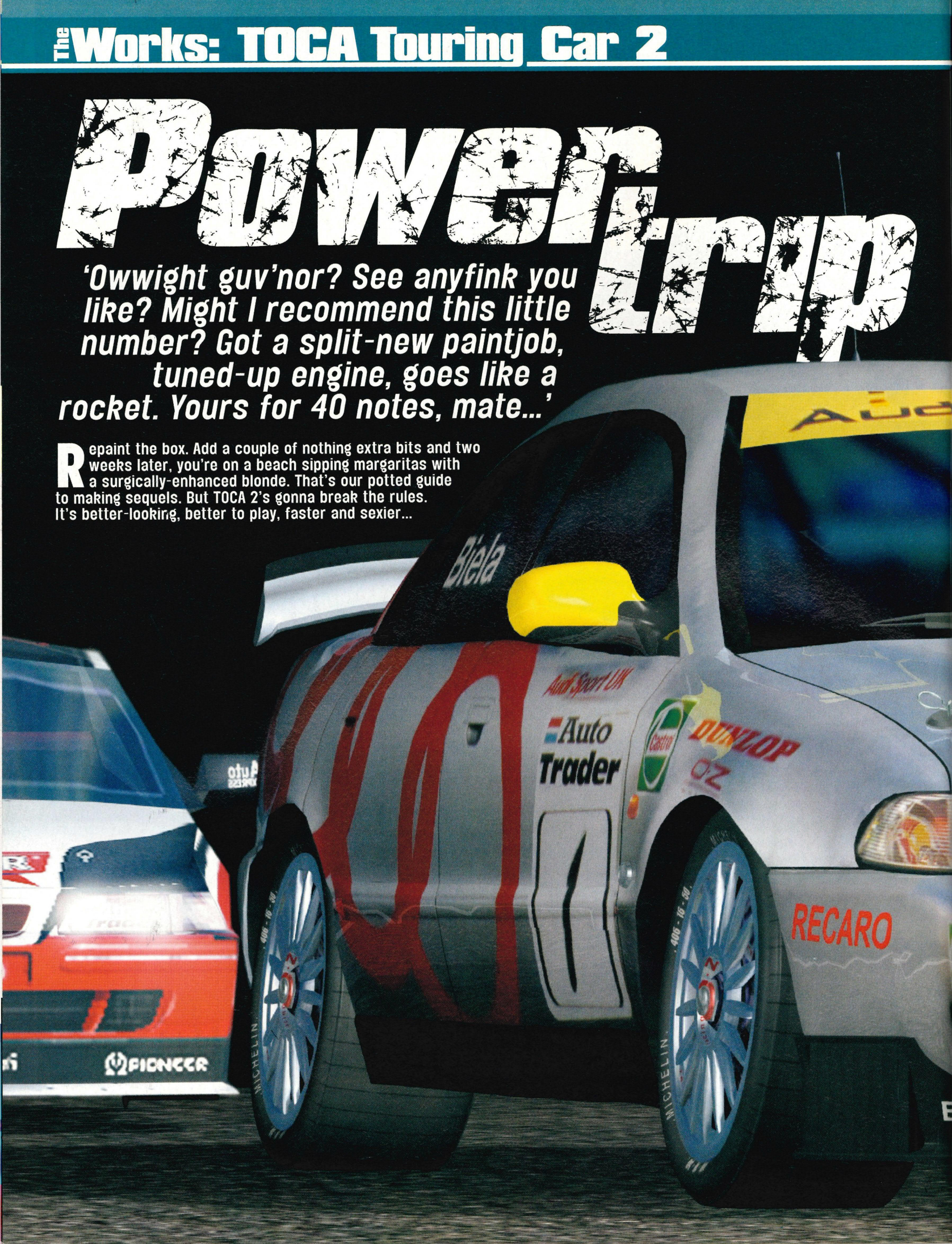
Power trip

'Owwight guv'nor? See anyfink you like? Might I recommend this little number? Got a split-new paintjob, tuned-up engine, goes like a rocket. Yours for 40 notes, mate...'

Repaint the box. Add a couple of nothing extra bits and two weeks later, you're on a beach sipping margaritas with a surgically-enhanced blonde. That's our potted guide to making sequels. But TOCA 2's gonna break the rules. It's better-looking, better to play, faster and sexier...



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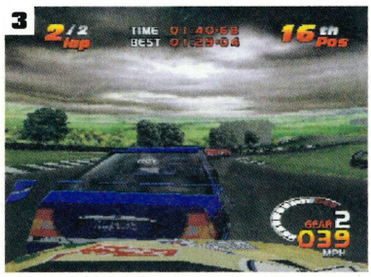
The Works: TOCA Touring Car 2

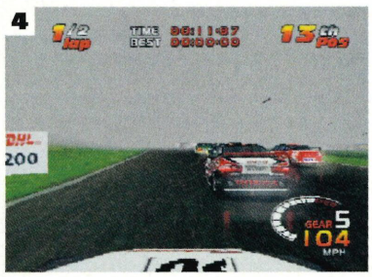
New stuff!

'Sequels', you might be thinking, 'schmequels'. Away and wash your mouth out with soap. Or poison. This un's faster, better-looking, bigger, badder. It's got more cars, better handling, a whole new arcade mode and a split-new racing style with the whole support cars championship. So don't complain, wiseass.









1 TOCA 1. Still lovely after all these years. 2 TOCA 2. Even lovelier. How it makes us happy 3 More depth, better handling, more cars 4 So start saving now. You won't regret it

It's all geek to me

If you're a pure-blooded gimp or bonzo touring car fiend, look no further than this paragraph. It'll glad your heart. Y'see, this game comes tooled with 'nuff detail to make your spoddy heads explode. Info on the cars, the tracks, the drivers. And, needless to say, the whole game's spot-on accurate when it comes to the championship. Happy now?



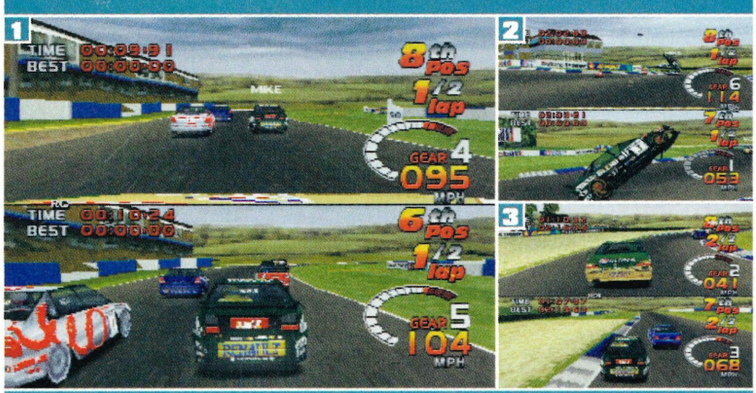
■ Behold! Statistics! And all the stuff in the races is TOCA-approved accurate



■ And with the support car races, the whole TOCA thang's complete

Zwei-spieler modus

This has even got a proper split screen two-player mode. Like, really proper. With lots and lots of cars in. The laws of this, our universe, normally forbid this kind of thing on your PlayStation but God can't have been keeping that close an eye on the TOCA boys. This one is right good and proper.



1 Settle down, make yourself comfortable and listen. It really, actually and truly does... 2 Work! 3 Plenty o' cars on the track and TOCA 2 still behaves like a good 'un. Smart.

What we like

Slippery-ass bastid

You see a corner. It looks like a bleedin' dawdle. A breeze. A walk in the park. Don't believe it for a second. Y'see, what makes this game so mouth-puckeringly sweet is the ultra-realistic handling. And that also means ultra-tricky – till you get the hang of it. Practise your loud cursing. The first couple of times you play this, you'll need it bigstyle.



■ Your first go. Much spinning around on grass



■ Many 'panelling into a wall' moments

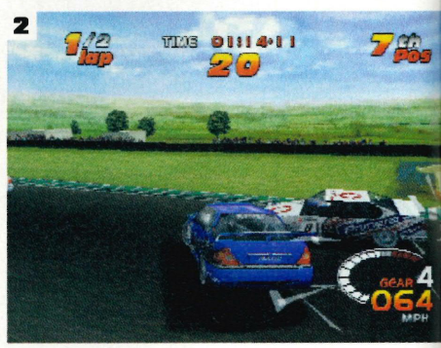


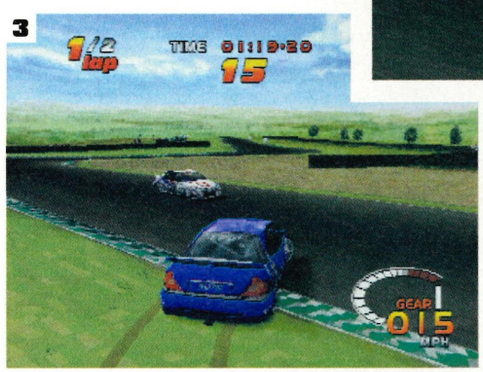
1 And mucho watching the other cars disappear into the distance 2 Give it time and you'll be cornering smooth as silk 3 But you'll still need to stay frosty. This game never gets easy

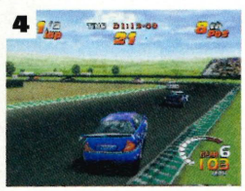
All new mode in 'easy' shocker!

Even the village idiot can join in the fun with the new extra-easy challenge mode. Our local idiot proclaimed that the more forgiving handling made it easy enough even for him, although the later levels proved too much of a high-adrenalin checkpoint challenge. He then retired to sit on a wall, chew straw and drool...









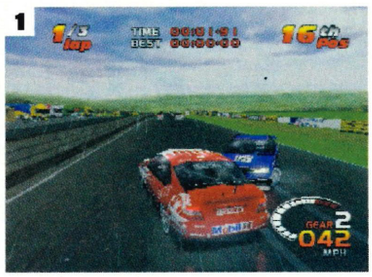


1 Keep nipping inbetween the checkpoints. You can win! It's easy! 2 Or at least that's how it is for the first couple 3 'Cos after that, the time limits start getting positively hurtsome 4 But with more arcadey handling, this bit's quite a good way in to the game 5 Or quite a good substitute game for your more Joey-esque friends

'Peachy to the power of tasty'

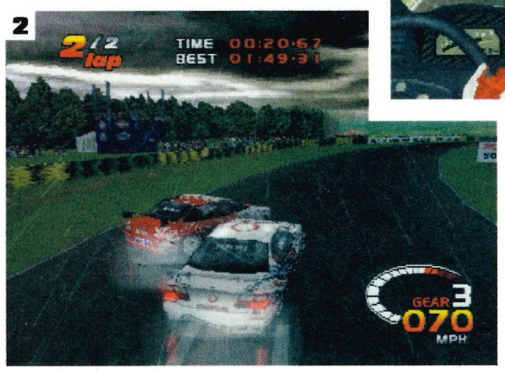
... and other cool things!

Even your little sister, your granny and the Pope will like the new feature in TOCA 2 where you can see the other drivers inside their cars getting chucked around as they pull hairpins. When told how John Paul II would probably respond to this graphical leap, the Rev Liam Paisley said: 'TOCA 2 is my idea of rallying heaven.'









1 Look, look! You can see other drivers bounce around all over the shop! 2 And these new views are dangerously cool 3 And what else is all new and über-cool? Well, for starters this 'in-head' view... 4 Where you, el driver, can actually turn around and check out what's in your rear-view mirror! Now that's what we call cool



■ Try taking a TOCA this. It'll blow your mind

Dr Spin...

The first few times you play TOCA you'll spend spinning off into the grass, hitting cones, and, in technical parlance, 'making a tit of yourself'. Yes, even you. But give it time, and you'll be righting your motor in the middle of another spastic spin-out, pulling out onto the straight and thumbing your nose at the other boys...



■ Iron out the dents in your driving style...



■ And you can drive like a real smoothie

Support cars

Big family cars, your Primeras and your Ford Mondeos, driven by adrenalin-junkie basket cases. Essence de TOCA. But one of the new things here is how you get to race the support cars that race before and after the full TOCA races when they're on tour. They're basket case cars driven by basket cases. Check this Sinclair C5-esque little roadster...

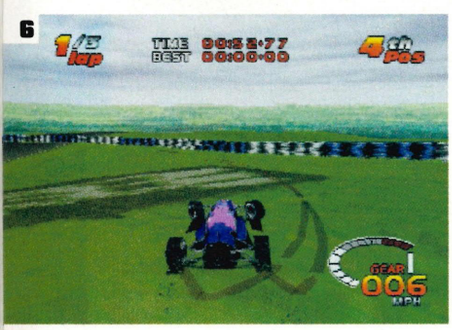






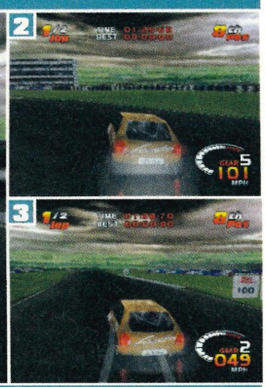






1 Handling's a load less bother... 2 'Cos those little rubber tyres stick to the road like glue 3 But bump into one of your fellow roadsters... 4 And you'll find yourself heading for the stratosphere 5 So nipping in and out around the other drivers is something you should do... 6 ...With care. Bollix

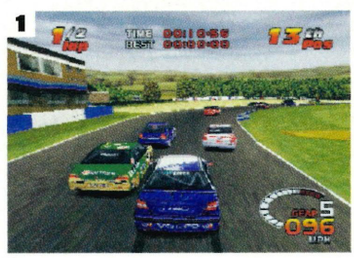




1 Skid in... 2 Wrestle with that wheel o' yours 3 Pull out. Thumb nose. Say 'Ner-de-ner-de-ner. You're a spag-mong-no-brain'

Whatchagot?

There's nothing calculated to make our beady little eyes light up brightly than a big and tasty assortment of cars and tracks to play with. Tragic, really, but it's just one of our occupational hazards. And with this little effort, we were lighting up like Christmas: you've got...



1 Sackloads of motors. Like loads. And a big bag o' secret ones 2 And plenty tracks. It's got all the real TOCA ones 3 And then some fake ones. Nice fake ones





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The Works: TOCA Touring Car 2

Looks

If Gran Turismo is, say, Claudia Schiffer, this'd maybe be Claudia Schiffer... with a couple of warts. She'd still get it, but it ain't quite perfection. We don't mean to diss the new-look, 100% high-res, cool, sparkling bright TOCA 2. It's damn scorchio: a coupla blemishes, but plenty flash to make you splatter the batter...



1 Old TOCA. Looking good 2 New TOCA. Looking finer 3 The odd glitch, but overall it's raw sex

plus

We'd like to say...

Racing games can be a wham-bam-thank-you-ma'am. You go in. You complete the championship. You spend a couple of days demonstrating your unnatural skills to mates. You grow tired. Not with this one. There's plenty to get your teeth into. Dump your wife. Sell your kids to some white slavers. You'll need all the time you can get...

Crash!

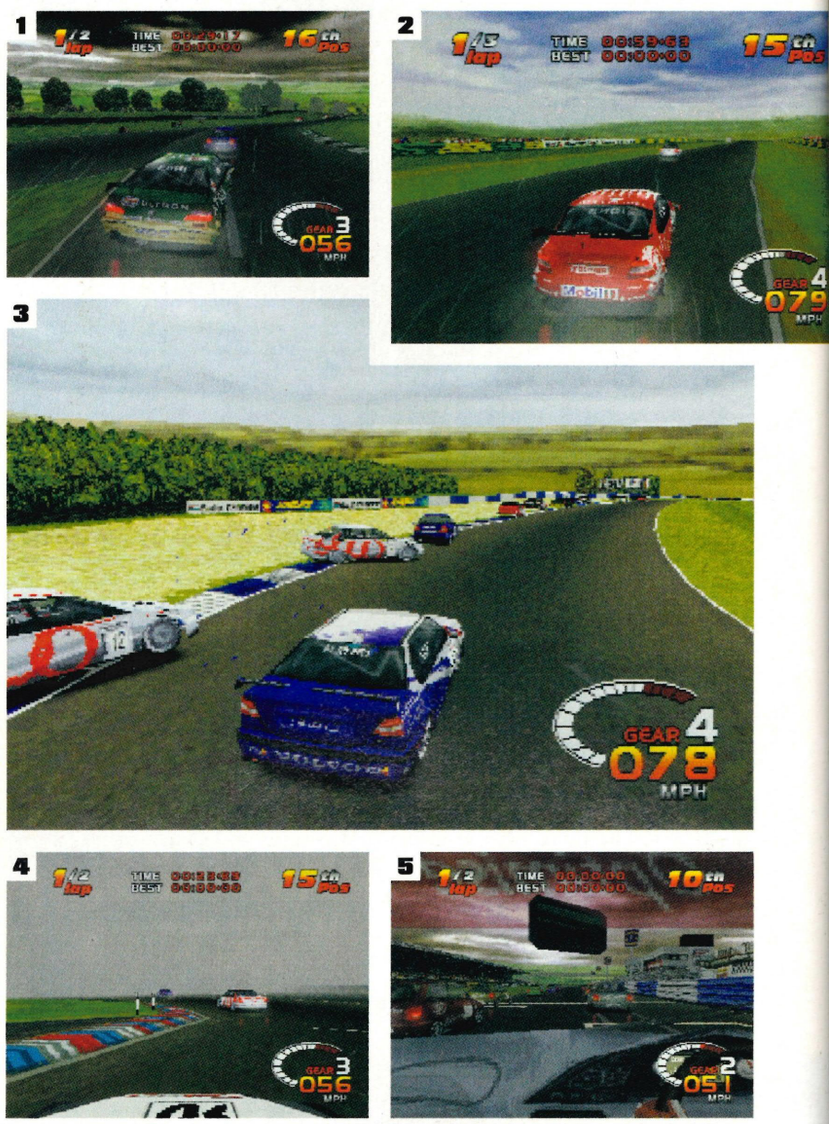
Ever noticed how in videogames you can usually pan your motor into a wall at about 170mph without even bending your radio aerial? Not here. Splintering glass and crunching metal are the order of the day. Subnormal gamers beware. You can't do that dodgem-type bumping other cars to corner faster, 'cos it'll wreck your motor. Busted.



1 Crash! There goes the windscreen out the er, window 2 Now where the feck did I put the number for Direct Line? 3 See that thing that looks like a bit of crumpled foil? That's your bonnet 4 Crunch! The bits of car go flying. So do the cones. Highway Code, anyone? 5 Shit, my bodywork! It really is more than enough to make a grown man weep

Weathering the storm

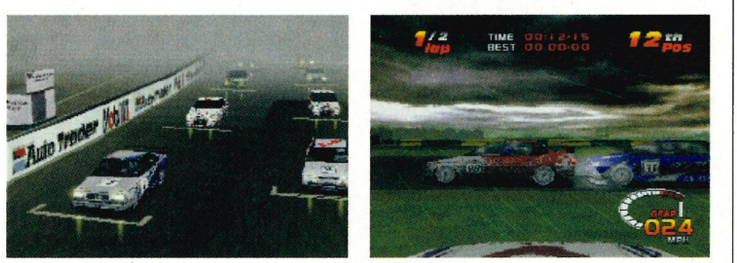
There's properly grizzly British weather on here. Switch it on to 'rainy' and you'll be blasted with sheets of the stuff while you try and keep a grip on a track that's more like an oxbow lake than a tarmac strip. The weather's a fine addition though: check out these effects...



1 It's grim up north 2 And, in fact, down south 3 Look! Sunshine! 4 The foggy bits are absolute five-star bastards 5 But they look kinda pretty

Deeper and deeper

If you're the kind of gamer who cracks his knuckles in anticipation when he hears that a game's hair-tearingly difficult, firstly we'd like to recommend some counselling. Then we'd recommend checking out TOCA 2. With three difficulty levels ranging from merely impossible to very character building, there's enough to keep you busy for months...



■ Hard... harder...

■ ...I'll get me coat

winner Slick. The graphics'll get you juiced up, the handling'll get you moaning, and the gameplay'll have you gasping for its fearsome girth again and again. **Rob**

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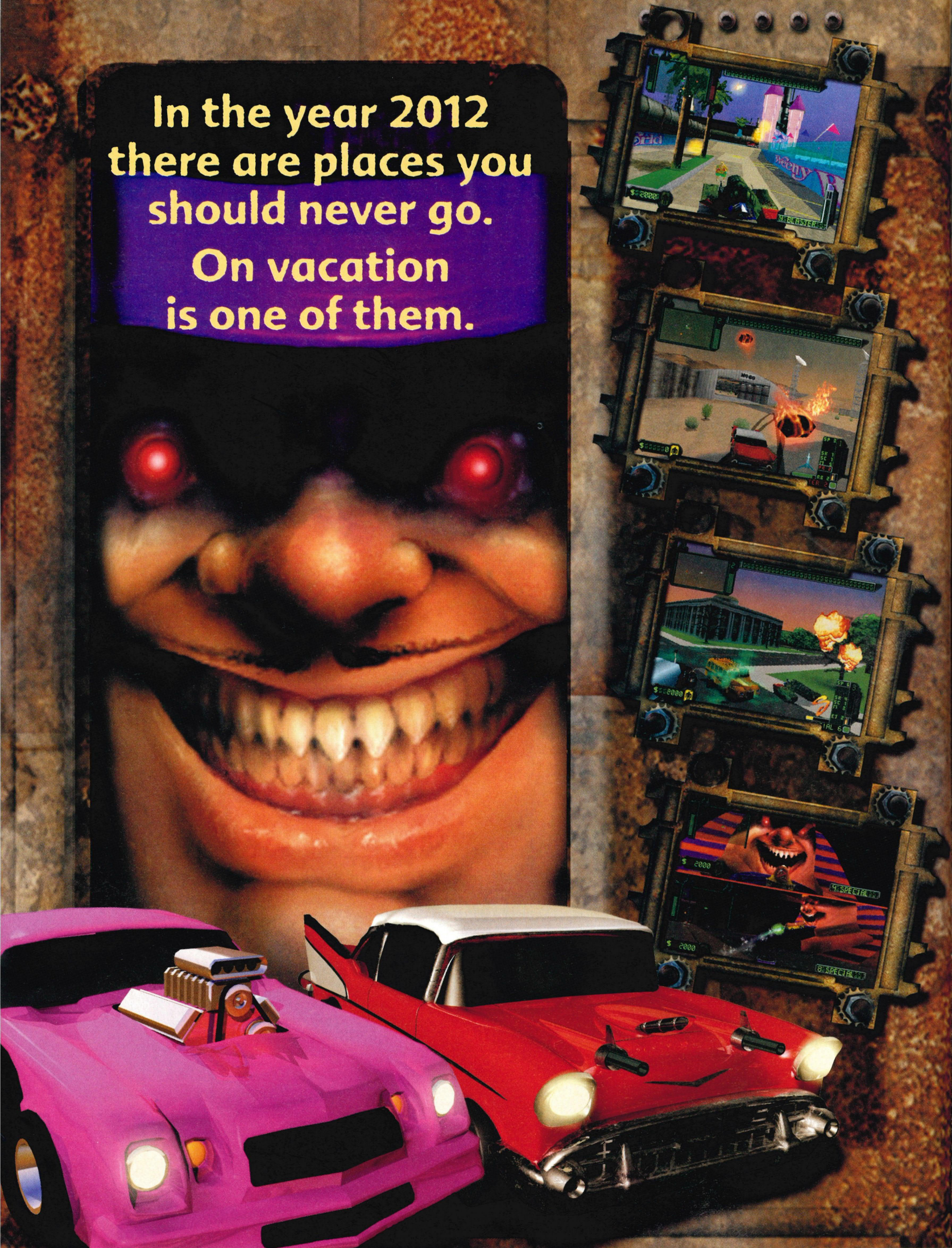
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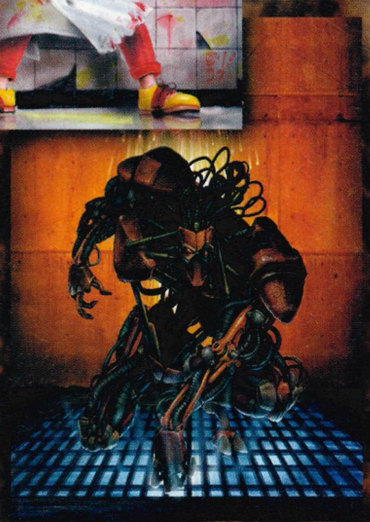



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Dust Junkie

Wossthis? A new racing game? Come on, haven't we had enough already? Sigh. Go on then, let's have a poke around under the bonnet, see what this lad has to offer...



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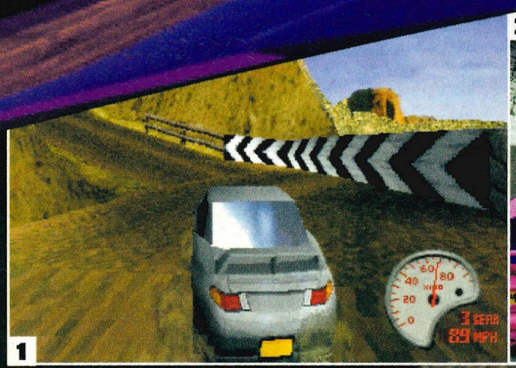
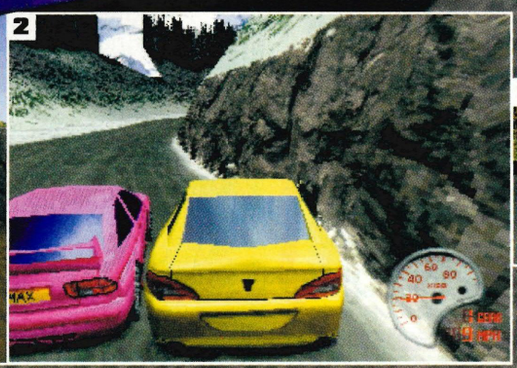
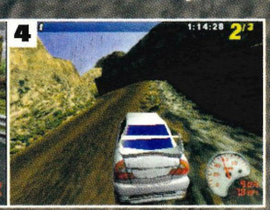
Max Power's the mag about cars. No ordinary cars, mind. These motors come in day-glo colours, go like shit off a shovel and are driven by people who had nutter genes implanted at birth. Stand by: this'll be a doozy...







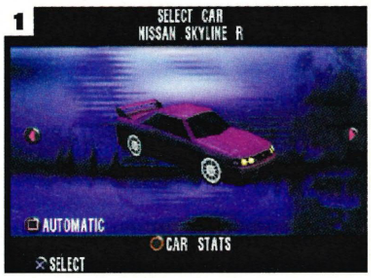


1 Fine tune your beast for some serious courses across the globe **2** And opponents are going to be way down mean and nasty too **3** But beat them both and you're on the right track to take the chequered flag **4** But is Max Power Racing going to be much cop? »

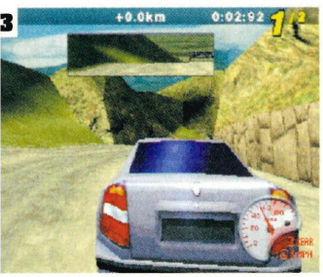
The Works: Max Power Racing first look

On the grid

It's a new racing game. And let's be frank here, it's got competition stiffer than a Viagra overdose when it comes to 'Station speedsters. So what makes this cat think it's so much slinkier than the other pussies on the block?









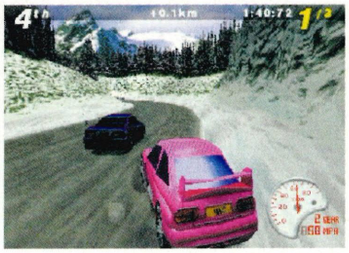
1 Is it the awesome line-up of cars? Could be... **2** The tasty selection of tracks? Could be... **3** The handling, speed and adrenalin rush? Could be... **4** The way the cars look? Er, probably not...

Different? Nah...

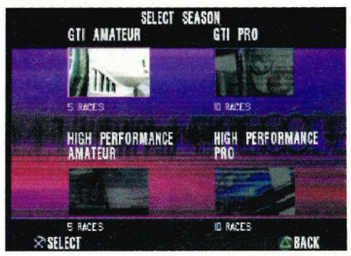
If someone gives you the job of making a racing game, you've got two options: tear up the rule book and start again, or stick to the tried-and-tested. The Max Power chaps chose not to go spoiling perfectly good rule books so, no, this won't be picking up originality awards come game Oscars time. What this is, is the best bits of racers you already love.



■ Blast! Just two crappy cars and two rubbish courses to begin with...



■ But, hey, get good, win some races and the reward is powerful motas and more tracks



■ Then there's the championship mode where you have to win, um, a championship



■ And, naturally, the two-player game. More of that later...

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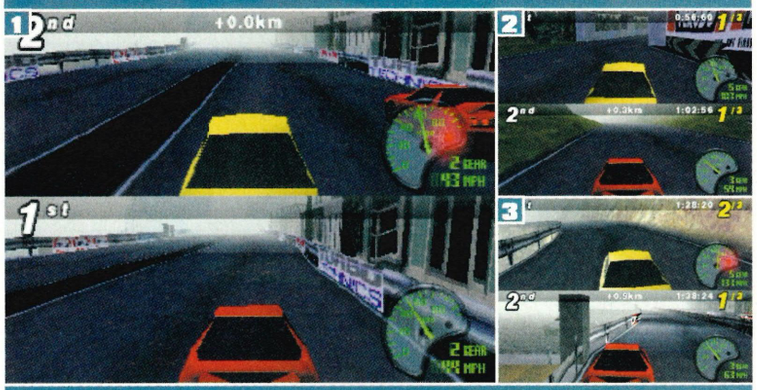
We'd like to say...

Let's face it, there are probably two racers on the 'Station worth rolling out the moolah for: Colin McRae Rally and Gran Turismo. Both look awesome and both have individual qualities that make them rule. Basically Max Power looks set to mop up the best of both these racers and put them into one heck of an addictive package. What we've seen so far we like.

Two's up

Max Power Racing looks like it's going to rock hard in one-player. The two-player option, though? Hmmm. All we can say is: it's early days yet and we'll wait for the finished version before we pass comment.



1 Horizontal split screen with no option to change to vertical. Ouch **2** Cars don't look that good at this stage **3** OK, let's not start digging that two-player grave just yet

Handling

The version we've played (an early one) has the handling spot on. 'Play me', it purrs. And you do. A LOT. One fondle of the pad and you'll be skidding round corners in no time, and Max Power is no tight-ass when it comes to cornering, either. Forgiving is its middle name. If you've played Colin McRae Rally then you'll know what we're talking about here.





1 Big fat corner coming up. Time to test that... **2** Skid. Oh yes. I truly am the dark knight of the road

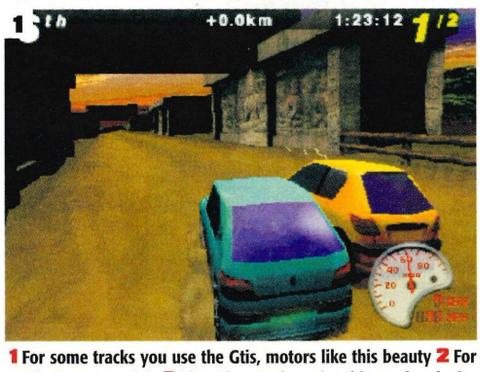


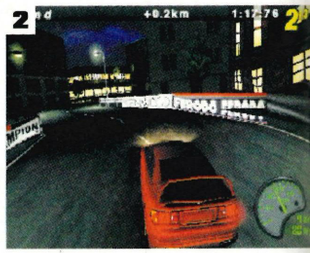


1 Handbrake turn on the menu? **2** Sure. I'll take two large portions and still come back for more

Cars!

This game's got more cars than Stumpy McCarlot's Cardiff Car Boot Sale and Carnival. A lot. If you're a fully paid-up Max Powerer, chances are you'll be in heaven tinkering with the sports and Gti motors on offer. And if not? You'll have a load of fun trying to get a Skoda up to full whack.







1 For some tracks you use the Gtis, motors like this beauty **2** For others you get to floor it with the performance models **3** Then there's championship mode, playing through on Gti and performance

This one will rock hard!

Top tunes

Max Power doesn't have all the fancy garage stuff of Gran Turismo, but it does have a tuning mode. Well, whaddaya expect from Max Power? Sadly, you can't paint your motor lime green, fit alloy wheels and put in bass bins the size of housing estates, but you can mess with the suspension and get yourself a real street racer.

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Front Ride Height	High
Rear Ride Height	High
Front Spring Length	High
Rear Spring Length	High
Front Wing DownForce	High
Rear Wing DownForce	High
Brake Level	High
Brake Bias	Rear
Reverse Gear Ratio	High
1st Gear Ratio	High
2nd Gear Ratio	High
3rd Gear Ratio	High

2



3



1 Ah, lots of options to look at. Let's see what we can do here... 2 By George! A low-ridin' road monster. This one is sure to scare children and old ladies 3 Then tinker with the ol' Max Power project car and you get the sort of mota most MPs would like to see banned

Them other cars

The other drivers in Max Power land have got a major stick up their asses. These battle-scarred geezers have the monopoly on violent road rage and they're certainly not about to let a snotty-nosed, rookie upstart like you overtake them without putting up a fight. There'll be no polite moving aside to let you pass on through here, oh no sir. So get ready to rumble and expect some mammoth mota battles for every single place on the board.

1



2

3

1 Excuse me young squire, sorry to trouble you but can I be let past? 2 You cad sir! If them's the rules you play by then we'll be forced to sort this out in an ungentlemenly fashion... 3 Like if I shove your cheating sorry butt off the damn road...

What we like

Speed

Step into the Nissan Micra and you can expect a slow old ride. Tumbleweed blows past you, old men tut and ask to be let through – that kind of thing. Once you've snaffled some of the top cars, though, the game really starts to shift. And, you know, we think that's a good thing.

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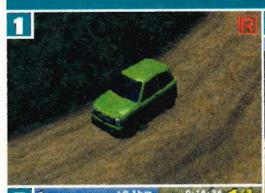

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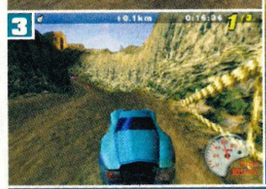

1 Nissan Micra. Slow. Boring. But, hey, we can do better than that, can't we? 2 We sho' can. Try this beast out for size. That should make that scenery fly by 3 And how about this. What scenery?

Track attack

Max Power's tracks should cook. On gas. Combine the none-more-smooth handling with these muthas and you've got the reason why the game's shaping up so good. They chuck every obstacle known to man at you. Snow, water, tunnels, jumps, 180 degree turns... They're all in here. Let's see what tricks America has up its sleeve, shall we?

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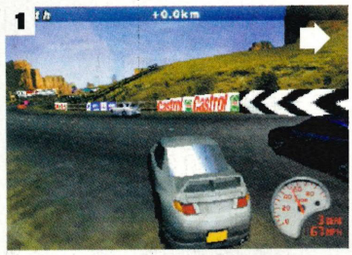

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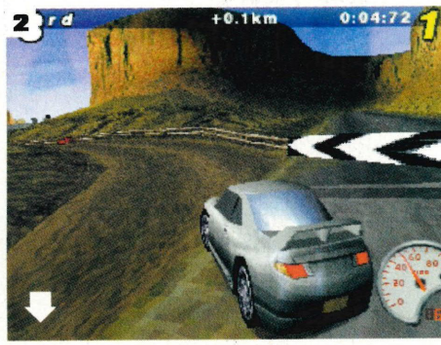

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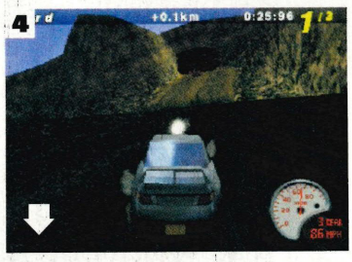

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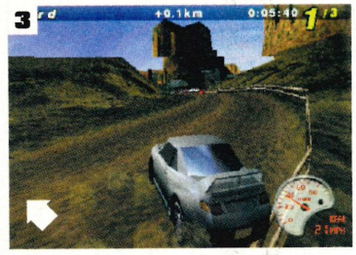

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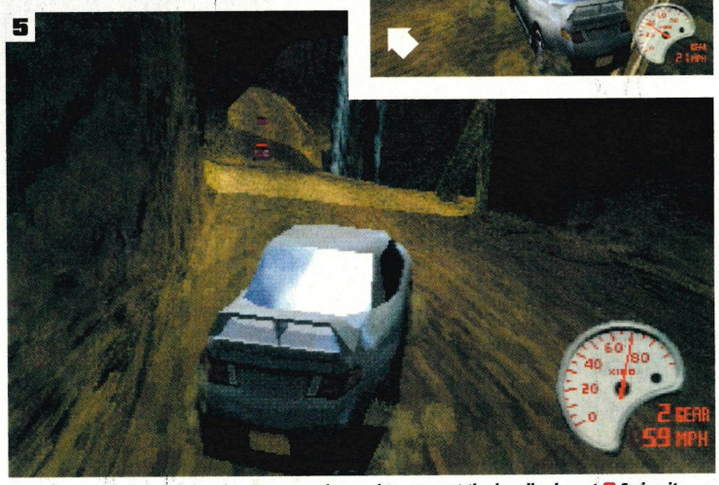

1 The first 90 degree left-hander. Not enough speed to warrant the handbrake yet 2 Swing it round the second left-hander. Touch of handbrake, but... 3 The end's stepped out. Others are overtaking 4 Through the mud... 5 In and out the tunnel. Speed constant, slide around the bends

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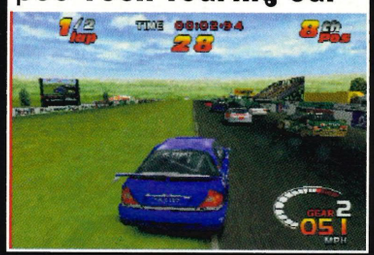

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TOCA TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP PART 2



Take the road to Hell with part two of our extensive TOCA guide. Master these tracks to take the ultimate driving challenge... down in the devil's driveway.

DETAILS	
GAME:	TOCA Touring Car Championship
PRICE:	£19.99
COMPANY:	Codemasters
REVIEWED:	October 1998
SCORE:	91%
VERDICT:	Hyper-realistic touring car racer

CROFT

Darlington. Overcast. You're under starters' orders...

COURSE NOTES

■ This might not look up to much, but Croft is actually a shit-hot track. It's kind of like Kylie Minogue: flat but racy and with some nicely flowing curves. There're still a couple of tight corners to keep things interesting so it's smiles all round for some monster mota fun.

THE FACTS

Location	*Darlington*
Track Length	*213 miles*
Default Weather	*Cloudy*

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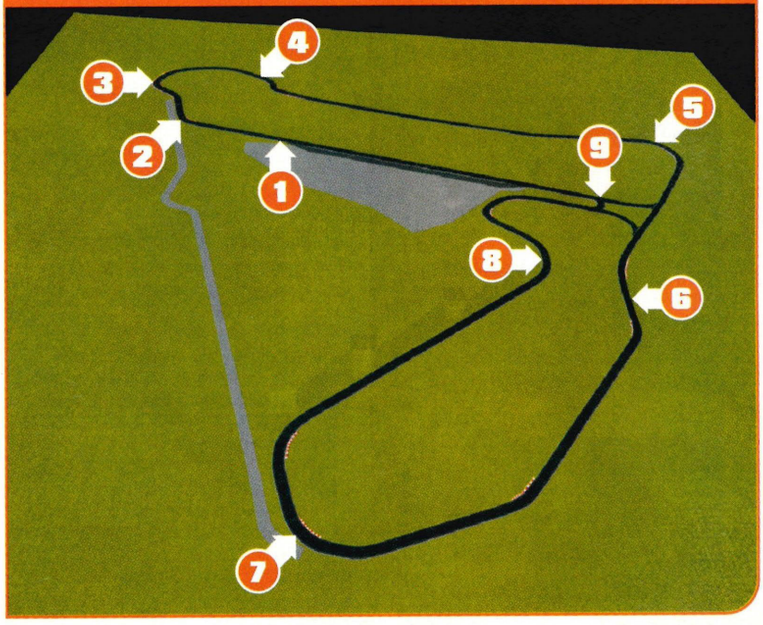
CROFT CIRCUIT







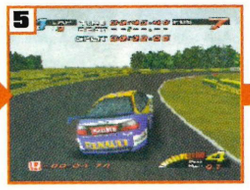














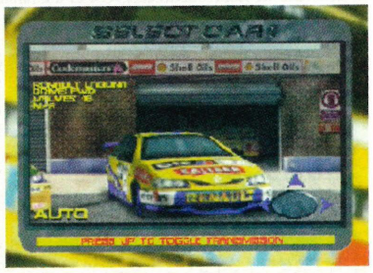
1 Stay left as you start, ready for Hawthorn Bend. A long straight means it doesn't really matter if you didn't qualify well
2 At the 50-metre marker leave off the gas and hit the brakes. Turn into the right-hand kink, then line up for the left, giving the throttle a quick peck in between
3 Turn sharply into the 180 nightmare of Hawthorn Bend and punish that accelerator
4 Another straight awaits your driving pleasure so floor it and just dive on over the rumble strips
5 You're gonna have to try a bit harder at Tower Bend – down to around 75mph and make sure you've got a clean line through it. Start caning it again when you're set up for the next straight
6 Jim Clark Esses can be taken at full pelt – if you're good. Start from the right and don't worry about going over the rumble strips. Take Barcroft the same way without a hint of slowing down
7 Brake when you hit the right-hander at Sunny. Slow down, turn into the corner, then run out wide and repeat for the next half of the turn. Avoid falling off the circuit here, so slow down...
8 Start this corner by braking and turn mid-track. Throttle the straight and brake for the hairpin
9 Turn in tight then whack on the throttle till you need to brake again for the second hairpin. You'll have to be right down in second gear here if you don't want to spin off

Recommended car

■ RENAULT LAGUNA

You aren't ever going to get a smooth ride in TOCA. But, in case you want it not so rough the Laguna gives you a sofa-smooth ride. It's well under-powered, but you can't have everything. It don't take damage too well: try not to prang it.

DRIVE	*FWD*
VALVES	*15*
POWER	*N/A*
ENGINE	*4 cylinders - 1998cc*



■ Laguna: Hmm, a smooth kinda ride. Nice

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KNOCKHILL

Up to the sunnier climes of Scotland for this one

COURSE NOTES

■ Things are getting really nasty now. Some of the corners here are complete bastards, and unless you can do something pretty special on the straights you've only got two real overtaking chances. This one is going to separate the masters from those who can't drive for shit.

THE FACTS

LOCATION	Fife
TRACK LENGTH	1.30 miles
DEFAULT WEATHER	Sunny

BEAT DIS...

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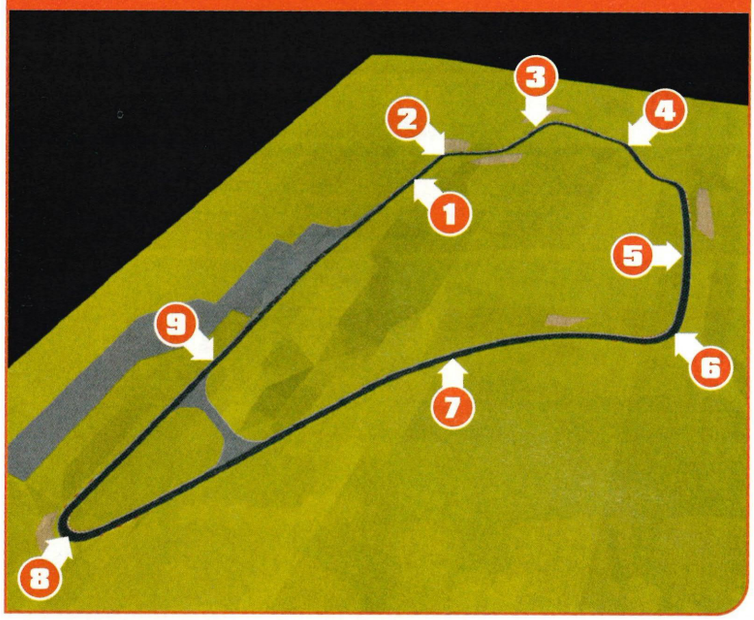
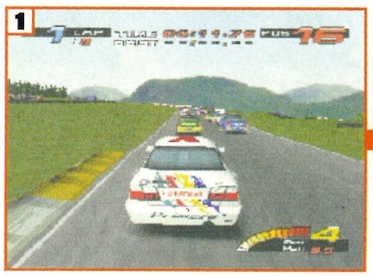
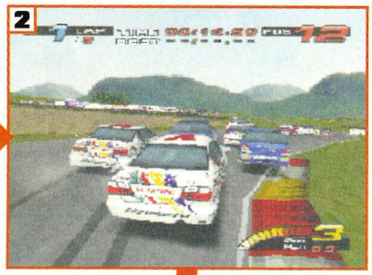
KNOCKHILL CIRCUIT

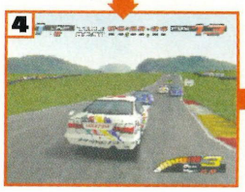


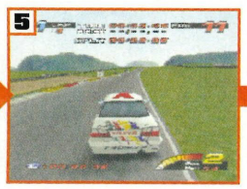






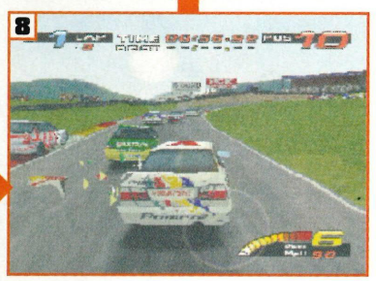












1 The first corner is one to beat, so get a good start and keep to the left
2 Avoid the rumble strip and keep to the middle of the track as it starts to narrow at the corner
3 Stick to the inside as you approach the right-handed McIntyre and look out for the grass in the gap between the two strips
4 Touch the brakes as you go through Butchers and keep to the inside. Make sure you're well to the left for the Chicane
5 You can cut across the rumble strip here with no problems, but start steering right before you get to the crest of the hill. Now you can large it as you get on towards Clark
6 The Clark corner can be taken on full-power as long as you turn at about the 70 metre mark and keep on the inside
7 If you do good, move to the left and set yourself up for the Railway Bend which you should be able to steam right past
8 Taylors is a nasty hairpin so get your speed right down once you hit the 100-metre board. Don't let the gravel trap give you the arse and you'll be able to get round nice and smooth
9 It's super zombie straight time after this, letting you power right past the finish line

Recommended car

■ **NISSAN PRIMERA**

Suffering from the wheel locking blues? Then learn to drive properly. If you can't be bothered then try this little mota out. It has amazing breaking power as well as pretty good handling and acceleration. The speed ain't bad neither.

DRIVE	FWD
VALVES	15
POWER	297bhp - 8300rpm
ENGINE	4 cylinders - 1995cc



■ Primera: Don't handle with care

SNETTERTON

Mind the tractors, fellas. We're off to bootiful Norfolk

COURSE NOTES

■ You'd expect something cool for the last official track, but Snetterton doesn't deliver. Half of it is pretty boring straights and the rest is a really annoying set of corners – so it's all stop and start. It's the hardest course around though, so if you do well here you can feel well pleased with yourself.

THE FACTS

LOCATION	Norfolk
TRACK LENGTH	1.95 miles
DEFAULT WEATHER	Overcast

BEAT DIS...

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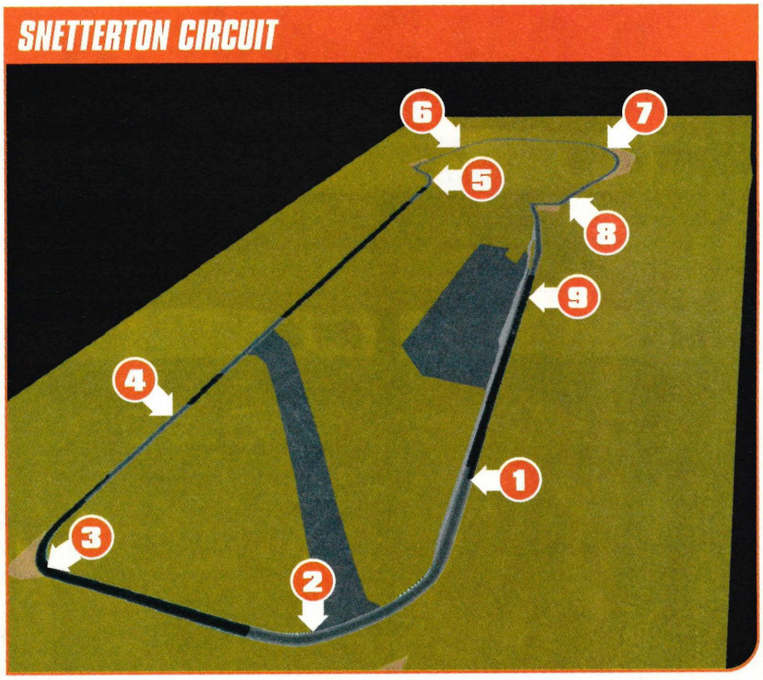
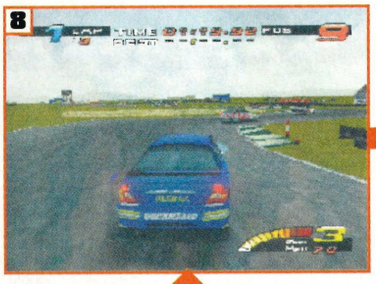
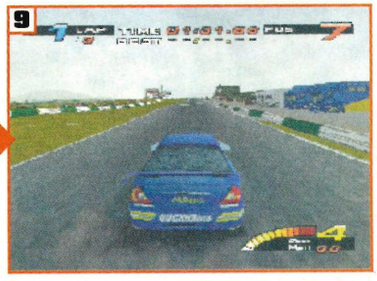
SNETTERTON CIRCUIT

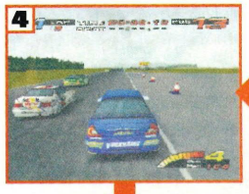


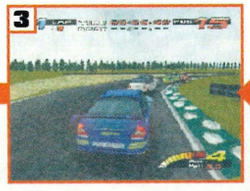






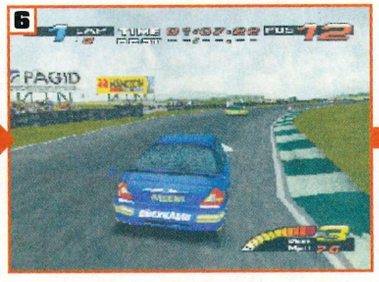












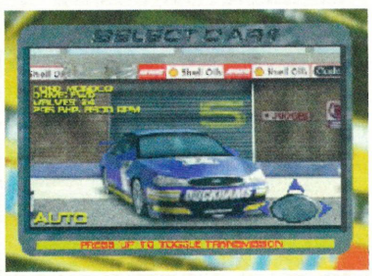
1 There's plenty of time to move to the outside track once you start. Put your foot down but make sure you don't miss the markers for the first corner, 'cos you really do need to slow right down
2 Slow for the corner, but line yourself up for its exit. Now burn it on towards Sear corner
3 This is a complete right angle so aim for 75mph tops. Come from left to turn into Revett Straight
4 Now you can go like shit off a shovel right down to the Esses
5 Get over to the right and kill your speed for this turn. You can finger the throttle once you've got round the first half but don't go mental or you'll balls it up on the second half
6 Bomb it under the bridge, but slow down again for Bomb Hole. If you make it into the corner OK you can whack the power back, as long as you bear right for the up and coming Coram curve
7 This is a huge sweeping bend with a distinct entrance and exit. You'll have to let off the accelerator but as long as you don't get stupid you should be able to make it out without using the brakes
8 After a mini-straight you'll be up on Russell Bend. You'll almost have to stick it in reverse to make it round the first 90 degree turn. Or you could just cut across the gravel and miss the bend out altogether. Be careful of other cars because they have trouble with this one and like to kill you on it.
9 A gentle curve round and you're on to Senna Straight. Steer in a straight line for this final bit

Recommended car

■ **FORD MONDEO**

Mr Average comes to town and wins you over with his driving skills. It's a good all-rounder, but doesn't excel in any area. It will take a bit of damage though, making it useful on tight courses or when playing a bumper car fan.

DRIVE	FWD
VALVES	24
POWER	295bhp - 8500rpm
ENGINE	V6 - 2000cc



■ Mondeo: favoured by reps and rally drivers

LAVALAND

Well, well, well. Welcome to hell you demon driver...

COURSE NOTES

■ This is the secret hidden track for those that win the championship and their friends that cheat and use the code. It's actually pretty cack as courses go, but it looks funny and you can't really complain when it's free. It's a pretty simple figure of 8 layout so have fun working things out for yourself.

THE FACTS

LOCATION	Hades
TRACK LENGTH	1.95 miles
DEFAULT WEATHER	Hot and sunny

BEAT DIS...

6:66



1 Really blast off from the starting line and pump it up to MACH 1 as you head over the crossroads, keeping to the right
2 Head down the straight at full pelt, but be a sensible lad and take note of where the left turn starts, so's you don't get sidetracked as you bounce over the bumps...
3 Then turn left. S'easy. Next, you want to keep it slow until you hit the long bend, accelerate round it, then accelerate even more. In fact, keep accelerating like a bastard till you come to the crossroads again
4 Almost home. Head up the hill, and brake hard before you get to the sharp right-hander on the summit. Like, really brake. You want to start tapping that button when you're just coming up to the slope. Assuming you don't fly off into the molten rock, you're home. Bang that accelerator again...

Recommended car

■ TANK

A jet powered tank – not usually a common sight around a TOCA racing track. This little baby is great though. It doesn't move like a tank at all (naturally enough or it'd be useless) but it does have a fully working gun! Nuke them mothas.

DRIVE	4WD
VALVES	15
POWER	N/A
GUNS	Plenty



■ Tank: Watch the opposition flee...



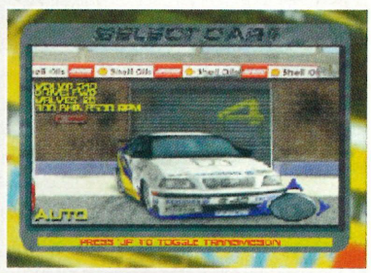
■ Take one hot rod and drive like a bat out of hell

Car lowdown

■ VOLVO 540

Volvo drivers, eh? What are they like? If they're driving a 540 then they're actually pretty damn cool. The car has a super top speed but on the other hand the handling is crap. One for the master drivers only.

DRIVE	FWD
VALVES	20
POWER	296bhp - 8500rpm
ENGINE	4 cylinders - 1998cc



■ The Volvo: not so much sexy as boxy

■ HONDA ACCORD

The default pleb-mobile for the newbies. It's top speed is rubbish but the handling and breaking is really good. Try to learn the ropes early on here, and then get ready to move on to the real deals. You got to practise for that new car.

DRIVE	FWD
VALVES	15
POWER	N/A
ENGINE	4 cylinders - 1995cc

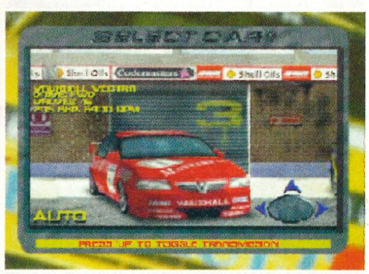


■ Honda: One for the beginners, eh?

■ VAUXHALL VECTRA

The yang is out to defeat the yin with the Vectra. Yes the top speed is excellent, making it one of the fastest movers around, but the handling is so shit that only superhumans need apply. Which is no fun for mere mortals.

DRIVE	FWD
VALVES	15
POWER	295bhp - 8400rpm
ENGINE	4 cylinders - 2000cc



■ Vauxhall: Do you drive a Vectra?

■ FLEXMOBILE

The coolest car around by miles, but it's not really any use on the pitch, especially with rear wheel drive. A crap top speed and handling are almost offset by the look of the thing and the sound of its horn. But not quite.

DRIVE	RWD
VALVES	15
POWER	N/A
CHROME	Excessive



■ Pinkmobile: Looks very American

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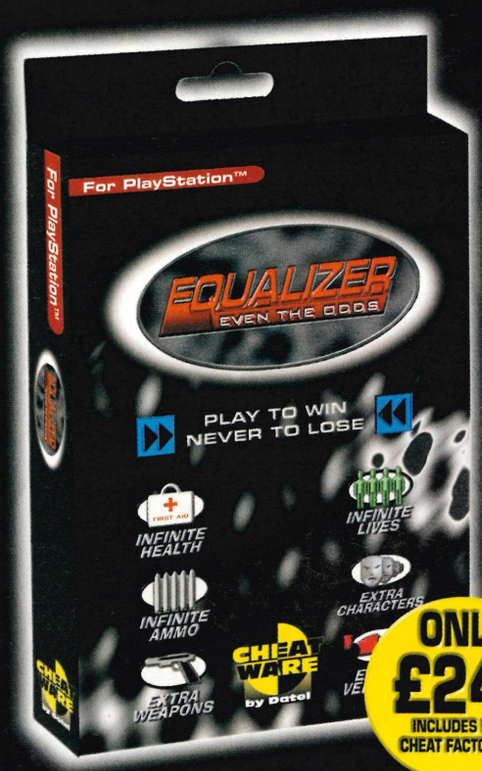

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Q&A

We've got stacks of hints, tips and moves. If you've got a problem, chances are we've got the solution. Write to the address on page 12 for your answers.

Fade to Black

Blackmail

Do you have any cheats for Fade to Black, because I am strapped for cash and need new to play with?
Neil Horton

PLUS Who's new, and why will they only play with you if you've got cheats for this game, and who will you sell these cheats to? Are you being blackmailed? Shit we'll try and help but you've got to get this bloke 'new' off your back. Before you enter any of these cheats you've gotta punch in the cheat activation code, which is: ■ △ ● ✕ ● △ once done leave the password screen and re-enter it straight away. Then enter these:

PLAY ALL MOVIES	■ ✕ ● △ ● ✕	LEVEL 5	■ ■ △ ✕ ✕ △
INFINITE SHIELD	■ ● ● ■ △ ✕	LEVEL 6	△ ✕ ✕ ✕ ✕ ●
INVINCIBILITY	△ ✕ △ △ ■ ●	LEVEL 7	● ● △ ✕ △ ✕
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LEVEL 4	✕ ■ △ ● ■ △	LEVEL 13	✕ ✕ ● △ ● △



■ Yeah right, as if I'm going back in there


■ Infinite lives means infinite ass-dusting

Command & Conquer Red Alert: Retaliation

Commie bashing

I've just got hold of C&C: Red Alert: Retaliation. Could you give us some hints and tips?
David Donnely

PLUS Make yourself comfy. For these codes you have to put the cursor over the corresponding symbol, and press cancel (which is the ● button on the default setting).

For easy cash press: ✕ ✕ ■ ● ● ●
For invulnerability press: ✕ ● ✕ △ △
For nuclear attack press: ● ✕ ● ● ✕ ■
For parabombs press: ✕ ✕ ✕ ● △ ■
For reveal map press: △ △ ✕ ● △ ■
For level skip press: ● ● △ ✕ ✕ ■



■ Watch the cash grow in your war account



■ With my invulnerability don't even bother



■ Level skip and get your ass whipped



■ Fancy a snowball fight Boris? Thought not

Keep 'em comin'

It's free as air

You may have noticed a lack of free envelope action over the last two issues, this doesn't mean we don't want to hear from you. By God, we're gagging to solve your problems. So all you gotta do is find a piece of paper and an envelope and simply write in the top left corner: RESPONSE LICENCE no. LON 9835 No stamp, no worries.

Courier Crisis

The Monty

I know you probably think it's pants, but I don't care. Do you have any cheats for Courier Crisis?
Andrew Roper

PLUS Well aren't you the headstrong and wilful one? Far be it for us to stand in your way, you're obviously past talking to. Try this: For no timer press L1 + L2 simultaneously at the neighbourhood selection screen. If you hear a sound then you've done it right.
Still here? Right you want levels, you got 'em. Select the memory card icon, load up, then go up to password and enter the following codes:

LEVEL	CODE
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LEVEL 2	IFLCIFCCKI
LEVEL 3	MFLCIFCOKJ
LEVEL 4	AFLCIFCKKJ
LEVEL 5	FHCLFIGCJL
LEVEL 6	FLCLFICCIL
LEVEL 7	FPCLFIOCJL
LEVEL 8	FDCLFIKCJL
LEVEL 9	KFLCIFCGII
LEVEL 10	OFLCIFCCII
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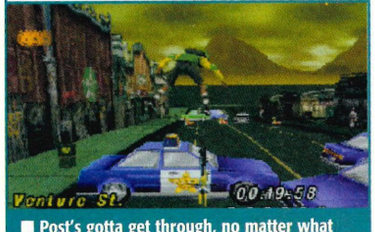


■ Post's gotta get through, no matter what

Envelope sticking

No need to weld the sucker

Before we start this masterclass may we first thank everyone who has ever sent in game queries to Q&A. Now the problem is basically this: some of you – and you know who you are – insist on using way too much sticky tape and other adhesive-type shit to stick down the envelope (when we print them). Some of you may as well put padlocks on them, or weld them shut. So stop it now. The problem is when we try and open them they rip. They rip into a thousand tiny pieces, meaning we can't read your heartfelt pleas for help. So take a few moments to help us to help you.



■ Use them carefully, eh?

Wheely good

Wassa best then?

I own Gran Turismo, TOCA, Colin McRae and Destruction Derby 2. Which would the best steering wheel for these games?
Richard Chandler

PLUS Well, because the boys at Gran Turismo Towers made a small oversight, there's only one steering wheel at the moment that works with the game. The good news is it's hotter than Lara on a summers day, and it runs smooth as ice on all other driving games. The wheel goes by the name of Gamester Rumble Force and it retails for £69.99.



■ This sucker's gonna make you sooo good

■ 171 in a 30 limit, who do you think you are ?

Instant Expert: Your problems solved

Top 5 tips

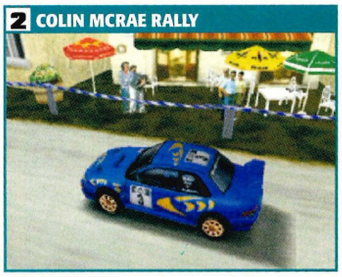
This, it seems, is what you most want to know

1 TEKKEN 3



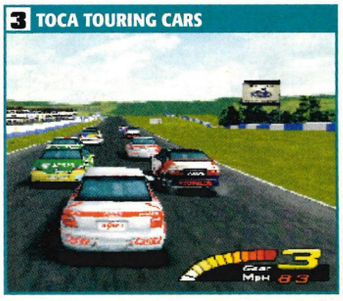
To record a combo or to replay one: press L1 L2 R1 R2 and ◉ then press ⬇ and SEL to record or watch.

2 COLIN MCRAE RALLY



To open all the tracks, enter OPENROADS. To open all the cars enter SHOEBOXES.

3 TOCA TOURING CARS



To get all the tracks enter your name as JHAMMO. For reduced gravity enter your name as CMLOGRAV.

4 GRAND THEFT AUTO



To get all weapons enter your name as GROOVY. For 99 lives enter your name as SATANLIVES.

5 FUTURE COP: LAPD



For access to the first eight levels enter the word FUMUGYBLLL as a password.

CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER

Is Championship Manager coming out on the PlayStation, if so when?
Scott Daniels

plus Hand on heart time – probably not. Who knows what may be happening in those development cauldrons in Software central? But the grapevine ain't doing jack at the moment. In the meantime may we recommend a rather nice cheeky little footy number that goes by the name of Premier Manager?

DEAD BALL ZONE

I'm having a bit of a mare with Dead Ball Zone, have you got any cheats?
Mark Walters

plus 'Fraid we've only got the one, but it's a good one. Try this: first highlight Italian on the language select screen, then hold R1 + L2 + ⬆ + ◉ for eight seconds. Done right and all the teams and stadiums will become unlocked.

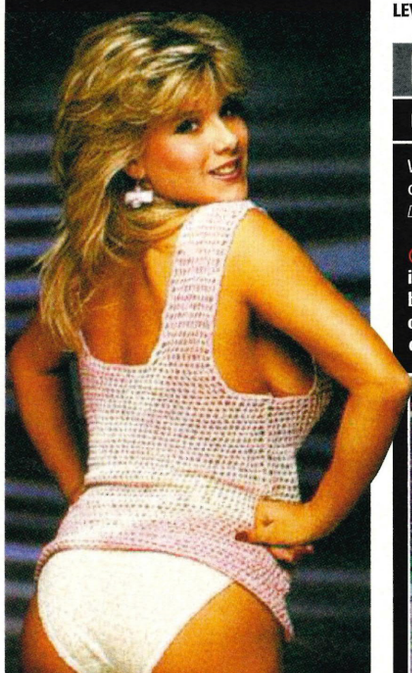


■ Why not try talking Italian first?

Caught by the fuzz

Unlikely games players

One name jumps from the ether, our very own page 3 icon Sam 'They're All Mine' Fox. Poor old Sam got caught drink driving the other day, which was a little silly, so we'd guess that she's gonna steer a wide birth from such games as Test Drive 4 and Need for Speed 3. Perhaps in light of her present situation she should take a gander at Courier Crisis, if only to give her an idea of how to kickstart her career. Seems they're always looking for new bikers in the city.



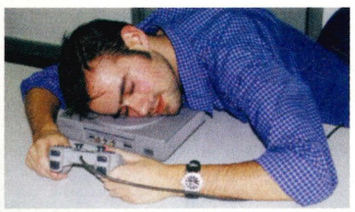
■ Two pints of milk stout, please Sam

Wazzock Corner

Wanna be a record breaker

I've calculated that over the last year I've played my PlayStation for 1456 hours. This works out at four hours a day, everyday for a year. This is the same as playing for 60 days non-stop. Imagine playing for two months without a break, do you think if I tried it would be bad for me? I'm thinking about doing it for the Guinness Book of Records.
Dave Tanner

plus Dave, are we right in thinking that you're as mad as is humanly possible? Are you the type of person who makes lists about what you've done? Like: '05:30 am had a dump, lasted 87 seconds, 14 sheets of toilet roll used.' If so, we support your record attempt, if only to keep you off the streets. As to whether it would be bad for you, one thing springs to mind: no point shutting the stable door once the horse has bolted. See where we're at?



■ Lee could even 'Station in his sleep. Sad man

EXCALIBUR 2555 AD

Could you please help me and give me a cheat for Excalibur 2555 AD?
John Teasdale

plus No we're not gonna give you a cheat, we're gonna give you a few. Why? 'Cos we like the cut of your jib. Check 'em out:
Full health – To heal yourself pause the game and press △ △ △ ▣ ▣ ▣ ▣ ▣
Full sword power – To power-up your sword pause the game and press
△ △ ▣ ▣ ◉ ◉ ▣ ▣
Level Skip – pause the game and press
▣ ◉ ▣ △ ◉ △ △ △

LEVEL PASSWORDS
LEVEL 1 - ◉ ▣ ✕ ◉ ◉ △
LEVEL 2 - ▣ ✕ △ △ ✕ ◉
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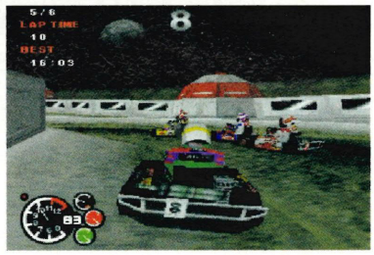
LEVEL 13 - ▣ △ ◉ ✕ ✕ ✕

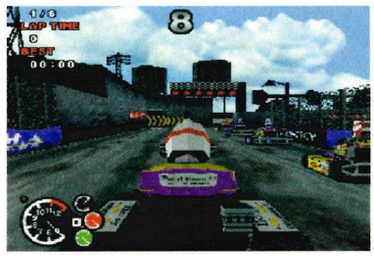
FORMULA KARTS

Got any cheats for Formula Karts?
Jamie Franklin

plus For a bonus track enter WOODSTOCK
For an awesome new kart enter CHIPPIE.



■ Them karts drive me round the bend



■ Insist on karting? Keep a low profile

Millennium bug worries

Get a life

Will my PlayStation fail in the year 2000? If so what can I do? My 'Station was bought Christmas 97.
David Nicholson

plus Dave, Dave, where are you getting your information from? The facts: There is a slight, but real chance that PlayStations could explode on January 1 2000. Leaked government documents have suggested 'Stations should be buried under at least three feet of earth and owners should retreat at least ten yards. You should wait at least until January 5th (due to the unstable nature of the situation) and dig it up. Initial research suggests it'll either be all right, burnt to buggery, or in some exceptional circumstances it could become a PlayStation 2. Keep calm, though. But the answer to your first question is no. But don't hold us to that, eh?



■ 2000AD could see the death of your console...



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TENCHU

For extra weapons go to the weapon select screen and hold R1 then press ▲ ▲ ▼ ▼ ◀ ▶ ◀ ▶ ■ ●.

For a level select go to the select stage screen and press ▲ ▲ ▼ ▼ ◀ ▶ ◀ ▶ ■ ●.

ABE'S EXODDUS

For a level skip enter the following R1 ▼ ▲ ◀ ▶ ▼ ▲ ◀ ▶ ● ■ ● ● ■ ● if you get it right you'll hear 'OK'.

O.D.T.

For a power-up hold all the shoulder buttons and press ●.

SPYRO THE DRAGON

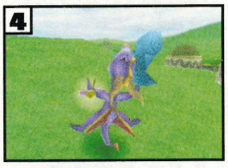
For a level select cheat go to the inventory screen and press ■ ■ ● ■ ◀ ▶ ◀ ▶ ● ▲ ▶ ▼.

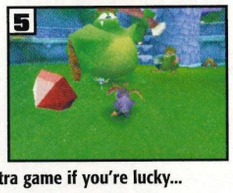
And to get a Crash Bandicoot demo, do the following at the start screen: hold down L1 L2 R1 R2 ■ ● ● all at the same time. Simultaneous like.











1 Extra weapons 2 Extra levels 3 Extra power 4 Extra dragons 5 Extra game if you're lucky...

FORSAKEN

PLEASE can you help me? Are there any cheats for Forsaken?
Paul Lock
PS Great mag

plus **Why thank you, you silver-tongued little charmer. Yes of course we can help, even with your little Forsaken problem. S'easy. At the password screen enter these codes:**
BUBBLES – enable cheats
THEFULLMONTY – turns on the level skip menu
IAMZEUS – God mode. Full weapons, unlimited ammo & nitro, powerpods, unknown weapons
JIMBEAM – turns on the beam toggle
LLUMBERJACK – turns on the missile toggle

GEX 3D

Dear PlayStation, Could you give me level skip cheats to Gex 3D?
Danny Beeching

plus **Not a problem. To activate the level select press start to pause the game. Then hold L2 and press: ▶ ▶ ◀ ▶ ▲ ▼ ▶. Start playing, then press select to bring up the special menu. Press left at the top of the menu to get to other parts of the menu.**
If you still want it even easier, and we know some of you do. Because yes, we've seen your sorry and slack little asses mooching around, try this little bute for infinite lives: Press ST► to pause the game, hold L2 and punch in: ◀ ▶ ▲ ▼ ▶ ◀.

No means no

Persistence pays off? We say no, it just pisses us off

Got any cheats for Gran Turismo?
Adam Coulier
plus **Thanks for writing in, don't do it again, because you're wasting your time.**

There's got to be cheats for Final Fantasy VII, come on!
Rachael West
plus **Why has there got to be? 'Cos it's so damn hard? Well that's the world for you, one huge challenge after another.**

Got any cheats for Duke Nukem?
Sammy Zefari
plus **Like to say yes, but can't. It's really that simple.**

Please, please give me a cheat for Premier Manager 98.
Don McLaughlin
plus **Don, no, no, no it cannot be done, we do not have the technology.**

Have you got any cheats for Theme Hospital? Please?
Ed Jones, Luton
plus **Any more of that and you'll be in hospital, me lad. Answer's no.**

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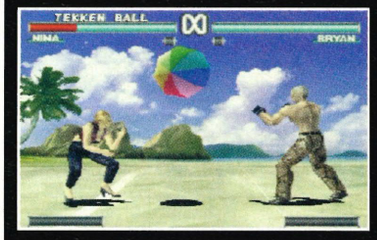

Which of these characters is best suited to Tekken 3 ball Mode
a) Kuma
b) Karma
c) Korma
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D.O.B:

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HEXEN

I'm having a bit of trouble with Hexen. Please, please, please help as it's driving me crazy!
Mel Dajani

plus Close your eyes and count to ten. Feeling better? Thought not. Best try these then. From the main menu go to the options screen, then go to pad configure. Once there press and hold R2, then press → ↓ → △ ⊗. If you get it right you'll hear a tone. Now return to the main menu where there should be a new option called 'CHEATS'. Start the game, then pause it and choose 'CHEATS'. You should have access to a selection of er, cheats.

MAGIC CARPET

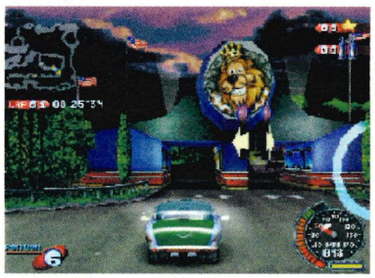
Cheats please.
Amir Shafiq

plus Short and to the point. Here they are: to get all the spells, pause the game and press △. For a level select go to the options screen and press: △ △ ○ □ △ ○ △ □. For a level skip pause the game and press ○.

REBOOT

I've heard there's a cheat that lets you play as Dot and Enzo. If so hand it over.
David Burrows

plus Sure is, all you do is enter the following at the main menu: For Dot, ← R1 → ↑ ↓ R2 L1 → ↑ ↓. For Enzo press: ↑ ← ↓ → ↓ L1 R1 → ↓ →.



■ **We got the lion's share of the cheats...**

WRECKIN' CREW

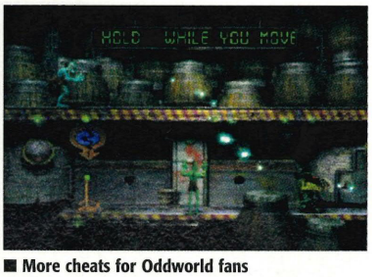
Are there any cheats for Wreckin' Crew?
Daniel Tinker

plus Only the one me lad, lucky it's the one that unlocks everything, so try this:
○ ○ □ △ △ □
□ ⊗ ○ ○ ○ △ □ □ ⊗

ABE'S ODDYSEE

Could you give us some cheats for Abe's Oddysee?
Mal Rendell

Mal, you're a man of few words, and why not? Too much crap is spoken these days, and not all by us. So it's good to hear from someone who's not swayed by our constant hot air. So, to the business of the day: for a level select hold R1 and press ↓ → ← → □ ○ □ △ ○ □ → ←. For the video clips from the game hold R1 and press ↑ ← → □ ○ △ □ → ← ↑ →.



■ **More cheats for Oddworld fans**

STREET FIGHTER ALPHA

How can I get to fight Dan?
Abel Faulkner

Are you sure that you're up for it? He's no push over you know. OK, give this a try, but don't come a crying when your butts royally kicked. What you have to do is start playing a one-player game, and don't lose. Hold ↑ L2 R2 as the winning words appear and then release. After winning your fifth match, you will fight Dan instead of the character you we're supposed to fight.

SYNDICATE WARS

I really like Syndicate Wars, but I need some cheats to help me out, reckon you could help?
Marky

Consider it done Marky me lad. For loads of money at the beginning enter your name as TOTHETOP. For all weapons press ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ← → ⊗ ○. If you do it correctly then you should hear a gun shot.

Happy birthday

Too damn close

It's my best mate's birthday and the only thing I can think of to buy him is FIFA 99 but I don't know when it'll be out. Please could you advise me on a decent game to buy him. Please, please.
Paddington Gilbert Smith
P.S. Just to let you lot know that your mag is f*****g shit hot, and that it does me 'ead in.

plus Sorry to hear we're doing your head in. Mind you, you sound like you're a little highly strung anyway. I'm sure if your mate knew about your heart felt concern he'd literally blubber, like a little girl. But seeing as he doesn't, get a platinum game like Abe's or TOCA and sod off down the pub with the other twenty squid. If you're still set on a top notch game – or teetotal – then get him ISS Pro 98. It rocks.

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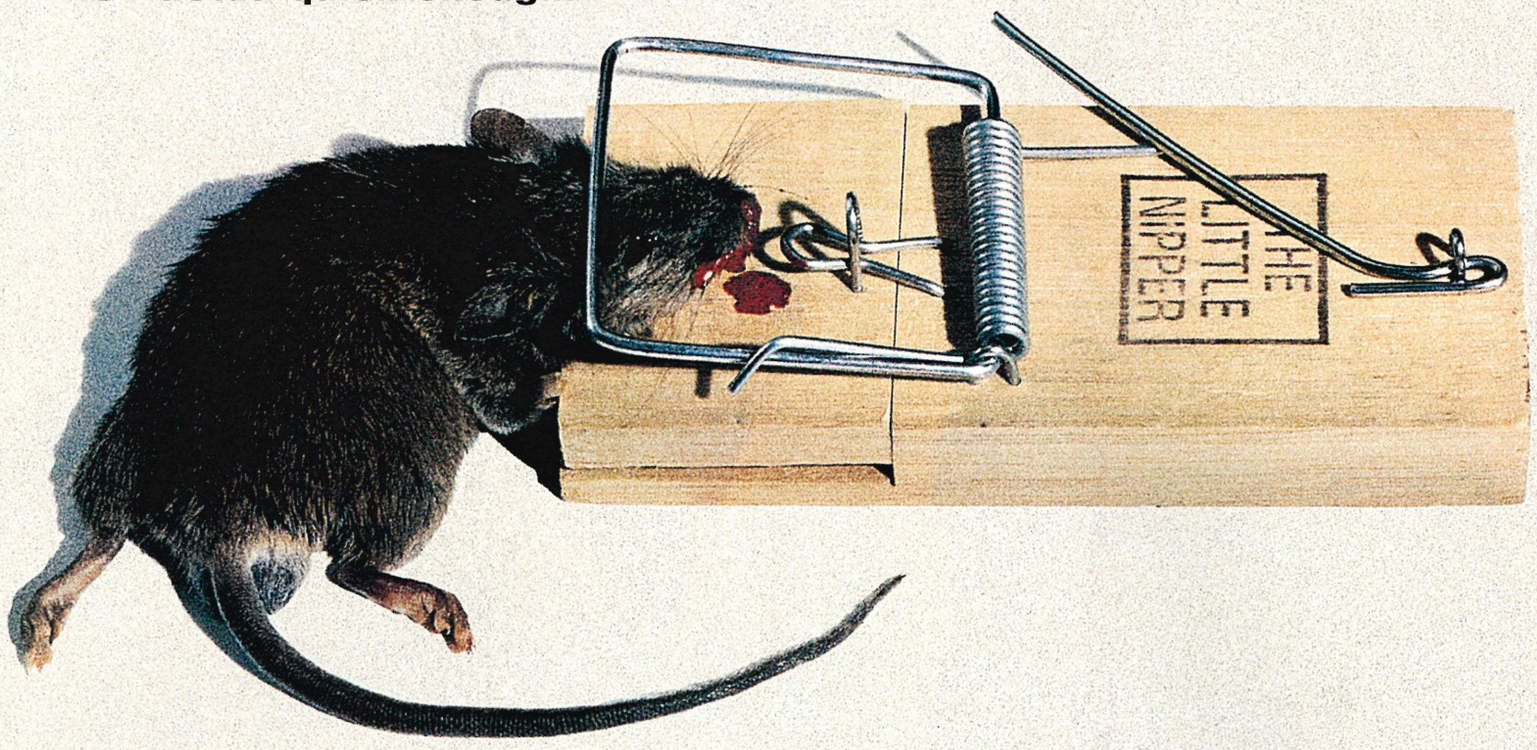



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Formula 1 98's on the grid. So who's going to take the chequered flag?

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

FORMULA 1 98

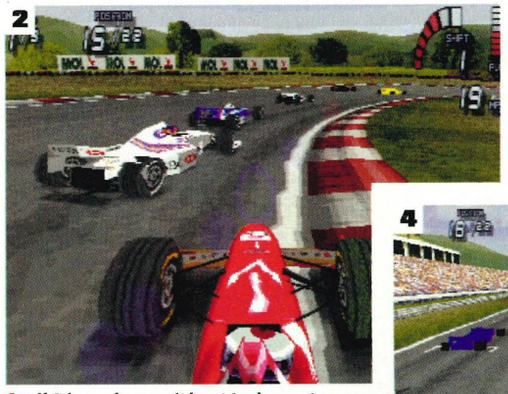
So, take one of the best series of racing games ever made, fiddle about with it for no decent reason and make it a whole lot worse. Nice one.

Let's face it – Formula One can be pretty dull. If it wasn't for motor-mouth Murray Walker giving it the verbal for the duration, it wouldn't be half as popular as it is. But not even Murray can save this game...

Watch for the lights

Being the official Formula One racing game, this has all of the real-life circuits and drivers from the 1998 Formula One World Championship. Problem is, the Formula One season ended at the beginning of November in Japan, which makes this game pretty much out of date already. Might as well get last year's version and save yourself a few quid.









1 Ralf Schumacher won't be at Jordan next season **2** Villeneuve won't be at Williams either **3** Jonny Herbert's gone off to Stewart **4** And Frentzen'll be at Jordan

Thick or what?

Unless we're very much mistaken, to use a Murray-ism, the other drivers in F1 98 have had one head-on collision too many. Honestly, there's defending your position, and then there's blatantly cutting across the front of another driver and breaking off his front wing. You wouldn't get that sort of behaviour from Damon Hill. Top bloke.









1 That's not very sporting **2** That'll be a two-race ban then **3** It's back to the pits for you... **4** And a typical Schumacher overtaking manoeuvre

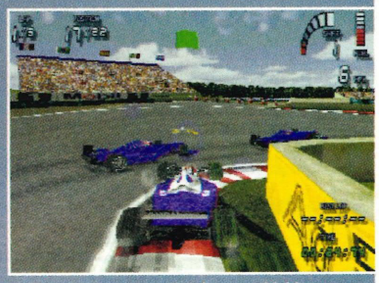
What we don't like

Handling

It's not that we're crap at games. The handling really is bad. Move off from the racing line and your car will wobble down the track for a few hundred yards before invariably ditching itself into the gravel trap or barrier. The handling is a whole lot better on the arcade mode though, but what about those who want to play the full-on simulation?



■ You're off the racing line – a collision is inevitable



■ There you go. Completely unavoidable, we told you so



■ Now you've gotta limp back to the pits to get your car fixed



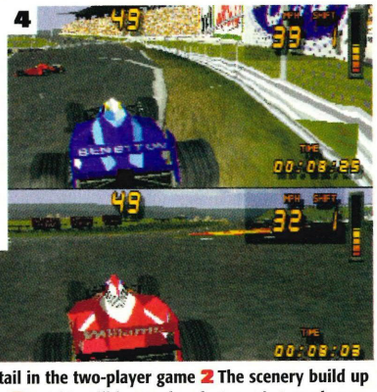
■ No, no, no,no. You did not want to do that now, did you?

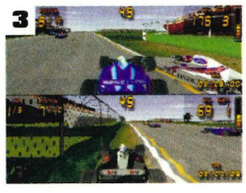
Multiplayer

One of the plus points worth a mention is that F1 98 allows four players to race head-to-head in a split-screen link-up race. All you need is two copies of the game, two 'Stations, two tellys and four people can battle it out. Of course hardly anyone has a link-up cable, but there's a cool split-screen two-player mode in there also.





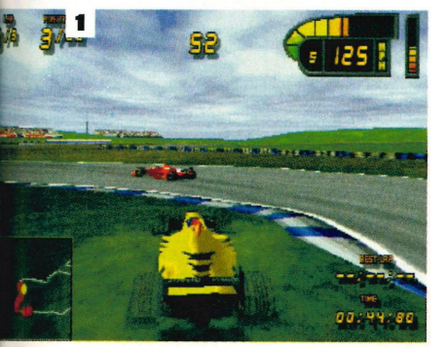




1 There's less detail in the two-player game **2** The scenery build up is a lot worse too **3** But it's still better than last year's two-player game **4** There're loads of computer cars in there too

Arcade mode

The cool arcade mode allows you to have a quick blast around any of the circuits without any of the complicated bollocks that goes with the full-on simulation mode. The handling is really simple to get to grips with, it's faster than shit off a shovel and you don't have to worry about keeping your car on the tarmac. Definitely the best bit of the game.







1 A bit of off-road rallying **2** Drive straight over the chicanes – it doesn't slow you down **3** Nudge your way into first place

The Murray and Martin show

As you'd expect, this year's Formula One update comes with brand spanking new commentary from 13 to the dozen Murray Walker and ex-Grand Prix driver, Martin Brundle. A huge script means that there's little repetition in there, but still, a few cock-ups manage to creep in now and again.



■ 'And they're off to a barn-storming start...' shouts Murray



■ 'Anything can happen in Formula One... and it usually does'



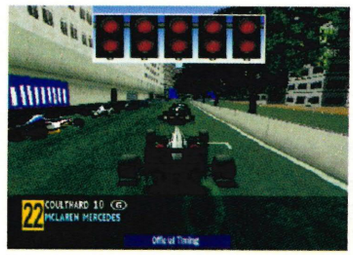
■ 'He can probably hear David Coulthard in his mirrors' to use a Murray-ism



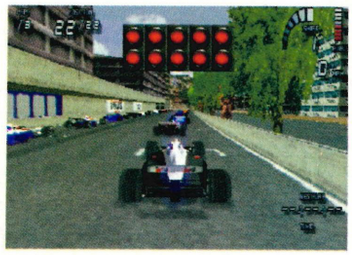
■ 'It's positively raining dogs and cats out there... which'll suit Michael Schumacher'

Graphics

Being the third game in the series, you'd expect F1 98 to be the best-looking yet. Not a chance. Unlike last year's game, the graphics are all blocky and crap. Scenery is now worse than ever and the other cars are devoid of detail. Of course, if it made the game run smoother, we could probably live with it. But on the run down to the first corner, things get pretty j-e-r-k-y.



■ Last year's game looked the dog's



■ This year's just looks bollocks

plus

We'd like to say...

F1 98 ranks as the biggest let-down of the year. The graphics are a big step backwards, the handling is truly awful, the computer cars are dumb, the crashes are dull and the racing is jerky. The only thing it's got going for it is the updated cars and driver line-ups, which most of us couldn't really give a toss about.

Crashes

Face it, the only reason millions of people worldwide tune in to watch the Grand Prix every Sunday is because there's bugger all else on TV. And even then all they want to see is spectacular limb-severing, bone-crunching crashes. But there's none of that in here. The most you get is a missing front wheel or damaged wing. A missed opportunity really.









1 Schumacher running into the back of Coulthard... again **2** The first corner pile-up **3** Overtaking back markers can be a tad tricky **4** 'It's the cigarette lighter mate, it's stuck in'

Despite this being a piss-poor addition to the F1 series, it's still a damn-sight more playable than most racers currently on the circuit. Better luck next year lads. Lee

PlayStation plus

RATED 70%

■**OUT** DECEMBER ■**BY** GT ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK

B-MOVIE

Lock up yer daughters! Control your livestock! The flying saucers is coming!

Oi saucer-boys! What's with the full scale attack shit? Whatever happened to buzzing lonely people on B-roads late at night? There's a cottage industry in conspiracy theories, X-Files scripts and duff films you're wrecking here...

What we like

Ah, le fromage

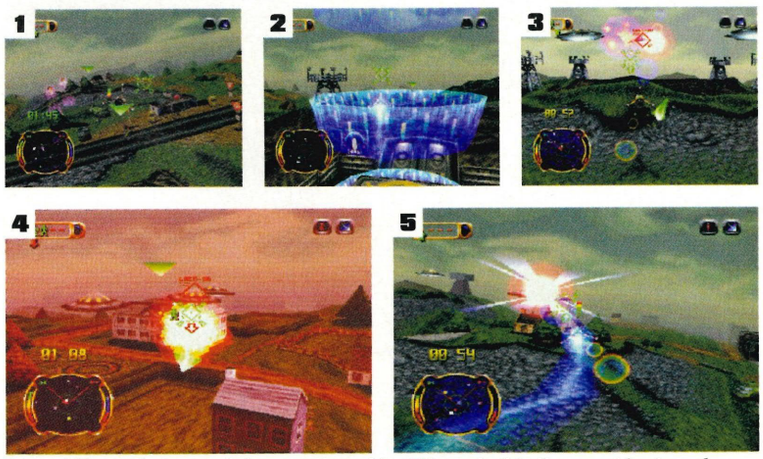
Cheese is the name of the game. A morass of the stuff, with nuggets of real vintage cheddar bobbing up in the mix. Every 50's sci-fi flick cliché is here: helpless bimbos, white-haired scientists, square-jawed heroes and, of course, saucer-shaped aliens that go 'oooweeeoooo' as they abduct our womenfolk...



1 The saucers come spinning over the horizon 2 Try and hold 'em off! And keep your ears open... Earthlink command has tasks for you 3 Save the mad scientist! Save the bimbo! Kill more saucers!

The unstoppable alien hordes!

Kill every piece of ET tableware that comes skimming across the skies. Rescue scientists. Build new bits of weaponry. Kill more saucers. Save civilians from the deviant alien threat. Swoop low over the landscape. Shtoopid shoot 'em up shit. Classy royale.



1 Save civilians! Take 'em to safe houses and guard 'em 2 Save scientists. You can set 'em to work 3 Get new guns and ships. Tasty 4 Now go back out and blitz saucers 5 Abduct that, you bastard!

Rent it Rapid-fire clichés! Weapons-grade stupidity! The gameplay here ain't the most sexy we've ever seen, but there's lots of laffs to be had. **Rob**

PlayStation plus RATED 79%

■**OUT** NOW ■**BY** GREMLIN ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-16
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

POOL

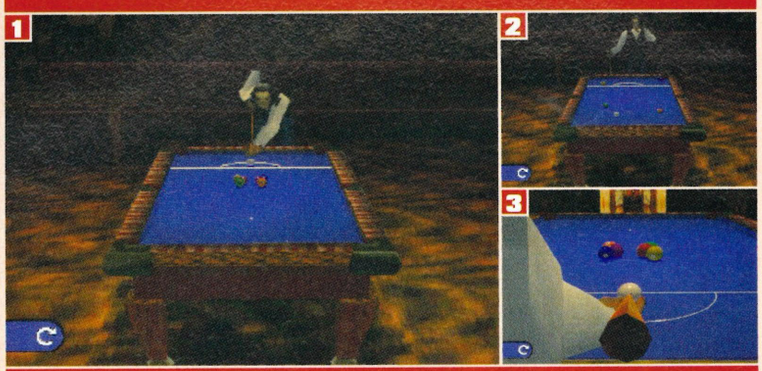
Chalk yer cue, pick a player and plunge straight in at the deep end...

Reckon you're shit-hot with the ol' stick 'n' balls, right? OK, so what are the rules for American 10-ball? Know how to play 10-pin bowling pool? Didn't think so. But they're all here, along with 16 pros and a lotta rules that'll blow your mind...

What we like

Trick shots

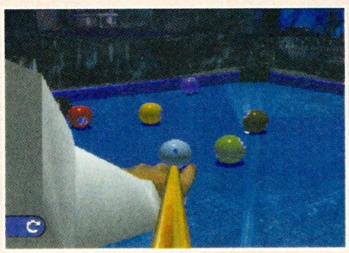
Impress yer mates by mastering the tricks on show here. There're eight in all, from dead easy plants to wicked shoots where you can sink all ten balls. The computer blokes demonstrate how to take the show, then you try. And if you're good enough, who knows? You could use 'em to win cash down the boozer.



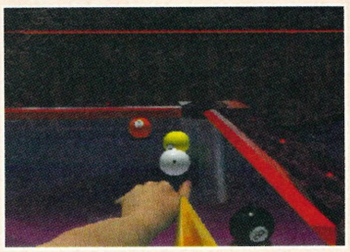
First you're told how to play the trick shot... Then a pro shows you how it's done... Before you take to the table yourself. Gulp...

Roolz

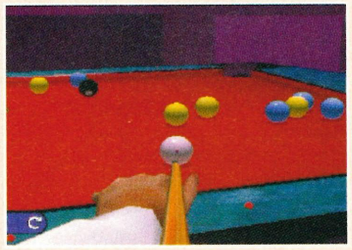
This is ridiculous. You thought there were a couple of rules for pool at the most, right? Wrong. There are over a dozen games in here, most of which you probably don't know how to play. We want a pool game with seven yellow and seven red balls, a black, a white and a draught export lager not more than ten paces away. There's too much weird shit here for its own good. That's points knocked off, folks.



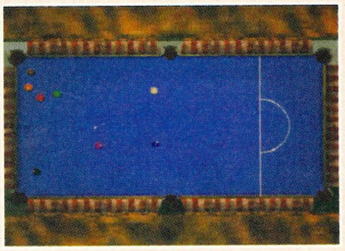
■ There's more to this game than potting the colours then going for the black



■ There are countless rules that'll stuff your game if you foul up...



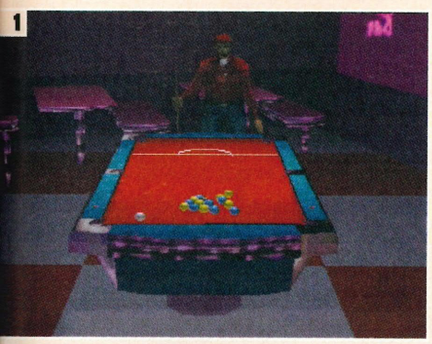
■ Like repositioning the cue ball anywhere on the table then taking your two shots

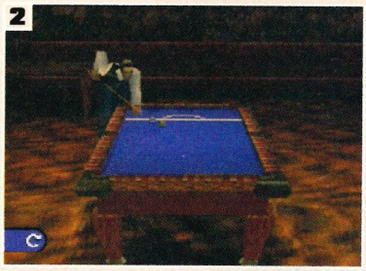


■ Then again, if you know the rules inside out you can use them to your advantage

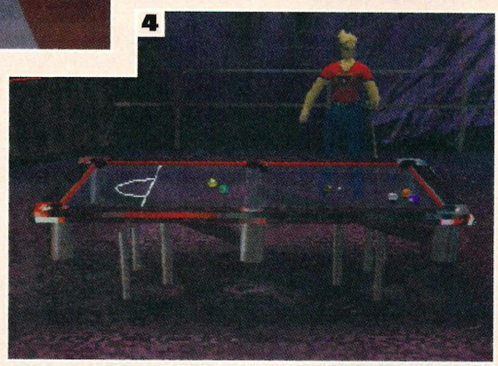
Players

There are the usual rough blokes 'n' birds to play against. Some are shite, others are blinding, but whoever you play against remember to practise first. These guys can knock in shots from a mile away so if you not on top potting form you'll be caned.









1 Slim Chance. That's comedy **2** Fat bloke over there's not bad at the long shots **3** But with practice you'll cane 'im **4** Even the girls have hairy hands. Odd

plus

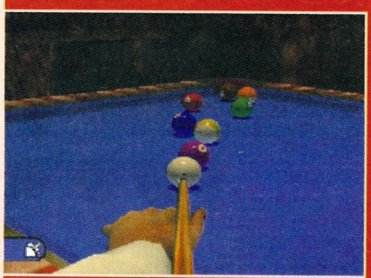
We'd like to say...

This game's not realistic. If it were really true to life you'd have to find the balls through a haze of smoke, there'd be fag burns in the baize, the token hard geezer'd wrap his cue around your head every time you sunk a ball and you'd have to put 50p down and wait your turn. That's what makes pool such a bloke's game – without 'em it just ain't much fun.

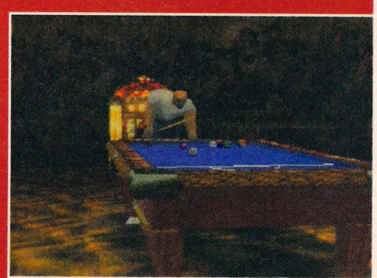
What we don't like

Hustlers

Nobody likes to lose, especially when it's against some bastid computer who pulls off the most ridiculous shots ever. The guys you'll play against, whether they're amateurs or pros, will pull off shots Ronnie O'Sullivan would have problems doing. OK, so they don't do it all the time but c'mon guys, we need some realism here...



■ Oh look, here's a table positively brimming with coloured balls...



■ Which is easily cleared if you're as good as the computer. Bastard

For shit-loads of Pool-geek options you can't do better than this. But if it's a quick game you're after then to be honest you're better off down the boozer. **Alex**

PlayStation plus

RATED 70%

■ **OUT** DECEMBER ■ **BY** FUNSOFT ■ **PLAYERS** 1-4
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MULTITAP

BLAZE AND BLADE

Stuck for an Xmas prezzie for the guy who killed your dad? This is the one...

Shameless fantasy-game geekery, anyone? Fancy going about a thousand rounds with hordes of identical shitty little enemies? What's that? You'd rather chew your own thumbs off? Ah. Very wise...

Nifty

Four-player? In a role-playing game? Odd idea, especially since even the most sociable role-playing fans tend to have a maximum of one friend. Fing is, it's kinda nifty, 'cos it makes combat interesting, which is a fantasy game first. But the flipside is the combat's utter bollocks if you're playing on yer own...







1 Combat's the usual number-crunching Dungeons and Dragons shite **2** Add four players, and there's a tad more strategy to it... **3** It won't go breaking records, mind. And in one-player it's godawful

Shifty

This game would make you wilt even if you'd had the old fella immersed in Viagra for a month. For a start, the graphics are piss-ugly. Not enough? OK, the gameplay's this: some wanker tells you in stilted Japanenglish to go and fight demons in an ancient ruin. Kill the demons. Pick up some cruddy magic items. Go back. Do it again. Sheesh.











1 The plots suck a big one. There's hundreds of bits to do, and they're bollocks **2** And the bleedin' scores you have to deal with? Utter shite **3** The character classes are uninteresting, the magic's crud **4** You don't need us to tell you the graphics are crap **5** Buy this for someone you loathe

Slightly spooky loner types who smell of cat piss will probably like this. You won't. This is graphical ugh with a twist of extreme tedium. Essence De Bollocks. **Rob**

PlayStation plus

RATED 40%

■**OUT** JANUARY ■**BY** ELECTRONIC ARTS ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-2
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK

TEST DRIVE 5

Fancy robbing your local car dealership?

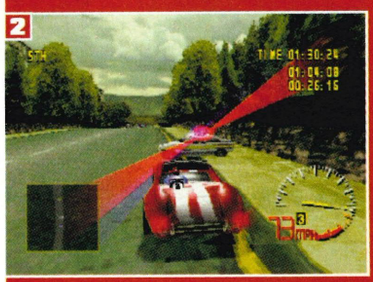
All right, so there are shit-loads of racing games already available for yer 'Station. And yeah, if it's high-speed thrills 'n' spills you're after, Gran Turismo is probably the best of the lot. But there's always room for one more.

What we don't like

The police

Getting pulled over by the cozzers. There's just no point to it whatsoever. It just serves to slow down the action. Next thing you know, you'll be getting three fixed penalty points through the post, a summons to appear before a magistrate in two weeks time and your name splashed over the crime column of your local paper.







1 Pulled over by the narcs... **2** Your insurance premiums go through the bleeding roof... **3** And you can't get a job as an HGV driver

Gameplay

Not bad actually. There are plenty of big, noisy American sports cars to choose from, loads of different tracks to race on and it goes like shit off a shovel. Its only real failing is the dull tracks, with long straights and sweeping bends that never really test you. Still decent enough, though.







1 Long straights are a bit on the dull side **2** It's the General Lee of Dukes of Hazard fame... **3** Gravity-defying car physics in action

A decent enough blast, with plenty of high speed thrills 'n' spills. But there are loads of other racing games more deserving of your hard earned cash. **Lee**

PlayStation plus
RATED 80%

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

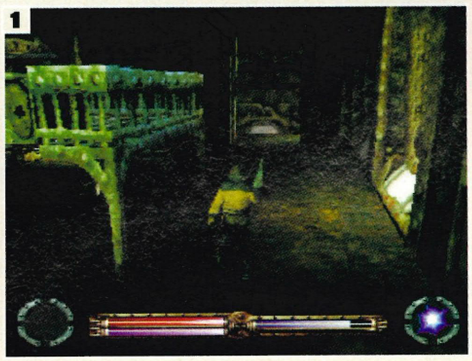
ODT

It stands for 'Or Die Trying'. You just know there'll be a hefty portion of blood. Oh yes.

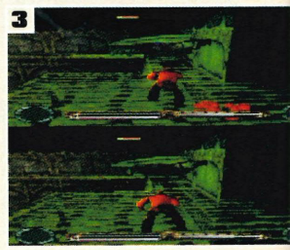
Go and get the green pearl they said, it'll save our city from the epidemic. Simple? Hot damn, it would have been if the airship hadn't crashed on the way back, or if the pearl hadn't been lost, or if your captain hadn't been kidnapped...

Keys

One things for sure, getting around isn't easy. The owners are paranoid as hell and everything's locked. Finding keys can be trickier than juggling soup 'cos they're more closely guarded than a set of nun's funbags. Once you do get a key you can teleport yourself to another part of the castle for some more creepy hide-and-seek action.







1 You've got to root around for the keys **2** They could be anywhere. Anywhere, we say **3** You know there'll be blood spilt finding them. Hey, that's why you're playing...

What we like

Gloom

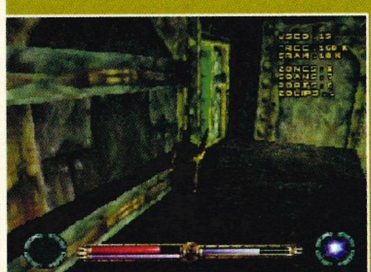
Although O.D.T. borrows a dollop of style from games like Tomb Raider it manages to carry it off with more than a little swagger. We're talking about an atmosphere darker and tenser than a poker match with Beelzebub. And it's all the more spooky thanks to some pant-soiling sound effects.



■ Gloomy? It just needs a splash of paint



■ Or an open fire



■ Who knows what lurks round the corner ?



■ And who wants to?

Who's who

There's a choice of four characters to choose from, ranging from seasoned campaigner Ike 'Thousand Yard Stare' Hawkins, navigator Julie 'Don't Call Me Ginger' Chase, engineer Maxx 'Tough Enough' Havoc and sorcerer Archbishop 'God Man' Solaar. They're all gagging to get their hands dirty, so it's up to you to pick your character and start dusting ass.

1



2



3



4



1 With that jaw, he should have been a set square **2** Hmm, not bad for a ginge **3** If you don't know me you can call me Mr Havok **4** Heard of his church?

plus

We'd like to say...

They say there's nothing new under the sun, and sure, they might be right. This doesn't stop O.D.T. being a good idea though, and as long as it's got something to get the ticker pumpin', and your nerves jumpin' then why should you worry? Right?

Tough love

Here comes the hurty man. Suck some lead. Yep, it's a blood fest of gigantic proportions, some are rock hard and throw exploding discuses, and some talk the talk, but don't walk the walk. One thing they have in common: they're all ambassadors for ugly in-breds...

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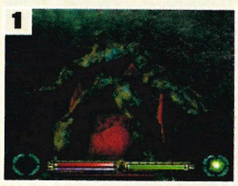

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1 The bigger they are.. **2** The harder they fall... **3** But then again.... **4** Just keep pumpin', cos he's got to go down **5** Watch for this deadly move 'cos if you don't you're toast

If the proof of the pudding is in whether or not you can put it down, we've got a winner here. This sucks you in then spits you out – just the way we like it. **Rich**

PlayStation plus

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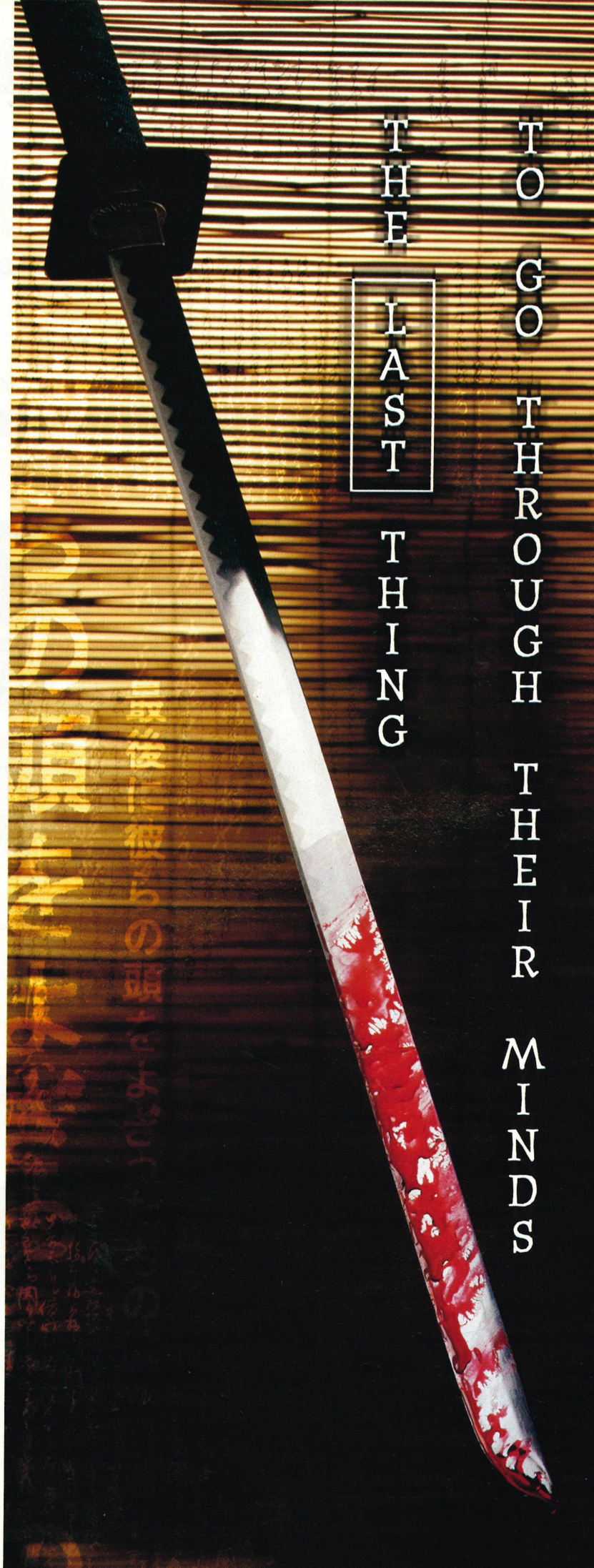


■**OUT** NOW ■**BY** PSYGNOSIS ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

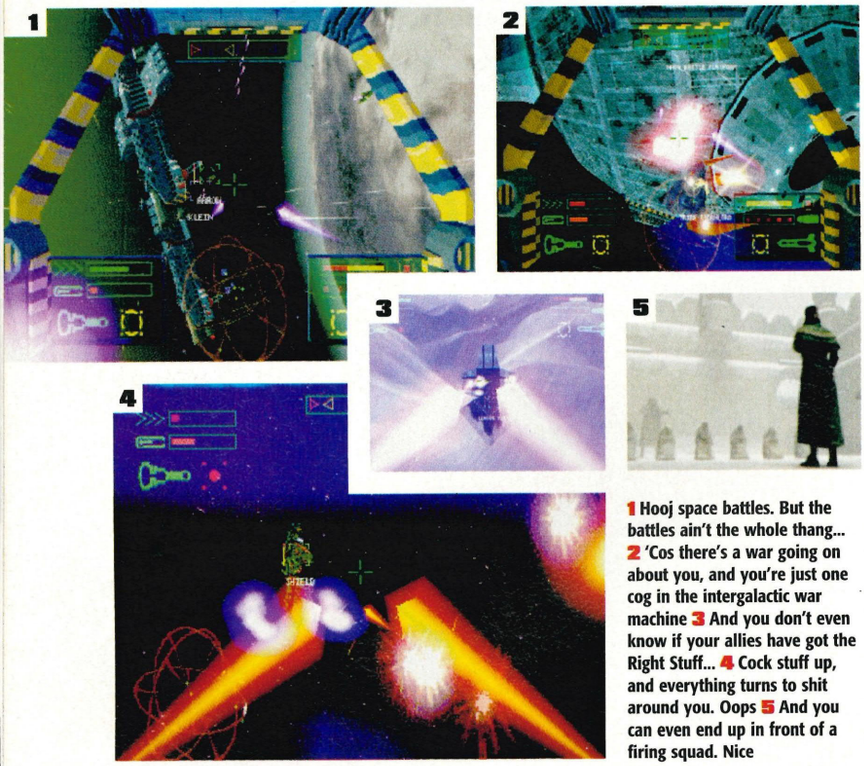
COLONY WARS: VENGEANCE

See the boys in that spaceship? They called your ma a whore. Really. Go get 'em, Tiger!

File strongly-worded protests with the Intergalactic UN. Liaise with ambassadors and try to solve the problem 'rationally'. On second thoughts, nah. Climb into a battle cruiser bristling with lasers and start the killing. Feels good, no?

Plot!

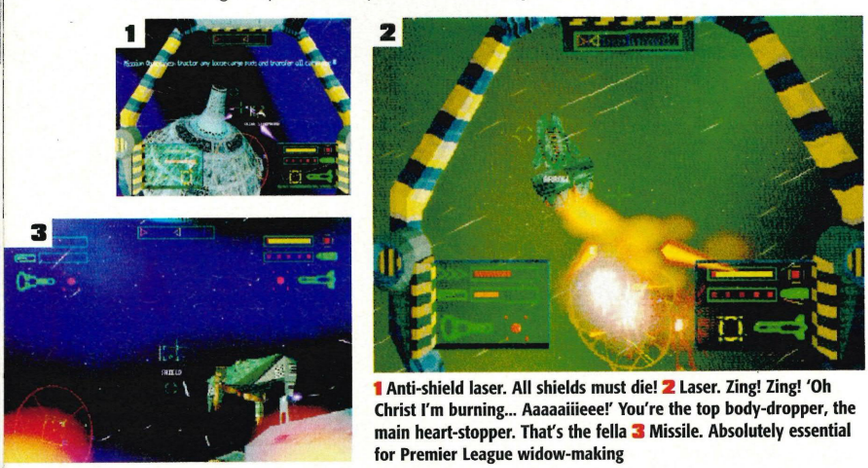
The thing is, this actually has a plot. A proper plot. Not a computer game Identi-plot™ where some bearded freak in a pointy hat tells you what a bad man Morlock the Evil is for five seconds before instructing you to pick up bonuses and splat everything in sight. Here we've got an epic solar war unfolding in dramatic chunks: and All Is Not As It Seems...



1 Hooj space battles. But the battles ain't the whole thang... **2** 'Cos there's a war going on about you, and you're just one cog in the intergalactic war machine **3** And you don't even know if your allies have got the Right Stuff... **4** Cock stuff up, and everything turns to shit around you. Oops **5** And you can even end up in front of a firing squad. Nice

Where did I put me spud gun?

You got to keep that thinking cap on when you're on one of your 'Kill! Kill! No mercy!' schticks: you got to know which weapon to be a-shooting with if you want to make the grade. Anti-shield lasers for shields, then nastier stuff for the fleshy bits of the spaceships. And switching weapons when you're under fire's gonna make your knuckles Persil white...

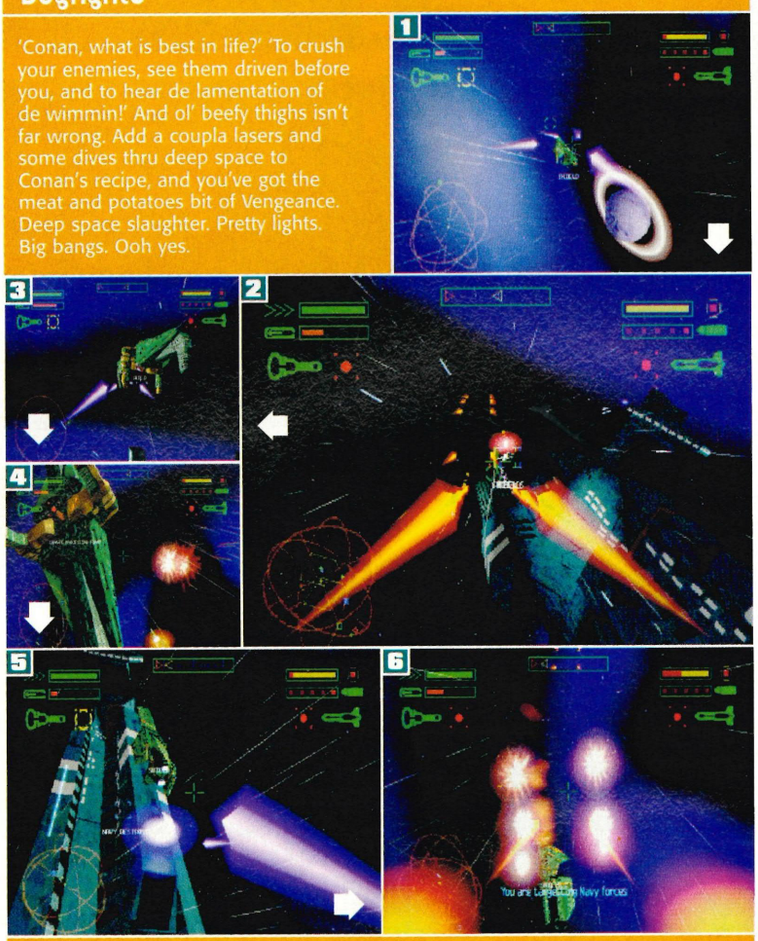


1 Anti-shield laser. All shields must die! **2** Laser. Zing! Zing! 'Oh Christ I'm burning... Aaaaaiiieee!' You're the top body-dropper, the main heart-stopper. That's the fella **3** Missile. Absolutely essential for Premier League widow-making

What we like

Dogfights

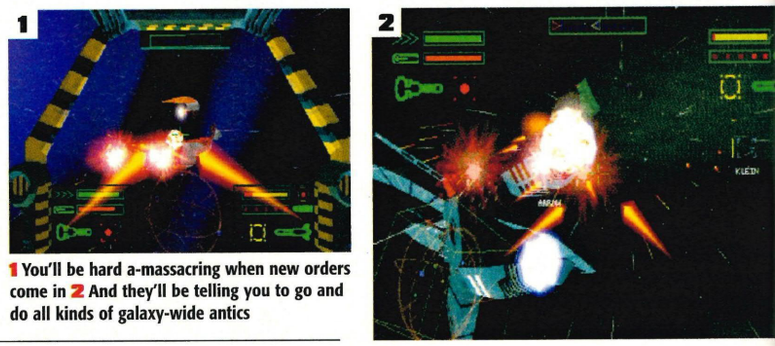
'Conan, what is best in life?' 'To crush your enemies, see them driven before you, and to hear de lamentation of de wimmin!' And ol' beefy thighs isn't far wrong. Add a coupla lasers and some dives thru deep space to Conan's recipe, and you've got the meat and potatoes bit of Vengeance. Deep space slaughter. Pretty lights. Big bangs. Ooh yes.



1 League Arrow Class fighter opening jumpgate **2** 'Now where is the bastard...' Swoop in fast with the anti-shield laser **3** Keep chipping away at the swine, and it's big laser time **4** But suddenly the bloke's got a mate wiff 'im. Bollix. **5** Back to anti-shield laser. Now switch to your killing people laser **6** Krump. Explosive decompression. That's the boy

You're not alone

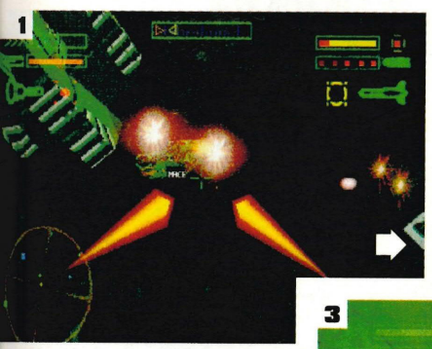
You'll be happily pulverising the ugh-poo-you-stink members of the League, when the radio'll crackle on: 'Oi! Shmuck! C'mere and repair the boilers on my ship/help me assemble a gun turret/defuse a bomb/pick the sleep out of my eyes.' Doh. Work to do. Nag, nag, nag. Hectic shit when you're under fire...

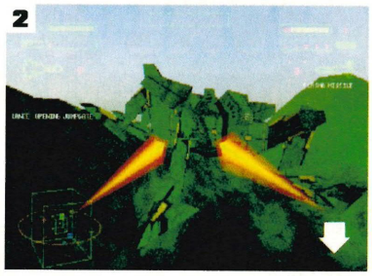


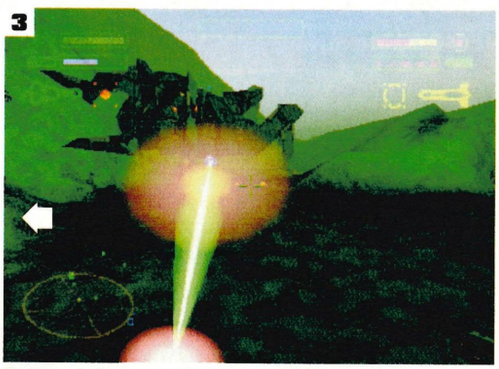
1 You'll be hard a-massacring when new orders come in **2** And they'll be telling you to go and do all kinds of galaxy-wide antics

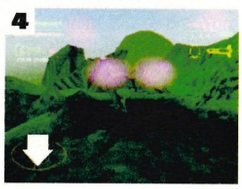
Rescue stuff! Protect things!

Tzzzip! Tzzzip! Ka-boom! 'You stoopid twat! That was OURS!' Yup. You got to avoid mindlessly killing everything out there. Half the time, you'll be protecting ships from marauding League-ites, trying to mine crystals or other clever strategic war stuff...











1 Sensors indicate some kind of giant mechanised insect is approaching **2** They weren't wrong **3** You've got to stop the eight-legged menace from hurting your base **4** By pumping missiles into the arachnid fiend's guts **5** And it ain't gonna be easy

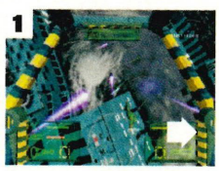
plus

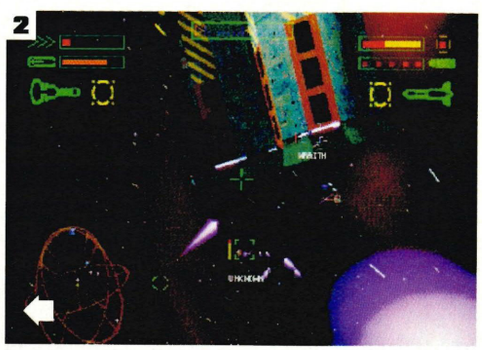
We'd like to say...

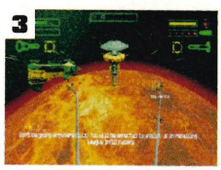
So wussup with the new Colony Wars? Well, for starters, the goodies this time were the baddies last time. Vengeance, see? But the real added goodness comes in with the new extra peachy analogue control system. Controls are smoother this time. That's not even mentioning the beefed-up plot action. This 'un's a tasty morsel...

A cast of thousands...

Join up and see the world they said. And then you end up as a few frozen gore dollops and bone chips floating around in an asteroid belt. At least you'll have company out there. Y'see, what makes Vengeance so bleedin' cool is the sheer scale of the battles. Entire planets'-worth of brave young men end up as clouds of vapour out there. It rocks.







1 Jeezus. Huge big bastard ships keep the wow factor high **2** Not to mention the fear factor **3** And there's bloody thousands of those bad, bad boys all waiting for you

winner Like the best bits of Star Wars boiled down into an explosion-filled concentrate. It's way smooth to play, and looks the bollocks. Well worth a punt. **Rob**

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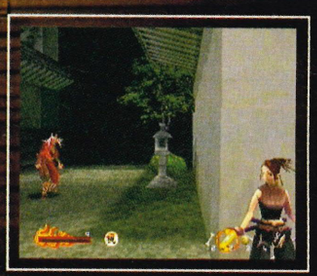

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■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, MULTITAP

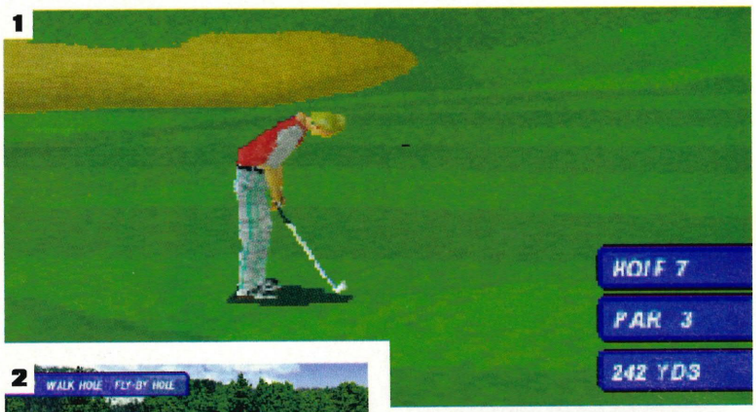
ACTUA GOLF 3

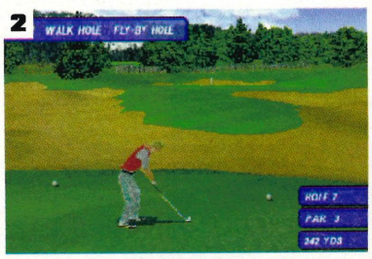
A hole load of old fashioned clubbing fun. Just right fore the swinging set...

Golf. Your Dad plays it, so why give him the pleasure of knowing you're into something he is? But wait, play this and you're not surrounded by OAPs, you're with your mates, and let's face it, are you gonna call Tiger Woods boring?

In the swing

The first question has to be: why bother, aren't all golf games the same? Damn fool, don't you know time has been taken to bring the authentic golfing experience that bit nearer your fingers, and they haven't done too bad a job? See it's all to do with the new dual shock control system. Instead of button bashing it's a case of using the shock pads as you would a golf club, and yep, it helps bring the game nearer to the real thing.



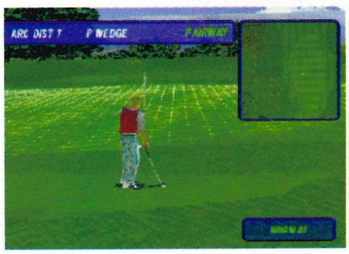




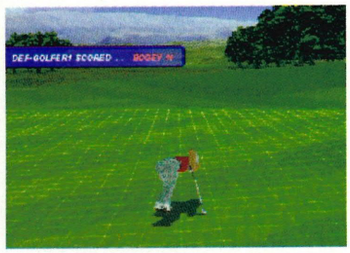
1 Ah, the great outdoors, how... green **2** Terrific pair of slacks old man **3** this is how it looks to the birds. Watch out there, wing-boy

The spice of life

Variety counts. Even in the world of golf. Sure, it may be twatting a ball around with a stick, but doing it on eight courses in twelve different ways, from strokeplay to pro tour, counts for something. So, for the golf nut, it's like walking into your favourite shop and seeing a sign saying 'shoplifters welcome', and for everyone else it's a top buffet bar of a game.



■ The grids are there to help you... apparently



■ Nicely done, made it look easy

The dual shock controls definitely beat button control hands down, giving you a totally accessible golf game. Looks smooth, plays even smoother. Swinging. Rich

PlayStation plus
RATED 90%

■**OUT** NOVEMBER ■**BY** VIRGIN ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-4
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, MULTITAP

RIVAL SCHOOLS

Ready for a double period of bad-ass violence? Yep, Rival School's arrived.

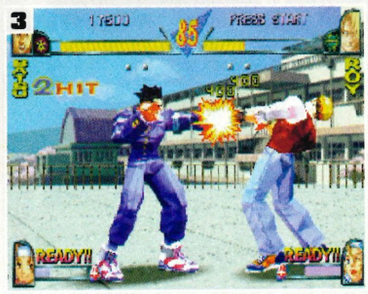
Mum! Don't make me go to school today. All the kids beat me up.' 'Stand up for yourself then, son.' 'I would, but they're all schooled in the ancient art of Shaolin shadowboxing.' 'Then you must learn the water technique...'

The lowdown

It seems the toffs school have been putting it about a bit. You know the sort of thing: kidnap, corruption, random attacks. Other schools are narked off, so they set off to find out who's messing with their business. This inevitably leads to some hardcore fisticuffs.







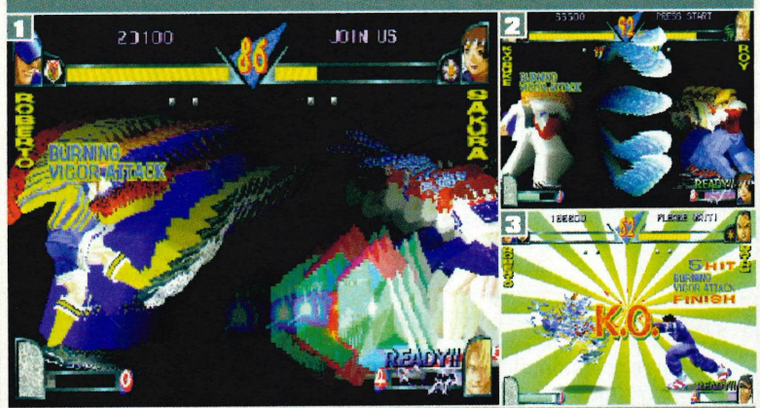


1 Sometimes actions speak louder than words. That one spoke real loud **2** Getting the message yet? Perhaps you will if I kick you in the face? **3** How about now? **4** Yep, think you're just about cottoning on now. Clever chap...

What we like

Psychedelic

Killer special moves, don't they make your eyes mist over? If they do, then you'll be blubbering away like nobody's business. See, when you pull one off the screen goes all strange. The moves are slowed down and the characters' movements produce trails across the screen. Basically, the whole shebang gives you the feeling something not altogether legal's been slipped into your drink.

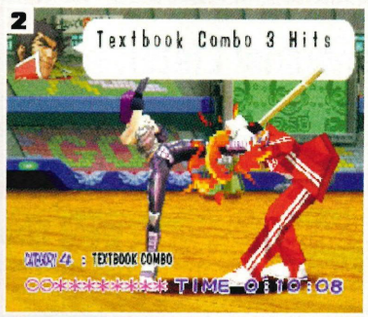


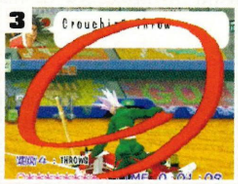
1 Wow, did you see that? **2** Shit, this can't be right **3** Hope you're seeing that too

Getting better

Getting hard as nails couldn't be easier thanks to a lesson mode taking you through all the moves. Yep, from a basic punch to combos you'll need an elephant's memory to remember, it all helps when you get down to the business of dishing out brain damage.









1 fighting lessons, that makes a change from P.E. **2** They don't seem to mind being hit **3** Wait till the other kids see this move **4** Now that rocks

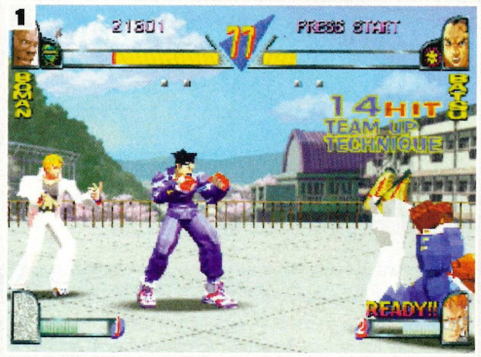
plus

We'd like to say...

Another day, another beat 'em up. Or so we thought. Wrong, wrong, wrong, this is just that bit different and a breath of fresh air. What keeps you comin' back for more is a mix of colourful graphics, which would put a Persil ad to shame, and razor-sharp fighting moves.

Full of it

There's plenty here to keep you busy for quite a while, there's the option for a group battle involving up to four of your mates. If the idea of hurting your mates turns your stomach, then you can both fight on the same side. It don't stop there, oh no, 'cos you can also arrange leagues and knockout tournament.









1 Two against one. Fair? **2** No but it's mighty effective **3** Even for a big lad that's got to hurt **4** Don't bother getting up **5** Normally I don't hit girls, but I'll make an exception for you darling

Let's 'ave it

Unlike your average, run-of-the-mill Joe Schmo beat 'em up, this baby allows you to alternate between characters during a scrap. All you have to do is pick yourself two handy schoolies, get in a ruck, then use them both to help each other out.

And that ain't all. Certain special moves get both of your fighters involved in the scrap AT THE SAME TIME. If you don't think this is way cool, it's time for you to take up another hobby. Like macramie.









1 Sure don't remember anyone like that at my school **2** Could have done with a bit of that though **3** Nowt worse than a hard swot **4** Wherever you go there's always a fat lad

Pretty hard

Rivals Schools has visual style in bucketloads, the characters are sooo horny-looking it hurts. The link scenes are pure manga: they've even got a character called Akira. When it comes to characters there are 18 to choose from, covering six different schools, and when they fight it's fast and furious, with a pinch of cheeky nonsense thrown in, like your girlfriend coming to congratulate you when you pull of a wicked combo.







1 Hey, now we like that, girls who like scrapping **2** No, we like women who scrap even more **3** No wait, two women rucking, now that's cool

winner It's turn-your-brain-off time, and if that's a criticism we'll eat our 'Station. This is cool stoopid fun of the highest order. Get stuck in. **Rich**

PlayStation plus RATED 92%

■**OUT** DECEMBER ■**BY** PSYGNOSIS ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

PSYBADEK

Skate hard! Wear trendy shoes! Shoot evil penguins! Listen to top-hole DJs! Gradually become tired all over! Switch off!

Three kinds of footwear. Two trendy DJs. And some bastard on a snowboard. Mix 'em up with a coupla gratuitous shakes of platform weirdness, and you get what? Well, that's the question, innit? Jury's still out on that one...

The royal variety snow

Credit to the lads. They've busted ass trying to make this as varied as poss. There're things in plenty to be doing. Some of them are fun things, like the more snowboard park-y bits. Some of the things are about as much fun as having your head stoved in with a shovel. Take this little section for example...











1 Jump through rings to open the doors on this level... 2 No. You didn't hear right. You got to jump through ALL the doors 3 Aaaah. Thass better. Start collecting rings. Miss 'em, and do the level again 4 And some of 'em are going to give you major ballsache 5 The beginning of the level. You'll be seeing this bit a lot. Like, too much...

Board!

Snowboard action! But hang on, 'boarding 'dudes' (we got the lingo, see?). Don't crack out the bunting yet 'cos, the boarding's a teeny bit bollix. The trick system sucks. It's a power-up thing: flick a switch, jump, fire off glowy balls, feel the disappointment flow...







1 Board down that hill! 2 Board some more! 3 Do little jumps! Kill things!

plus — We'd like to say...

This tries hard to be cool. It really does. Top shoes are in evidence. Top DJs spin 'crucial cuts'. But that don't make up for the fact the game's sloppy and bitty beyond belief. The trendy bits and the skaters' Vans distract you for four seconds. But then your attention goes back to the game. That's when it all goes pear-shaped...

Chock full of goodness?

We love variety. God knows we do. And there's plenty in here. But the thing is, some of the levels have a kind of unfinished feel to them. Some of them are way too easy. Some of them are way too hard. Everything's in here from wacked-out platformy snowboarding to straight up racing. But it just doesn't gel. Sad, really...



■ Racing. Race the big twat on the ball



■ But it's not exactly knuckle whitening, is it?





1 Jumping. Jump places. Get stars. Whoop de doo 2 Shooting. Shoot penguins. God it's all so wacky! Stop it!



■ Avoid flying penguins. Whatever next?

Wossitallabaht?

There's you: intrepid skate warrior. There's them: evil penguins, cacti and blokes with weird names like Krakken. The thing is, they have kidnapped your mates. For some weird reason, this means you have to skate around sackloads of surreal platformy levels, jumping over shit, firing little balls at various weirdos and doing odd tasks. All this to see your mates again? Don't ask us. We didn't write it.

Oh dear. There're loadsa bits in here, and the lads tried to put a nice gloss on it. But there's too many wanky bits for this to work. Oops. Maybe next time. Rob

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■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

ZERO DIVIDE 2

Zero Divide 2. Whassat? A bleedin' sum or something? Whatever. Maths is more fun...

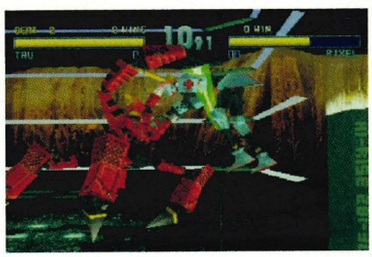
Why is it that futuristic robots designed for conflict don't have enormous plasma cannons bolted on to their metallic limbs? Then there'd be no need for any of this hand-to-hand combat nonsense. An idea for Zero Divide 3, eh?

Gameplay

Kind of simple. You've got standard guard, punch and kick buttons, combinations of which result in special moves. Only they don't tend to be that special. Not that it matters much, 'cos rivals are as thick as pig shit, so you blast through the game with very basic moves.



■ Smash its armour off to reveal weak spots



■ Most of the moves are plain dull



■ Two-player battles are a bit more fun though

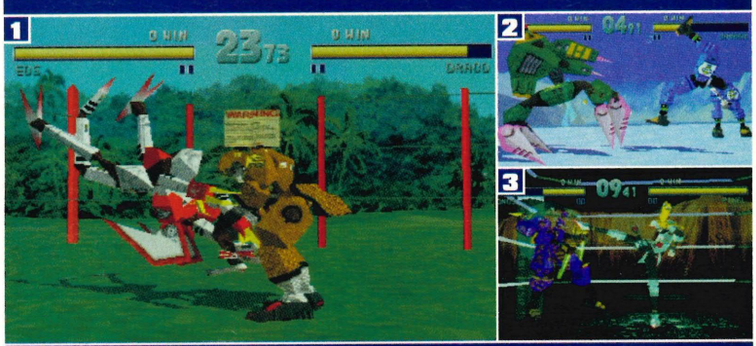


■ Pin your opponent against the walls

What we don't like

Graphics

Not what you'd expect from the 'Station. The robot models are decent enough and there's a nice splash of colour to brighten things up a bit. But there hasn't been any effort put into the fighting arenas, which are as rough as a bear's arse.



1 The robots look alright 2 The backgrounds aren't going to win awards 3 The token female robot

A crap addition to a crap series of games. With the infinitely superior Tekken 3 already out there, who on earth is going to bother with this kinda rubbish? **Lee**

PlayStation plus
RATED 43%

■**OUT** NOVEMBER ■**BY** ELECTRONIC ARTS ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-8
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, MULTITAP

FIFA 99

And altogether now: 'Stand up if you hate crap games, stand up if you hate crap...'

You can't move for all the footy sims around. We're beating them off with a shitty stick. What next? Vauxhall Conference 99, with scenes of empty grounds and muddy pitches? Still, we're the nation in love with the game, so best not complain eh?

More of the same?

We can say with absolute certainty that the grass is green, and the players move about on top of it – so there's nothing out of the ordinary there, then.

What does seem a little odd is the hunchbacked nature of the players. Are they running around trying to hide an erection, and if so what are they so excited about? Is there a streaker permanently out of our view? There's just no, well, flow to the way they hurtle around the turf.









1 Stand straight man 2 He's a teapot alright 3 They call him the wicked wing wizard 4 Any red cards and you're in trouble

What we don't like

Hand-eye coordination: nil

It's piss-easy to get going on the quick start mode, but you'll find the control system a bit confusing, as button functions completely change if you're defending or attacking. Once you get over that, you're faced with a player select function that's slower than a geriatric on dope. This means it's easier to switch between players yourself, which seems a bit of a chore sometimes...





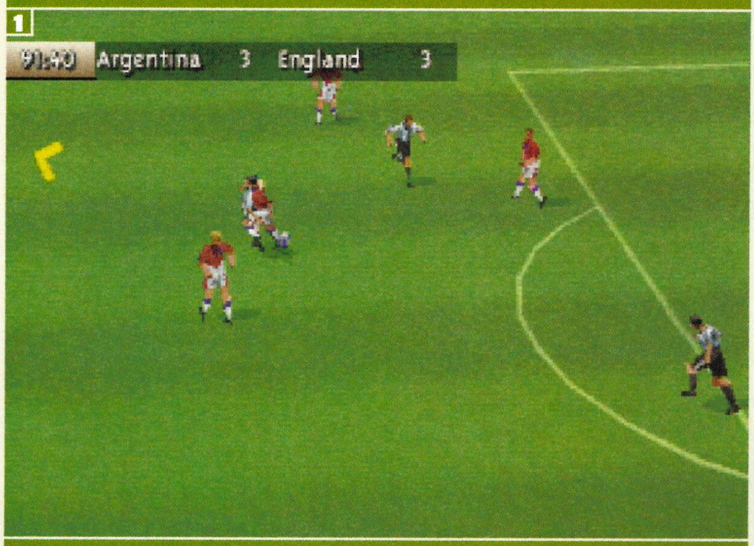


1 To be this bad takes ages 2 Just follow the arrow, you can't go wrong 3 Now, do I not like that

What we like

The enforcer

We all pretend to be outraged by fouling, but when players as for it, it's dead satisfying to watch, especially when the 'victim' is either an Argentine or German. What's cool about FIFA 99 is the ability to foul like Vinnie Jones on PCP – one tap of a button and you can expect to see diving only usually seen in the deep end.









1 Revenge is a dish best served straight away **2** So, who's the daddy now? **3** Come on ref, he's Argentine **4** Man, see to your glasses now. And your handbag...

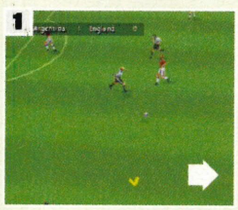
plus

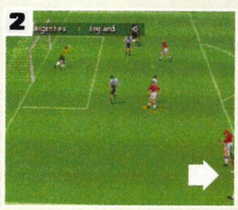
We'd like to say...

There's only room for one daddy of football games, so if you're challenging for top dog status you'd better be sure you got the bollocks to match the boast. Although FIFA isn't such a bad game. It ain't the best, nor is it the worst – damned by it's mediocrity so it seems.

Detailed detail

One thing you can't complain about is the number of teams and leagues built in, it's got more information stuffed into it than Linsey Dawn McKenzie's got inches round her chest. There's British and European domestic leagues, a European super-league, some from around the world, internationals plus a training mode and cup comps.







1 A quick one two... **2** And you're through **3** Ok, it wasn't that good, settle down

At the end of the season all you can really say is it's not bad. Pretty bloody average in fact. It looks OK, moves OK, but we guess you're after more than that. OK? **Rich**

PlayStation plus

RATED 75%

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

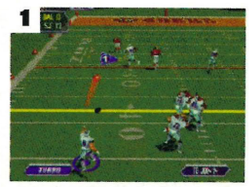
NFL BLITZ

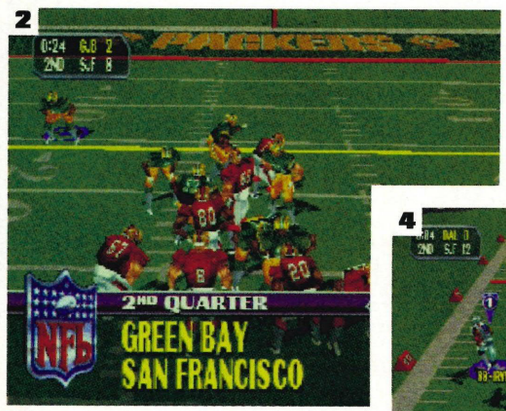
An NFL game even we can understand? Pull the other one.

Kids in America have it really tough. 'We wanna get into this so-called soccer', they weep to their unrelenting parents. 'Sorry, Junior. You're a Yank. You'll have to like less interesting sports like American Football, we're afraid.'

Wham! Bam!

Play's as fast and easy as a Vegas chorus-girl. There's not that many 'plays' (squiggly lines showing where your boys'll run) on offer, so it's dead simple, and the controls are moron-friendly. You've got to make a thirty yard run (instead of ten) to get a first down (another pop at goal basically), so play's kept super-fast. Coolio.







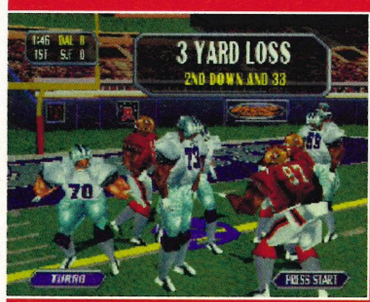


1 Choose your play. Get ready to rumble **2** It's time to start running! Hit people on the way for max satisfaction **3** Make the pass and glory is yours **4** Miss it, and it's time for another bash

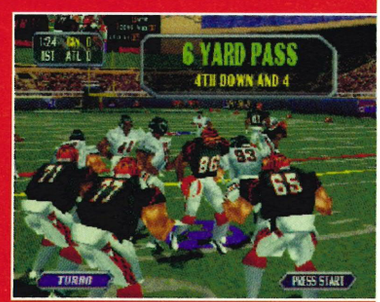
What we like

Ea-sy! Ea-sy!

Testosterone-pumped beefcakes hurtling at each other wearing Dynasty-esque shoulder pads. Cool. But then the Yankee dogs spoil the fun with hundreds of stoopid 'plays' that you need a degree to understand. Not in NFL Blitz. This really is a no-brainer. Fast, furious, loud, dumb. Shit-hot, in other words.



■ Skip the bollocks. Straight into the hurtling up the pitch bit



■ Go on meathead. Knock 'em down dead, big fella. Knock 'em all dead...

Loud, frenzied arcade action with big shoulder pads. American Football's dull as dishwater, but this effort gives all the drab bits a neat sideswerve. Super-cool, ja? **Rob**

PlayStation plus

RATED 86%

■**OUT** DECEMBER ■**BY** CODEMASTERS ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

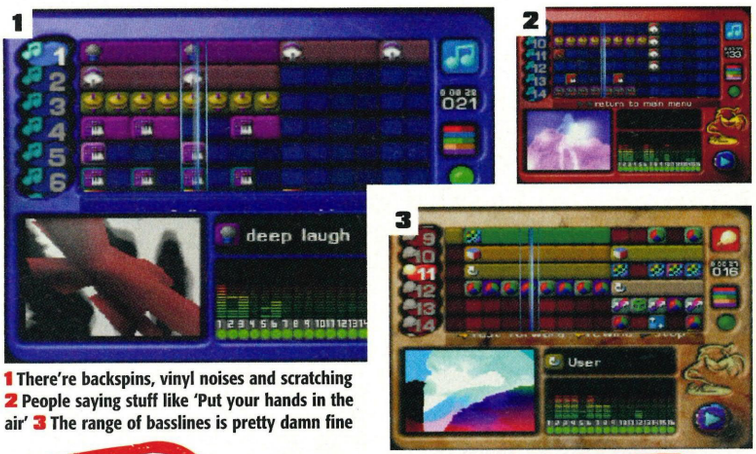
MUSIC

Your chance to 'have it large-style' in the suburban comfort of your front room...

Your name is Keith. Your mates call you 'Spazboy' or 'Dillweed'. You'd much prefer it if they called you 'Kutmeister' or 'The Groove Daddy'. Maybe you'd do well to check out this little DJing number...

Wot you get

What you start up with is hundreds of sampled drums, basslines, vocals and cheesy synth bits, all from five genres – ambient, drum 'n' bass, techno, house and trip hop. You stick 'em in a grid, copy bits, mulch bits together and generally make choons. Get a bit of practice, and you can even fiddle with the samples to create your very own sounds. Man.



1 There're backspins, vinyl noises and scratching **2** People saying stuff like 'Put your hands in the air' **3** The range of basslines is pretty damn fine

plus

We'd like to say...

If you're thinking 'Hey! This game's my passport to the bigtime! Come spring I'll frolick with a bevy of oiled supermodels in a crate full of uncut Bolivian!', think again. There're limitations here. It's mighty fun to play, but after a bit, the songs get a mite samey. You bin warned...

What we like

S'easy, innit?

Cut, paste. Stick new bits in. Up funk levels to the 'nearly intolerable' mark. But the 750 samples you get to start with are all in the same time and the same key, so within a couple of minutes even complete donkeys can be grinding out toons that Pete Tong would gnaw his own bollocks off to have done. We kid you not.



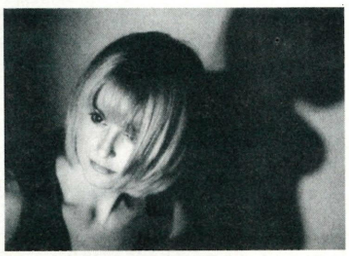
1 Choose your musical style. Pick samples that suit **2** Arrange them in rows. Hit Start key to hear it as you tinker **3** In minutes you'll have a pumping classic you can annoy your friends with

A DJ writes

Our pet DJ and radio star Ingrid, who spins 'platters that matter'on Metro FM, in Newcastle, had this to say: 'Music's a cinch. It took me 45 minutes to create my first tune. Within two hours I was editing samples and creating my own stuff. If you want a Bontempi Organ for Christmas, forget it. This is the ultimate game to show off with. Stunning.'



■ Here's some swirls I made earlier



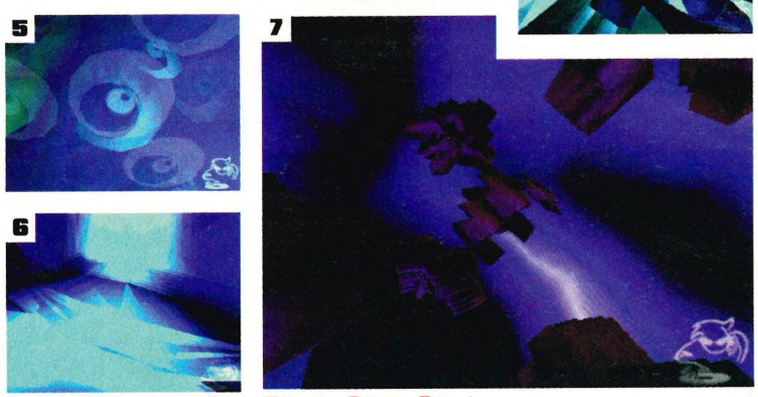
■ Ingrid: Steel wheel spinner from up north

Vids

Weird synth noises. Hammering kickdrums. Berserk hi-hats. But there's still summat missing. Ahh. Weird visuals. Flashing lights. That's better. And with this one, you get to direct the spacehead swirly bits, so they go in time to your vid. You can even get words to flash up in the general spaciness. Slammin'! Or words to that effect.







1 Weird... **2** Shit... **3** Man... **4** My... **5** Head's... **6** Gone... **7** Numb...

winner Secretly had images of you delighting punters at your wheels of steel? You'll go nuts for this. A massive laugh. It'll keep you indoors for weeks. **Rob**

PlayStation plus RATED 92%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■**OUT** NOW ■**BY** CODEMASTERS ■**COSTS** £44.95 ■**PLAYERS** 1-4 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, ANALOGUE PAD

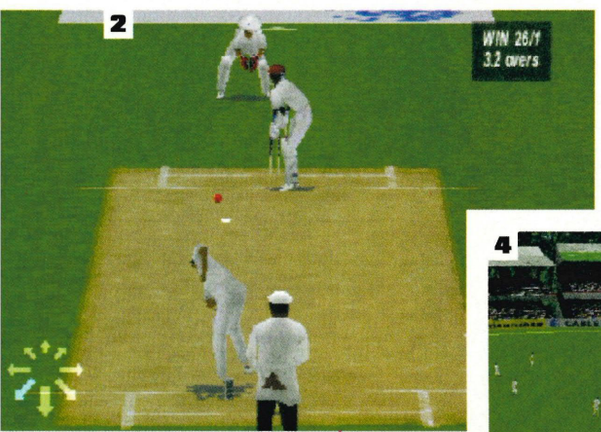
BRIAN LARA CRICKET

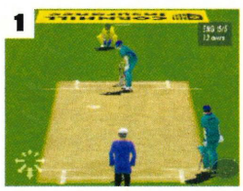
You thought cricket was boring? Wrong. Don't think of old ladies making tea for duffers on Sundays. Think action! Think pace! Think of the England players' love of smoking...

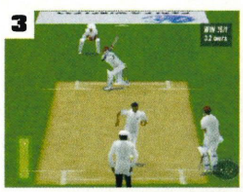
Is cricket the new rock 'n' roll? Erm, probably not. See, the game of gents is an intensely tactical affair, played at a snail's pace. For an eternity. Thorny problem, then, for this game: just how do you make it interesting?

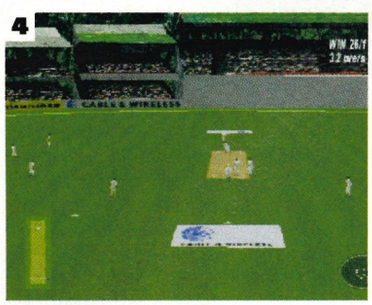
Speed cricket

What Brian Lara Cricket offers is a drop dead realistic cricket sim. And here's the crack: you can play at whatever speed suits you. Sure, if you want to, spend ten minutes standing around debating your next move, but it isn't compulsory. Phew. You CAN play and live a full and rewarding life.









1 This guy's been at the crease for six days **2** Just keep your eyes on the ball **3** Pick your spot **4** Welly it good 'n' proper

Patience please

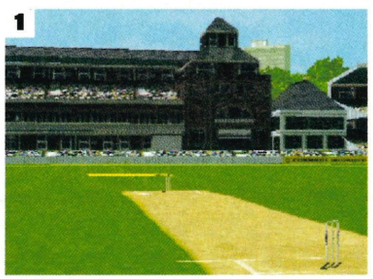
If you we're ever unlucky enough to have played cricket at school then you'll know that along with being tedious it's about as easy as pulling Kate Moss. So not to be outdone the Brian Lara boys have devised a control system so fiendish that it'll have you on your knees begging for mercy. Patience is the only advice we can give you, it does get easier but only after your brain gets bigger.



1 So you've hit a good one, but when you run... **2** You had better make damn sure you can make it... **3** 'Cos it's oh-so-easy to be caught out

Shwing!

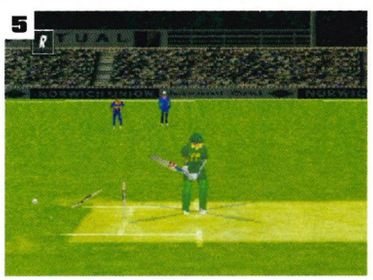
When you first see the players on the field it's just like on the TV – you're transported straight to BBC2. The only thing missing is the never-ending boredom. Looks like a worrying amount of time was spent getting this babe up to realistic heights.











1 You can almost smell the stench of old farts **2** Packed house, how... unrealistic **3** This one's heading for row Z **4** Isn't that tasty looking? **5** Oh, so close... but not close enough

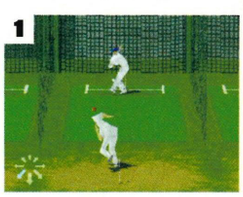
plus

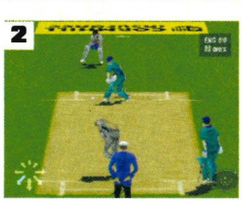
We'd like to say...

This ain't the kind of game to pick up and be shit-hot on straight away. You'll be this game's bitch for a while, kicking yourself for all manner of rash shots and wayward balls. But before long you'll be smacking them for six. But who wants an easy ride all the time?

Pick 'n' mix

The game offers a Quality Street box amount of variety, from soft-centred friendlies and practice sessions, to hard-boiled world series matches and full-blown tests. To push the pun further, there's plenty to get your teeth into. What this means is, depending on how much time you've got there's a game to go with it. Made-to-measure cricket.







1 A bit of this works wonders later **2** See the style, the grace – magnificent **3** On dear, you got a duck. And, yes, you get a duck

Looks, depth, style – has Brian got a sister? This cricket sim's got it all, and then some. Only worry is the slightly complicated control system, other than that, a real goer. **Rich**

PlayStation plus

RATED 89%

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■**OUT** NOVEMBER ■**BY** GREMLIN ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-4 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

ACTUA SOCCER 3

In the old days players smoked at half-time, trained on a Wednesday if they were arsed and drank themselves stupid every Saturday night. So, nothing's changed, eh Paul?

Every year FIFA sit down in a pub to discuss how they're going to mess up the beautiful game: bigger goals, three half-times, an eighth linesman. All were considered and rejected. So what have they come up with in Actua Soccer 3?

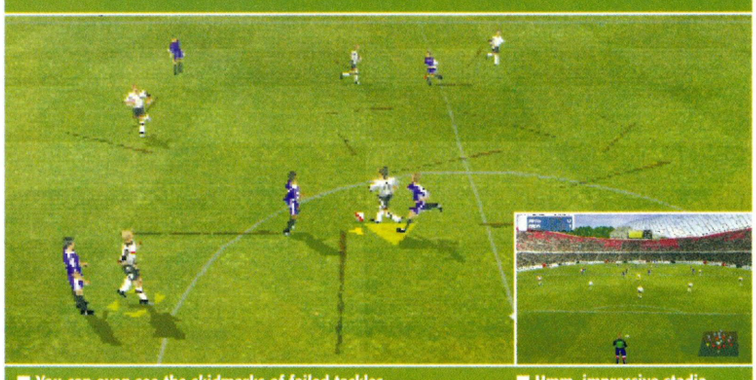
What we like

Thousands to choose from

The amount of stuff on offer is mindblowing. The player names are all cool, no Owains or Sherinhamms here and things like the weather conditions and the enormous tactical and team changes mean you won't get bored of the off-pitch offerings. But then, this was supposed to be a football game...



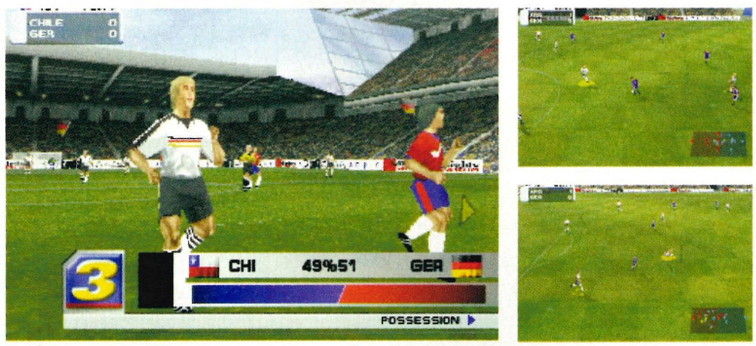
1 That's the foul 2 That's the replay 3 That's the injury 4 And that's your name in the book



■ You can even see the skidmarks of failed tackles ■ Hmm, impressive stadia

Skate city

Your actual gameplay is limited compared to other footy games we could mention. Basic even. Players tend to skate around the pitch as opposed to run, and the tackling and sprint moves are unpredictable. This is one for the chairman of the plc and not the playing coach. But, shit, it does have eight different camera viewpoints.



1 It's Chile out there 2 And another failed pass 3 And another missed tackle

plus

We'd like to say...

Decent stadium graphics, a gaggle of camera angles, 30 weather conditions, a hundred and one teams and player names, cups, competitions and leagues. Man, more choices than you can handle. But you feel all this effort means the actual gameplay itself has been overlooked in the quest for more and more factual detail.

De head, detail

Your budding Stattos will have a field day with Actua 3. More information than you could – literally – need. This one is the Andy Gray of games: gadgets, gizmos, and replays for all the moves. It's stat heaven: five screens before you start and seven during the game.



1 The choice is yours... 2 Decisions, decisions... 3 The touchline cam 4 The wire cam 5 And the over-their-heads shot

A mountain of match facts is not going to mask the fact that gameplay is basic. It's not going to set the soccer sim world alight but Motty would be proud. **David**

PlayStation plus
RATED 78%

■ **OUT** NOVEMBER ■ **BY** GT INTERACTIVE ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, LINK CABLE

STREAK

Ladies and gentlemen! Shed your clothes and feel the cool air on your skin as you run naked across a football pitch!

Shame. Streak isn't about the noble art of baring all at major sporting events. This is high-speed futuristic skateboarding and there's not even the hint of a nipple here. Although you do go arse over tit a lot. And you will make a cock of yourself.

What we like

Lovely tracks

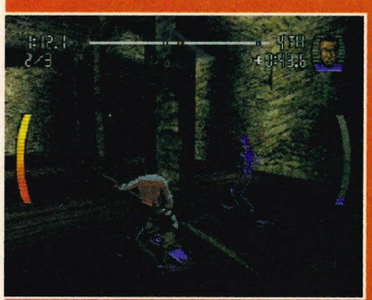
Since your hoverboard's kitted out with oh-so-many tricks to pull off, it's vital the tracks are chocka with obstacles for mucho stunt-pulling antics. And let's check... Phew, they are. In at number one in the tricksy track charts is Barnum's Alley. This colourful little tracks has hoopla galore and you'll be lapping up those ker-azy tunnels in no time.



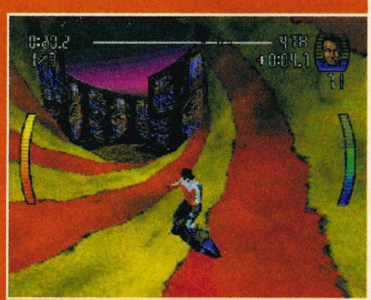
■ All the courses in here look peachy keen and each one has plenty of surprises in store



■ But it's Barnum's Alley that really lights our blue touchpaper



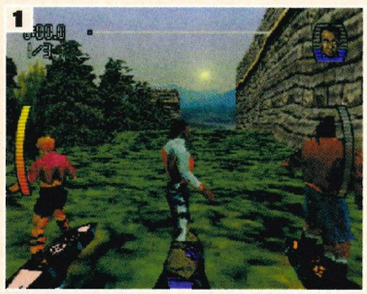
■ Check out the skeleton reflection in this bit. Nice one

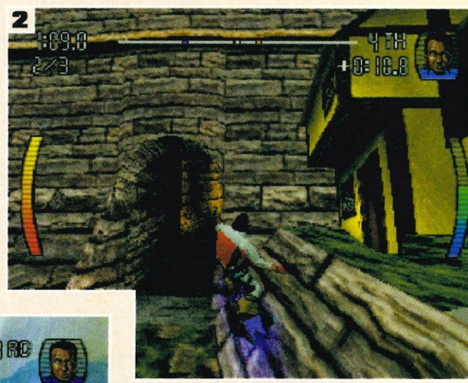


■ And this awesome twirly bit will have your retinas pleading to be donated

Gameplay

Streak's one of them new-fangled hoverboard games (see also: Psybadek and Reboot, hoverboard fans) and the action plan here is to clamber aboard your board before skinning the arse off your opponents and finishing the course in a burst of breathtaking tricks and skills. That's the theory, anyway...









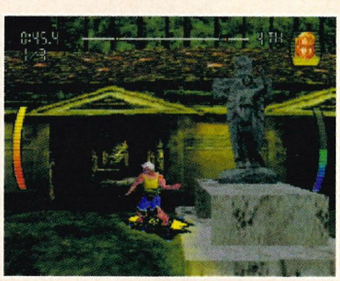
1 On your marks, get set... You know the score **2** Now you got to get ahead of them other streakers... **3** Slam it on the course **4** But don't crash...

plus We'd like to say...

Give us speed, we love it. Give us tricks, we lap them up. But can we have them at the same time? You can do minor stuff in Streak, but real death-defying stuff? That'll just lose you time and lose you the race.

Cupid stunts

See that joypad you've got? You'll find there're, ooh, about eight useable buttons on that bad boy. And guess what? Streak uses them all. You've got a 'grab' on there. For grabbing. Then there's a hop, a crouch, a roll – left and right – a turbo, and a tilt. One problem, though: you may be fully stunted-up, but in one-player it's first past the post who wins and no amount of tricksy tricks'll help.



■ Would madam like the menu? Today's specials are, 'jumping off obstacles'



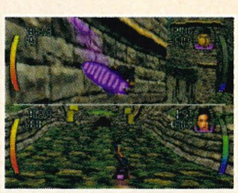
■ Might I also recommend 'trouser-browning jumps' as a starter?

Two-up

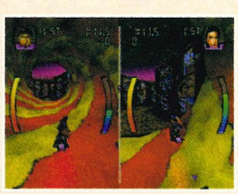
One-player Streak is nothing much new. The game gets good in two-player (split-screen OR link-up). Here, do the really fast thing, or the blinding stunts thing. Our choice? Stunts. The game's made for it, but it's just a shame you need a mate to get the best out of it.



■ Go fast, like this. Go faster



■ Or play it for stunts



■ Or travel side-by-side

This is slick city. It looks good and goes like a rocket. It's a shame the stunts play such a small part, but as race 'em ups with a twist go, this has got style. **Andrew**

PlayStation plus RATED 79%

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TEST DRIVE 4X4

Some crusty Land Rover owner mistook the words off-road to mean flying...

There's mud on the tracks and a barrel of diesel in the tank. It's time to wave goodbye to tarmac tracks, Grand Prix and the friendly world of rallying. It's time to off-road...

What we like

Ruff... Ruff...

If you can excuse the fact that the trucks take no notice whatsoever of gravity it's quite a ride – courses are more interesting than your average rally game, and the opponents are aggressive enough to make themselves a nuisance. But your options at the beginning are badly limited with access to only a couple of trucks.

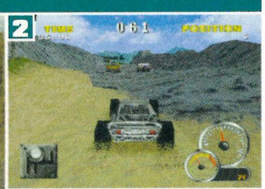


■ You and the other off-roaders head out...



■ On an off-road adventure







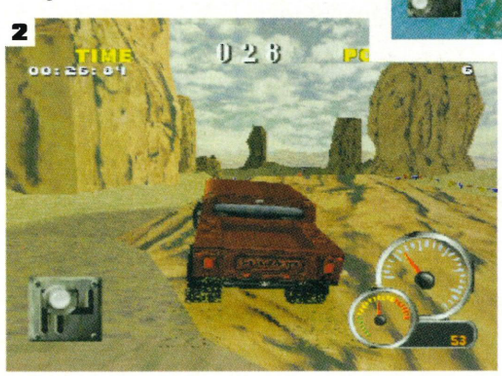
1 Driving through trees 2 Four by four on road 3 One of the more spectacular pile-ups

Keep us in suspension

White knuckle ride? Well, only because if you use a dual shock the rumble factor goes off the scale. You're off-road see? Many bumps.

And the graphics are adequate at best: sometimes trees slow you down, sometimes you drive straight through them. Go figure.







1 Jesus! The bones in my hand are in pain! What kind of Dual Shock shock is this? 2 Bzzzz! Aaaiieeeee! 3 None of that buzzing when I crashed straight through a tree though. Odd

I'm just a jeepster

The gig is: you're a bearded off-roader trying out his wheels on various backwaters of the world from Santa Cruz to er, Wales. Single races or round the world competitions, the choice is yours. And off-road means everything from deserts to the um, roads of Hawaii. And some twat keeps shouting 'Awesome'.









1 Driving indoors 2 ...To assault the pillar 3 This is me flying 4 And me flying some more

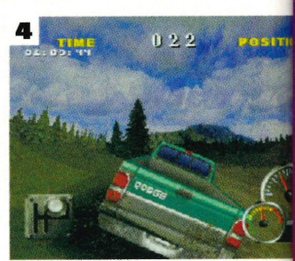
Gravity depravity

The cars are more likely to fly over the roofs of opponents than overtake them: gravity's not a big drag on planet Test Drive – you can even turn in mid-air. Bar a win-a-contest-buy-a-new-car feature, there's no great innovation to shout about.









1 This lame beast lumbers along 2 While this green bastid hares around Hawaii 3 Good lord, those Land Rovers can fly 4 This is an awkward bugger but it can still fly through trees

It's an attempt to add a twist to an overworked game format, but a lot more work needed doing on this before the new four wheel drive genre can truly take off... **David**

PlayStation plus
RATED 76%

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LEMMINGS COMPILATION

The Lemmings are back and they're even stupider than before. The Lemmings are back and they're even stupider than before. Let me rephrase that...

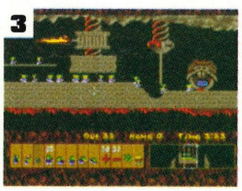
If you were too busy hanging round street corners sniffing glue to play Lemmings first time around, this retro pack double might just be for you. What you get is the brain-busting Lemmings and its sequel, Oh No, More Lemmings, for a pony...

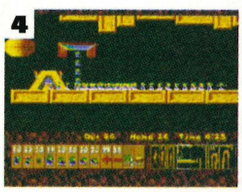
Gameplay

The idea is simple. Deceptively simple you might say. You've gotta rescue herds of dumb-ass lemmings from a painful death by guiding 'em to the exit of each level. You've gotta get the green-haired critters mining through obstacles, building bridges over impassable ridges and bashing their way through solid surfaces to avoid the many sadistic hazards.









1 Hear 'em scream as they plunge to their death **2** Bash your way through to the exit **3** Use the bombs to blast through the walls **4** Or just leave the little bastids to do 'emselves in

What we like

Addiction!

The graphics ain't much to look at. But Lemmings and Oh No, More Lemmings are two of the most addictive games ever. The 209 levels will take an age to get through, with enough puzzles to keep even Carol Vorderman busy for a while.



1 Lemmings... fahsands of 'em **2** More puzzles than you can handle **3** They're as thick as pig shit

It's knocking on a bit now, but Lemmings is still a massively enjoyable brain-melting puzzle game. Won't be everyone's sort of thing though. **Lee**

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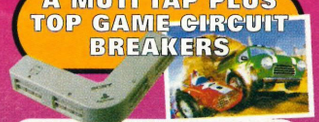

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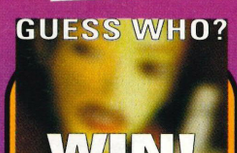

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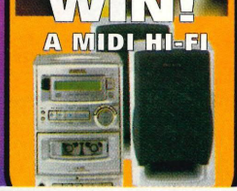

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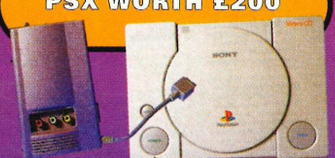

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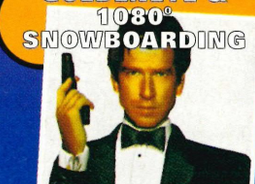

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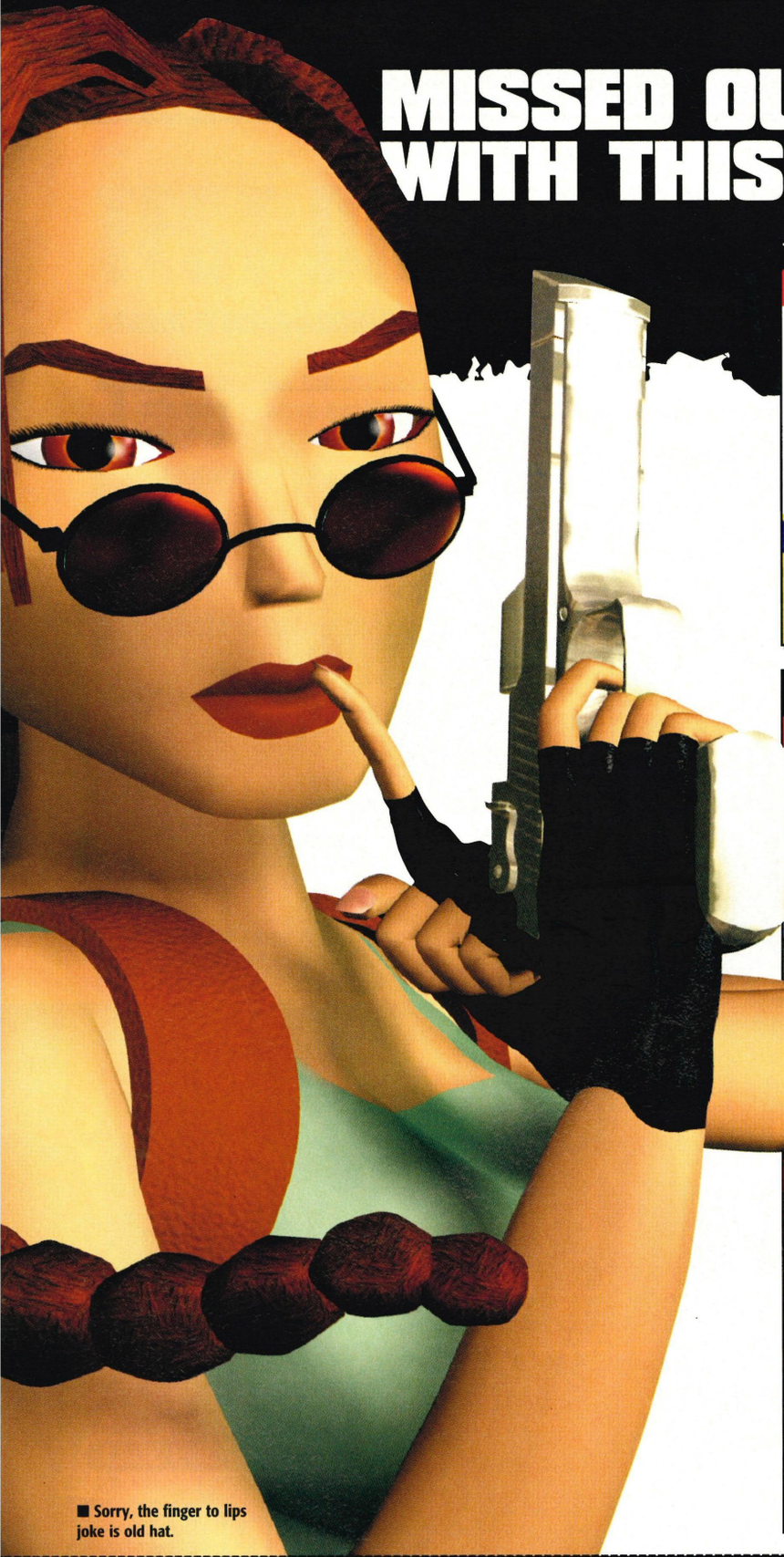

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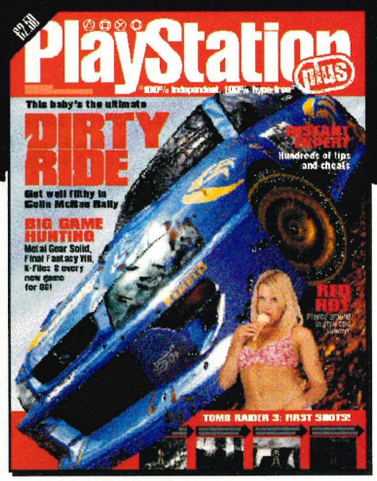









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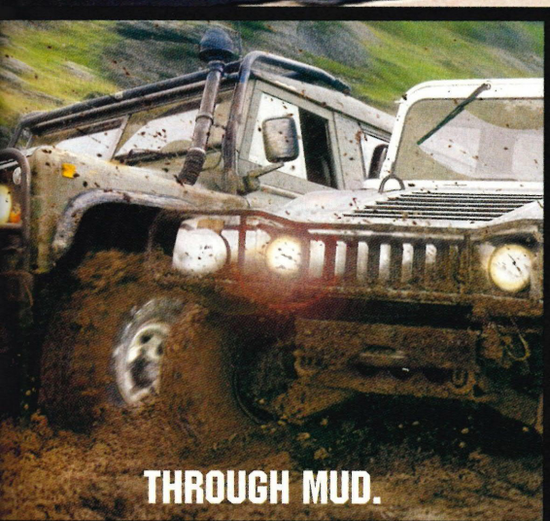

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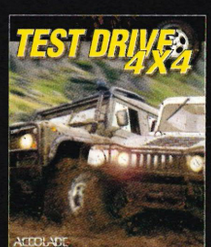

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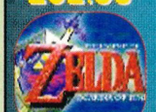

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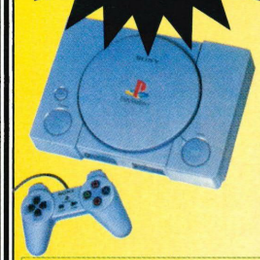



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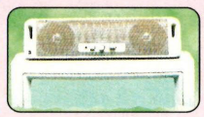

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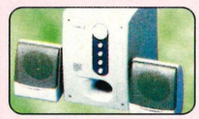

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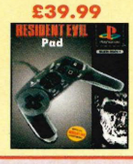

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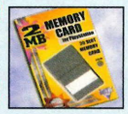



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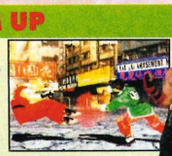

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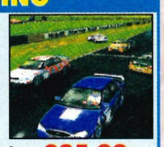





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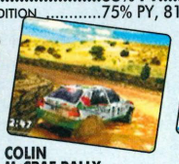


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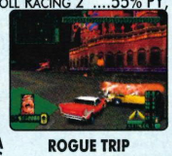


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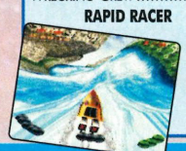
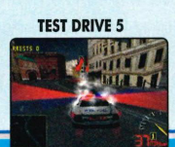


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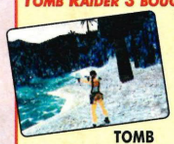
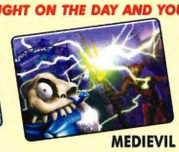


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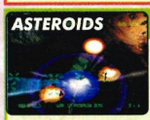

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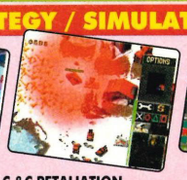


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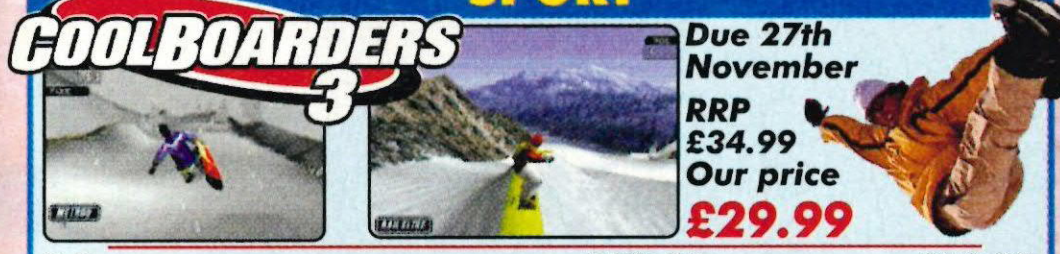

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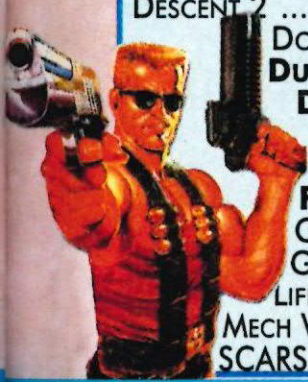

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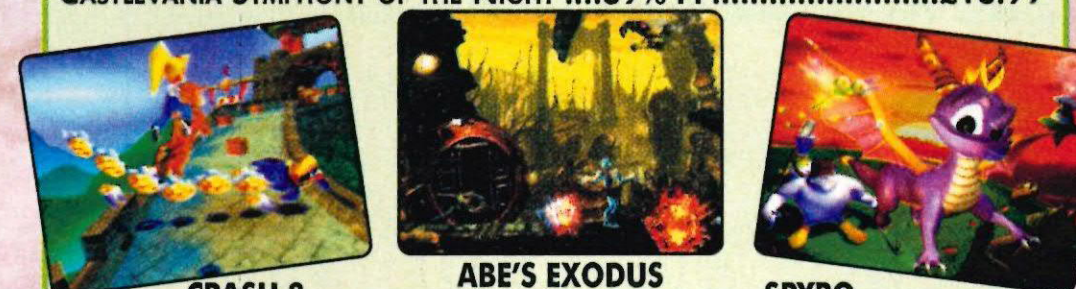

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Rental Chart

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Wanna try before you buy? The hottest rentals this month

Key:
(NE) New Entry
(RE) Re-Entry
(4) Position Last Month
(-) Same Position

1. **(4) Grand Theft Auto (Platinum)** Stealing up three places.
2. **(9) Resident Evil (Platinum)** Zombie thrills for less dosh.
3. **(NE) TOCA Touring Car (Platinum)** Rally legend now cut-price.
4. **(-) F1 98 (-)** It's the Grand Prix pits.
5. **(NE) C&C Retaliation (Platinum)** Commie-bashing classic on the cheap.
6. **(NE) Abe's Oddysee (Platinum)** Green action hero's trip to Oddworld.
7. **(NE) C&C Red Alert (Virgin)** Yet more military manoeveres.
8. **(NE) Spyro the Dragon (Sony)** Cute puff goes down a flamin' storm.
9. **(NE) ISS Pro 98 (Konami)** Best soccer sim for your Station.
10. **(1) Tekken 3 (Sony)** Best beat 'em up's still a winner.

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 Exodus £3999

Company GT Interactive **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Awesome sequel with even more to do than the first one. **91%**




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%**

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 Ice Hockey £39.99

Company Gremlin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓ winner
Looks sweet, plays juicy. Well tasty pick up n' play ice hockey effort **91%**




Actua Golf 2 £44.95

Company Gremlin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Rent it
Cosmetic improvements only, power-bar controls are a bit too familiar... **83%**

Actua Soccer £19.99

Company Gremlin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ 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%**

Actua Tennis £39.99

Company Gremlin **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Easy to pick up and play if tennis is your bag. Go on, admit it. It is, isn't it? **74%**

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%**

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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
Platinum
■ Company Namco ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
A miss from Namco? Yeah: tedious, lacks depth and variety. 65%

Ace Combat 2 £34.99
■ Company Namco ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad, NegCon
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Fighter pilot extravaganza. Buy planes, and shoot everything! 85%

Air Race £44.99
Rent it
■ Company THQ ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗
Racing takes to the skies. Easy to pick up and fun to play. 76%

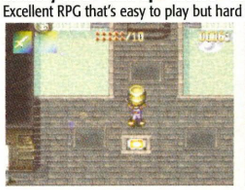
AIV Evolution Global £44.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗
Good fun, pretty enjoyable, but overwhelming resource management sim. 86%

Alien Trilogy £19.99
Platinum
■ Company Acclaim ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓
Excellent Doom clone which captures all the scares of the films. 85%

All Star Soccer £44.95
■ Company Eidos ■ Players 1-4
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓
Tries to mix footie and humour. Doesn't make much of a job of it either... 34%

Alone In The Dark £39.95
■ Company Ocean ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Interesting puzzles fail to make up for the game's dated presentation. 82%

Alundra £39.99
Winner
■ Company Psygnosis ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Excellent RPG that's easy to play but hard to put down. 91%




Andretti Racing £44.99
■ Company EA ■ Players 1-4
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
A lightweight alternative to the fantastic Formula 1. 85%

Aquanaut's Holiday £39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Environmentally friendly undersea adventure. Very dull. 53%

Area 51 £44.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Light Gun
Memory card✗ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗
A bland shoot 'em up based on an arcade game. 52%

Ark of Time £39.99
■ Company ICE ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✓ Multitap✗
Dull puzzler game: too boring and too hard. 65%

Armoured Core £39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Robotic shoot'em up. Worth a look. 86%

Assault £39.99
■ Company Telstar ■ Players 1-2 ■ Special Dual shock pad
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Non-stop killing in fast and frantic shoot ' em up. 88%

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%

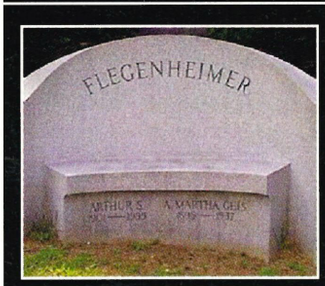
Atari Collection 2 £34.99
■ Company GT ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Only Gauntlet and millipede shine in rubbish retro collection. 55%

Auto Destruct £44.99
Rent it
■ Company EA ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Cop show-style driving and shooting with lots of fizz. 77%

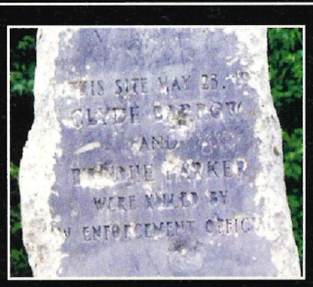
Ayrton Senna Kart Duel £44.99
■ Company Philips ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✓ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Very grim and substandard racing game. Avoid at all costs. 32%

Graves of the rich and infamous

This month: Gangsters



Dutch Schultz
Who?
Arthur Flugenheimer on his birth certificate.
How'd he die?
Murdered by Charles 'The Bug' Workman.
When? After breakfast.



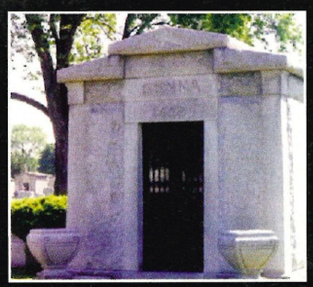
Bonnie and Clyde
Who?
This monument marks the place where they were gunned down after a mega crime spree.
How'd they die?
Lead poisoning. Ho ho.
When? 1934.



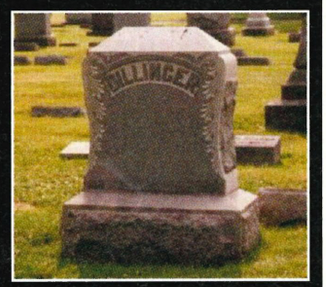
Machine Gun Jack McGurn
Who?
That's MISTER Machine Gun Jack McGurn to you. Vincent Gebardi to his mum.
How'd he die?
With a name like Machine Gun?
When? After breakfast.



Ronald Kray
Who?
One half of the notorious Kray twins. Brother Reggie's still live and kicking
How'd he die?
Peacefully, believe it or not.
When? 1995



Genna family
Who?
Famous clan who weren't to be messed with.
How?
A variety of reasons. We can safely say it involved bullets.
When? All over the shop.



John Dillinger
Who?
Dillinger was THE public enemy number. Bank robber supreme
How'd he die?
Not THAT good a bank robber as it turned out...
When? 1934.

Ayrton Senna Kart Duel 2 £39.99
■ Company Infograme ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
A karting game with all the fun of a lobotomy. Yeuch. 35%

Azure Dreams £39.99
Rent it
■ Company Konami ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
This RPG is packed with interesting ideas. Let down by shit save system. 67%

Baby Universe £29.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Create weirdo patterns and shapes to music. Not good for migraines. 75%

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%

Biofreaks £39.99
■ Company GT Interactive ■ Players 1-2
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✗
Gory, good fun and for icing on the cake your fighters can fly. 85%

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%

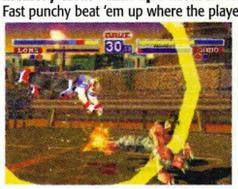
Blasto £39.99
■ Company Sony ■ Players 1 ■ Special Analogue pad
Memory card✓ Link-up✗ Mouse✗ Multitap✓
The kind of game that visits singles bars, goes home alone and cries. 56%

Blast Radius £44.99
Rent it
■ 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. 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**✗
Fast punchy beat 'em up where the players turn into giant angry beasts. **92%** Winner




Bomberman World £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Explosive cutesy murder 'em up that's a multiplayer must. **83%**

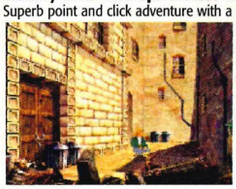
Break Point £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Inoffensive tennis game, but moves take some getting used to. **73%**

Brahma Force £44.95
Company JVC **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Techie-as-they-come robot-blasting shoot 'em up. **73%**

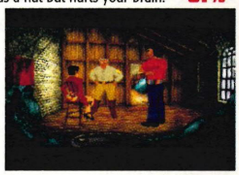
Breath of Fire III £39.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cutesy role-playing epic involving dragons and things. **84%**

Broken Helix £39.99
Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good ideas, but very dated shoot 'em up. **70%**

Broken Sword £44.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Superb point and click adventure with a strong story atmosphere. **91%** Winner




Broken Sword 2 £34.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Puzzled up adventure game that's sweet as a nut but hurts your brain. **91%** Winner

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%**

Buggy £39.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Worth-a-look-racer that won't change your life. **78%** Rent it

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**✗
Samurai swordfighting game that's too realistic to pump up your pulse. **83%** Rent it

Bust-a-Groove £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cool Simon Says-style game where you move dancers in time to music. **88%**

Bust-a-Move 2 £19.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
One of the cutest, most incredibly addictive puzzle games of all time. **89%** Platinum

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%** Winner

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%**

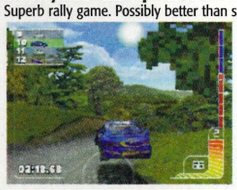
Chill £39.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Loads to do and cool two-player in another snowboarding clone. **82%**

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%**

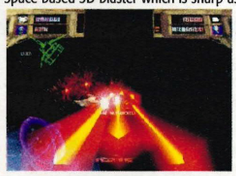
City of The Lost Children £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent graphics in this adventure game, but incredibly annoying. **68%**

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%**

Colin McRae Rally £44.99
Company Codemasters **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual shock
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Superb rally game. Possibly better than sex. **95%** Winner




Colony Wars £44.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Space-based 3D blaster which is sharp as a tack. Loads to do, too. **93%** Winner

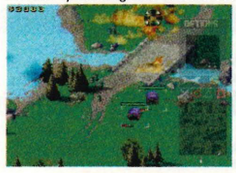



Command and Conquer £19.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
It's war, and you're the daddy of destruction. A point and click bloodbath. **90%** Platinum

Command and Conquer: Red Alert £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Strategic slaughter 'em up that's even better than the first C&C. **93%** Winner




Command and Conquer: Retaliation £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Well worthy next stage in an excellent series. **92%** Winner




Constructor £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Play at being a landlord. Sounds crap? You're wrong, it's ace. **88%**

Contra: Legacy of War £44.95
Company Konami **Players** 1-2 **Special** 3D Glasses
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
3D Version of the classic shoot 'em up. Solid blasting action. **83%**

Cool Boarders £39.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
One player only, but this is still brilliant snowboarding fun. **91%** Winner




Cool Boarders 2 £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Shit-hot snowboard sequel that adds a two-player mode to the original. **92%** Winner




Courier Crisis £34.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good fun for a while, but limited bike 'em up. **79%** Rent it

Crash Bandicoot £19.99
Company SCEE **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A bit frustrating, but this is one of the best platformers around. **86%** Platinum

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**✗
Great graphics, but this 3D beat 'em up still loses out to Tekken. **82%** Rent it

Lookylikeys

Who do you look like?

Weird, they actually look like... each other! This month we point out that Bianca off of Eastenders looks 'a bit like' Ludo from the film Labyrinth. And, hey, you never see them in the same room together, do you?




■ Ludo: sells clothes ■ Bianca: sells herself short

The Knowledge: updated every month

Croc £34.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cutesy graphics don't spoil this challenging platformer. **84%**

Crow 2: City of Angels £44.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
If you hated the movie, you'll hate this even more. Crap fighting game. **33%**

Crusader £44.95
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent shooting and exploring action in this lone commando game. **85%**

Crypt Killer £44.99
Company Konami **Players** 1-2 **Special** Light Gun
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The worst lightgun game ever. Stay away! **27%**

Cyber Sled £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull arcade shooting game. Even Namco can make mistakes. **69%**

Cyber Speed £39.99
Company Mindscape **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
You race about on wires. Not a WipEout-beater. **68%**

Cyberia £39.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Underwhelming shooting and puzzle games. **60%**

D £44.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1 Rent it
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
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%**

Dead or Alive £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent fighter with added bouncing boobs. Top job. **94%** winner




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**✗
Doom in spaceships. If you think that's a great idea, you're right. **91%** winner



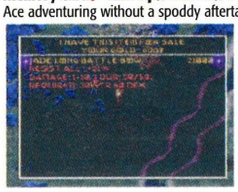

Descent 2 £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Not enough improvements on the original, but still a good shoot 'em up. **82%**

Destruction Derby £19.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Play a while and you realise it's a shallow game: Great with two players. **72%** Platinum

Destruction Derby 2 £19.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Better than the original, with faster cars and wider tracks. **89%** Platinum

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

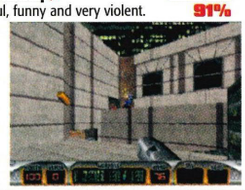



DiscWorld £39.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Fantasy 'comedy' adventure with annoying puzzles. **71%**

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

Duke Nukem: Time to Kill £39.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Duke gets a Tomb Raider-style adventure. Result? Very good, thanks. **89%**

Dynasty Warriors £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Beat 'em up with swords that doesn't really cut it next to Soul Blade. **67%**

Earthworm Jim 2 £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Conversion of the old SNES classic that manages to be a lesser copy. **79%**

Epidemic £34.95
Company SONY **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Sequel to Kileak the Blood fails to improve on a pretty poor game **64%**

ESPN Extreme Games £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Oddball sports racing game with a smidgin of violence for good measure. **91%** winner




Everybody's Golf £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A golf game that's - wait for it - fun! And great to play too. **85%**

Excalibur 2555AD £19.99
Company Telstar **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Merlin's niece goes sci-fi in this Tomb Raider wannabe. A near miss. **77%** Platinum

Exhumed £44.95
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Still one of the best and most challenging Doom-style games around. **91%** winner




Explosive Racing £34.95
Company TOKA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Lack of control and cheesy whiff let down fun racer. **51%**

Extreme Pinball £44.95
Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Sad, lonely, orphan of a pinball title with unrealistic ball movements. **44%**

Extreme Snow Break £39.99
Company Microids **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Shite snowboarding rubbish. **50%**

Fade to Black £19.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Absorbing, interesting 3D game. There's plenty to see, do and shoot. **87%** Platinum

Fantastic Four £34.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Dull and repetitive beat 'em up featuring the Marvel comics heroes. **59%**

Felony 11-79 £39.99
Company ASCII **Players** 1 **Special** Negcon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pacey joyriding game which offers lots of bangs for your buck. **81%**

FIFA 96 £19.99
Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Footy game with little control over players and bad camera views. **58%** Platinum

FIFA 97 £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Not much improvement over '96, since it plays so very slowly... **64%**

FIFA 98: Road to World Cup £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fairly average footy game. Only for true fans. **65%**

The Fifth Element £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Likeable adventure, but lacks that, oh, 'pzazz', that extra little something. **79%**

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

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Firestorm: Thunderhawk 2 £19.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
3D graphics aren't exactly perfect but this is still a great helicopter game. **82%**

Firo and Klawd £44.95
Company BMG **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Interesting buddy cop game, but it loses points for no 'save game' option. **82%**

Floating Runner £44.99
Company THQ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Enjoyable, playable 3D platformer with strange viewpoint, weird controls. **81%**

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 £19.99
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%**

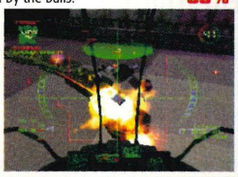
Frenzy £34.99
Company SCI **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Wannabe wacky shoot 'em up ends up being irritating and shite. **16%**

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%**

Future Cop: LAPD £44.99
Company Electronic Arts **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Hover, stomp and blast your way through the future. Cool. **89%**

G-Darius £39.99
Company THQ **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Stonking shoot 'em up pits you against a world of murderous fish. **89%**

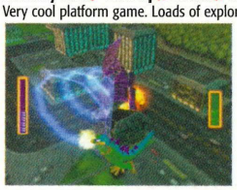
G-Police £44.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Sci-fi helicopter cop thriller that grabs you by the balls. **93%** winner

Galaxian 3D £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-4 **Special** Negcon
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✓
Graphically impressive shoot 'em up, but lacking in gameplay. **36%**

Gex £44.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Goes to show that if you really try, you can produce a dull platformer. **68%**

Gex 3D £44.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very cool platform game. Loads of exploration and adrenalin. **91%** winner




Ghost in the Shell £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue pad, dual shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Manga-based robot shoot 'em up that's a bundle of laffs. **90%**

Goal Storm £39.99
Company Konami **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Big sprites lumber by on zimmers and stairlifts in this football game. **66%**

Grand Theft Auto £19.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ultra-violent, immoral car game. Not a looker, but amazing gameplay. **85%**

5 best puzzlers

Insane in the brain



1. Super Puzzle Fighter
Like the best puzzlers: super-simple and madly addictive. And it's one of the best multiplayer games around.

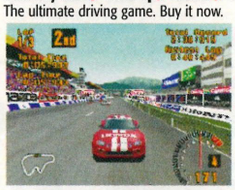
2. Kula World
Not so hot in two-player, but then this roll-a-ball 'em up will completely rule your life in single-player mode. Ouch...

3. Devil Dice
Devil Dice is the bollocks. Load it up, start playing. Mmm, the oh-so sensual smell of frying synapses.

4. Bust-A-Move 2
It's cute, but ohmigod is it good. Never ever has bursting balloons been so near 'too-addictive-to-be-legal' status.

5. Kurushi
Play this game and you'll never see blocks in the same light again. Come to that, you'll probably never see light again.

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%** winner




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%** Rent it

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%**

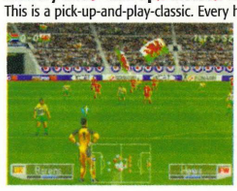
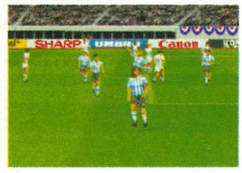
Iron and Blood £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Average 3D beat 'em up, fantasy style. Not enough to tickle your fancy... **67%**

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%**




ISS Pro 98 £44.99
Company Konami **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This is a pick-up-and-play-classic. Every home should have one. **94%** winner

GEAR

Other stuff you need for your 'Station



CHRISTMAS CRACKERS?

Nu Gen Data Compressor £14.99

Harnessing all the powers of the netherworld, the technicians of Nu Gen bring you this odd gizmo. It makes your old mem cards take 120 slots. Clever. Almost too clever. What you get for your dough is a handy thing that lets you bring up eight pages worth of saves from a common or garden Sony pad...

Get it out for: Convincing Estate Agents you don't really exist.

Rated: Uh-HUH! Uh-HUH! HEEEUUUURRGGHH! Blort! Spatter! That was our impression of somebody reaching an orgasm while 'pulling the pudding'. Your reaction to the Data Compressor'll probably be more along the lines of 'Hmmm. Convenient. Now I can save my games lots and lots' But it's still pretty damn fine. **80%**

Mad Catz Dual Force £19.99

Yup. It's another chapter in the ongoing saga of 'Pads That Sound Like the Dual Shock But Aren't, Honest'. What next? Dual Jock? Dual Glock? Sigh.

Well, you know the drill. It's got two analogue sticks. It's got normal pad bits. It vibrates when it gets narked. But in no way does it infringe the copyright laws when it comes to the Sony Dual Shock pad. Lord, no.

Get it out for: Single shocks. Certainly not dual ones

Rated: Does the business. The sticky bits do what you'd expect a well-brought-up sticky bit to do. The other bits are just fine and dandy, ta very much. Not the toppest of the top, but it does what you'd want it to do. **80%**

Gamester Dual Force Wheel £69.99

Ah, Christmas. Up and down the country marketing people are filling up with that Yuletide feeling. 'Quick! Get the plastic moulds ready! The shops are full of rich, stupid parents buying expensive peripherals for their revolting offspring! Let's cash in!' And right on cue comes a new version of the rumbling Gamester wheel. Oddly, it's rather damn fine.

Get it out for: Gran Turismo

Rated: Sure, there are a lot of wheels sitting on those shelves, staring at you with wide, imploring 'buy-me' eyes, but this is the one you should go for. Little Jonty and Tarquin will love you so much when you fill their ermine-lined stockings with this on Christmas day. For a start, it's got super-smooth analogue turning, a clever little rumbling function that works with any Dual Shock game you care to mention, and with a proper-wheel-shaped wheel, it just oozes class. You want a wheel? Get this. **92%**



IN SANTA'S SACK

Prize Turkey



Mad Catz Wrist Rumbler £9.99

Praise be! All those months we've spent holding Dual Shock Pads and personal pleasers to our wrists to get that ultimate adrenalin-gland-punishing vibrating wrist experience are finally over! With the all-new wrist-rumbler we can get our wrists pulsing in time to the action without lifting a finger! Deep breath lads. This is REALLY silly...

Get it out for: Those with arthritic wrists

Rated: It does rumble, we'll give it that. But what kind of bell-pepper would actually want a thing that sits on the wrist, rumbling? We'd say this was pants, except pants are kinda functional: they're good for keeping your penis and bottom in. This is only good for waving your penis at. **50%**



Stuck for presents for your ageing relatives? Why not buy these ultra-tasty pieces of PlayStation kit? What? They don't like PlayStation? Well that'll serve 'em right for always getting you socks...

ASCII Resident Evil 2 Control Pad £24.99

A joypad for just one game? Oh how decadent! Ambassador, you are spoileeng us! Just look at its dinky gun handle bit! It's got a proper trigger! It's got buttons on! With lumps on them!

Get it out for: Guess. Just guess.

Rated: A tad tricky to get into, but bonzo Resident Evil fans can up their bonzo Resident Evil fan credentials by playing this. Kinda fun. Check it. **85%**

Nu Gun £24.99

Looks like a real gun! A real gun with bullets, even! Cool! Blam! Ka-chow! Kill! No mercy!

Get it out for: Murder, of course

Rated: It doesn't just look good. It plays good. Get this for budding psychopaths or criminals trying to reintegrate into society. It'll do 'em good. **90%**

Ultra Racer £29.99

Strange wizardry is afoot. This is a mondo odd piece of kit. It's a kind of joypaddy thing with a strange wheel stuck on the top. It steers.

Get it out for: Racers

Rated: Steers very sweetly. Now, we know it's an ugly little bastard, but it's kinda worth a punt... **80%**

Interact ProgramPad £29.99

Cheat like a bastard! Infuriate your best mates! Go on, do it again! Make their blood boil!

Get it out for: Tekken 3

Rated: You can program in a sequence of up to 87 button presses into just one button on this. Useful for Tekken, per-chance? You betcha. **85%**

Blaze X-plorer Cheats Cartridge £29.99

This weeny gadgie will slot into the back of your PlayStation and open your eyes to a whole new world of game cheating. Probably. Basically, by having this on the back of your box you're tapping into a virtually unlimited world of God modes, level skips, all-items cheats... Whatever you want basically.

Get it our for: Er, cheating...

Rated: Two words of warning here: to get the best out of your new cheating chum you'll ideally need access to the internet, since codes for new games get posted on http://www.x-plorer.co.uk. And do you really want to cheat at EVERY game you have? **90%**



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%**

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%**

Rant!

Brian Twat gets angry

Right! That's it! And that should be it! Because I'm Brian Twat and this is my RANT COLUMN! Yes, that's right readers, I get angry! ABOUT THINGS!

This month I'm ranting about women in GAMES!!!! Why on earth do software companies think we'll buy a game just because they use a scantily-clad model on the advertising?! Do they think WE'RE tosspots or summat?!!

Yeah, that's right I TELL it like it is. And when I get angry I've gotta shout about it. Like, why don't we see more women used in advertising for games?!! I mean, it makes blummin' sense dunnit? I want to see babes and so does every red-blooded male.

But, hey, doesn't that EXCLUDE girls who play games!! And that ain't fair!! 'Cos lots of girls like games!!

Except girls aren't really SERIOUS about games like us RANTERS. They reckon on like it's a big larf, or something you ENJOY!! And that ain't right. They're NOT fun and that makes me ANGRY. AAAARRGH!



■ Our new RANT columnist. Really angry about stuff.

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%**

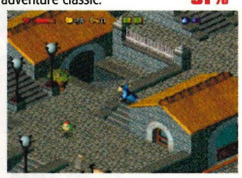
Kula World £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very classy head-stretching puzzle game. **89%**

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. **91%** (winner)





Legacy of Kain £44.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Vampire action/adventure game with a hugely enjoyable challenge. **92%** (winner)




Lethal Enforcers £34.99
Company Konami **Players** 1-2 **Special** Lightgun
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Awful conversion of already-bad arcade lightgun game. **30%**

Loaded £39.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
An action-packed traditional sort of blaster, lacking in variety. **75%**

Lomax in Lemmingland £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
It's a Lemmings-inspired platformer. Our verdict? It just leaves us cold. **70%**

Lone Soldier £39.99
Company Telstar **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This strikes us as being pretty much Commando in 3D, but way too slow. **72%**

Lost Vikings 2 £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Average arcade game which fails to deliver much originality. **63%**

The Lost World £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platformer from Spielberg dinofest. Never really gets its teeth into you... **81%**

Lucky Luke £39.99
Company Infogrames **Players** 1
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A good laugh action game spoilt by shite platform bits. **79%** (Rent it)

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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Finely tuned gameplay make this current king of the grid-iron games. **89%**

Madden 99 £44.99
Company Electronic Arts **Players** 1-4 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Not exactly the best Yank football game ever. **73%**

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%**

Masters of Teras Kasi £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Star Wars characters in a beat 'em up? We'd rather inject horse snot. **30%**

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%**

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%**

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%**

MediEvil £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Does slaughtering demons pump your nads? It sure pumps ours. **92%** (winner)




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%**

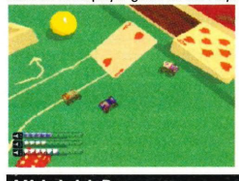
MegaMan X3 £44.95
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platformer rates playability over looks. 9 levels will keep you busy. **81%**

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%**

Micro Machines V3 £19.99
Company Codemasters **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
The best multi-player game on the PlayStation. A real racing classic. **91%** (winner)




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. **92%** (winner)





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The Knowledge: updated every month

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%**

Moto Racer 2 £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A scorcher of a motorbike racer. Lots of tracks and a cool track editor. **91%** Winner




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%**

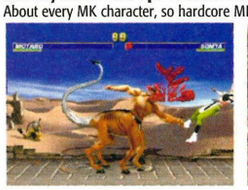
Mortal Kombat 3 £44.95
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
MK fans will go mental, but for us, Streetfighter still rules the 2D scene **91%** Winner




Mortal Kombat 4 £34.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
At the end of the day, it's just another Mortal Kombat game. Yawn. **74%** Rent it

Mortal Kombat Mythologies £44.99
Company GT **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Boring, unplayable one-player quest version of the old beat 'em up. **50%**

Mortal Kombat Trilogy £44.95
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
About every MK character, so hardcore MKers will be happy... **91%** Winner




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%**

N2O £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 99 £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Insanely cack racer with unbelievably bad commentary. It's dire. **50%**

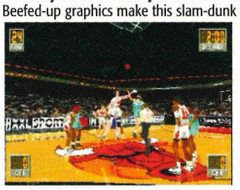
NASCAR Racing £44.95
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Crap Days of Thunder-style racing game, bad in every single way... **35%**

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. **72%** Rent it

NBA in the Zone £44.95
Company Konami **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The large sprites are pretty agile, and it has more pace than Total NBA... **85%**

NBA in the Zone 2 £44.95
Company Konami **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Beefed-up graphics make this slam-dunk sequel quite classy. **91%** Winner



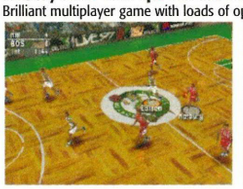

NBA Jam Extreme £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Yet another basketball game: a couple of outrageous comic features. **80%**

NBA Jam Tournament £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Conversion of the coin-op with 2D characters going two-on-two. **86%**

NBA Live 96 £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Uses the FIFA '96 graphics engine, and it shows all too clearly... **81%**

NBA Live 98 £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-8 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Good-looking basketball effort that offers a bouncing bundle of gameplay. **87%**

NBA Live 97 £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Brilliant multiplayer game with loads of options. **91%** Winner




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... **70%** Platinum

Need for Speed 2 £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Looks crap, and plays even worse than its prequel. **49%**

Need for Speed III £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very fast, good-looking racer Miles better than one and two. **89%**

Newman Haas Racing £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A bit of a poor F1 copy. Only for die-hards. **75%**

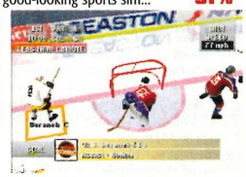
NFL Gameplay £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pretty average in every department. **82%**

NFL Extreme £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
We'd rather play a game of chicken in heavy traffic. Not bad though **71%**

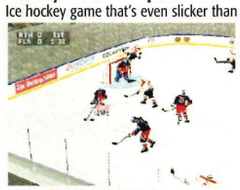
NFL Quarterback Club £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Competent sports sim let down by blocky graphics... **75%**

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... **91%** Winner





NHL 98 £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Ice hockey game that's even slicker than last year's version. **91%** Winner




NHL 99 £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-4 **Special** Dual shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
It's ice hockey. But, hey, this one doesn't taste at all bad. **86%**

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. **70%** Rent it

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%**

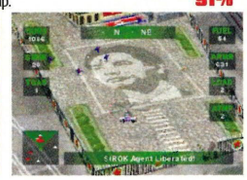
Nightmare Creatures £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Buckets o' blood in this Victorian hack and slash zombie epic. Way cool. **89%**

Ninja: Shadow of Darkness £44.99
Company GT **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good-looking killing game, let down by lack of variety. **82%** Rent it

The Note £39.99
Company Sunsoft **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Basic adventure. Boring and dull **45%**

Nova Storm £39.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Start game. Fire continuously. Finish game eventually. That's it... **55%**

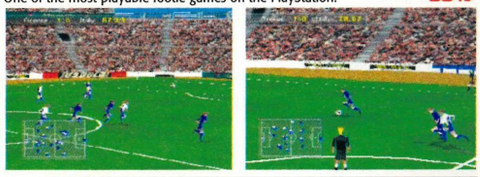
Nuclear Strike £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
explosive and absorbing strategic shoot 'em up. **91%** Winner

Off World Interceptor £39.99
Company BMG **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
4x4s bounce about on the moon in this dull race game. **68%**

Olympic Games £44.95
Company US Gold **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
International Track and Field is the game to beat. This doesn't come close. **70%**

Olympic Soccer £44.95
Company US Gold **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
One of the most playable footie games on the PlayStation. **93%**

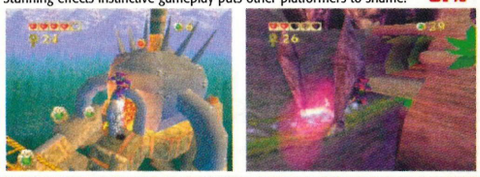


One £39.99
Company ASC **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fast, good looking ultra-violent platform shooter let down by dull combat. **83%**

OnSide £44.99
Company Telstar **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This is the most incredibly bland footie game. **65%**

Overblood £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Quite annoying Resident Evil clone with little action. **76%**

Pandemonium £19.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Stunning effects instinctive gameplay puts other platformers to shame. **91%**



Pandemonium 2 £44.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Big platformer, trippy visuals. Worth a look. **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%**

Pet in TV £39.99
Company Grolier **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Do you really need a Tamagotchi on your PlayStation? We think not. **60%**

PGA Tour 96 £19.99
Company EA **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A dodgy putting system lets this golf sim down badly. **59%**

PGA Tour 97 £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Probably the best-looking golf sim, but gameplay is becoming too similar. **65%**

PGA Tour 98 £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Golf game that fails to offer anything new. **68%**

Phat Air Snowboarding £34.99
Company Funsoft **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Snowboarding-bandwagon-jumper that doesn't quite cut the mustard. **75%**

Pitball £44.95
Company Warner **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Speedball-type thing, but with pretty bog-standard looks and playability. **73%**

Pitfall 3D £39.99
Company Activision **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very playable platformer thankfully without cuteness. **84%**

Player Manager £44.95
Company Anco **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Predictable results spoil this footie management sim. **68%**

Pocket Fighter £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Street Fighter characters get small. Cool, but only for fanatics really. **79%**

Po 'Ed £44.99
Company Warner **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Interesting weapons, surprise monsters raise a laugh in this Doom-clone. **76%**

Point Blank £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** G-Con 45
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Amazingly cool shooting-gallery-style compilation game. **92%**



Porsche Challenge £19.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Driving game let down by lack of variety, and lack of tracks. **80%**

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%**

Totty you forgot

She was a star...

Dateline: The Fifties and Sixties.

The totty
Brigitte Bardot

Who?
BB, as she was called, began her career by appearing on the cover of Elle, quickly becoming the absolute premier fox of her generation by going on to make a splash in the film And God Created Women. He sure did, and boy, was He on good form the day He came up with Brigitte.

And what's she up to now?
Unfortunately Brigitte was always attempting suicide – three times in all. Even with all that practice she never made it though, and now she campaigns actively for animal rights.

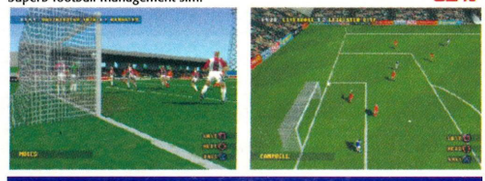


■ 'And when I return I want to be BB's towel, please God.'

Power Soccer 2 £34.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Amazingly average footie game that won't hold your interest. **70%**

Poy Poy £34.95
Company Konami **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Cool multiplayer game. Not so good by yourself. **83%**

Premier Manager 98 £44.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Superb football management sim. **92%**



Pro Pinball: The Web £44.95
Company Empire **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ball movement so fluid it handles like the real thing. **93%**



Pro Pinball Timeshock £24.99
Company Empire **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
One big, beautiful mother of a pinball table: all yours to have and hold... **89%**

Project Overkill £44.95
Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
High-tech, underachieving version of the old arcade stalwart Bezerk... **79%**

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%**

R-types £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Two games one old, one new. Botj top-of-the-range shoot 'em ups. **81%**

Rage Racer £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Classic racing game. One of the best on the PlayStation. Buy it! **93%**



Raging Skies £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Flight sim looks dated and gets repetitive after a while. Pretty average. **73%**

Raiden Project £39.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Enjoyable, but limited. Animation and graphics are only mediocre... **72%**

Rally Cross £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-4 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Rolling cars aplenty in fun racer, plus 4 player mode... **88%**

Rampage World Tour £34.99
Company GT **Players** 1-3
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Pick a monster and smash up towns. As much fun as it sounds. **69%**

Rapid Racer £34.95
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
White water racer: let down by slow two-player mode. **82%**

Rapid Reload £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Entertaining, but limited platform shoot 'em up. **80%**

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%**

The Knowledge: updated every month

Rayman — £19.99
Company UBI Soft **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Repetitive platformer with a lack of flexibility. Platinum **43%**

Ray Storm — £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Vertical blasting shoot 'em up that's tough, demanding and fast. **83%**

Ray Tracers — £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Car chase game has some good action, but it's over far too quickly. Rent it **73%**

Real Bout: Fatal Fury — RENTAL
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very stale and slow beat 'em up. Avoid. **30%**

Rebel Assault 2 — £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A Star Wars romp, but there's not enough variety and trickery. **46%**

Reboot — £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Hover board game feels great to play, but limited. Rent it **83%**

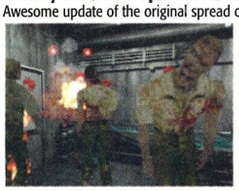
Red Asphalt: Rock & Roll Racing 2 — £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon/Steering wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Speedsters with awesome firepower fail to mix into a gameplay Molotov. **68%**

Reloaded — £44.95
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Smidgin better than the original. But that wasn't much fun either. **73%**

Resident Evil — £49.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This horror adventure is one of the PlayStation's finest games. winner **94%**




Resident Evil 2 — £49.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Awesome update of the original spread over two shit-kickin' discs. winner **95%**




Resident Evil Director's Cut — £34.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cash-in version of the original that's got lots of nice touches. winner **91%**




Return Fire — £44.95
Company Warner **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
You take out enemy bases with a selection of army vehicles. Good fun. winner **91%**




Revolution X — £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Aerosmith feature throughout... but this is one sad game really. **48%**

Ridge Racer — £19.99
Company Sony **Players** 1 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent racing game, but lacking in tracks. Platinum **76%**

Ridge Racer Revolution — £19.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** NegCon/Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Better than the original, with more cars and better controls. Rent it **84%**

Rise 2: Resurrection — £44.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Despite plenty of fighters, this is still only a mediocre beat 'em up... **78%**

Riot — £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-16
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Despite mega multiplayer possibility, this game offers little for your cash. **67%**

Risk — £39.99
Company Hasbro **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
A new spin on the classic board game that's well worth a look. **81%**

Riven — £49.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Clever and great looking puzzle game. But not for everyone. **84%**

Road Rash — £19.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Straightforward, frustrating racing game. Platinum **64%**

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%**

Rogue Trip — £39.99
Company GT **Players** 1-4 **Special** Dual shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A weird old thing, this. Kill tourists and get points. Good fun overall. **76%**

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%**

Rushdown — £39.99
Company Infogrames **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Three sports on one disc! Shame it's not that good, really. **78%**

Sampras Extreme Tennis — £44.95
Company Codemasters **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Real ease of play and lots of views raise it above unseeded rivals... **89%**

Samurai Showdown — Rental
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Abysmal rental-only beat 'em up. Rent it **19%**

San Francisco Rush — £34.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Why buy a good racing game when you could play this lump of turd? **48%**

SCARS — £39.99
Company Ubi Soft **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Laughs replace realism in cool racer. Be warned though: it's tough. **83%**

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%**

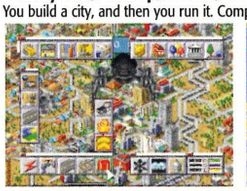
Sentient Returns — £34.99
Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Even having your eyes skewered with fish hooks is better than this. **30%**

Shadow Master — £39.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
You in a tank and loads of mindless blasting. Very good. **88%**

Shellshock — £44.99
Company Core Design **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pretty second rate: levels are dull and grey, and action is very limited. **75%**

Shockwave — £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Empty shoot 'em up with tiny sprites against a dull background. **56%**

Sim City 2000 — £44.99
Company Maxis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
You build a city, and then you run it. Complex strategy. winner **91%**




Skeleton Warriors — £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Looks, smells and feels like an old 16-bit game... and it plays like one too. **69%**

Skull Monkeys — £44.95
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Plasticinetastic action with a clay hero bouncing on monkeys' heads. **79%**

Slam 'n' Jam '96 — £44.95
Company BMG **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Huge sprites, poor camera views and easy gameplay make this a dog. **64%**

Smash Court Tennis — £44.95
Company Sony **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Slow, unresponsive game. You buy kit, but the actual matches are grim. **57%**

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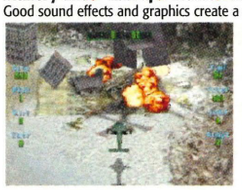
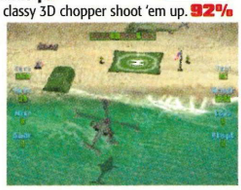
Snow Racer — £34.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Lotsa fun racing game on boards and skis. **85%**

Soul Blade — £19.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Vicious scrapping with huge swords. Not a Tekken-beater, but hey... Platinum **90%**

Soviet Strike — £19.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good sound effects and graphics create a classy 3D chopper shoot 'em up. winner **92%**

Space Hulk — £19.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Drag mercenaries around. Slow but good strategy/action game. Platinum **84%**

Space Jam — £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull movie-based cash-in basketball game. Why put yourself through it? **65%**

Spawn: The Eternal — £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Useless blend of beat 'em up and adventure. Avoid. **32%**

Speed King
Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Slow, boring and about as exciting as watching an egg boil. Maybe less so.. **45%**

Speedster — £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Top-down view racing game that's lacking in speed and playability. **64%**

Spice World — £19.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A shabby excuse of a game. Short, boring and unimaginative. Platinum **21%**

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%**

Spyro the Dragon — £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
So cute you'll throw, but still a well playable 3D platformer. **88%**

Star Gladiator — £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Capcom's first 3D beat 'em up. They don't make a bad job of it either. winner **91%**




Starfighter 3000 — £44.95
Company Telstar **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Nice enough to have a gawp at, but there's not enough going on. **80%**

Star Wars: Masters of Teras Kasi — £34.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A shite bubble of a Star Wars beat 'em up. Absolute crap. **30%**

Starwinder £44.95

Company Mindscape **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Simplistic racing game where every level plays the same. **59%**

Steel Harbinger £44.95

Company Mindscape **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull graphics, but 11 levels and variety of weapons can make this fun. Rent it **79%**

Steel Reign £34.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Analogue Pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cool tank game that can be a bit repetitive. Worth a look, though. Rent it **75%**

Street Fighter Alpha £44.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Update of Street Fighter series with new moves and new characters. winner **91%**




Street Fighter Alpha 2 £44.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Custom combos and counter-moves add up to an excellent sequel. winner **92%**




Street Fighter Collection £39.99

Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ **Joypad**✓
Three Street Fighter games, one CD. That's science for you. **87%**

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. winner **93%**




Street Fighter The Movie £39.99

Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Insult to the Street Fighter name. Based on the movie. **67%**

Street Racer £44.95

Company UBI Soft **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Fair to middling racing game with plenty to do, except get excited... **79%**

Strikepoint: the Hex Missions £44.95

Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Poor helicopter game. Why not have a bash at Soviet Strike instead? **60%**

Striker 96 £39.99

Company Warner **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Simplistic footie game. Binary soccer at its worst. **69%**

Suikoden £44.99

Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Solid role-playing game that isn't going to change your life... Rent it **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**✗
Horribly addictive puzzle game featuring Ryu, Ken and friends. winner **92%**




Supersonic Racers £44.95

Company Mindscape **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Micro Machines-style racer doesn't pull out enough stops to keep you hooked. **74%**

Swagman £44.99

Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
There's plenty of arcade-style fun on offer in this great-looking 2D game. **85%**

Syndicate Wars £44.95

Company EA **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✓ winner
This is an ultra-cool and violent strategy shoot 'em up with amazing 3D graphics. **92%**




Tekken £19.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Platinum
Namco's first beat 'em up. Interesting backgrounds, realistic characters. **90%**

Tekken 2 £19.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Improves on a great original. One of the best fighting games around... **95%**




Tekken 3 £44.99

Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
The big daddy of all beat 'em ups. So good it hurts **96%**

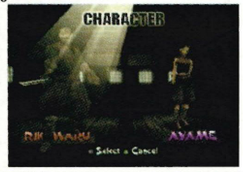



Tempest X3 £34.99

Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Rent it
A PlayStation update of a justifiably great retro shooter. **80%**

Tenchu £39.99

Company Activision **Players** 1 **Special** Dual shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Is there such a thing as a definitive ninja game? There is now... **92%**

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%**

Lara's loveliness

New! Let Lara sort out your problems of the heart...



Dear Lara,
A new girl has started work in my office. She's very attractive and often speaks to me, but I can't summon up the courage to ask her out. Please help!
Desperate, Lancs

■ ***Every girl loves a fireman's uniform, so try this: Go left out of your office door and shoot the two accountants you find there. Get their medipacks. Now go right and run to the end of the corridor. Pull the lever you find there. A fire alarm should sound. Now go outside and kill the members of the fire brigade who will appear. Inside the fire engine is a secret area. Pick up the firemen's clothes and put them on. Now go to the end of the level and meet the girl who will now agree to go out with you.***

Dear Lara,
I have been seeing my girlfriend for three months now and last week we slept together for the first time. Now she wants to finish with me. I am suicidal. What can I do?
Brian, London

■ ***No problem, Brian. Run to the end of the corridor and hoist up to the ledge at the end. Shimmy to the right and pull yourself up. Now run-jump from the edge of the ledge. Hey presto! Suicide complete!***

Dear Lara,
I am an 19-year-old male and my problem is that I have recently discovered strange feelings for my dog, Toby.
I'm sure this is not normal and none of my friends fancy their dogs. Please help.
Confused, Cheshire

■ ***Easy. Go left out of the room and run to the end of the corridor. Take the medipack and the ammo clips you find and equip the Uzis. Shoot the dog. Problem solved.***

Dear Lara,
My girlfriend's worried because I spend too much time gazing at the buxom character from a PlayStation game and not at her. Is she right to be concerned?
Ed, Luton

■ ***Ed, this is not normal. Man, get out more. The whole point to videogames is they're an escape – a way of getting rid of life's stresses and strains. But they're fantasy. Your girlfriend's right to be worried. Pay more attention to her and not some game designer's wet dream.***

Dear Lara,
Please help! I'm stuck on the Midas Palace level of Tomb Raider. I have the lead bars but now I don't know what to do!
Geoff, Cornwall

■ ***Geoff, you are not alone. Thousands of people suffer from the same problem. My advice line today gives help on how to overcome what – for many – can be an embarrassing problem. Good luck!***

Lara Croft



The Knowledge: updated every month

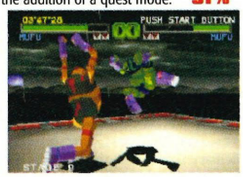
Tiger Shark £44.99
Company GT **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Impossibly high difficulty level ruins this otherwise excellent shoot 'em up. **72%**

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%**



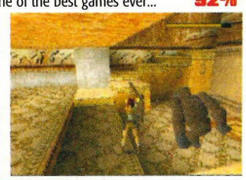

Tobal No.1 £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
A fair beat 'em up improved greatly with the addition of a quest mode. **91%**

TOCA Touring Car Championship £19.99
Company Codemasters **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
It was good before, but now it's dual shock compatible. Top stuff. **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%**




Tombi £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
Typically Jap-style cuteness fails to ruin an excellent platformer. **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**✗
Rent it
Good, but ONLY if you're a basketball fiend. **79%**

Tokyo Highway Battle £39.99
Company THQ **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Kind of a sub-Rage Racer game with average graphics. **77%**

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 £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good sequel even grander in thrills and spills than the original. **88%**

The Unholy War £39.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Move warriors around like chess peices then let 'em scrap. **89%**

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%**

Victory Boxing 2 £39.99
Company JVC **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good boxing game as they go, but still a bit limited moves-wise. **76%**

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%**

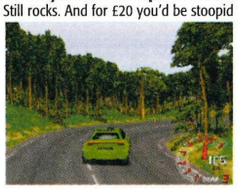
Virtual Golf £44.95
Company Core Design **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Nowhere near as good as the excellent Actua Golf. **57%**

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%**

Virus 2000 £39.99
Company Grolier **Players** 1 **Special** Dual shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
As space shoot 'em ups go, this one's rather average. **70%**

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 £19.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Still rocks. And for £20 you'd be stoopid not to get it bought. **92%**




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%**

Wild 9 £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cool graphics and action in spades see to it this is adrenalin city. **90%**

Wild Arms £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A must for all hardcore RPG fans. Yes, really. **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 Warzone — £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Build your own fighter in this cool wrestler. **73%**

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%**

X-Men Vs Street Fighter — £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
One for nostalgia buffs only, really, but it's still a good beat 'em up. **74%**

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%**

HMV Chart

What's everyone else buying?


1 In at number one: Formula 1 98


2 Tenchu: loves his black


3 Tekken 3: burns the toast



4 ISS Pro 98: has a flat head


5 WWF Warzone: small pants

Key:
(NE) New Entry
(RE) Re-Entry
(4) Position Last Month
(-) Same Position

1. **(NE) Formula 1 98 (Psygnosis)**
Ouch. Not-so-good entry in the series

2. **(NE) Tenchu (Activision)**
Cool ninja slash 'em up

3. **(1) Tekken 3 (Sony)**
The best fighter ever. (Repeat till fade).

4. **(-) ISS Pro 98 (Konami)**
Best footy game ever. (Repeat chorus).

5. **(-) WWF: Warzone (Sony)**
Wrestling antics gently rock our cradle.

6. **(3) Colin McRae Rally (Codemasters)**
Rally game that really cooks our dinner.

7. **(2) Spyro the dragon (Sony)**
Cuted-up dragon thing does good.

8. **(-) Gran Turismo (Sony)**
This Gran don't need support tights.

9. **(NE) Actua Golf 3 (Gremlin)**
Our mate Rolf likes his golf.

10. **(NE) The Unholy War (Eidos)**
Weird, but surprisingly good.

So that's what you used to look like

A rummage through the photo albums of the stars

Drew Barrymore

Drew. Living, breathing proof of the topsy turvy times we live in. One minute she's Gertie in E.T, a character so cute even armed robbers and Vietnam vets were compelled to say, 'Aaah', whenever she was onscreen. In fact, for a short period in 1982 it was considered very impolite not to think Drew Barrymore was the cutest child in creation.

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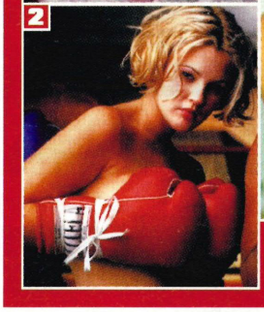
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1 As Gertie in E.T. Cute but no phwoar **2** Lucky boxing gloves **3** Lucky lolly **4** Lucky tattooist

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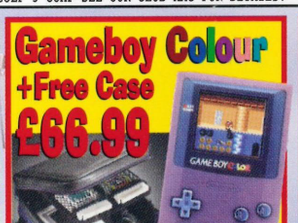

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