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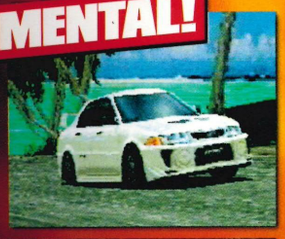
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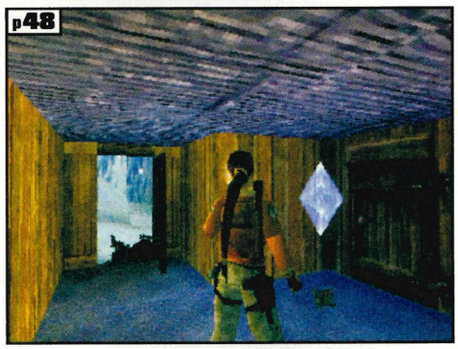
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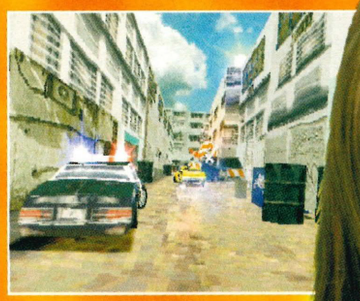
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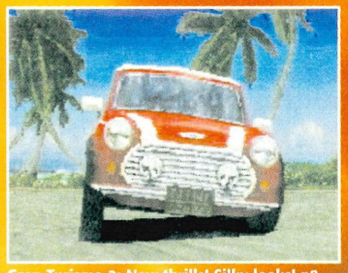
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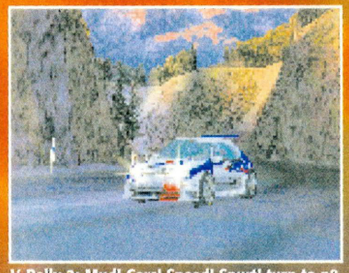


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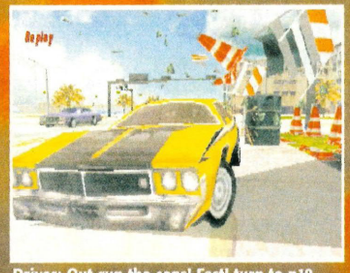
You're a speed junkie. But you ain't got the wad to sustain your habit? Only the finest 'Station racers will do from now on, then. No problemo. Here's a round-up of the best driving games around and a few to look out for in 99...



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You're gonna shoot your load when you see the racers coming to the 'Station this year. Here's a look at the best of 'em and why they're gonna blow you away...

■ **OUT** SEPTEMBER ■ **BY** SONY

Gran Turismo 2

The granddaddy of all racing games is back for a second run

■ What's this then?

Only the follow-up to the biggest-selling European PlayStation game of all time. Ever. Gran Turismo was like, mega-successful, so the boffins at Sony got straight to work on the sequel. And it's looking mighty tasty.

■ What's it like?

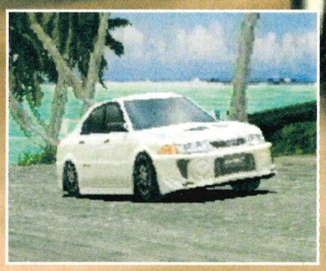
Better than we'd dared expect. Remember the smart-as-pie graphics of the first one, the in-depth gameplay and masses of cars to tear up the tarmac with? Well they're back. And they've brought the rest of the family with 'em. Graphics have been tweaked and refined to the point of perfection and off-road rallying has been added to the original's production, GT and sports car categories.

There are around 400 cars to get to grips with this time around, many of 'em from European manufacturers, twice as many tracks as in the first game and even support for the new-fangled PocketStation gizmo.

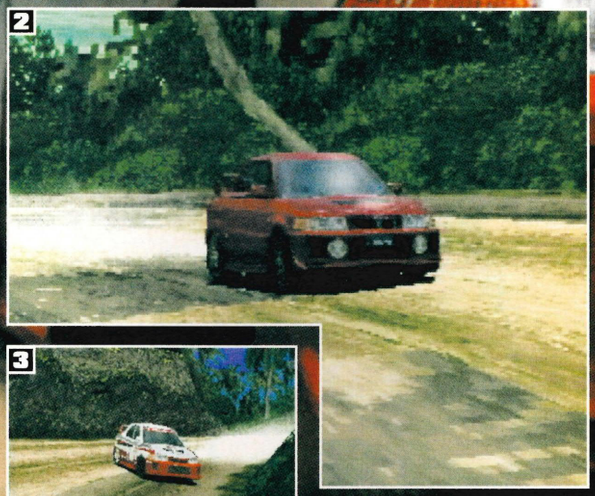
■ Why it rules

'Cos it's like the first one. But better. Sony reckons it'll take a year to see everything Gran Turismo 2 has to offer. Which just about makes it the biggest 'Station game ever! Reason to be excited. Very excited.





■ Check out some of the motas you'll be getting to grips with in Gran Turismo 2



1 Speed demons only need apply. Wusses not welcome **2** Does this excite you? Do you feel 'funny' when you look at it? **3** Us too. Weird, eh?

■ **OUT** JUNE ■ **BY** INFOGRAMES

V-Rally Championship Edition 2

Rally sequel looks the business. Yummy...

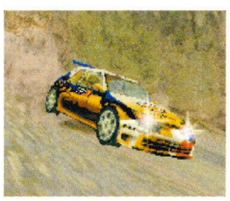
■ What's this then?

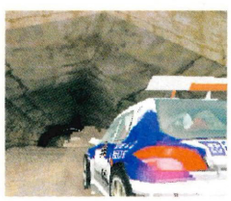
Smart-looking sequel to V-Rally which is showing early signs of being a Colin McRae-beater.

How? Well, take the first game, mix in animated drivers and co-drivers, cars which can be damaged, smart exhaust flash and smoking brake effects. Next, chuck in a healthy dollop of new cars, over 92 tracks, six different modes of play, a two-player game and a fully customisable track editor. The end result? Well let's just say it looks like we've got a winner on our hands.

■ Why it rules

The first V-Rally was well popular with the punters, shifting over 2.5 million copies. The sequel's faster, better-looking and a hell of a lot bigger, so as long as they sort the crapola handling out, we reckon this could be tops.









1 The first V-Rally was no shy, retiring hide-behind-its-fringe kind of affair. So with stacks of improvements... **2** V-Rally 2 should be even better. Check out the two-player mode...



EYE-POPPING RATING

How will your peepers cope?

- Might lose a contact
- Mild corneal bleeding
- Retina explosion!!!

■ Naturally the nice fellas who make GT will have included more tracks in numero two...

■ And yeah, Italian Job fans, now's the chance to see what a Mini Cooper can REALLY do

■ **OUT** MAY ■ **BY** INFOGRAMES

Le Mans 24 Hours

The French come up with a race that lasts 24 hours – they're so crazy

■ *What's this then?*

Suprisingly it's a game based on the Frenchie endurance race, where once a year men gather to leather £500,000 cars around a course that serves as a normal road the rest of the year.

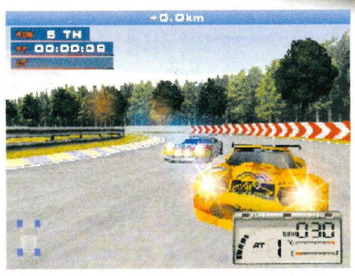
Expect cars so wide they take two days to walk around, and enough power to drag Chris Moyles up Everest. Add to this already-tasty recipe some ultra-realistic handling and huge crowds of roaring fans and you're looking at mondo fun.



■ Speed? You like? 'Course y'do

■ *Why it rules*

The option to race the game for the full 24 hours is cool ass. Not only will it prove to the world how hard you are but you'll get to watch the sun track across the sky before night sets in, it's so beautiful you'll want to write fluffy poetry. There's three different classes of cars and four other tracks and more weather conditions than your Gran's seen in her life.



■ Sick of racing cars around tracks? No...



■ Alternatively, you could just admire it

■ **OUT** MARCH ■ **BY** GT

Driver

Think Smokey and the Bandit. Starsky and Hutch. The Dukes of Hazzard. Think Driver

■ What's this then?

Driver's a car chase game set on the streets of four real-life American cities. You're an undercover cop, Tanner, hired by the mob as a getaway driver.

As you pull off ever more daring heists, your reputation grows and you'll be pulled deeper into an unfolding story of corruption and double-cross.

■ What's it like?

It's from the geezers who did Destruction Derby 1 & 2, which should give you a pretty good idea of what to expect. Burn around massive cities in souped-up 70s cars at ball-busting speeds, ram-raiding shops, robbing banks, smashing up police cars and generally wreaking havoc. Once you've completed your mission, there's the opportunity to direct your very own Starsky & Hutch-esque car chase flick by carefully positioning and editing replay cameras.

■ Why it rules

It's big. Like really big. Each of the cities has between 20-30 miles of tarmac for you to tear around. And it's goyjush too.

The detailed car models and massive car smashes look well smart. Plus this is one of the very few driving games that can genuinely claim to be different from the rest.



■ It's a big yellow taxi demolition job. Just the kind of rootin'-tootin' excitement you're gagging for...



■ And now let's see that demolition job again. In 'replay' mode...



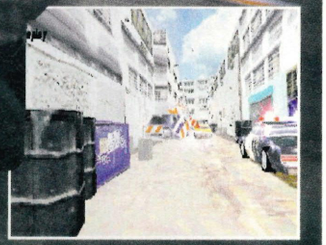
■ See, the plan here is to destroy stuff. We like that



■ Floor it down the city streets. Stop for no-one



■ Just you, a heist and a set of hot wheels. Ouch...



■ Screaming tyres, cops in pursuit...



■ **OUT** APRIL ■ **BY** SONY

Ridge Racer 4

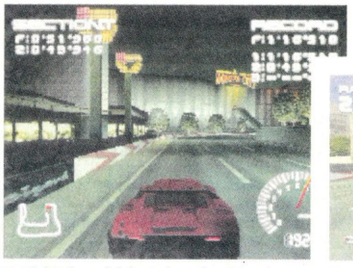
Racing dinosaur gets all modern. Our saliva glands pulse gently...

■ What's this then?

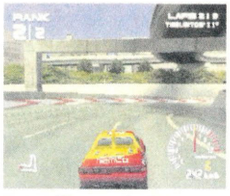
Well just have a bleedin' guess. It's the fourth in the Ridge Racer series, hence the 'Ridge Racer' and '4' bits. It's the follow-up to Rage Racer, which exploded onto the 'Station many moons ago with a lip-smacking mix of razor-sharp looks and well smart tracks. But a year and a half in 'Stationland is ages, and Rage is a tad long in the tooth these days: enter numero quatro...

■ What's it like?

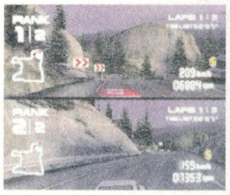
Eye-wateringly fast, and with numbnuts-friendly handling. None of your Gran Turismo fiddling with the exhaust ratios to shave 3mm off your turning circle here: pure arcade speed's the name of the game. Switch the old grey cells down to 'essential functions only': time to burn rubber, we reckon...



■ Night-time driving's just the ticket here



■ Graphics are pin-sharp



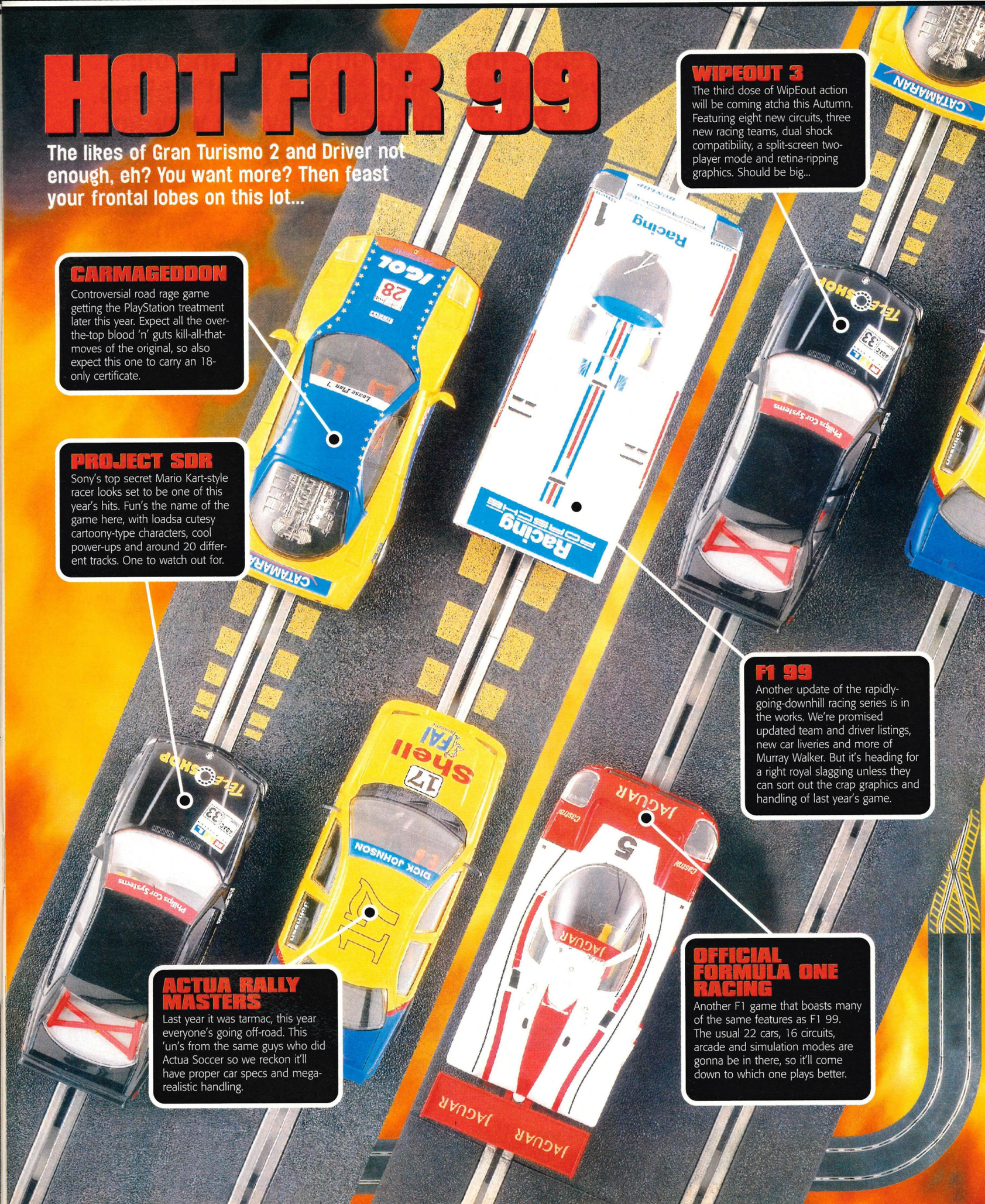
■ A two-player mode! New

■ Why it rules

It's got 300, count 'em, 300 cars. Again, that's 300. Plus courses with kick-ass hills and roller-coaster humps that make the Gran Turismo ones look like stale porridge. Eye-watering speed and general arcadey white-knuckleness to go. How can you possibly refuse? Yup, spot on. You can't.

HOT FOR 99

The likes of Gran Turismo 2 and Driver not enough, eh? You want more? Then feast your frontal lobes on this lot...



CARMAGEDDON

Controversial road rage game getting the PlayStation treatment later this year. Expect all the over-the-top blood 'n' guts kill-all-that-moves of the original, so also expect this one to carry an 18-only certificate.

PROJECT SDR

Sony's top secret Mario Kart-style racer looks set to be one of this year's hits. Fun's the name of the game here, with loadsa cutesy cartoony-type characters, cool power-ups and around 20 different tracks. One to watch out for.

ACTUA RALLY MASTERS

Last year it was tarmac, this year everyone's going off-road. This 'un's from the same guys who did Actua Soccer so we reckon it'll have proper car specs and mega-realistic handling.

WIPEOUT 3

The third dose of WipEout action will be coming atcha this Autumn. Featuring eight new circuits, three new racing teams, dual shock compatibility, a split-screen two-player mode and retina-ripping graphics. Should be big...

F1 99

Another update of the rapidly-going-downhill racing series is in the works. We're promised updated team and driver listings, new car liveries and more of Murray Walker. But it's heading for a right royal slagging unless they can sort out the crap graphics and handling of last year's game.

OFFICIAL FORMULA ONE RACING

Another F1 game that boasts many of the same features as F1 99. The usual 22 cars, 16 circuits, arcade and simulation modes are gonna be in there, so it'll come down to which one plays better.

You're palms are all sweaty. You've got butterflies in your stomach. It's been days since you had a good night's sleep. You NEED Gran Turismo 2. But it's months away. So why not tide yourself over with one of these classic 'Station racers...



■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** SONY

Gran Turismo

You ain't got it yet? Get outta here, infidel dog!

■ What's this then?

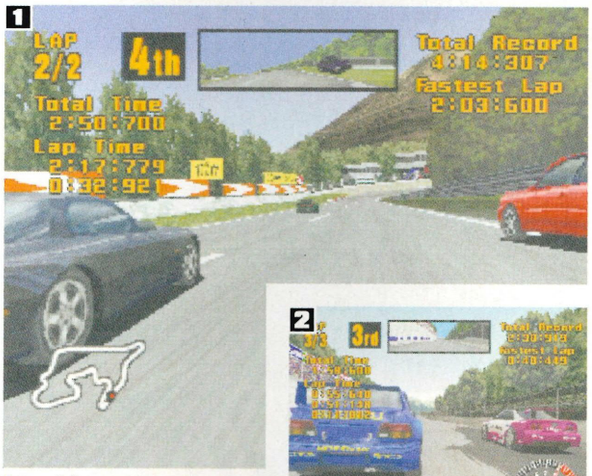
'What's this then?' he asks. Wise up, dillweed. It's only the bleedin' topmost of the toppest 'Station racers, innit. GT was le Grand Fromage 'Stationwise last year, selling more copies than the bible and generally being better than having sex and finding a tenner at the same time...

■ What's it like?

300 super-realistic cars. More eye-candy than you can eat. Super-sharp-looking replays that'll fill you with joy. Ultra-tricksy handling, and enough gameplay to eat your entire life for several months. There's even driving tests in there, fer Chrissake!

■ Why it rules

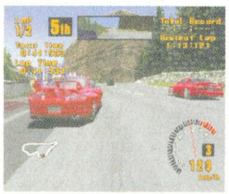
Well, it isn't just that it looks and handles better than any racer ever before: it's just packed with the kind of details that make every self-respecting boy get a bit hormonal. Gear ratios. Exhaust sprockets. Racing trims. Joy, pure joy...



1 Most folks come over all gooey when they see screenshots like these.. **2** Strangely enough, 'most folks' all work in our office



■ Pin-sharp looks and very...



■ Fast. A guy could fall in love

■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** CODEMASTERS

Colin McRae Rally

'Station rallying gets jocked up. We like. A lot...

■ What's this then?

Colin McRae. That's Mr Sour-faced Rallying Jock in a Subaru to you. It's his game, see? That doesn't seem to have cheered him up none, since his rally tuition sessions sound like the reading at the funeral of an adolescent suicide...

■ What's it like?

The bollocks. There are 48 stages to chug through, plenty cars and the handling is beyond peachy. All competition was cut down like grass before the might of Mr McRae. V-Rally? Tchah! Rally Cross? Don't make us laugh!

■ Why it rules

Hanging on to slippery dirt roads by the skin of your teeth. Ultra-realistic handling, spot-on looks. And unlike your common or garden rallying game, this one's proper: it's just you rallying alone against the clock. Just like in The Real World.





1 Notice anything weird? **2** Yup. No other cars. But don't let that put you off. Soon as you get a load of the clock you'll be feeling the kind of tension bomb disposal experts are scared of **3** And looks? **4** Colin's got 'em. Well, his game does





■ Ooh! the scenery. Ouch! the barrier



■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** CODEMASTERS

TOCA Touring Car 2

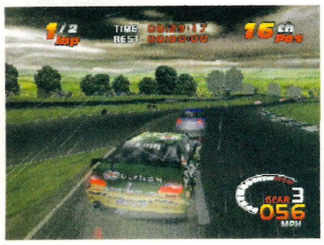
This lady of the road's an orgasm on wheels.

■ What's this then?

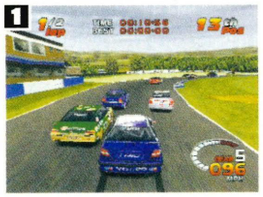
There's nothing like a strict mistress to raise your game and focus the mind, and Madame TOCA the 2nd surely demands concentration and dedication. The reason for this is the highly sensitive nature of the handling, and the speed freak performance of the cars. The kick-back is a warm glow of pride when all the sleepless nights pay off and you finally tame the beast.

■ Why it rules

Sometimes everyone needs a challenge. We need to pit ourselves against something capable of destroying us. Toca 2 is such a challenge. A typical Toca 2 moment involves you – the driver – spending a whole day on a practice track, just so you stand a chance on the championship mode. When you come first you cry tears. Real tears of relief. It's a beautiful moment.



■ Check out the weather effects. Smart...







1 TOCA's top of our driving list. Why? 2 It's got good looks and it plays... 3 Like a dream

PLATINUM RACERS

Strapped for cash but want the best? Try these for size...



■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** PSYGNOSIS
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■ **COMPATABILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, STEERING WHEEL, LINK-UP

WipEout 2097

Check it out, racing without wheels – vive le revolution!

Yep you heard right, no wheels but plenty of hovering. This game's serving up more than a slice of speed pie served with tasty adrenalin custard. Another glacial feature comes via the awesome soundtrack, featuring cool acts like Prodigy, Chemical Brothers and Underworld. The tracks are ace, the skimmers look the business and the weapons are skill.



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■ **COMPATABILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

TOCA

Bad ass driving in your dad's car. Just ask him first, eh?

Touring cars. They look like a sales reps mota – with stickers on. It doesn't sound promising, but when you see them take on the properties of a speck of shit leaving a shovel, your opinion may waver. What'll sway it though is glue-like handling, kamikaze drivers and stacks of famous tracks. Chances are you'll never look at a Mondeo in the same light again. Yup, TOCA sure does rock some.



■ **OUT** NOW
■ **BY** PSYGNOSIS
■ **COSTS** £19.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1
■ **COMPATABILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Formula 1

Classic Formula 1 racer, still the best and still a steal at 20 quid

Years have passed since the original Formula 1 was released. We've all got a older. Put on a few pounds. But some things haven't changed. Formula 1 was the dog's when it came out and it's still kicking it with the best of 'em. It's got all the drivers, cars and circuits from the 1996 season, lurvely graphics and top arcadey-style gameplay to boot. The bottom line: it's better than Formula 1 98.



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FAITH NO MORE

My faith shall be restored should you print a picture of Jennifer Aniston, in next months mag. **Oh go on then. Twist our arms. She is worth it, we've heard**

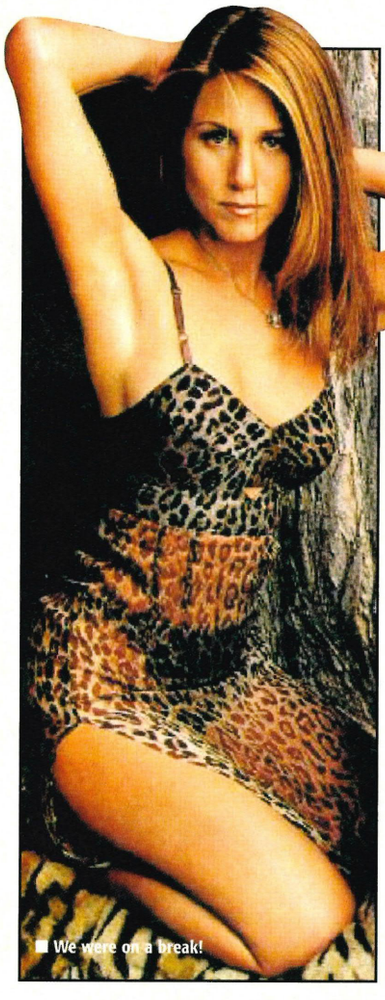
A Depressed Gamer

GUNS N' AMMO

No, I don't get a hard-on watching Arnie films, but I do think that if a gun looks like a semi-automatic, it should fire like one instead of wasting time pumping the bloody thing.

Mark Petor, High Wycombe

Sadly, you don't know your guns. We've all spent a few years polishing large bore firearms in backwoods huts, and we can tell you that you need to pull the trigger repeatedly on a semi-auto, unlike on a full auto where you can hold it down. Kids these days. No psycho potential. Sheesh



■ We were on a break!

TIME TO CHILL

Why did you give Time To Kill 89%? **Because Duke looks like a muppet** What do you think you are on? **Something that makes us not like muppets** A game of that quality deserves 95% at least. **If it didn't have a muppet for a central character** I am a big fan of Mr Nukem **Muppet** and I bought it as soon as it hit the shelves and I know it kicks the shit and isn't 'almost classic'. It's almost as fun as humping a bag of chips! **We prefer pint glasses full of warm liver thanks, Ian**

Ian Littlefair, Essex

Muppet. Yes, you

EXPLOSIVE BOLLOCKS

Hi guys! I am Stephen from Malta. I wish to tell you that the PlayStation Plus Magazine is a Bomb. **Back off nice and slow. But spare a thought for us: our office is stuffed with tons of deadly explosives...** It would be an honour **Jeez. You guys, you guys** for me if you publish this letter in the verbal page of your magazine, which we all love over here. Thanks

Stephen Farrugia, Malta

LINKS

As a regular reader of my favourite Mag, Playstation Plus, I would like your help and advice regarding a suitable long link cable to my two playstation consoles. All available link cables are two metres long, this is ridiculous for players who want to play linked games in two separate rooms. Especially when you don't want your opponent to see your strategy. I have tried to extend the 2m cable in vain. What can I do to enjoy the linked games?

Abuli, email bloke

We've been using the new 4km link cable to enjoy link-up games with our estranged wives who we aren't on speaking terms with. It's also good for playing your fave games with mates in the slammer, or on short car journeys

LIES, DAMN LIES

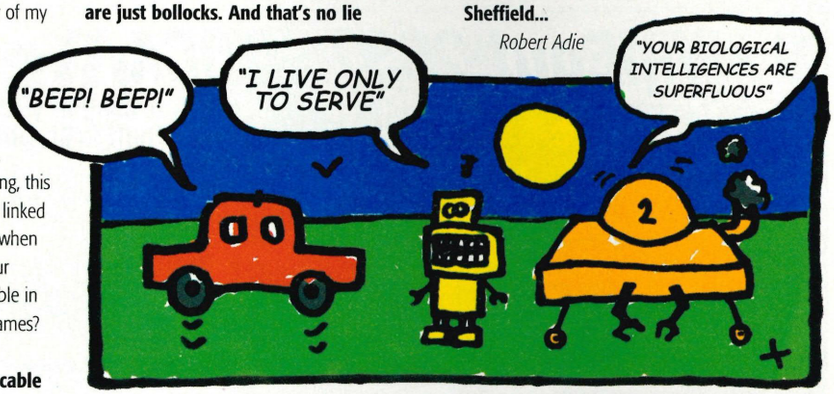
A few weeks ago a mate of mine bought his December issue of his crap mag. In it, it had what an artists impression of the PlayStation 2 is going to look like. He told me it will be having the Internet on it as well. Is all of this true? and if so why didn't you have it in your December issue, as you are the best mag around!!

Also how much will the new PlayStation cost? I don't know if you've seen it yet, but it looks all right!!

M. HAYCOCK

Artist's impression, schmartist's impression. We could rustle you up an 'artist's impression' of the PlayStation 2 without breaking sweat. In fact, you name it, we'll scribble up an artist's impression of it. Robotic servants, anti-gravity cars, cyborg geisha girls. Whatever you want.

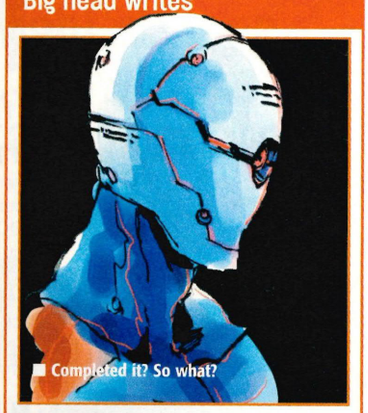
Fact is, nobody outside Sony's high-security tech gulags has seen pics of PlayStation 2, so 'artist's impressions' of it are just bollocks. And that's no lie



■ Our artist's impression of the future. A future where talking PlayStations are bigger than cars

Metal Gear Squalid

Big head writes



■ Completed it? So what?

What is the big deal about Metal Gear Solid? 11 hours of game play my arse. I completed it in the first 4 1/2 hours of having it. It's not exactly a really bollocks game, but it is a bit too easy.

David Collins, Kilmarnock

Every month we get letters like this. 'I completed Final Fantasy VII in four minutes!', 'Crash Bandicoot 3 can be done in under 20 seconds', 'Sex only lasts me one second'. It won't make us respect you as human beings, y'know. Just don't write to us. OK?

WRONG, SO WRONG

Prince Naseem is appearing in Codemasters' boxing game but he is also in another game along with Tifa, Sephiroth and Cloud. The game is Ehrgeiz. Just get the game on import. **There is a character called Prince Naseem in Ehrgeiz. But he's some kind of weird sci fi warrior, not a hairy-legged dwarf from Sheffield...**

Robert Adie

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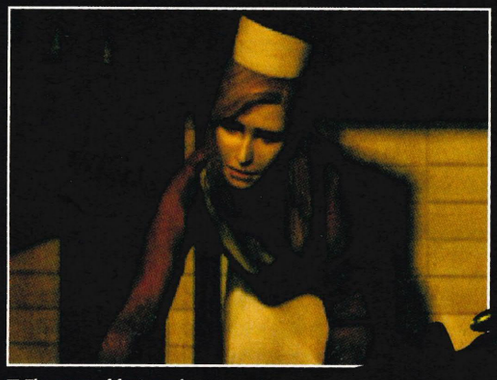
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In order to bring you the first look at so many new games we were forced to sacrifice a work experience person to the God of Previews. So, er, sorry about that Tim...



■ She of the enormous knockers fends off an evil suit...



■ The army of foetuses have made this nurse very sad

'Grotesque, drooling nurses with pink growths'

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■ **OUT** JUNE ■ **BY** KONAMI ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Silent Hill

update

You want blood? You got it..

Our lives have been kind of short on icy jolts of raw, primal terror recently. Well, except for the moment when that bloke said we might have to review Rayman 2 in the near future. Cue the entry of primo shriek 'em up Silent Hill, complete with a full house of skinless babies, psychotic foetus-dogs and grotesque, drooling hospital staff with pulsing pink growths on their backs. Ah, fear. How we've missed you...

Fear is the mindkiller

So what's the deal? You're a butch square-jawed type. Your car goes tits up in a spooky little town called Silent Hill. Spooky how? Well, is 'filled with lurching foetuses with knives' spooky enough for you? Yup, all the folks've vanished, and highly abnormal things with no skin have set up camp. And your daughter's vanished. Time to wander the streets, talking to folks, solving puzzles, exploring. And going tonto with a semi-automatic Glock. Mmmm.

***plus** Looking hot to trot. Lush visuals, insane atmosphere, and plenty of drooling medical professionals to hack with your woodman's axe...*



■ An unleaded foetus. Soon that will change



■ Crap flashlight increases fear factor...



■ A nurse lying in a pool of her own blood. It just don't get any more tasteful















1 Nursey... meet woodman's axe **2** Foetus... meet Glock **3** The decor's your straight-up Nouveau Gothic. It's almost like they knew the foetuses were coming... **4** Huge spooky house. An essential **5** A nurse with a funny growth undergoes crude surgery **6** And whaddya know? Her mate's queueing up for 'treatment', too **7** Luckily, this nurse is still well. Observe the healthiness of those lungs... **8** Darkworld. Just when you thought it couldn't get any nastier, they spring a bleedin' magic portal on you...

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

Cricket World Cup

This is one world cup we could win...maybe?

It came as quite a shock to cricket's governing body that the average punter didn't want to sit around for five days just to witness a draw when they could do it in a day. Thus one-day cricket was born. So in one fell swoop those with limited attention spans were given the pleasure of cricket, and a caring god was proved to exist.

Just like on TV

Initial screenshots suggest this cricket sim is a curvy blond with brains aplenty, and depth to make Grand Canyon feel inadequate. The grounds in here look like a million dollars. Indeed, grass has never looked so green, and whoever washes the team strip deserves a medal, it's like watching a Persil ad...

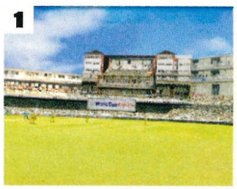
Loadsa depth

Those lacking the dexterity of Jimi Hendrix should have their prayers answered, as there'll be a pick-up-and-play mode featuring one button batting and bowling, so simple even a sea amoeba will look like Ian Botham. Those seeking severe brain bruising won't be disappointed either as there's going to be a full captain mode where you're in charge of everything, from strategy to making the tea for your team.

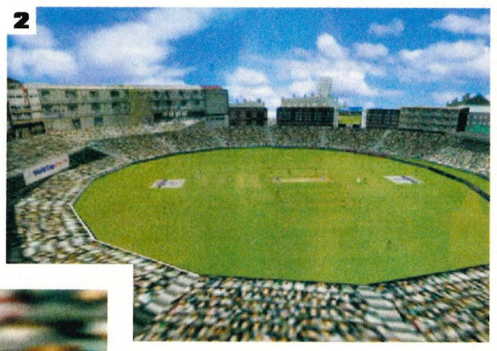
***plus** Looking like a solid nugget of prime cricket action.*



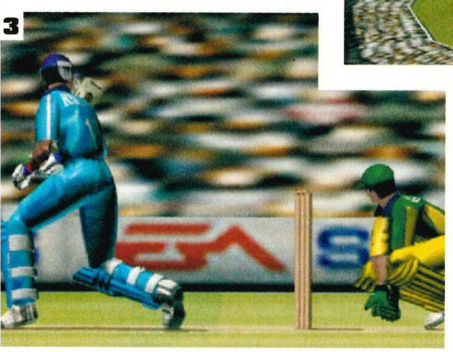
■ Fact or fiction? Cricket is played only by vegetarians



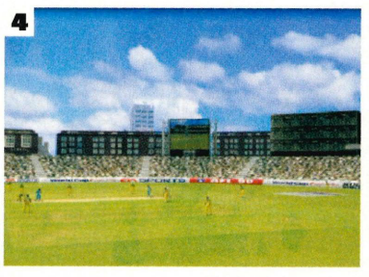
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1 With its oh-so silky smooth looks **2** And very realistic gameplay **3** Cricket World Cup looks set to tempt us... **4** Into its boudoir...

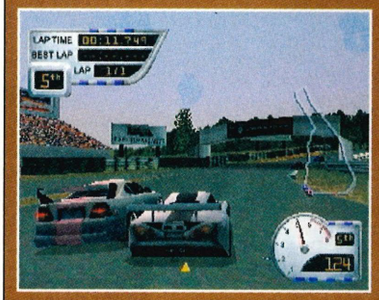
■ **OUT** MARCH ■ **BY** EA ■ **PLAYERS** 1
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, STEERING WHEEL

Sports Car GT

More high-speed racing shenanigans. Better make sure you belt up in the back...



■ Cars? All present and correct, sir...



■ Dials? Check. Funny bits of scenery? Check

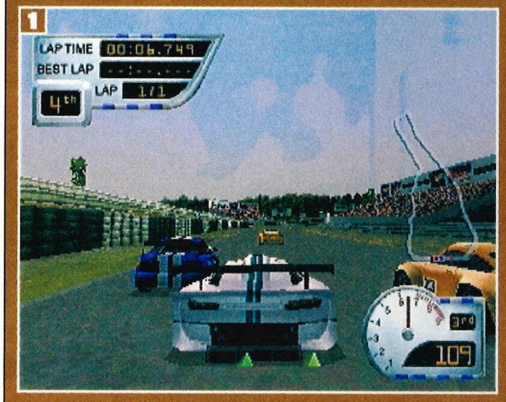
C'mon then, so-called Gran Turismo 2! Cummaaawwwn! Ridge Racer 4? You and all, you perfumed ponce! I'll 'ave the lot of you!' Brave, if slightly foolish, words. Yup. It's the unthinkable. They're making a GT racing game at the same time as the heavyweights are strutting back into the ring ready to ruck. Rather them than us...

Scream if you want to go faster

Is Sports Car GT going to be a contender? Well, with Gran Turismo 2 and Ridge Racer 4 on their way, it's up against it, but the lads've done their best, bless 'em.

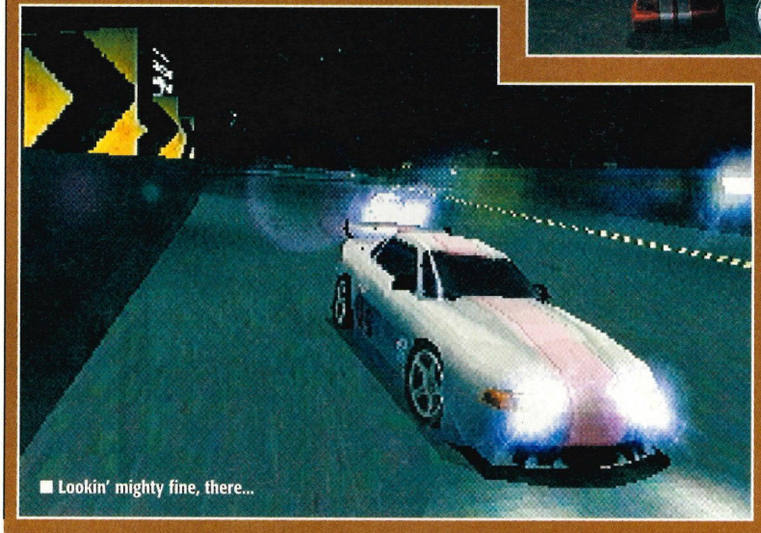
There's speed in here aplenty, the graphics are pretty sharp, and there are enough cars to melt the heart of any boy racer worth his salt. Porsches, Mercedeses, Mustangs. The bizz. And there's loadsa real world courses in there too. Can it cut it? We shall see...

***plus** Brave lads. We'll give you the lowdown on how this racing David's looking next to the Goliaths next month...*





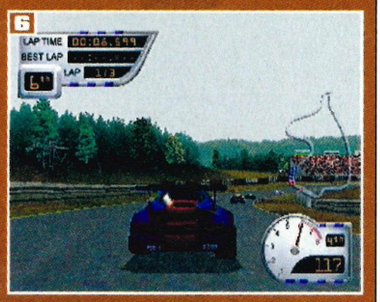


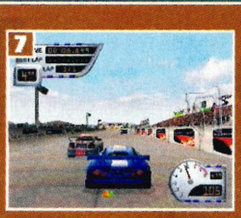


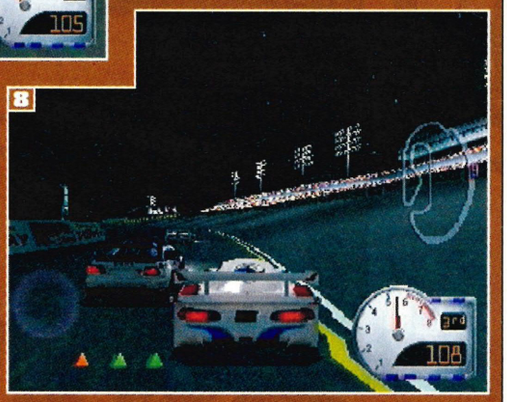
■ Lookin' mighty fine, there...

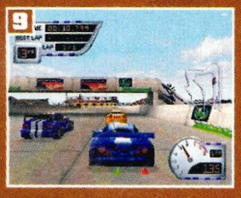


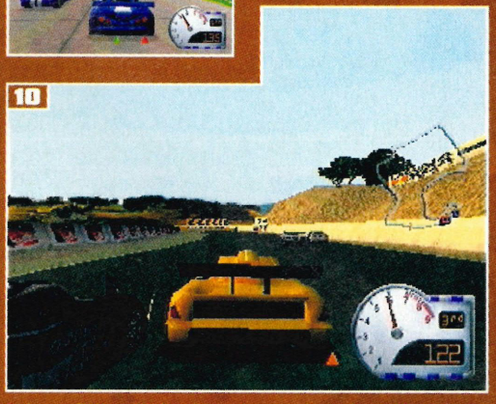


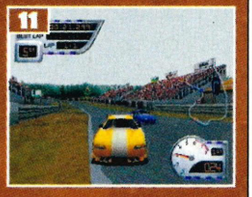














1 Plenty of bits to fiddle with on here by the looks of things 2 The games developers are going to be seducing you with all manner of tracks to race on... 3 At unfeasibly fast speeds... 4 In cars that look as if they could easily eat Paris and still have enough room left for Prague 5 No? Then how about... 6 A touch of night-time driving for extra thrills and spills and, of course, headlights! 7 Well, we've told you everything we know about this game really... 8 So for the rest of this captions box... 9 How about a joke? 10 This horse walks into a bar... 11 And the barman says... 12 Why the long face? Geddit?

■ **OUT** APRIL ■ **BY** SONY ■ **PLAYERS** 1
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

R-Type Delta

It's bigger, it's bolder, it's tougher, it's rougher. No, honest. It really is...

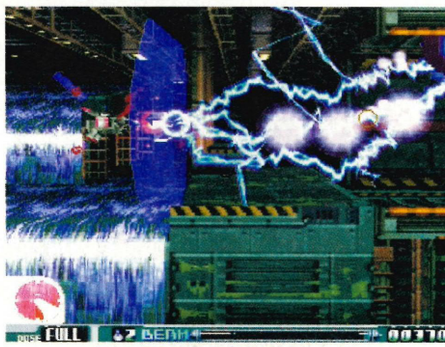
The evil Bydo empire, devourer of sweaty ten pences, is back. You don't know what we're on about? Well, maybe you were still dropping chunks of Farley's rusk out of your toothless gob while us greybeards were grimly clunking an endless stream of 10ps into numero uno old-time 2D shoot 'em up R-Type. You don't know what you were missing. R-Type kicked cheeks. And now it's back.

It's R-Type of game. Sigh

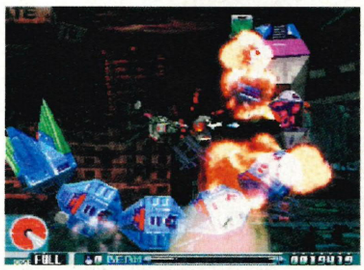
Tears of joy all round. It IS just like the first R-Type. 'Ray! For the uninitiated, this means an endless 2D firefest with one tiny spaceship obliterating endless scads of malevolent laser-pumping kooks. With kick ass big-cheese aliens round every corner. And the kind of tricky gameplay you got back in the days when men were men.

And now? Same shit really, but with three different coolio spaceships to choose from and a touch of the ol' 3D spit and polish. Choice.

plus Looking cool as. Playing even cooler. More news soon...



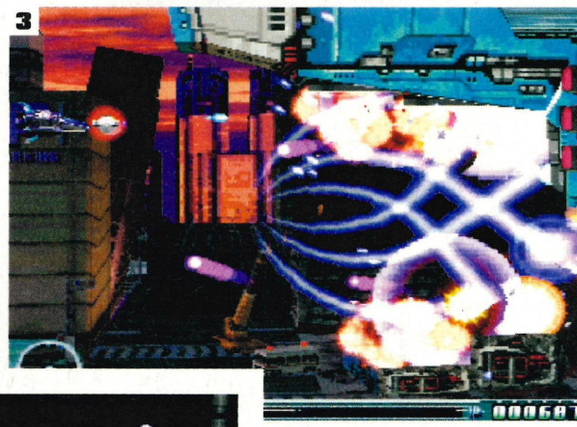
■ Careful, now! You'll drain those batteries...



■ The R-Type aliens still just luuurve ships that look like enormous worms. Whatever...

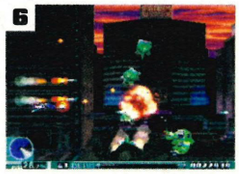












1 Bend over and take it, Bydo vermin 2 A Bydo ship. They really should get catalytic converters for those exhausts 3 Check out your big weapons. Exterminate! Exterminate! 4 Zzzzzap! 5 The bigger they come the harder they fall 6 But the little aliens is back too. Mucho apeshit trigger finger action

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

T'ai Fu update

A distant cry is heard – come and have a go if you think you're animal enough.

Who's the king of the jungle? 'Ol Mr Snake looks up for it and Mr Leopard's not to be messed with. But wait. Is that T'ai the Kung Fu fighting tiger? Watch them cower, they're not so cocky now. Like all lily-livered jungle jerk-offs they're gonna try and gang up on T'ai. He's not worried though – he's got hard to go.

The jungle crook

T'ai hasn't spent his time in the jungle lounging around licking his balls and chasing foxy tigers. No siree. He's been honing his killer kung fu moves. And he's gonna need his tiger pounce, crane hover and monkey roll to fight his way to the evil Dragon Master. Along the way there'll be leopards, monkeys and all manner of jungle life to despatch, taking you through 20 different levels of 3D mayhem, ranging from temples to rivers.

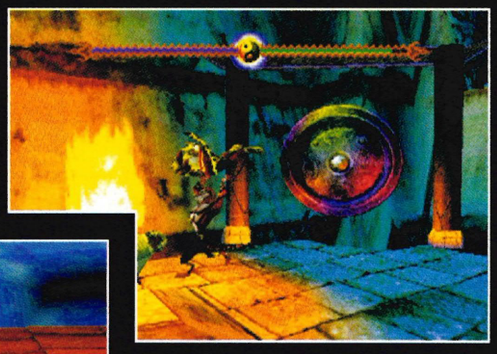
plus We like the idea of rucking animals, and T'ai Fu's got scrapping wildlife all right. Let's hope it lives up to its promise.



■ First thing in the morning T'ai liked nothing more than going through his moves



■ T'ai wasn't going to be intimidated by a snake with a hat on



■ Go on throw him in the fire, he deserves it



■ Come on! I'll take you on with one hand tied



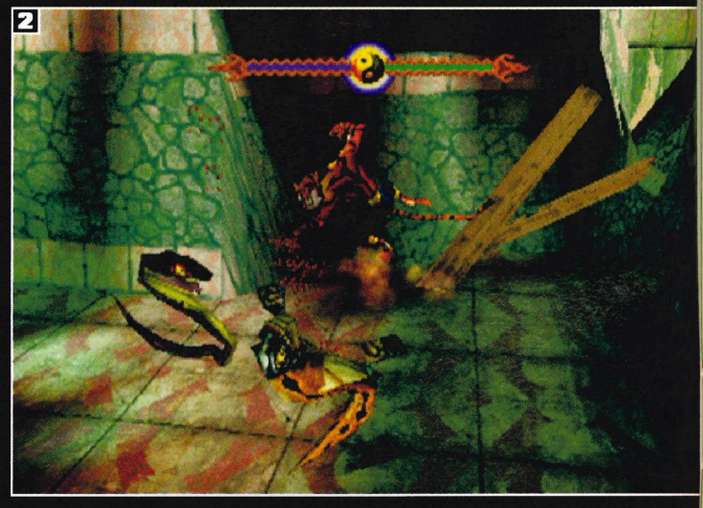
■ Yep, they're snakes in the grass

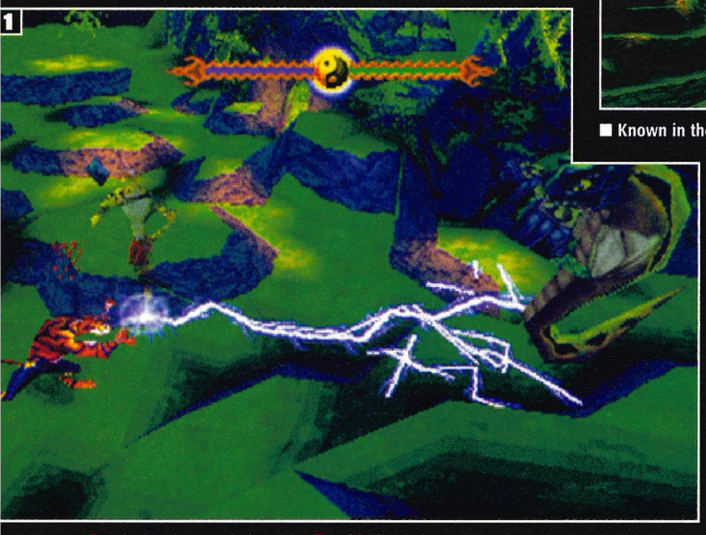


■ We know who we're putting our money on to win this one



■ Known in the business as 'the tiger pounce'



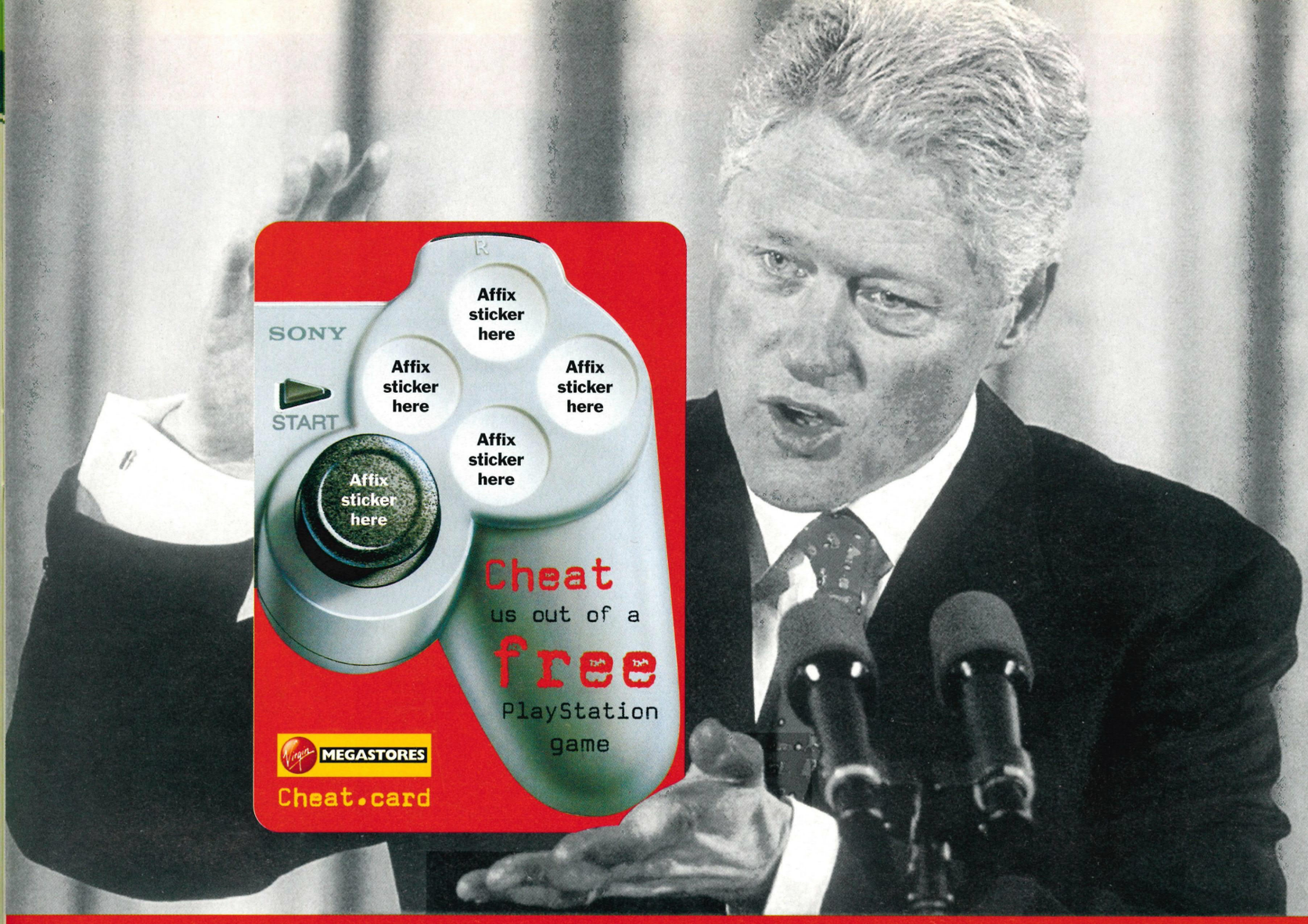








1 T'ai's just invented electricity **2** Cold-blooded reptiles only understand cold-blooded violence **3** Here we see the tiger pounce in full effect **4** He's still got time to break out a few moves **5** Night-time's the right time to teach the law of the jungle



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The original and best alien menace comes back for more. Tally-ho, chaps!

■**OUT** SUMMER ■**BY** GT ■**PLAYERS** 1 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK

War of the Worlds

From the olden days when we called aliens 'Martians'. And when 'world' meant 'Britain'...

If the letters OAP often appear after your name you'll have heard of The War of the Worlds. Set in the 19th Century it was about plucky England seeing off a Martian invasion by just, er... being plucky, really. And now, several million years after H G Wells wrote it, it's a game. D'you feel plucky?

Death! Death I say!

Blast 'em up action with a twist of clever strategy is the name of the game as the snazzy 50s-spaceships swoop in for the kill with death rays a-fizzing...

See, down there in amongst the carnage there's a little truck zipping around, picking up folks and doing missions to foil the devilish plans of the pointy-headed alien types in the spaceships! That'll be you then. And if you don't get busy obeying your orders chop-chop, then it's curtains for the human race. The pressure mounts...

The Martian scum must die!

All we've seen so far is an early version of this, but we've got to admit we were pleasantly surprised. It's easy to pick up and play and it moves like a whippet on steroids. The two levels we sampled allow you to select one of several vehicles and move across a map to complete mission objectives. And yes, fire fight fans, there's mucho balls-out blasting to be done here...

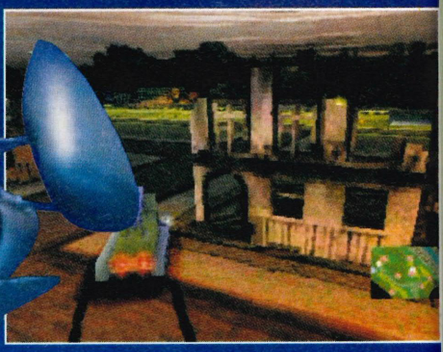
Plus Prepare to be surprised. Prepare for a new wave of 19th Century shoot 'em ups. Well, maybe...



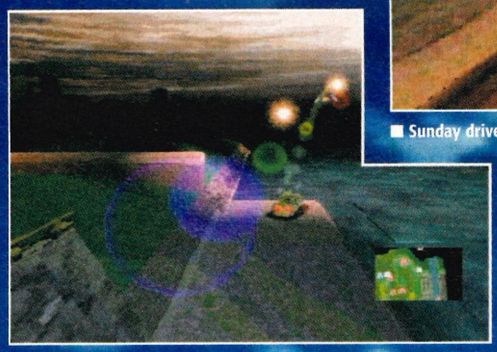
■ Seeing as this is one of your old-style alien invasion affairs, we'd bet that's a 'death ray'



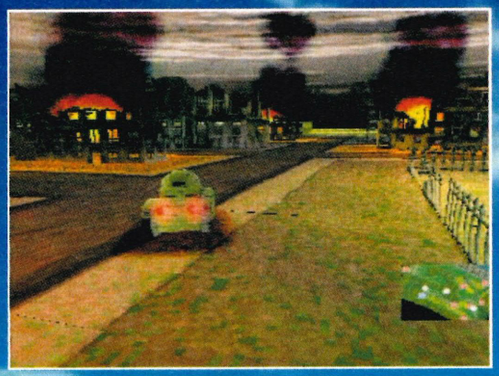
■ Sunday drives were less relaxing once the Martians arrived



■ Save the building before it's... um, too late...



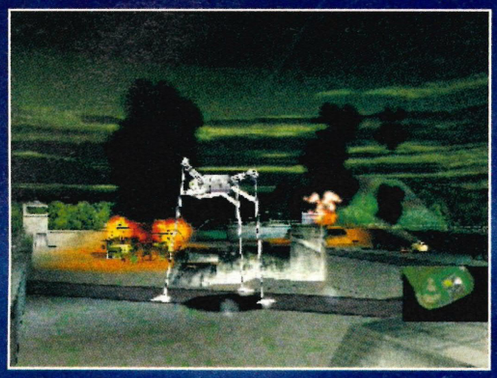
■ Super lighting effects posse in the house! Make some noise!



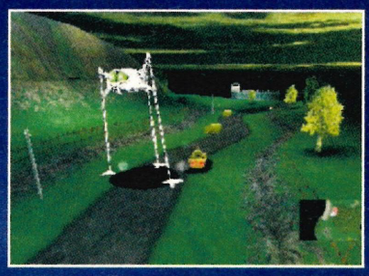
■ We like the look of those burning buildings...



■ You get to cycle through different vehicles...



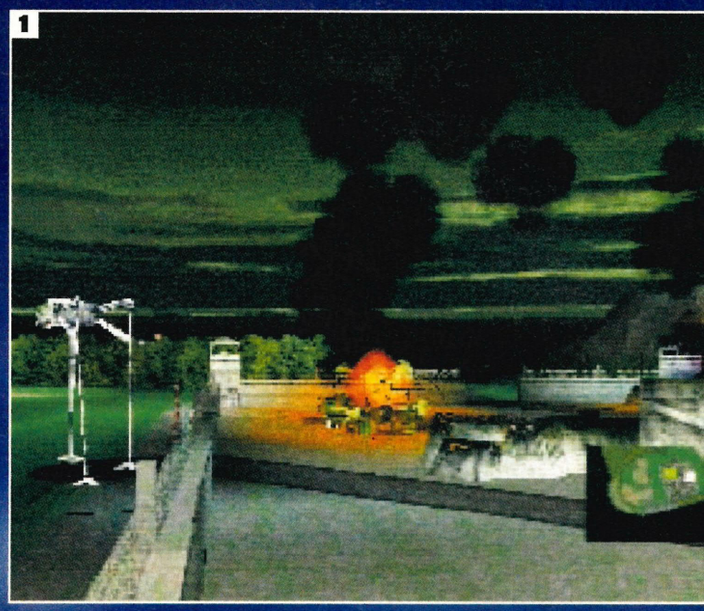
■ The old 'smoke and spiders' combo gets us every time

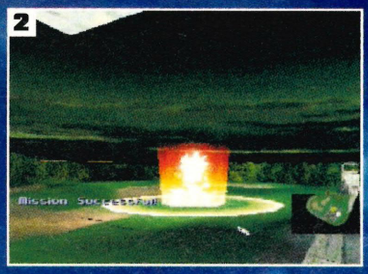


■ Quick! Retreat to the quicksand! That'll fox 'im!



■ Mission successful? Try telling that to the relatives of the dead

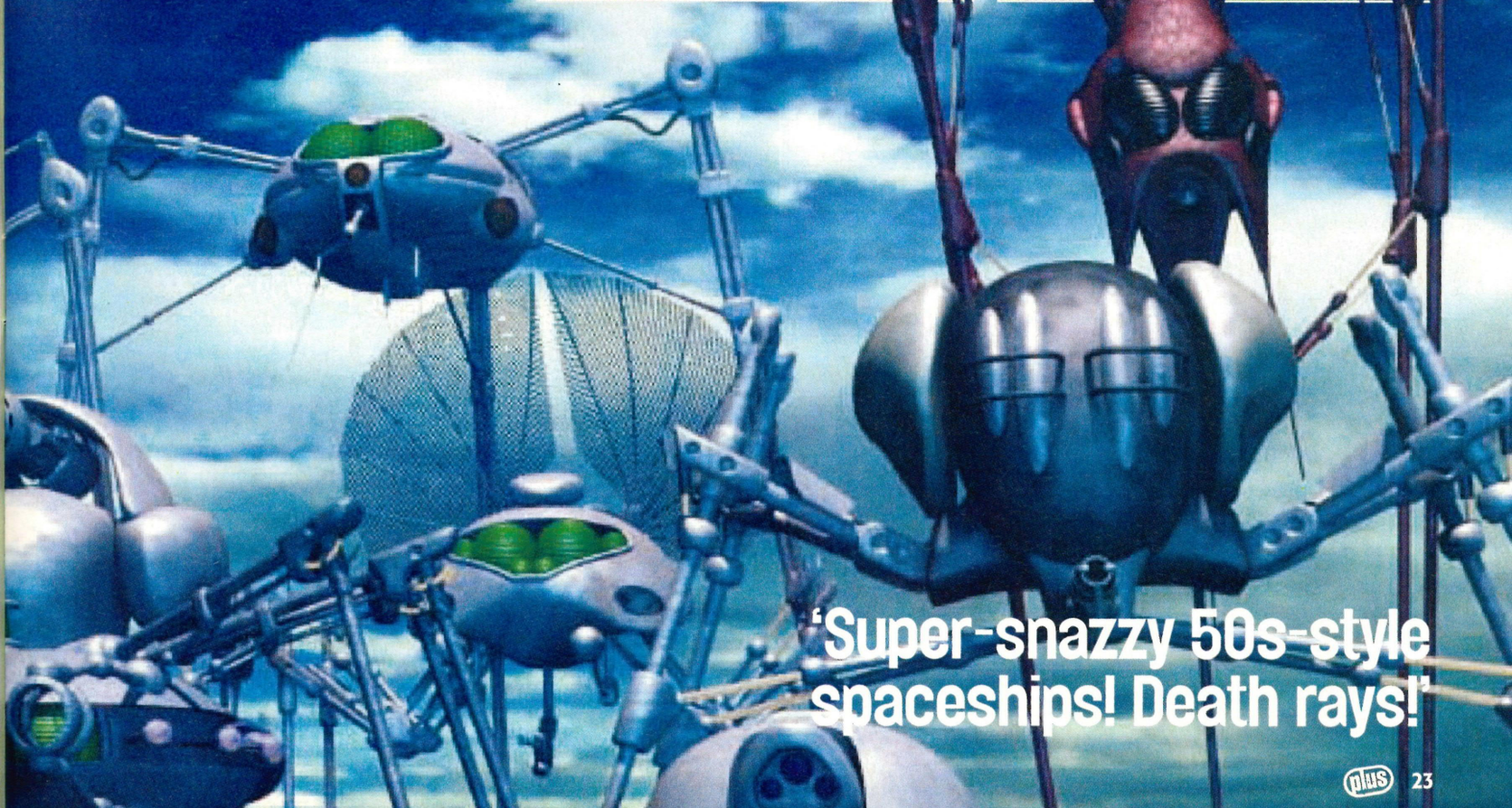




1 As our pretty pictures show... **2** War of the Worlds promises much in the 'colourful explosions and gruesome death' department **3** Here's you in your miniature tank **4** And here's you offing another anorexic Martian. One to write home about...

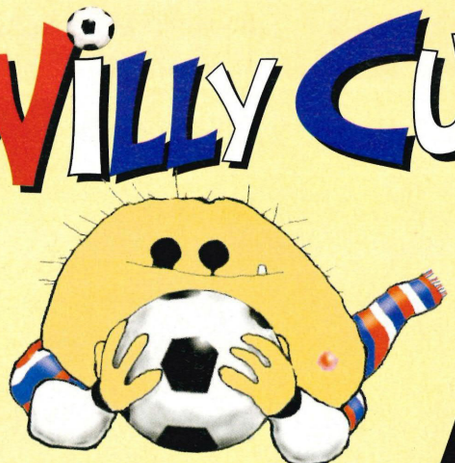






'Super-snazzy 50s-style spaceships! Death rays!'

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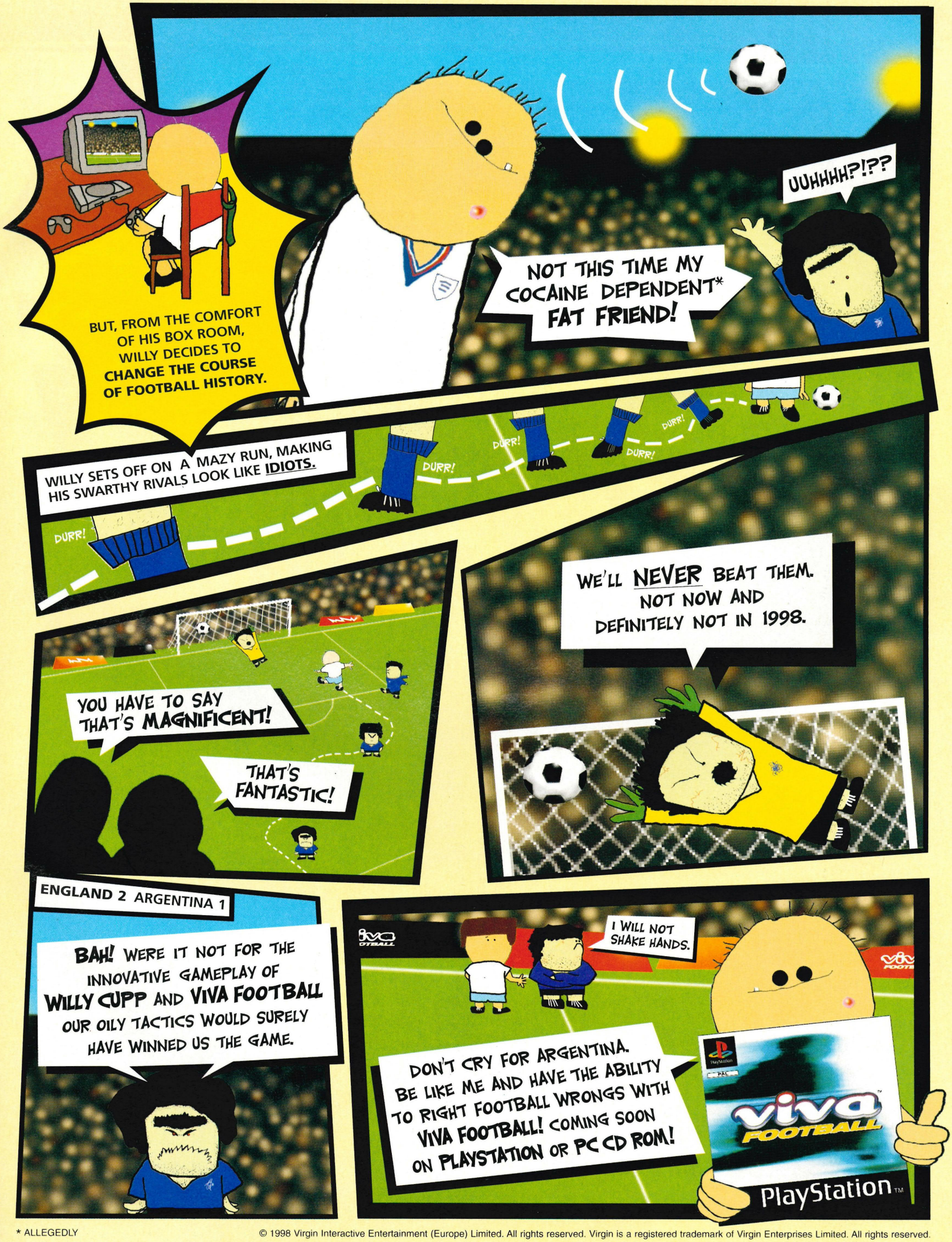












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■ **OUT** FEBRUARY ■ **BY** SONY ■ **PLAYERS** 1 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

A Bug's Life

Insect-based shenanigans under the sign of Big Walt. Slick? You betcha...

Nothing gets the dollar signs strobing in good ol' Walt Disney's eyes like a big bastard of a blockbuster. So imagine how excited Walt gets over A Bug's Life: a big blockbuster AND a stonking game to boot. Actually, don't bother. He's dead. Sorry we had to break it you like that...

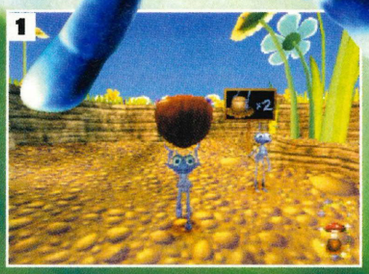
Real people!

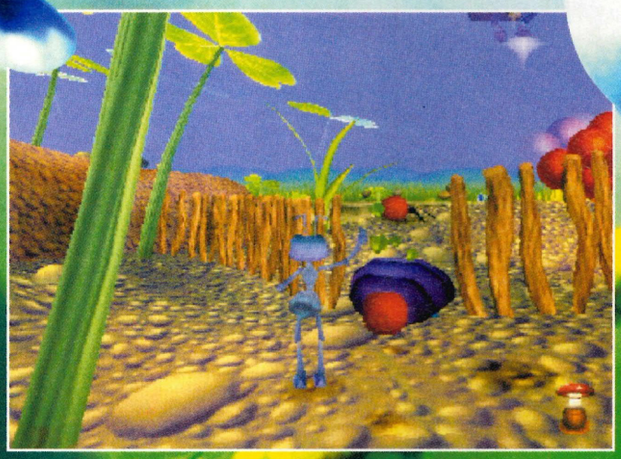
Thing is, A Bug's Life is looking cool as der cucumber. Not only does it have snappy quotes voiced by the real actors from the film (including Cornelius from Planet of the Apes) it's also got knock-your-socks-off looks and drool-worthy platform action to go. This is what Games of Films should look like. Our cups are already runnething over...

Ant and deck

The idea is that you're an ant with an individuality complex, saving all your six-legged mates from an evil über-insect voiced by Kevin 'spooky bloke in Seven' Spacey. What this all means is you got to platform your way through lush 3D level after lush 3D level using an assortment of nuts and grain produce. Odd, but looking mighty fine...

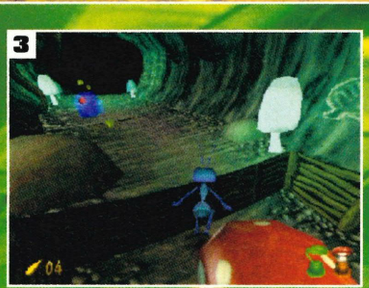
plus ***The looks are lip-smackin', and the ideas are all present and correct too. Looks like it could kick ass...***





■ Who's just died? So this'll be the last time you ever hear him. Chequebooks out







■ Clever platform shit a go-go



■ Observe. To climb up this ledge, you got to jump on this seed, turning it into a sprouting fungus...



■ Turn seeds into mushrooms. Biology? Pah!



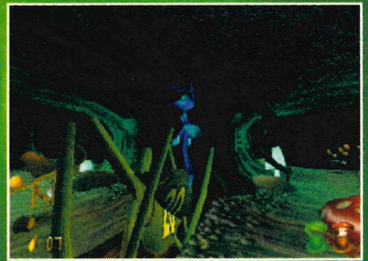
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■ It all makes a kind of sense... honest, guv



■ Harvest yellow stuff for fun and profit...



6

1 This little insect is voiced by Cornelius the monkey from The Planet of the Apes – actor Roddy McDowell to you and me 2 And other 24-carat stars do their bit 3 But it ain't all slick wisecracks and film-rip-offery... 4 There's all sorts of clever shit to be doing with plants and fungi 5 The smart ant-about-town has a mastery of seeds and other muesli ingredients which'll help you get to those hard-to-reach platforms... 6 But even the smartest insect's going to get stumped from time to time. Get with the programme, you big eyed doofus...

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

Big Air Snowboarding

Cue joke about white powder. Ready with knowing guffaw...

If you believe the hype you'd be forgiven for thinking every man and his dog goes snowboarding. Christ, your gran's probably cancelling her two weeks in Torquay so she can hit some 'powder'. The upshot is games developers turning out snowboarding games like they were making production line Ford Fiestas.

Authentic

What this game boasts above the rest is buckets of prime authenticity. Literally loads of the stuff drips out of screen. It starts with the rockin' soundtrack from suitably 'authentic' acts, moves on to funky outfits which are totally 'authentic', takes in 100 different types of boards on which to do hundreds of 'authentic' tricks. Catch our drift, cos it's an authentic drift. All right?

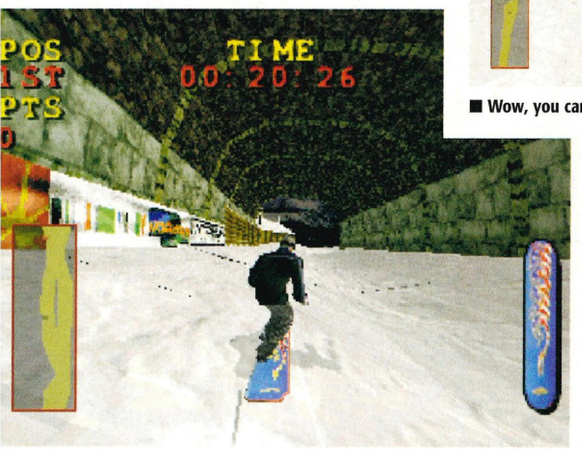
Mountain high

So how does all this 'authenticity' look? Mighty fine at the mo, the snow looks nice and white and there's no denying the mountains have the correct amount of moutainess about them. And if the boarders looked any cooler your PlayStation would freeze over.

***plus** We reckon this un's gonna have all snowboarding fans all in a froth, it's got cool to go...*



■ Wow, you can almost touch the mountains



■ Do you know any tunnels where it snows? We sure don't



■ Yeah, they do it at night



■ Fast? You best believe it



■ Our intrepid boarder wondered where all the bends had gone. It was all a bit too straight

■**OUT** APRIL ■**BY** EIDOS ■**PLAYERS** 1-4
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

UEFA Champions League 99 update

One day, sweet Jesus. Let us win it just once... Go on. Please...

Alex Ferguson's obsessed by it, housewives and girlfriends hate it, lower league footy clubs fear it and all English fans get depressed by it, so do you wanna play it? We are of course referring to the UEFA Champions League, the once-yearly exercise in English football humiliation. The phrase 'glutton for punishment' springs to mind, as does 'digging for gold'.

Full of it

It looks like the option fairy has been busy filling this game full of tasty and nutritious features. Yum.

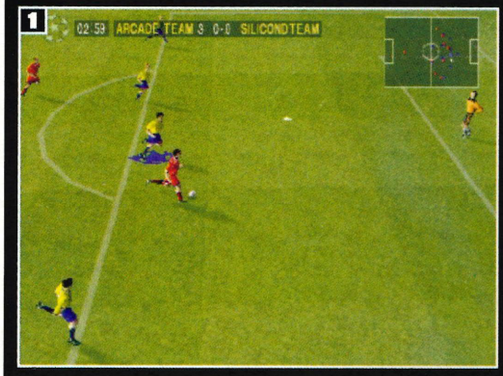
It's going to be a metaphorical meat pie stuffed with fillings like The Champions League scenario, where you get the chance to turn around famous games in the league's history, such as Brondby 5-1 down against Man U. Add to this arcade management, where you get to assemble teams with all-time greats and you're talking a filling feast.

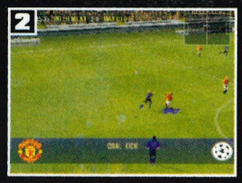
Sweet as a nutmeg

Looks: you've either got them, or you ain't. Worry not as it looks like UEFA Champions League 99 is from the good-looking side of the family, there's no bearded ladies here.

So far the player movement in here is baby-botty smooth with quick responses and a hatful of tricks. The stadiums also look and sound impressive with their flashing cameras and roaring crowds.

***plus** Another footy game you say, another day we say, same old, same old. Still, you never know, it might be a worthy addition to the gang.*









■ My word, he's pulled a save right out of the top draw – absolutely magnificent goalkeeping



■ This is what Beckham sees before he hits it





■ Dear me they think they're aeroplanes





1 He's slipped the defender, this looks dangerous **2** Stand up if you hate Man U **3** Cross coming up **4** This could be an absolute scorcher if he can get on the end of it **5** He's winding up to unleash an awesome powerhouse of a shot **6** If you look really carefully you can see on the second tier a woman without her top on, straight up she's next to Ken Bates

■ Kick the ball! In the net! All the fun of kick-ball-net is here..

■ **OUT** MAY ■ **BY** ACTIVISION ■ **PLAYERS** 4
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

Quake 2 update

All the fun of running around corridors with huge guns caning your mate's ass...

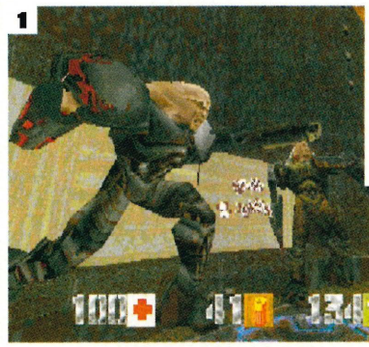
Oh, how we wish you, dear readers, could experience just a tiny particle of the fun we have when we play Quake 2 on our office PCs. It's that good.

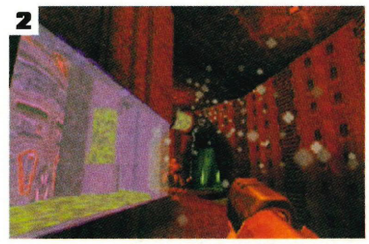
Activision are gearing up for a PlayStation Quake 2 that'll be so good they've delayed its release until May.

plus If this is pants we'll hurt somebody.

Happy days

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

Goemon

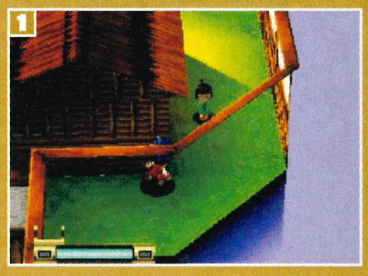
Another consignment of weapons-grade cuteness from the Empire of the Rising Sun...

We've played an early version of this cutesy Jap roleplaying effort, but because our Japanese is a touch rusty these days, we fear we may be missing out on some of the subtleties of the plot. Then again, it stars a big-eyed doofus with Marge Simpson hair who collects balls of ice-cream, so we're not sweating the plot THAT much. We'll give you more details once we understand them...

Non-gibberish. Honest

Right. Bits we could understand. Fortunately, the language of 'hurdling big holes in the ground and hitting little berks with sticks' is pretty universal. And, yup, there's a whole lot of that in Goemon. Bosses, coming in one-size-fits-all XXL as standard, are promised, and none-too-tricky puzzles are also said to be on the menu. It's all looking kind of kiddie at the mo, so if you've spawned recently, keep 'em peeled...

***plus** From what we've seen, the platform bits are all A-OK, but it could do with a whole lot less of the 'Arigato konichiwa hagate banzai's. Soon, soon...*





1 Hide from people. They'll only blurt gibberish at you 2 Feel the excitement mount as Tunnocks Snowballs roll towards you! 3 The cute monster had never seen blue hair before. Lucky lad



■ Nasty haircut convention in progress



■ Blue 'taches maketh the man. So they say





■ Fight to defend your priceless steel marbles!



■ Playboy Bunny costumes are 'in'...

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■**OUT** APRIL ■**BY** VIRGIN INTERACTIVE ■**PLAYERS** 1-2 ■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK

Bloody Roar 2

With a bloody roar, they cried more, more, more...

How handy would it be if you could morph into a terrifying man-tiger? Problem meetings with the bank manager would soon be resolved. Who's going to turn someone down for an overdraft when they suddenly change into a snarling, furry eight-foot-tall beast with claws like carving knives?

The beast inside

So there you are, happily tapping the buttons on Bloody Roar 2, maybe building up a combo or two. Suddenly – bang! Your character changes into a giant steroid-addled fly, who then proceeds to kick ten shades of shite out of your opponent. You're thinking 'Cool...', but just as you're looking at imminent victory, your adversary turns into an angry lion man, and boy, does he want to wipe the floor with your ass...

Corking combos

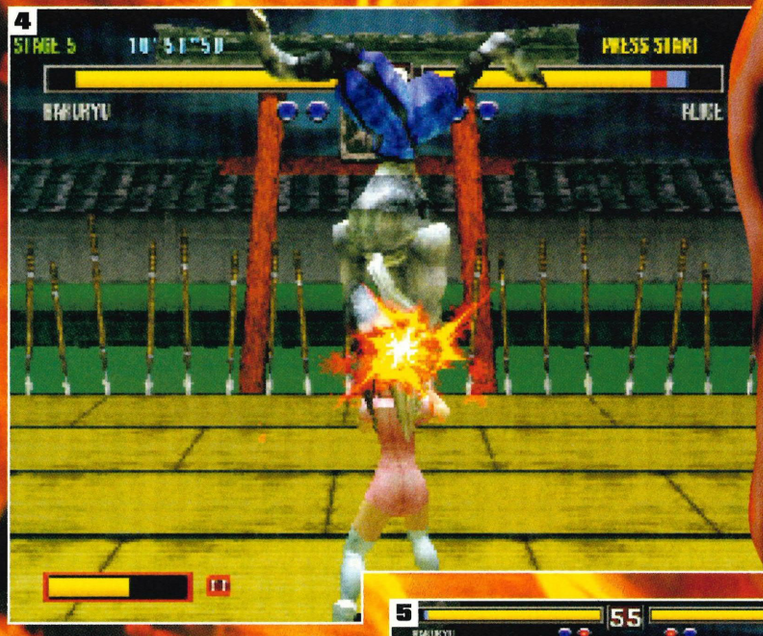
The basic idea is the better you do as a mere mortal the quicker you can become a beast. There's a gauge at the bottom of the screen, and when it hits a certain point, it's party time. And once you're beasted up, the screen lights up like Christmas every time you pull off a special. Laaaarvely...

***plus** Loaded with cool features and... wait for it... cool creatures. More news soon...*











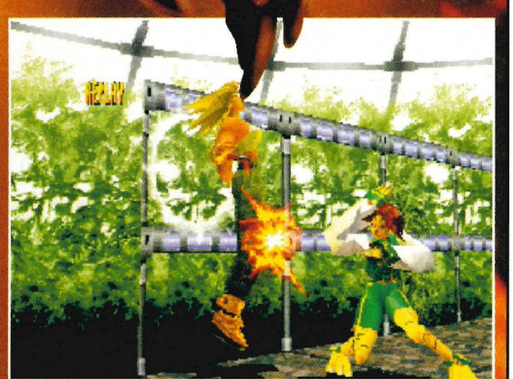
1 It was about now he debated whether it had been a good idea to taunt his opponent about his facial hair, considering his short temper and those huge claws 2 It's never nice to see a lady get hit. A mauling by a leopard, though, that's just part of the food chain, innit? 3 A little violence never hurt anybody. And just look at all those pretty lights. Mmmmm. How we love pyrotechnics 4 Two heads. Better than one? 5 'So I was on my way home, right, when this bloody enormous pink rabbit leapt on me. It really rubbed my face in that fluffy tail...'



■ He's got enough power to run a small Welsh village for a week...



■ I am a beast, and I will be beastly to you



■ This move's called the 'Knee-cap Numb Stun' and it's hurty

Counting the hours

Games we're looking forward to...

The new Star Wars film. Now there's something we're looking forward to. And to mark the occasion we've used a unique 'Millennium Falcon' key to rate how highly we're looking forward to upcoming games. Time to drool...

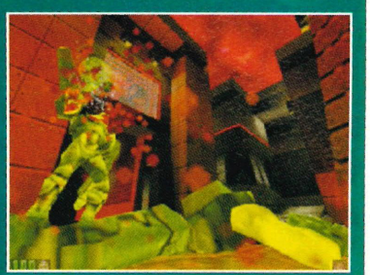
Quake 2
Mindless run and gun violence with a rocket up its gory jacksy. Needless to say, we like it a lot. Our mums would be proud.

Beat Mania
This should be a hit for all old-skool hip-hop fiends, scratching and sampling action for the back section.

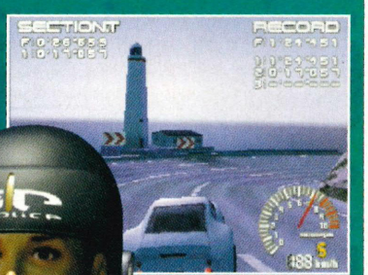
Ridge Racer 4
Super-smooth arcade-style racer which has us considering hermit-like lives in the Welsh mountains while we play it...

Gran Turismo 2
This'll be like a religious experience for anyone interested in speed, handling, bangin' cars and late, late nights.

G-Police 2
Toys for the boys. And the girls if they're good. Roam around dishing out justice while looking cool.



■ Quake 2: MPS in the House of Commons are allegedly clamouring to see this game...



■ Ridge Racer 4: tests show it's healthier than other games



■ G-Police 2: like cake. Sweet

EXCITEMENT RATING IN MILLENNIUM FALCON'S

FRAGGING A TIE-FIGHTER FEELING THE FORCE BLOWING UP THE DEATH STAR

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

Tank Racer update

When the shells start a-flyin' you just know there's no prize for second place...

Fast cars, fair enough. Go-karts at a push. But tanks? Slow, trundling beasts which rarely top 30 miles-per-hour are hardly prime choice for a high-speed racer. But then speed's not everything, especially when you've got a coupla hundred kilos of explosives pointed at the guy in front. Blam!

Size does matter

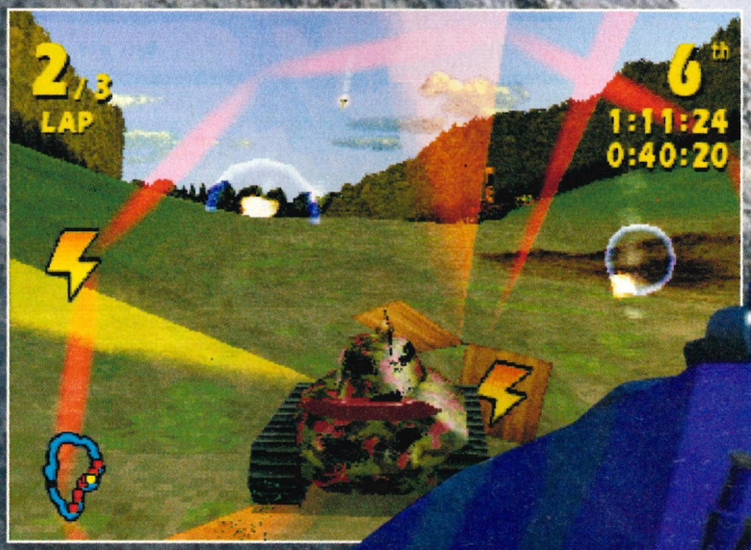
It's racing so it's no surprise the aim of the game is to be numero uno. But there are different ways of coming first: the most obvious is to choose the fastest battle tank, get ahead early and hope you stay there. Or select the one with the fattest armour and follow up the rear, taking potshots from afar.

Tweaking nipple nuts

The battle mode's a right laugh. It's for two players only, and rather than race against each other the winner is the last one standing. They're based in a handful of arenas crammed with weapons, from homing missiles to mines to shields. All you've got do then is get the guns, get the other guy in your sights and let rip. Sound like a promising number to you? Us too. We'll see...

We like the battle mode. A lot. But we're still not sold on racing tanks.





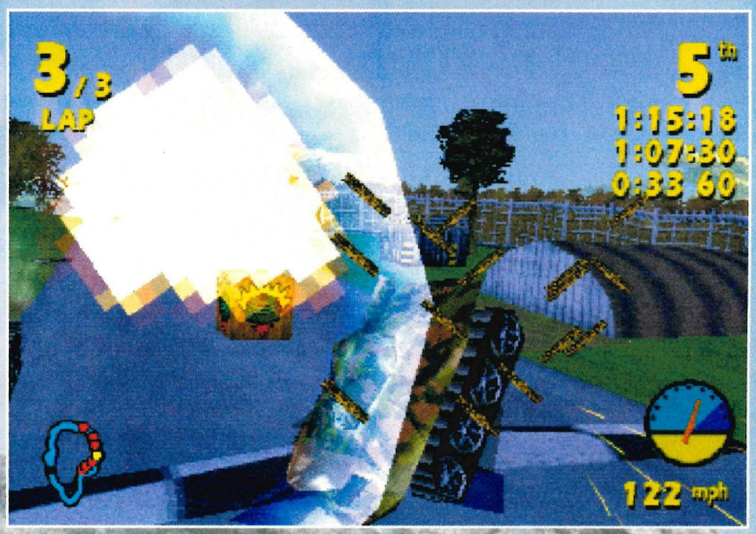
■ In retrospect, using tanks to invade Mario Land was a bit OTT





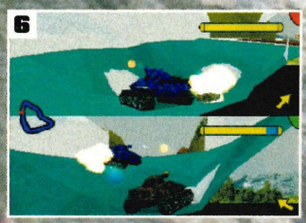


'This one's crammed with weapons. From homing missiles to landmines...'

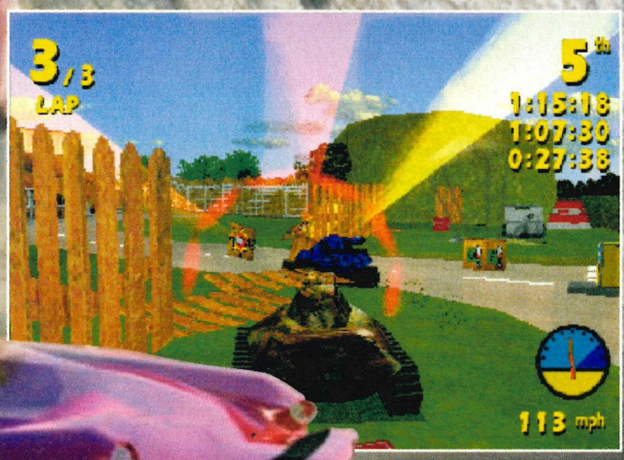


■ A tank uses Schumacher-esque tactics to pull out into first. Low-down dirty dog...

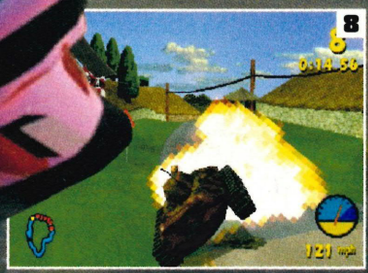








■ De fences are down



1 Drive like a demon, or.... 2 Turn your guns on the bastards... 3 Kill all enemies. Collect bonuses 4 Have at you, dog! 5 Tanks in front take a constant pounding. 8th place is really relaxing... 6 The two-player battle's where the game really comes into its own 7 And some of the arenas are well smart 8 Mines are a guaranteed way to raise blood pressure...

■ **OUT** MARCH ■ **BY** UBISOFT ■ **PLAYERS** 1-4 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

Monaco Grand Prix Racing Simulation 2

Fast cars. Glamorous girls. Spectacular crashes. Hours of tedium. That, in a nutshell, is Formula 1. And it's all in Monaco Grand Prix Racing Simulation 2.

F1 98 wasn't bad, but it stopped some way short of the mark. The graphics were a tad blocky, the other drivers were devoid of intelligence and it came out just as the Formula 1 season drew to a close. Nice one. But despair not, F1 devotees, the long-winded Monaco Grand Prix Racing Simulation 2 will be wending its merry way to a PlayStation near you soon.

Usual guff

As you'd expect from any F1 game worth its salt, Monaco Grand Prix offers a choice of 11 different teams, 22 cars, 16 different circuits and several different modes of play.

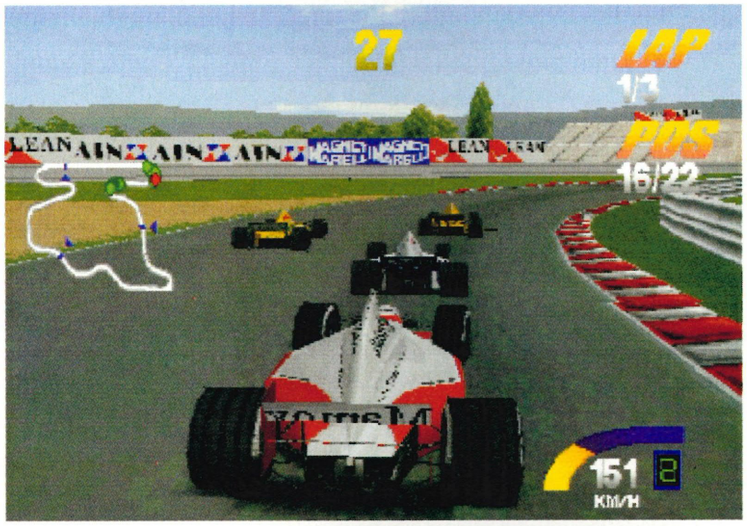
Arcade mode allows you to tear around any of the circuits like a mad bastid without the complicated bollocks of the full-on sim mode. There's a time attack mode which is a straightforward race against the clock and a four-player link-up race which should make it to the finished game.

Licence to thrill

Sounds pretty much identical to F1 98, but there's one important difference. This one doesn't have the official Formula 1 licence, meaning all the team names, drivers and liveries are made-up.

But with the most in-depth sim-type gameplay this side of the real thing, loads of special effects and smooth racing action, it might have what it takes to melt our hearts.

***plus** With the new Formula 1 season starting in March, the timing's sure right for this to be a winner. We'll have a review soon enough*



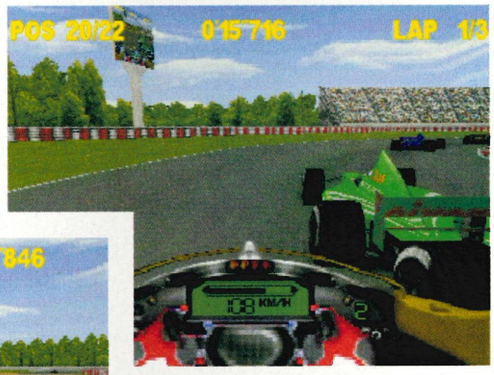
■ Expect to be able to smash up the cars in the finished game – always the best bit of the game



■ Computer cars are cleverer than in other games. Which we reckon is a good thing



■ Looks like Damon Hill's car



■ Better than F1 98? It's too early to call



■ Graphics look the business. But it's gameplay that counts



■ Erm... Silverstone... We think









1 Monaco: tax haven for the rich and shameless. And home to the world's most glamorous motor race **2** The two-player game ain't bad. But where are all the other cars? Answer that! **3** Cool gravel effects when you take a trip off the tarmac

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

D.I.R.T update

Forget leathers, you'll need a rubber suit for this mud-chucking racer...

You all know what motocross is about so let's skip to the, um... chase. You're leathered-up, there's 500ccs of growling beast between your thighs and in less than a few seconds you're gonna be caked in mud. But it's the seven other guys you've gotta watch out for, 'cos if they can't overtake to the side of you, they'll go straight over your head – literally!

Size does matter

There are seven different race modes in here but all that really counts is the different bikes you get to choose from. And luckily there are loads of them hanging around...

For the beginner you're best off choosing the 125, 'cos it's east to handle and not too fast. The 250 is heavier so doesn't steer too well, but the 500cc is a complete git: sure, it's powerful, but if you ain't easy on the accelerator this beast'll throw you right off the back.

Tweaking nipple nuts

Not all of the 12 tracks are off-road so get ready to burn some tarmac too, but make sure you're ready for some pretty nasty weather 'cos mother nature'll be throwing all kinds of stuff at you just to make life hard.

And, as you'd expect, you can tweak the bike's performance in the garage but ultimately it comes down to the driver to keep the bike on course. Reckon you can do it?

***plus** From what we've seen, it's fast and it's fun: exactly what a racing game should be. But it all depends if you prefer two rather than four wheels though...*



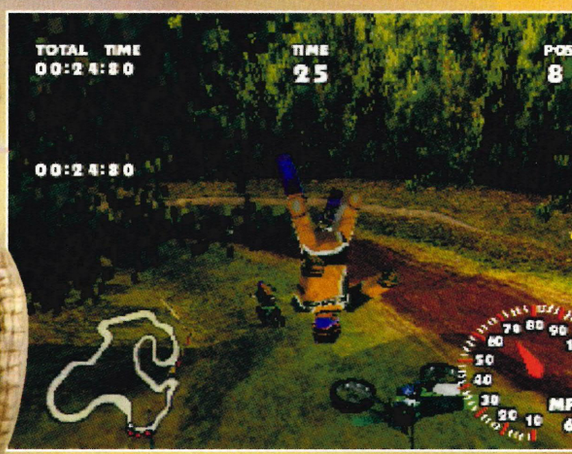
■ Powersliding's never been so much fun



■ As the name suggests, there's plenty of dirt



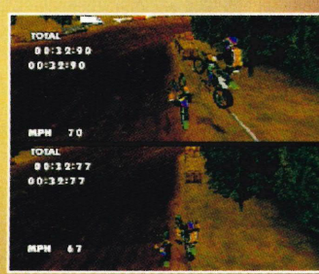
■ A decent 'Station bike racing game? Nah, surely not...



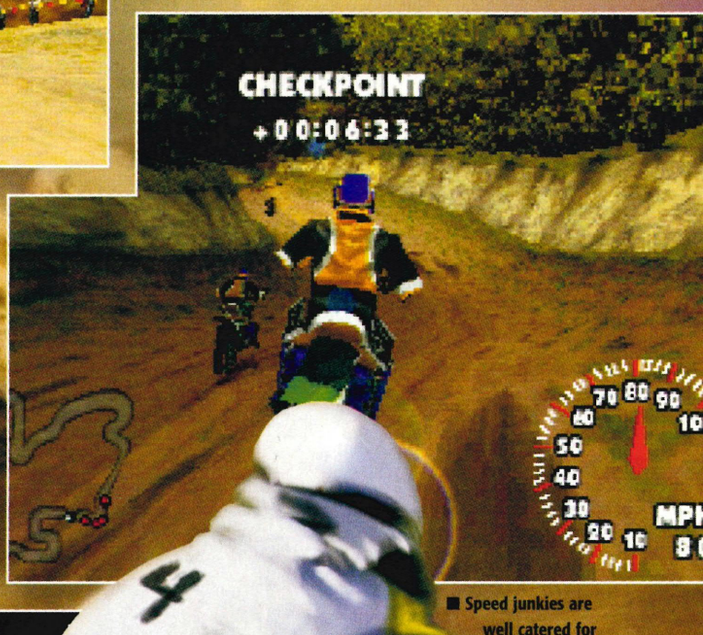
■ All of the bone-crunching, limb-severing crashes are in there



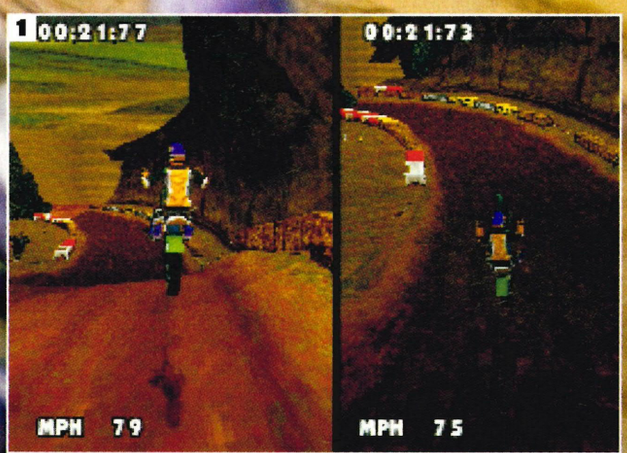
■ Expect tons of tracks

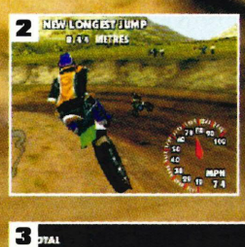


■ More multiplayer action. Wahoo!



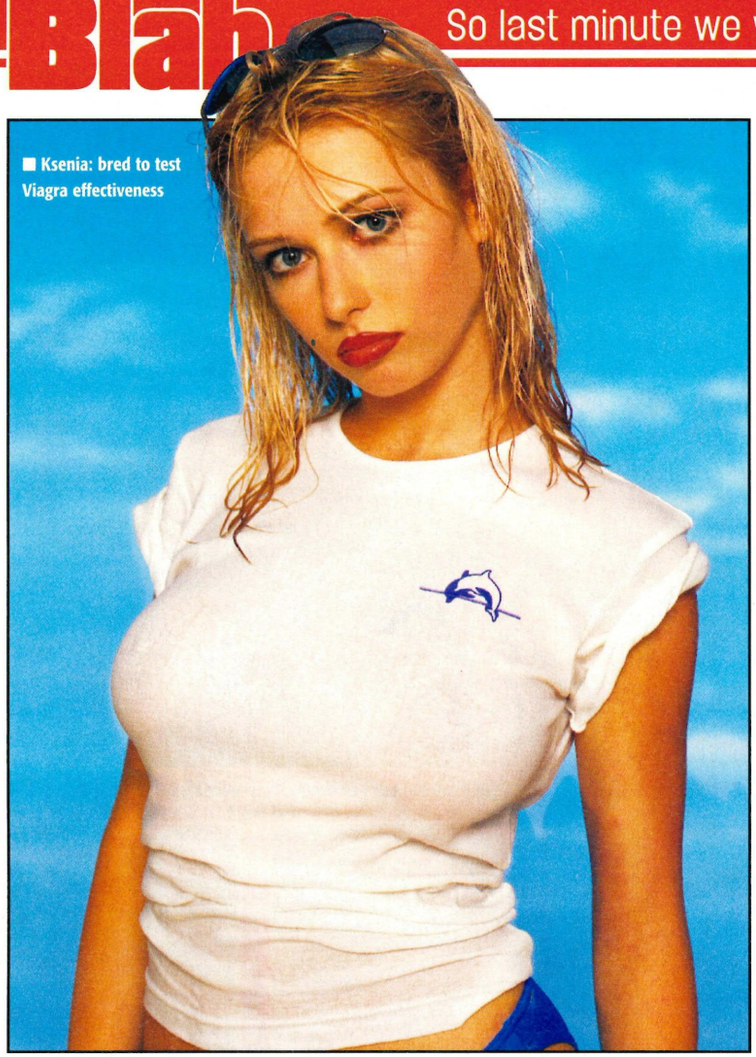
■ Speed junkies are well catered for







1 The two-player game is a top laff 2 Cornering's tricky when your wheels aren't on the deck 3 Pretty impressive emerging-from-tunnel-type action



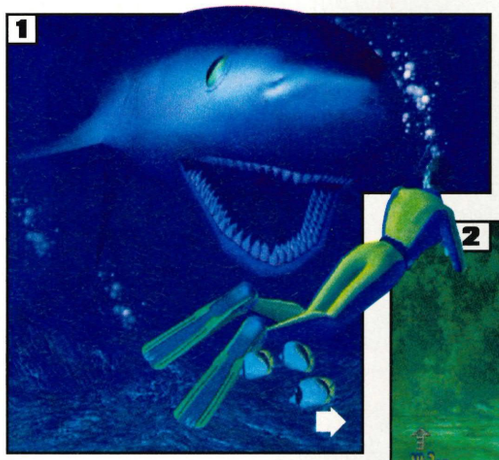
■ Ksenia: bred to test Viagra effectiveness

■**OUT** APRIL ■**BY** KONAMI

Diver's Dream

You may be wondering what this improbably-large-breasted ex-communist has to do with the price of fish. Well, so were we, frankly. But Ksenia (for it is she, left) is distracting us from a pretty fine-looking game with those fleshy waterwings of hers. Y'see, she's the eye-candy for Diver's Dream: a high-adrenalin undersea adventure where you plunder the depths in search of gold doubloons and other such 'booty'...

Speargun death, drowning and devourment are big on the menu, but you got to keep a stiff upper lip and get on with scouring the depths so's you can collect enough shekels for the kit you need to go deeper and deeper. Looking the bizz at the minute: review next month...







1 A shark, hungry and probably irritable, attacks a diver **2** Another shark thinks about attacking **3** A diver is eaten. Sorry? This is a dream?

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

Alien Resurrection

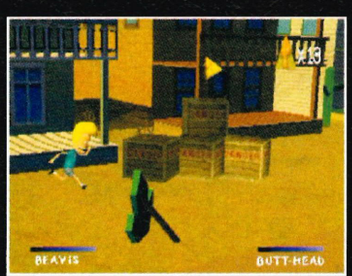
Everybody's third-favourite film from the Alien trilogy is due to hit the PlayStation later this year. It's going to be a third-person action adventure with plenty of alien-capping action and tasty bits of plot. And it'll all be voiced by the real characters from the film.

The good news is all the tasty weapons from film are here, including the awesome flamethrower and that explosive flask thing Elgin carries. You'll get to play sections as each of the film's characters as the plot unfolds across 13 heart-pumpin' levels. All the Aliens are included, too...

Beavis and Butthead

■ **Out: Summer** ■ **By: GT**

B&B go 3D for this effort: a weird follow-up type thing to the dynamic duo's barnstorming flick 'Beavis and Butthead do America'. The new fleshed-out pair (huh-huh-huh-huh) will be blundering through level after 3D level saying rude stuff to everybody they meet. And you'll have control over what they say. We're getting highly impatient to let rip with the 'Bunghole!' button...



■ Beavis. Or is it Butthead?

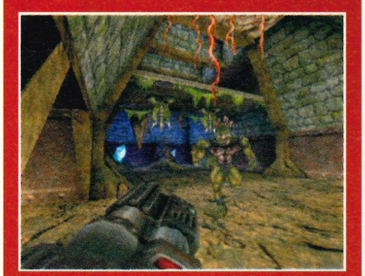


■ Butthead? Or is it Beavis?

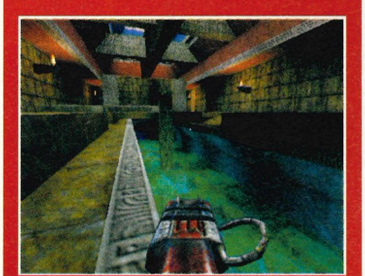
Unreal

■ **Out: Sept** ■ **By: GT**

We can expect kill-fest Unreal to hit the 'Station later this year. Superb on the PC, we can expect it to be uglied up slightly for the less powerful 'Station, but there should still be enough murderous thrills in there to get us juiced...



■ Big gun. Not so big baddie



■ Explore. Then kill. Welcome to Unreal

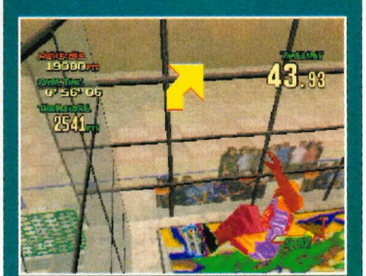
Street Sk8er

■ **Out: March** ■ **By: EA**

Deaf gefilte fisch to major label grab! Or other suitably baggy-trousered skateboard terminology. Anyway, here comes the 'Station's first semi-decent ollies-a-bouncin' skating effort. Looking mighty fine. More details next ish...



■ Do tricks. Just like in real life



■ Ah yes, more realism on here...

■ **OUT** APRIL ■ **BY** SCI

Carmageddon



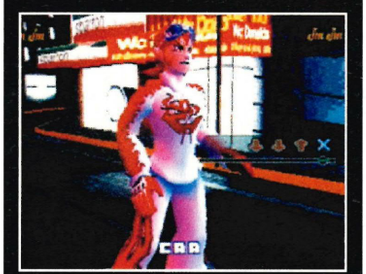
■ Grand Death Auto...

Damn. Looks like zombies for us in the 'Station version of awesome PC cars n' carnage splatfest Carmageddon. See, there's two versions of it:: one where you splatter zombies over the road for fun and profit. And one where the folks you grind into the tarmac are innocent pedestrians. Strong meat. But we ain't gonna see it, sadly. So it looks like we'll have to make do with the zombie version. Censor bastards. It makes you want to kill...

Bust-a-Groove 2

■ **Out:** Autumn ■ **By:** Sony

The first shots from the sequel to last year's finger-lickin' disco dancing game have appeared. And we'd be no kind of gentlemen if we didn't show 'em to you lads lickety-spit. So here they are. And don't they look nice? You can see that the 'dancing' theme's still going strong. Beyond that? Who can tell...



■ Is that a new background we spy?



■ Keep em peeled. Or is that peel 'em off?

T.R.A.G.

■ **Out:** June ■ **By:** Sunsoft

T.R.A.G promises to be a game of much moral worth. You'll get to play as one of two characters in charge of a tactical rescue team in the dark future. The missions involve finding and rescuing survivors from devastated buildings. And with mucho corridors, monsters and puzzles, expect to be left with a sweet Resident Evil taste in your mouth...

Rugrats

■ **Out:** March ■ **By:** THQ

For the kids only, wethinks. Cute, colourful and even - curse the thought - 'sweet'. Yeeegh. Plays kind of like a Rugrats episode that you control. Yup, that put us right off it, too...



■ See, they're called Rug Rats...

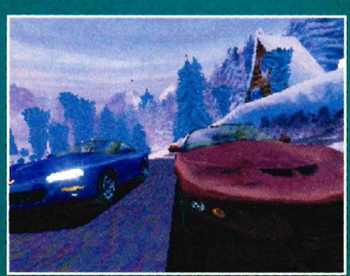


■ ...Cos they're wee ickle people

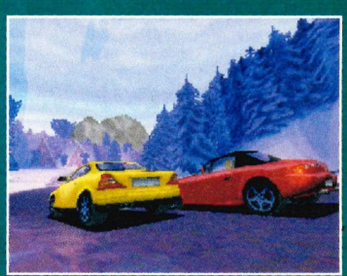
Need for Speed: Road Challenge

■ **Out:** Summer ■ **By:** Electronic Arts

Need for Speed 1 and 2 were shite beyond belief. Then suddenly they pulled number 3 out of the hat, and it was a bit good. It was like Kathy Burke giving birth to a supermodel. Along comes 'Road Challenge', the next one in the series. We've been promised faster cars, sharper looks and smoother handling....



■ Looks nice, doesn't it?



■ This one does too. Put the kettle on, eh?

Release dates

These're are the dates we've been told. But we can't guarantee them...

RELEASED	REVIEWED
26 FEBRUARY	
Granstream Saga	55% Mar '99
Metal Gear Solid	93% Mar '99
Akuji the Heartless	82% Feb '99
12 MARCH	
Rollcage	
Retro Force	75% Mar '99
19 MARCH	
T'ai Fu	
Tomb Raider 2 (platinum)	95% Jan '98
G-Police (platinum)	93% Sep '97
Global Domination	73% Mar '99
26th MARCH	
Survivor: Day One	
Asterix	
Goemon	
UEFA Champions League 99	
FA Manager	
2nd APRIL	
Kensei: Sacred Fist	75% Feb '99
Poy Poy 2	73% Mar '99
Diver's Dream	
Civilisation 2	
Guardian Crusade	
16th APRIL	
NHL Pro 99	
Gex: Deep Cover Gecko	
23rd APRIL	
Legacy of Kain: Soul Reaver	
War Zone 2100	



■ How hard? Metal Gear Solid...

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PlayStation 2 — sooner than you think

More news on Sony's next machine...

Sony's follow-up to the PlayStation will launch in Japan on December 3rd, 1999, according to several Japanese games publications. Early versions of 'PlayStation 2000' have already been handed out to key Japanese game developers, including Squaresoft and Namco, with many European software companies expecting their systems within the next few weeks.

We've got the power

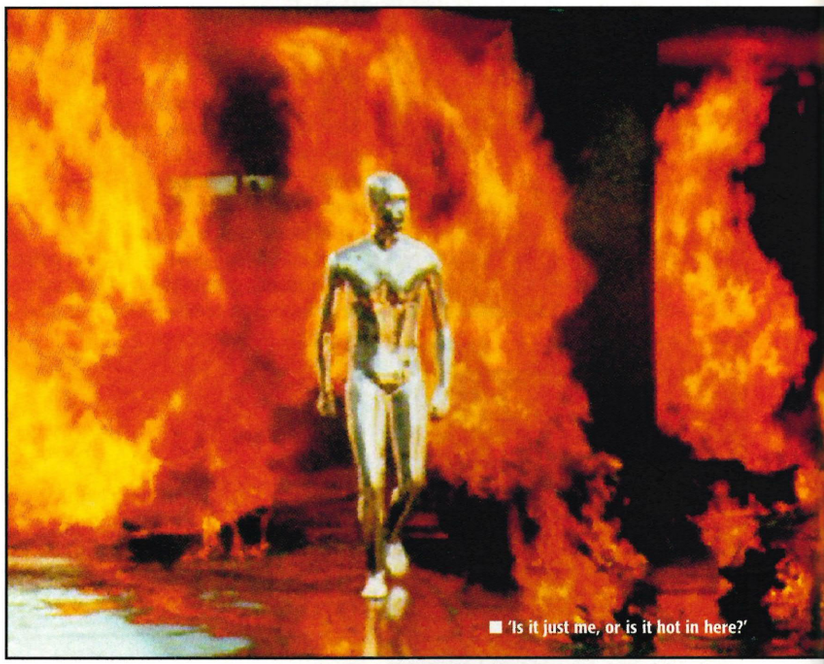
So what's the PlayStation 2000 gonna do? Well Sony's keeping schtum at the mo, but that doesn't stop game developers from speaking out. The loose-lipped Chairman of Hudson, the software company behind the popular Bomberman series, recently let it slip that the PlayStation is so powerful that it could replicate Terminator 2-style special effects with ease. Imagine that...

Word also has it that PlayStation 2000 will have built-in DVD compatibility, allowing you to play the latest digital movies, without having to shell out for a mega-expensive DVD player. Cool.

The games

Crash Bandicoot developer, Naughty Dog, is reportedly working on a new Crash game for 'a much more powerful console.' You don't have to be Carol Vorderman to figure that one out. And with Squaresoft and Namco already on board, it's a safe bet we'll be seeing more additions to the Final Fantasy and Tekken series. No bad thing.

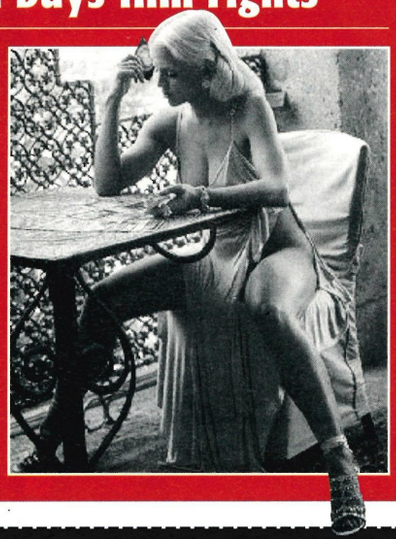
But does this mean you're gonna have to chuck out your existing PlayStation games? No siree. Sony's next machine will let you play your old games. Gavin Raeburn of Codemasters, the company behind the TOCA games, had this to say: 'There is no technical reason why the PlayStation 2 could not be backwardly compatible. The PlayStation could be emulated quite easily on the PlayStation 2.' So no worries there then. We'll have more on this next month.



■ 'Is it just me, or is it hot in here?'

Material Girl buys film rights

Rumours are flying that ageing popster, Madonna, is about to snap up the US film rights to Parasite Eve, the Japanese role-playing game from Final Fantasy makers, Squaresoft. This comes as the latest in a long line of PlayStation-to-movie projects, with the likes of Street Fighter, Final Fantasy, Resident Evil and Tomb Raider also getting the Hollywood treatment. Squaresoft is playing its cards close to its chest at the moment, but inside sources reckon the deal is pretty much done. We'll keep you updated with scripts and casts as and when they happen.



■ **When will they learn, eh? Videogames maketh not good movies. FACT**

Name change nerd

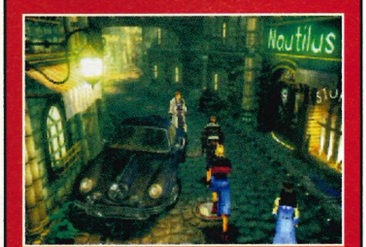
Meet Mr Sony PlayStation

Sad PlayStation geek, John Stirling, hit the headlines of The Sun newspaper this month by changing his name by deed poll to Sony PlayStation. The 21-year-old bachelor often stays up all night playing his 'Station and claims to have once spent 36 hours at the screen. The satellite TV salesman said: 'I just love my PlayStation and spend every waking hour on it. I get so carried away. I work long hours so I can buy more games. When my friends started calling me Sony I thought, why not change my name?' Why not indeed.

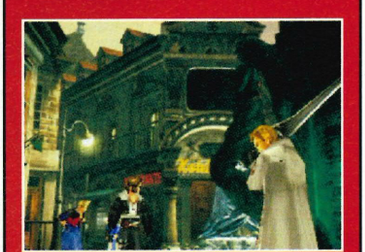
A spokesperson for Sony Europe commented: 'Maybe John has taken it a little too far, but we're flattered that PlayStation has touched his life to this extent.'

SQUARE GETS TOUGH

■ There's bad news if you've got a chipped PlayStation. Squaresoft's epic Final Fantasy VIII has just been released in Japan and is one of the first batch of games to feature the new anti-piracy detection software. The detection system built into the game looks to see if the PlayStation has been modified or 'chipped' to play import games and gives you an error message once it detects it. What this basically means is that there's no way to play imported, or, for that matter, pirated copies of Final Fantasy VIII. But it doesn't end there. Word also has it you can only save your game positions on an official Sony memory card. There's no news yet on whether this will be the case with the UK version of the game.



■ **Final Fantasy VIII's shifted over two million copies in Japan. Coolio.**



■ **You've every right to be pissed off if you've got a chipped PlayStation**

WIN A HOUSE AND GARAGE! COMPILATION

Enter this fantastic competition and you could be the proud owner of one of the Fantazia compilations featuring house supremo Allister Whitehead and Jeremy Healy. Cool.

But why are the gods being so kind? Well, it's all down to the fellas at SCi, maker of mondo bizarro puzzle game Live Wire! They've given us ten of the jovial housemeister's CDs to hand out. And all you have to do is follow the numbskull-friendly instructions below. Couldn't be easier...

Complete the phrase 'Allister Whitehead plays house and...' with one of the following home-related words:

A: GARAGE ☐ **B: KITCHEN** ☐ **C: GARDEN** ☐



NAME:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

D.O.B:

TELEPHONE:

TICK HERE IF YOU DO NOT WANT US TO KEEP YOUR NAME ON A DATABASE OF PLAYSTATION PLUS READERS ☐

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Kournikova comes to the 'Station





Let's face it, two lanky Croatians hacking unstoppable serves to each other with their futuristic carbon fibre rackets makes for pretty dull viewing. But when tennis ace, Anna Kournikova, hits the court, even the most hardened cynic is transformed into a slobbering, drooling mess. Which must have been Sony's thinking behind the decision to get Miss Kournikova to endorse its latest PlayStation tennis game. Anna Kournikova's Smash Court Tennis is due for a UK release sometime this summer, just in time to cash-in on the annual strawberries and cream gluttony fest that is Wimbledon.

■ **Anna's distracted by an impromptu Cliff Richard performance**

Naz gets lippy

Prince lends a hand with new boxing game

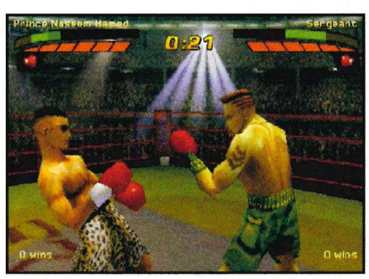
Prince Naseem Hamed has been getting stuck in with the development of the new boxing game based around the WBO Featherweight Champion. 'That's what I'm interested in, providing creative input for the game,' says Naz. 'When I play it, I want to feel that's me. It's great to see a computer game of yourself, doing what you do best.' Of course Naz isn't invincible in the PlayStation game, so what does he think about seeing his ass on the canvas? 'I do think that, in the game, if the Prince Naz character goes onto the canvas he deserves to always get up. Winning is not everything, winning's the only thing.'



■ **Naz at Codemaster's studio recently**



■ **Go on, deck the arrogant little upstart**

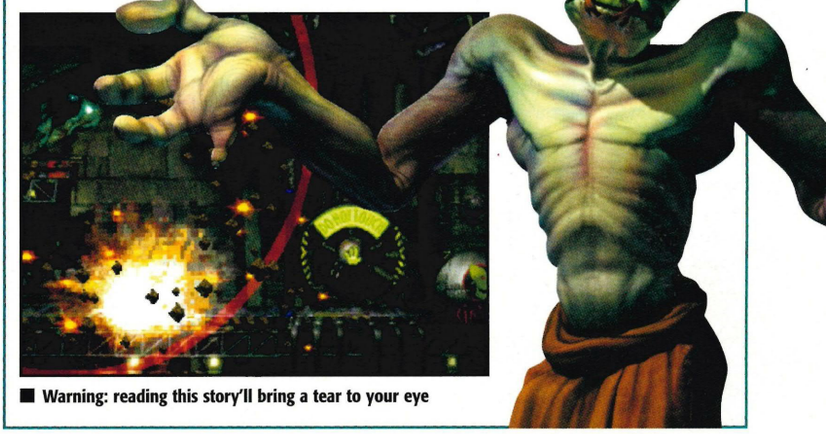


■ **Fly like a butterfly, sting like a bee, my arse**

PlayStation better than prozac

Abe cheers up widowed old geeza

A recently widowed 72-year-old great grandfather was snapped out of his depression by the power of PlayStation. When Alf Gamble's wife died – cue violins – the old fella was understandably devastated, but was cheered up no end when his daughter bought him a 'Station and a copy of Abe's Oddysee. He was so taken with the game that he sent letters asking for Abe's merchandise and even got a tattoo of Abe on his arm. Abe's creators were so chuffed they named a character in the end movie sequence of Abe's Exodus after him. Ain't that sweet.



■ **Warning: reading this story'll bring a tear to your eye**

Other stuff

Bits we couldn't keep to ourselves

■ **Ape Escape is** Sony America's top secret new 3D platform game. Due for release this summer, the idea of the game is to capture a band of time travelling monkeys intent on changing key moments in history. Dual Shock and PocketStation compatibility has been confirmed.

■ **Jeez. Enough already.** Yet another addition to the ailing Mortal Kombat series is coming to the 'Station later this year. This time around it's a third-person action adventure game, mixing typical beat 'em up stuff with Tomb Raider-style exploration. We can't wait.

■ **Racing Lagoon is** the latest game from Final Fantasy creators, Squaresoft. The game combines elements of racing and role playing, though it's not yet clear how the whole shebang fits together. It looks the business, but we'll have to wait until the summer to find out how it plays.

■ **The universally slammed** Nintendo 64 title, Mission Impossible, is wending it's way to the PlayStation. Based on the three-year-old Tom Cruise movie, it's expected to feature several improvements over the N64 version, amongst them sampled speech.



■ **'Kick, punch, it's all in the mind...'**

■ **Die Hard Trilogy 2** is in the early stages of development for PlayStation. The game looks to follow the same format as the original – three games in one – with different objectives in each. Should be out this autumn.

■ **More details on** the sequel to Sony's PaRappa the Rapper are beginning to filter through. The game has now been named Um Jammer Lammy, features a rock soundtrack (as opposed to hip-hop of the first), has a new character, Ramy, and goes on sale in Japan on March 18th. No word on a UK release just yet, but we're expecting to see it around autumn.

■ **Word has it** that the Bitmap Brothers is planning to resurrect its ultra-violent futuristic sports game, Speedball, for the PlayStation. Little is known about the game other than its name, Speedball 21000, and that it will keep the top-down perspective of its predecessors.

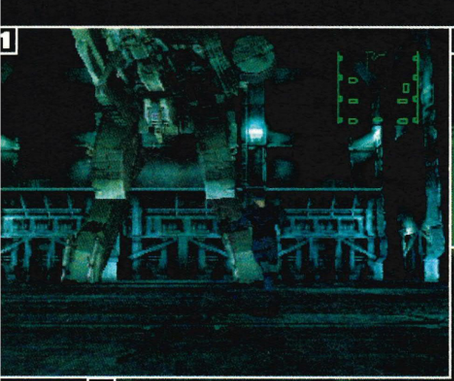


■ **Squealin' rock soundtrack this time around**

Stealth warning

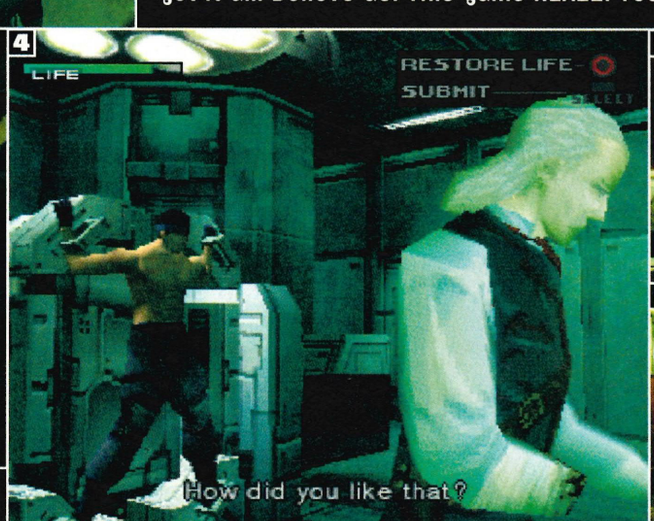
They don't get come more eagerly-awaited than Metal Gear Solid. This Bond-style spy 'em up's been moistening seats round these parts for longer than we care to remember. And now we've played it. Any good? Oh yes...

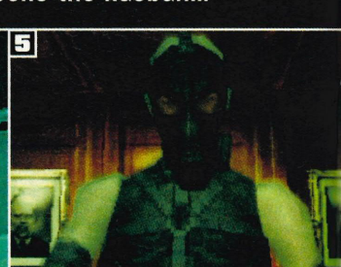
Interactive movie. The phrase fills us with dread. Burnt out C-list actors mumbling irrelevant shite to camera thinking 'Christ, the things I have to do to pay the rent'. But here we've got a movie-d up effort that doesn't make our office crapometer twitch. Ice-cool atmos. Knuckle-bleaching tension. Super-sinister dialogue with a series of psychotic villains. It's got it all. Believe us. This game REALLY rocks the kasbah...













1 Imagine James Bond meets Resident Evil... 2 And chances are you're still only halfway there 3 This has got tension in spades... 4 Spot-on movie bits with (yes!) a good plot 5 Nasty villains and... 6 Stonking action bits. Games just grew up...

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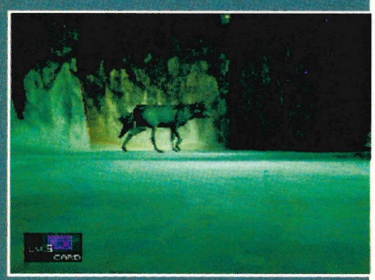
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Mixed bags

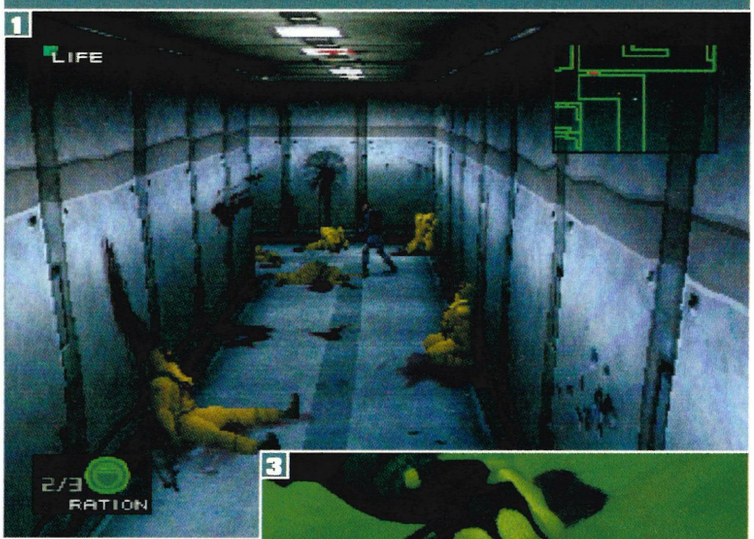
You play as Solid Snake, a sleek superspy infiltrating a complex full of terrorist goons. So you're probably already flexing your trigger finger anticipating a ten-hour long gunfest with more ammo expenditure than World War II. You're wrong. Expect stealth. Expect dialogue and cleverness. Expect enough twisty-turny plot-twists to boggle even the strongest of minds. Odd, most odd...



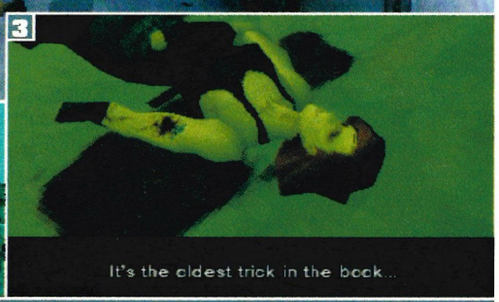
■ Snake sneaks past cameras...



■ Crawls under stuff







1 Our slithery mate's partial to a bit of lovely murder now and then, but... 2 It's clever murder these days for Monsieur Solid. All change... 3 And lest we forget, we've got plot to digest, too

A stealthy dose of Snake

Snake wears a Sneaking Suit. A kind of suit we suspect lost something in the translation from the Japanese. But boy does he sneak. And you have to. See that little grid in the corner of the screen? That's your radar. It shows you where baddies are going, looking, what the cameras are doing, where the autoguns are looking... the Monty. Just stay frosty.



■ Chaff grenades to get past cameras. Cameras with guns on 'em



■ Stealth camouflage in action. Invisibility suit, basically

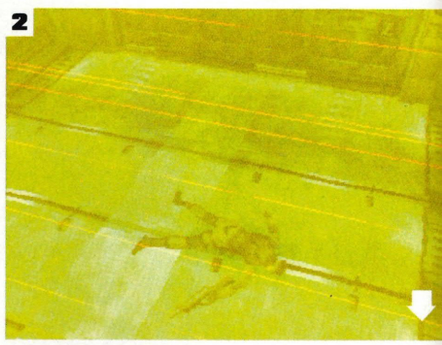


■ Which is useful for this geek who survives along with you

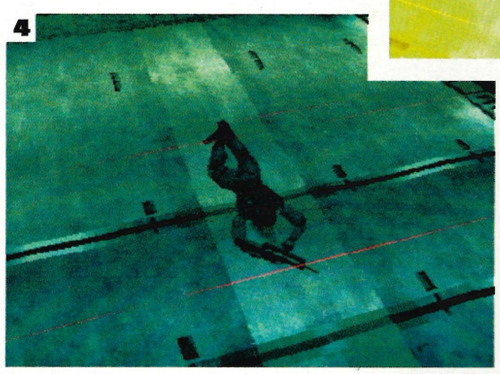
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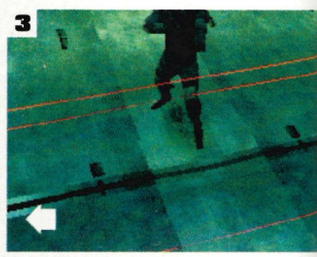
We like our gaspers as much as the next man. So we were overjoyed to find Snake's rather partial to a cancer stick. So partial, in fact, that he sneaks his smokes into the complex in his stomach. Sheesh. We thought we were enthusiasts for smoking in the Siberian winds outside our office. So why's Snake so determined to spark up? Here's the why...





■ And it suddenly fills up with nerve gas. And locks shut. Death

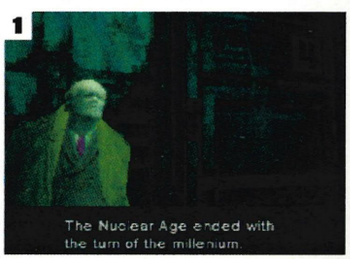




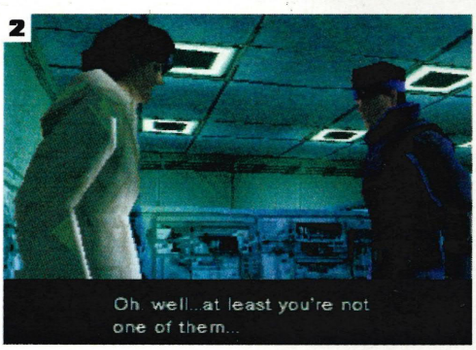
1 Step into this tempting-looking bit with doors... 3 So whatcha do? Choose your poison. Spark up, observe laser beams in the smoke 4 ...and crawl through to safety

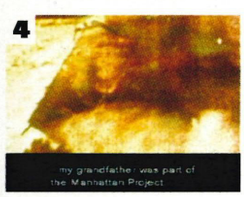
Alaskan field mice! Philosophy!

Bob Hoskins told us it's good to talk. And we'd go along with the bald maestro. A bit. But sadly, there are times in Metal Gear where the yakkity-yak goes supernova, and the polished filmesque dialogue spills over into the kind of bollocks that empties parties. Don't get us wrong. Most of the talky biz is spot on. But just check these clangers out...











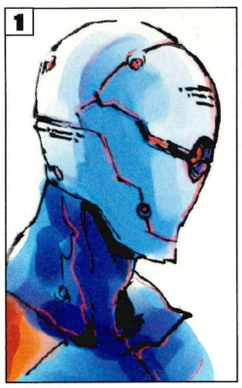
1 This dim cow insists on spouting Chinese philosophy at you 2 Soon you realise this man is the nonsense daddy 3 With his totally irrelevant chatter about his family 4 This fat toad insists on giving you a lecture about the politics of nuclear war 5 But soon you get to watch a couple of nuclear bombs go off. So he's forgiven

'Snake's partial to a bit of murder...'

You expect me to talk? No, Mr Bond, I expect you to die

Set-piece slugfests with sneering supervillains really get you juiced in Metal Gear. And thanks to some classy dialogue you get to know these überbaddies intimately before the game gets deathed-up. In the meantime, here's a sneak preview of the bad dudes you're likely to meet in Metal Gear Solid world...

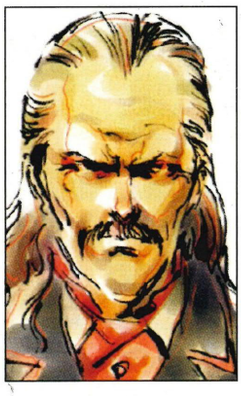
Cyborg Ninja





1 Cyborg Ninja. A cool customer. He wants you to hurt him bad. It would be rude to refuse 2 How polite of you

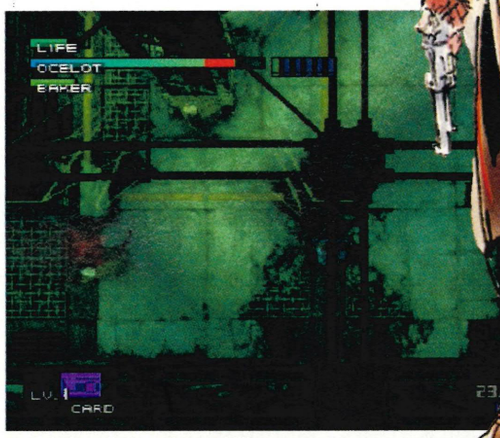
Revolver Ocelot





■ Why Revolver? Oh, he carries a revolver. Apt...

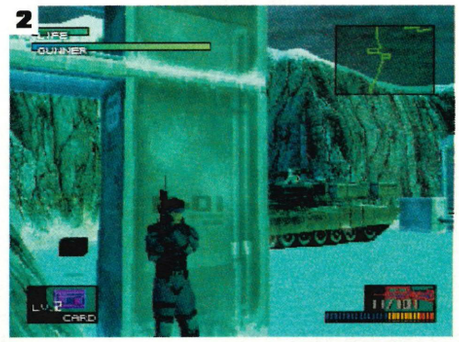
◀ Revolver's a hit with the ladies. It's that 'Connery' look



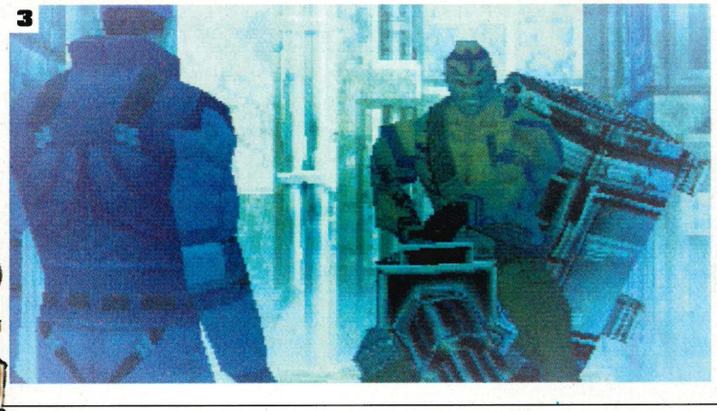
■ And after all that talk... Let killing commence

Vulcan Raven





1 Vulcan Raven. A big injun. With crows 2 And, unfortunately for you, with a tank 3 Or, later on, with The World's Biggest Firearm. Maximum pain action...



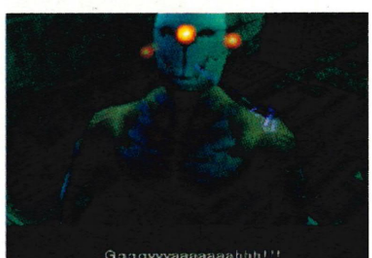
Metal Gear



■ Metal Gear. It's five stories high and packs enough guns to level a small city

Yak yak yak

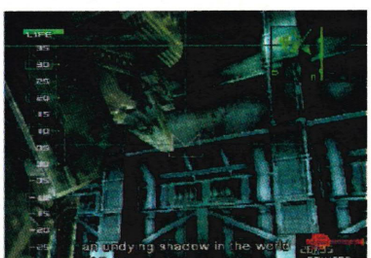
Surprise. Metal Gear Solid's an 'interactive experience' (sez our resident bigword gobshite). And this means you'll probably spend about as much time watching cool film bits as you do wandering about murdering people. This might sound odd, and slightly unhealthy, but what it means is that there's real atmos about the game. And, on a very basic level, killing folks is so much more fun when you've got to know them a bit first...



■ Yes, yes. I quite agree



■ The movie bits are actually quite well-acted

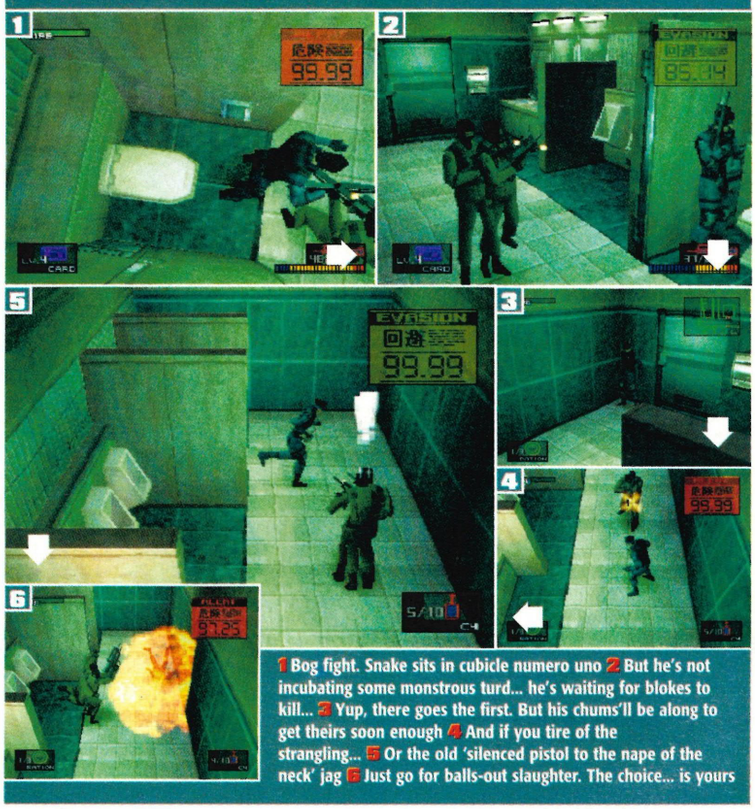


■ And the script's killer bee. Top-notch. Really

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Sneaky peaky

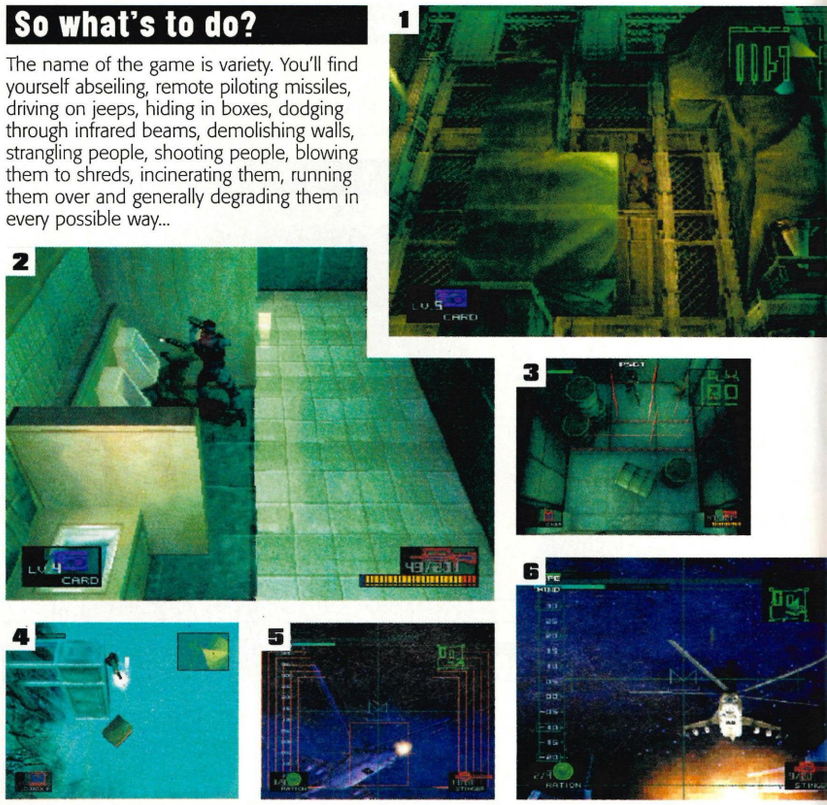
You're on your shift, and suddenly a huge gorilla in camouflage duds is snapping your neck with an arm the size of your torso. Game over, muchacho. Snake's the man when it comes to serving up surprise doses of murder. Silenced pistols. A neck-crunching technique to die for. Stealth is this man's middle name. Observe.



1 Bog fight. Snake sits in cubicle numero uno 2 But he's not incubating some monstrous turd... he's waiting for blokes to kill... 3 Yup, there goes the first. But his chums'll be along to get theirs soon enough 4 And if you tire of the strangling... 5 Or the old 'silenced pistol to the nape of the neck' jag 6 Just go for balls-out slaughter. The choice... is yours

So what's to do?

The name of the game is variety. You'll find yourself abseiling, remote piloting missiles, driving on jeeps, hiding in boxes, dodging through infrared beams, demolishing walls, strangling people, shooting people, blowing them to shreds, incinerating them, running them over and generally degrading them in every possible way...



1 Snake plays dead. Clever Snake 2 Snake abseils off of a building 3 Snake ducks infrared beams 4 That's Snake in the box, that is 5 Snake takes on a gunship solo 6 Blimey! Didn't he do well?

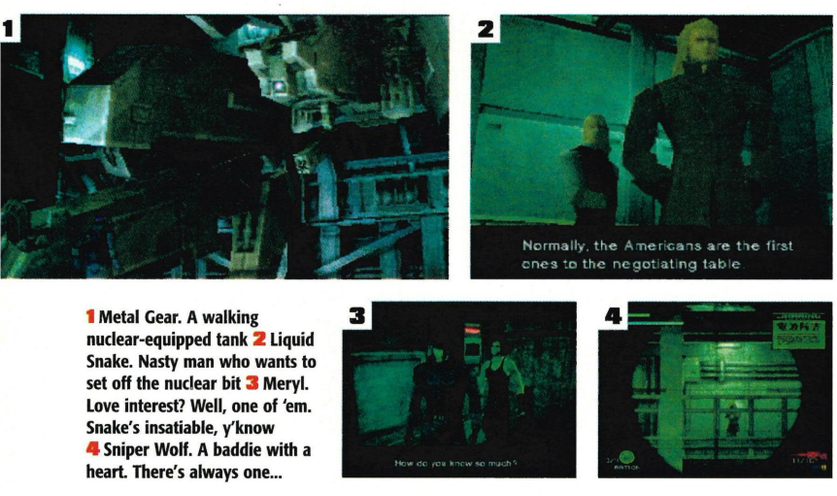
plus

We'd like to say...

Thing is, if you're anything like us, some of the dialogue'll have you yawning so wide you could easily give a passing rhino a lot of pleasure. We'll admit it. But the rest of the yakking is pretty much on the money. So we'll forgive Metal Gear. But one other word of warning: the game's pretty short. It's a class production, but you can finish it in about 12 hours. Just bear it in mind...

Ban the bomb

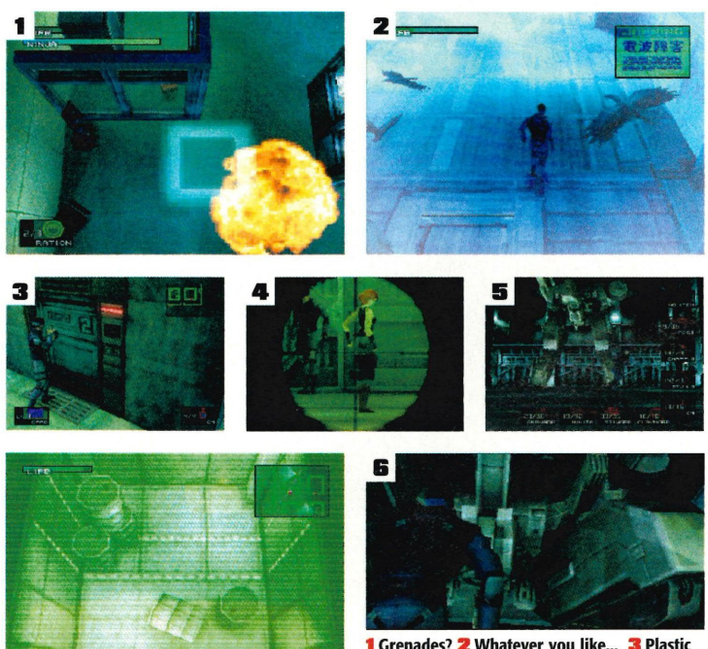
And now for the forty-thousand-line plot reduced to a hundred words. Deep breath. Special Forces team FOX-HOUND steal a military base. A base with nukes in it. The Yanks want it back. Snake goes in. He meets up with old workmates, women, and diabolical super-villains. Finally, he takes on a nuclear tank. Brave lad.



1 Metal Gear. A walking nuclear-equipped tank 2 Liquid Snake. Nasty man who wants to set off the nuclear bit 3 Meryl. Love interest? Well, one of 'em. Snake's insatiable, y'know 4 Sniper Wolf. A baddie with a heart. There's always one...

Gissa gizmo

No superspy would even step out the door without a handful of megadeath gadgets. A poisoned pencil-sharpener, a radar toothpick, a fly button that goes off with the force of ten hydrogen bombs. Handy shit. But it ain't so easy for Snake. He's got to find all his kit on his lonesome. But once he's got collecting, all systems are go: take a look...



■ Check out this set of Night Vision goggles

1 Grenades? 2 Whatever you like... 3 Plastic explosive. Stand back 4 Or use the Sniper Rifle 5 We'd suggest something large here... 6 By the end, you've got weapons to spare...

winner The dialogue rasps on occasion and it's a tad short. But this fella is atmospheric, pacy, good-looking and innovative. A real must-have. Believe it. **Rob**

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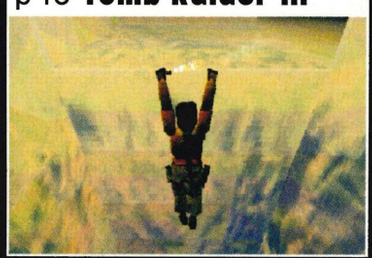
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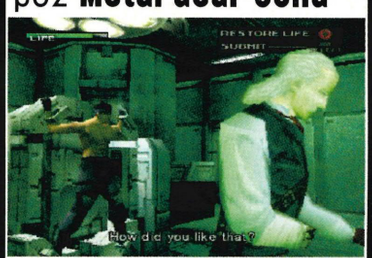
And lo, the hordes of unwashed urchins didst shake their rags and demand help. 'No. Bog off,' replied PlayStation plus. 'Oh, go on then...'

p48 **Tomb Raider III**



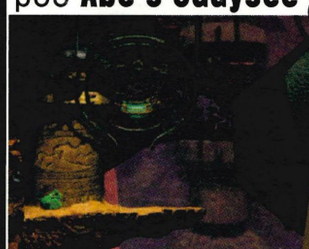
■ ALL the secrets of Tomb Raider III. Would we lie to you? Go on then. Check if you want proof...

p62 **Metal Gear Solid**



■ Metal Gear Solid stripped bare, given a snow bath and left shivering in the cold...

p69 **Abe's Oddysee**



■ Your Abe's queries and tons of other questions answered in Q&A

TOMB RAIDER III SECRETS

Finishing Tomb Raider III is tough enough. Finishing it with all the secrets is totally rock. Luckily you've got us to point you in the right direction...

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DETAILS	
GAME:	Tomb Raider III
PRICE:	£44.99
COMPANY:	Eidos
REVIEWED:	January 1999
SCORE:	93%
VERDICT:	A finger-lickin' monster of a game

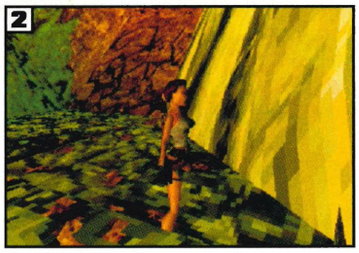
THE JUNGLE

The first level is a piece of piss. Even games Joeys should have no problem getting through it...

SECRET ONE



■ Walk forward from the start of the level and Lara will begin to slide down the first slope

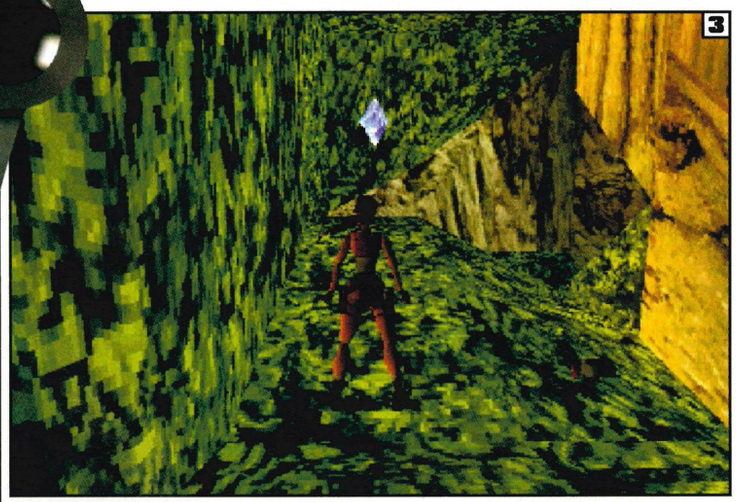


■ Jump immediately left to land on a flat spot, where Lara will discover the Shotgun.

SECRET TWO





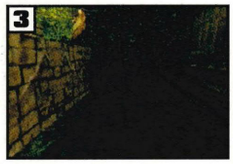


1 Continue sliding down the long slope, angling your jumps over to the small platform on the left 2 Jump around the base of the tree... 3 To discover the first Save Game Crystal and some Ammo

SECRET THREE

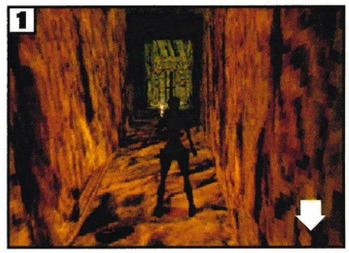






1 At the bottom of the long slope, go left and through the archway 2 Climb over the platform to the left of the Save Game Crystal 3 Drop over the other side, turn left and collect the Ammo

SECRET FOUR



■ After flipping the switch that triggers the rolling boulder, execute a roll and run back down the tunnel through the opening



■ Once the boulder has settled, return to the tunnel and climb up this ledge

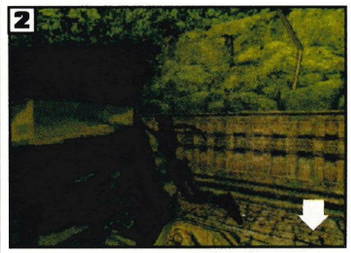


■ Crawl inside the small space and help yourself to the Harpoon and Rockets

SECRET FIVE



■ Shortly after collecting the Harpoon, Lara finds herself back at the huge tree she first used to get into this area



■ Perform a jump and grab manoeuvre to the hollow opening at the end of the tree



■ Crawl inside the opening and retrieve the stash of goodies from within

SECRET SIX



■ In the dense jungle, Lara triggers three boulders. Then take a left up the dirt path



■ In the secret area, hang and drop down the pit, making sure Lara grabs onto the next ledge



■ Next pull Lara up and claim the Save Game Crystal. Now might be a good time to save

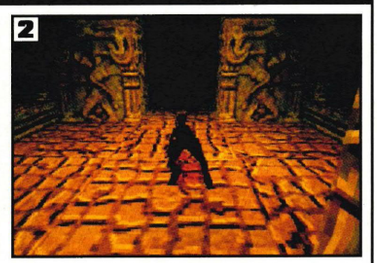
TEMPLE RUINS

Things start to get a bit tougher now. Secrets are better hidden and harder to get to. So follow closely...

SECRET ONE



■ After you've destroyed the statue, drop down the hole in the floor. Flip the switch at the end of the tunnel (opening the gate next to the hole)

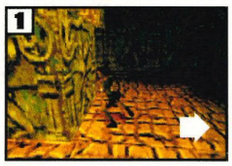


■ Move the block at the end of the tunnel and enter the new area. Crawl beneath the poison darts and collect the secret booty

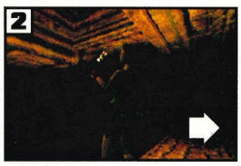
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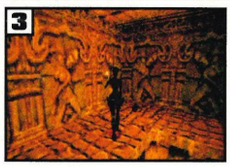
SECRET TWO



■ Past the swinging blades and spikes, flip the switch and find the odd-coloured block



■ Pull it back once, then to the left and climb on top. Jump and grab the ledge to pull Lara up

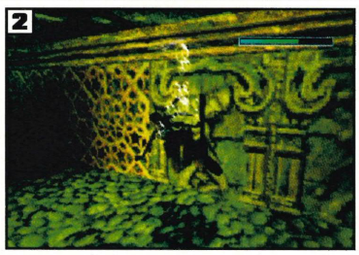


■ Walk around the corner and jump to the ladder, pull Lara up and collect the booty

SECRET THREE

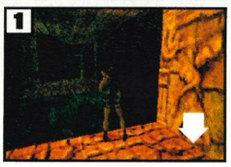


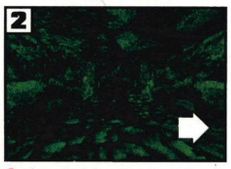
■ In the room with three levers in the huge reflective pool, dive into the water

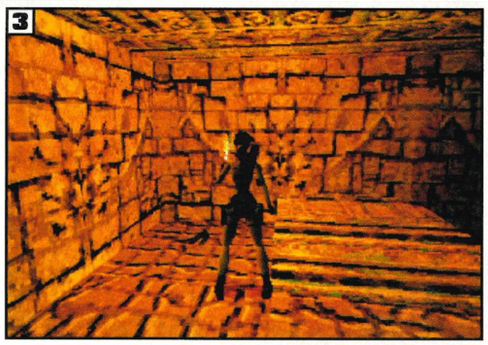


■ Activate the lever to open the gate opposite (it's on a timer) and grab the goodies inside

SECRET FOUR





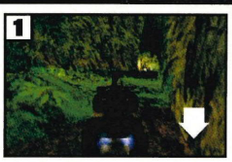


1 After dodging the boulder and crawling under the blades, jump into the corner of the green pit 2 Walk through the blades and crawl through the tunnel 3 Shoot the snake and collect the Ammo

THE RIVER GANGES

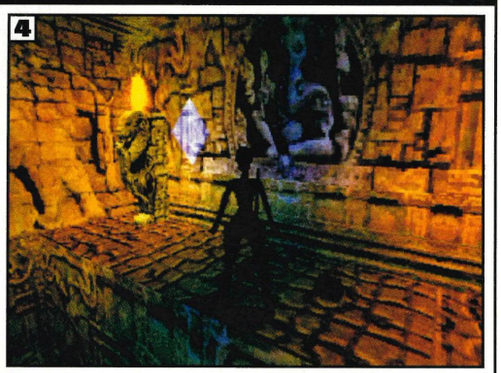
Hope she's brought her verruca sock, 'cos Lara's gonna get her feet wet in this watery level

SECRET ONE





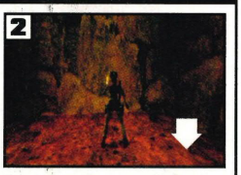


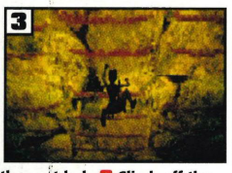


1 Drive the quad bike to this ledge. Drop and grab onto the rope wall 2 Shimmy over to the grass platform, then run and jump to the next. Continue making your way around the platforms 3 At this opening, go into the next room. Climb up the sloped platform to the highest level 4 Jump over and collect the assorted goodies

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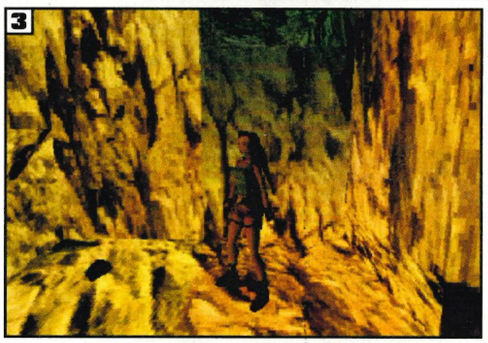


1 Take Lara over the water jump with the quad bike and pull over at the next hole 2 Climb off the quad bike and drop down into the canyon 3 Bag the secret goodies and climb back out of the pit

SECRET THREE

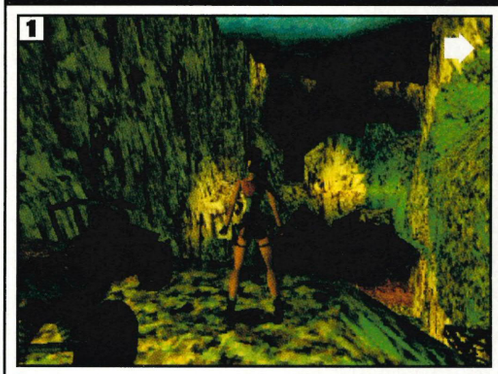




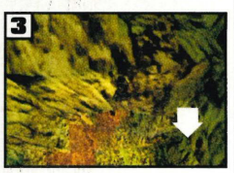


1 When Lara arrives at the fork in the road, choose the left-hand route to uncover the secret stuff. The right-hand route contains no secret areas 2 Make your way through the caves on the quad bike. At the top, drive the quad down the elevated walkway, then get off and take a look over to the right 3 Run and jump into the cove to collect the Save Game Crystal, Harpoons and Ammo

SECRET FOUR









1 Once you've ditched the quad bike, slide down this rock and kill the vultures. Jump back up to the highest platform and grab the ledge opposite 2 Walk to the end of the path and jump through the opening. Run and jump to grab this ledge 3 Walk to the end and then run, jump and grab onto the next ledge 4 Pull Lara up and crawl into the cave to retrieve a Small Medikit and Ammo

SECRET FIVE



■ Shortly after discovering secret four, three vultures will attack Lara from above



■ Blast the bastids out of the sky and execute a standing jump over to this ledge



■ Hang off the ledge and drop to the platform below. Help yourself to the extra Ammo

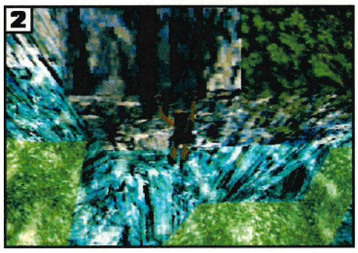
COASTAL VILLAGE

There's no time to stop and soak up the UV rays. Lara's got some artifacts to find. Or something...

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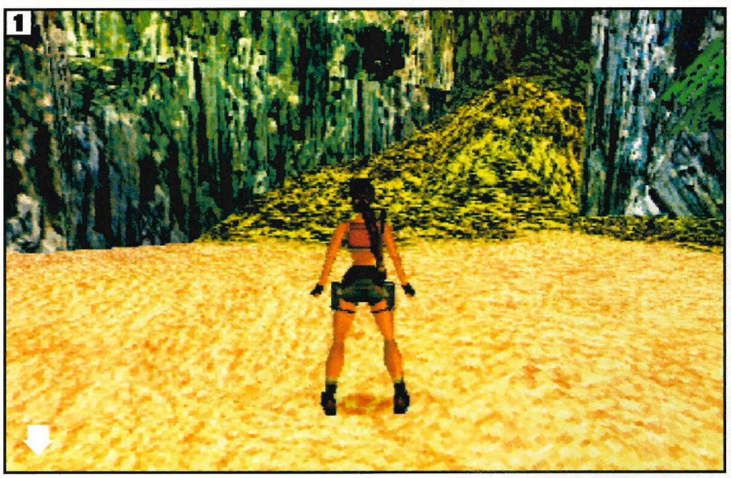


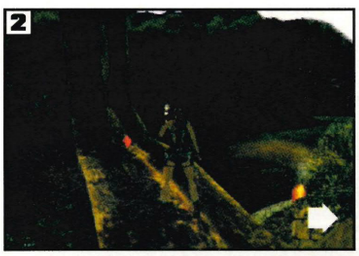
■ Swim to this rock sticking out of the water and retrieve the Small Medikit. Turn around and grab the ledge across the water



■ Shimmy to the right and climb up the platform. Jump along the next couple of platforms to get the hidden Ammo

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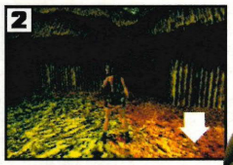




1 Take the path behind the gold mass on the beach for the secrets 2 When you've collected the third Serpent Stone... 3 Jump into this little cove in the wall to collect goodies

SECRET THREE







1 Find the path behind the hut that leads to this tunnel and go through it 2 Pass between these two huts to the tree on the other side 3 There are some hidden goodies in the cave behind

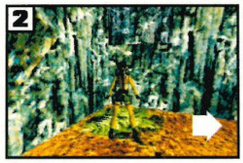
CRASH SITE

A downed military plane, foreign spies and previously-thought-to-be-extinct dinos. What does it all mean?

SECRET ONE



■ Before leaping from the last lily pad to dry land...



■ Turn and jump to the lily pad in the left corner



■ Climb into the cave for some extra Ammo



■ Someone should have told Lara that John Lennon glasses went out in the eighties. Tsk

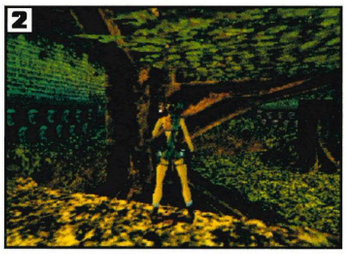
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SECRET TWO



■ In the cave with the two dinosaurs and the bad guy, find this platform at the side

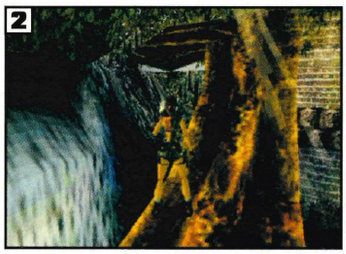


■ Climb up the huge tree and snatch the Large Medikit, then jump to the next branch and collect the flares

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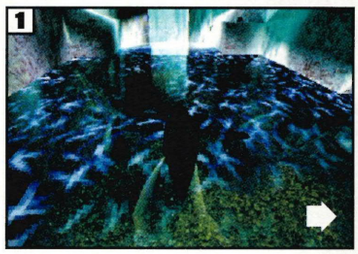


■ Before crossing this bridge, scale the rocks and climb the huge tree



■ Turn and jump onto the next branch. Go to the end and jump over to the branch that hangs over the waterfall. Collect the goodies

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■ Paddle the kayak against the strong current and through the tunnel leading into the area with the frothing falls

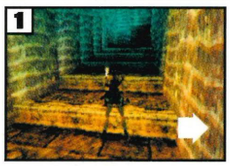


■ At the end of the tunnel, paddle under this waterfall and collect the Save Game Crystal hidden inside the small cave

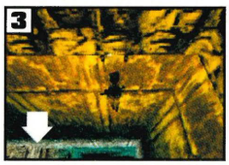
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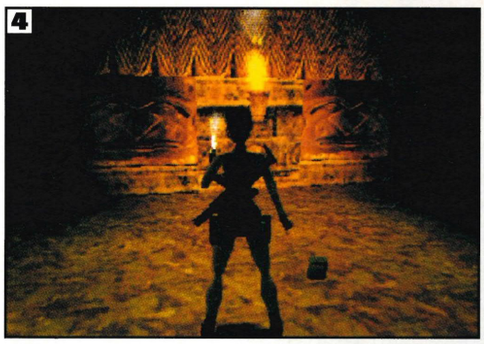
Wahoo! Just one secret to find on this level, so you'll be in there and out the other end in no time...

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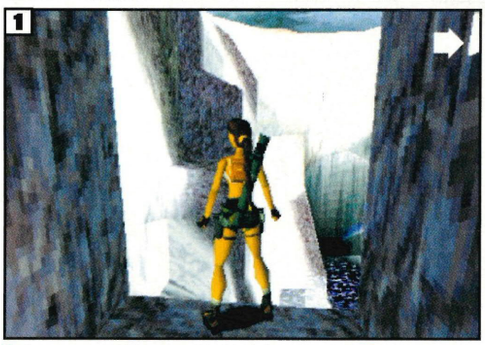


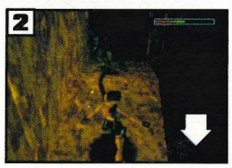
1 After the huge rolling boulder has settled and Lara has disposed of the bad guys, return to the steps at the beginning of this level **2** Turn around and face the wall across the way **3** It's a bit tricky to see, but there's a ledge to grab. Get over there by jumping towards the wall and grabbing as Lara begins to fall **4** Shimmy Lara all the way over to the left of the ledge and pull her up into the cove to collect the Flares

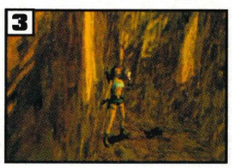
MADUBU GORGE

This level's fairly tough, but features some of the most fantastic graphics we've seen in a Tomb Raider game!

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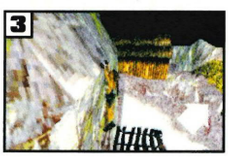


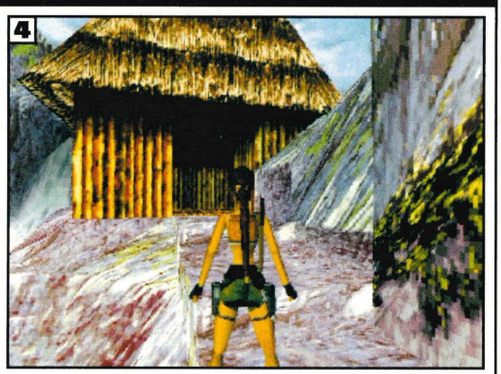
1 There's some hidden stuff behind this waterfall **2** Take a step backwards and perform a running jump right into the middle of it **3** Take out the lizard-man in the cave and collect the goodies

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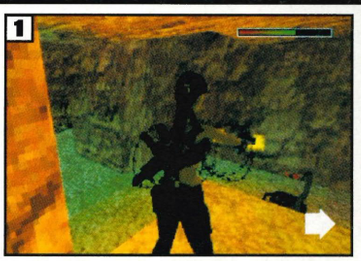


1 Take the grabbable ceiling to the right and crawl into the cave **2** Jump over to the wall opposite and climb to the ledge. Execute a backwards jump over the small wall behind **3** Hold the action button and Lara grabs the ledge. Shimmy to the right and drop to the platform **4** Jump over to the hut and take the Large Medikit

NEVADA DESERT

Prepare to take some major detours to find the secrets in this level. Better have the Pro Plus on standby...

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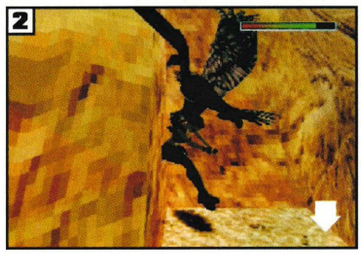


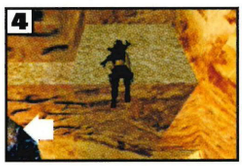
■ When Lara arrives at the barbed wire pit, slide down backwards and grab the ledge. Shimmy to the right, drop and shoot the snakes



■ Collect the Small Medikit, Flares and Save Game Crystal then push the block forward and collect the Shotgun Shells

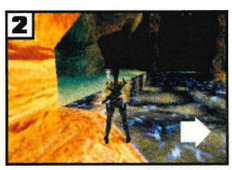
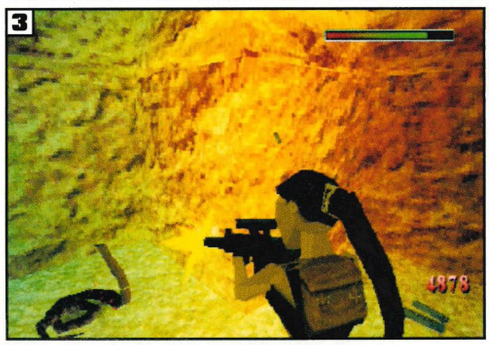
SECRET TWO




1 Get out of the water, go over to this ledge and work your way around the platforms to the right 2 Kill the attacking vulture... 3 And jump over to the climbing part of the wall opposite. Make your way down to the second crevice 4 Shimmy along to the right and pull Lara up 5 Drop down the other side to the secret area and collect the hidden Ammo

SECRET THREE

1 From this waterfall, run and jump around the ledges... 2 Until Lara arrives at this ledge connected to the indoor beach. Crawl under the outgrowth of rock and up the scaleable wall 3 Perform a backwards jump to avoid getting bitten by the snake and collect the Uzi Clips

HIGH SECURITY COMPOUND

Lara's had her weapons taken off her for this un. So it's gonna take brains over bravado to get out alive...

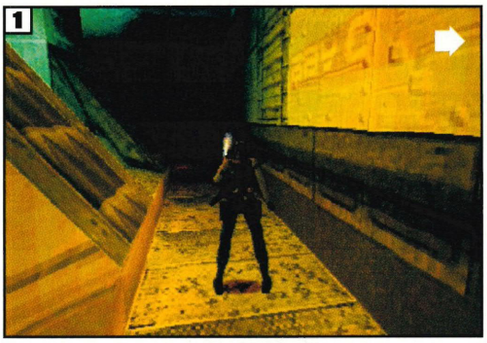
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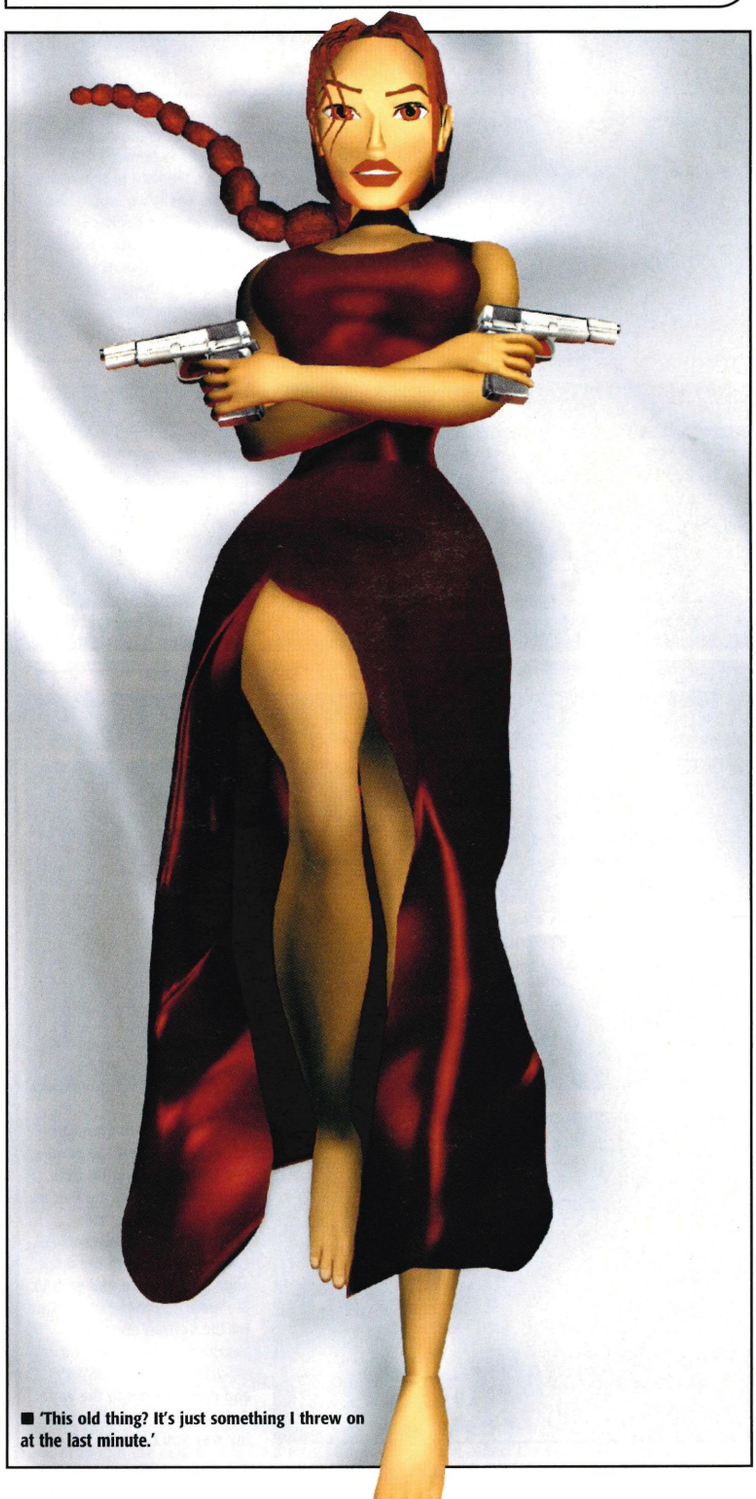

1 Go through the passageway behind the sink in the last cell on the left 2 Push the block forward once, turn left, crawl through the small opening and follow it around 3 Push the block forward once and the newly-revealed block to the right twice. Turn around and head back to the other block and pull it backwards twice 4 Go back into the crawl space to the alcove where the block was. You'll find the Small Medikit there

SECRET TWO





1 Once you've got a weapon, return to the ladder at the big tower 2 Climb up and kill the guard at the top. He leaves you Keycard Type B 3 Use it to get into the small hallway and take the Grenades



■ 'This old thing? It's just something I threw on at the last minute.'

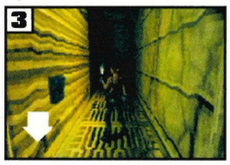
AREA 51

This level's huge and pretty damn tricky, so make sure you've got plenty of Save Game Crystals...

SECRET ONE









1 After dropping through the trapdoor, shoot the laser-targeting MP as soon as possible or he'll throw the switch to close the gate to this secret **2** There's a small blue crawl space where you dropped in. Find it and take the Grenade Launcher **3** Climb out and collect the pick-ups before dropping down into the centre area **4** Throw the switch and drop through the trapdoor. Kill the MP and crawl through the open grate to collect a Save Game Crystal

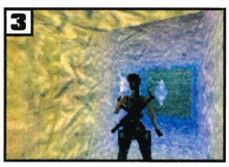
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■ Use the Code Clearance Disk on this terminal

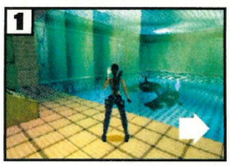


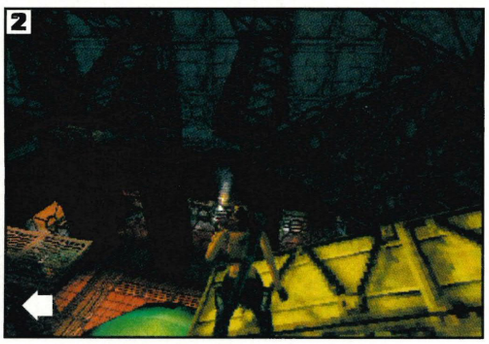
■ Jump up this platform and shoot out this boarded wall



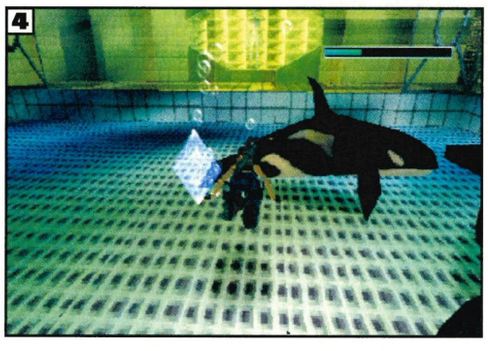
■ Go into the hallway, down the ladder and collect the SGC

SECRET THREE









1 When you reach the killer whale tank, collect the goodies and return back to the UFO hanger **2** Climb up the ladder and leap back onto the platform by the girders. Make your way around to the open door **3** Run, jump and grab to the doorway in the wall. Wait for the bottom laser to approach and jump over it **4** Sprint down the hallway and drop down into the water. Grab the SGC and swim back the way you came



■ 'Nip out and get us a pack of 20 tabs. This thing tastes like shite.'

THAMES WHARF

Lara will need stacks of flares for this pitch-black level. And not the sort that Suzi Quatro used to wear

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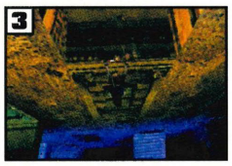
■ Before you do anything, head back down the long path and jump over the sloped roof



■ You'll find the Shotgun Shells and Save Game Crystal in this secret area

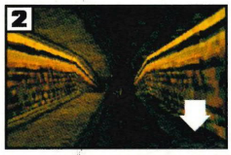
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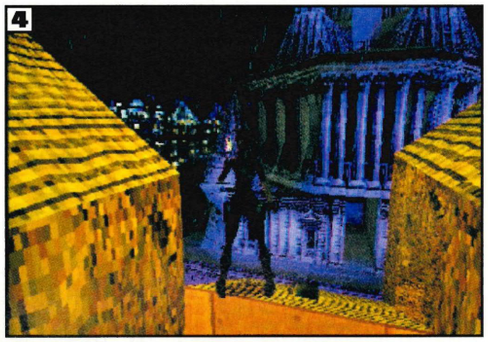




1 When Lara arrives at the entrance to the tall building, hang and drop from the ledge to the platform below 2 Make your way over to the green door and jump and grab the ledge above 3 Shimmy Lara over to the right and crawl into each of the holes to get the booty. The third hole along contains the secret items

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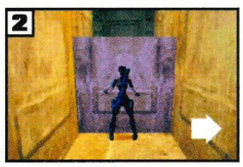


1 Once Lara's got past the fires, jump to the scaffolding and drop down to the tunnel 2 Crawl to the other side and back up to the rooftops 3 At the rooftop before the scaffolding, climb this platform to Lara's left. Jump over the fire grate and grab the ledge behind 4 On the other side of the roof is a wall climbing surface. Drop to the lower platform to get the secret stuff

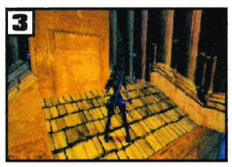
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■ Outside the Cathedral, kill the bad guys and go inside

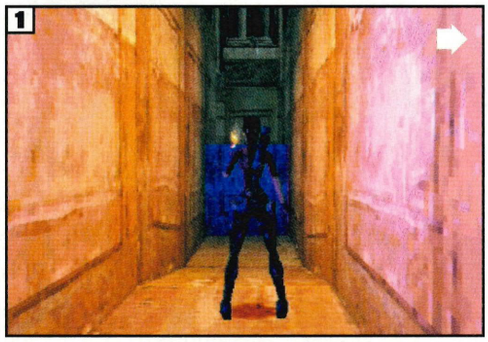
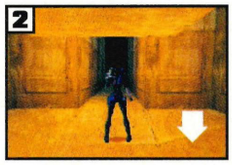


■ Pull the blue block in the centre column back



■ Climb on the roof and drop into the lower area for the key

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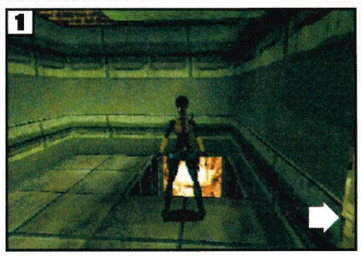



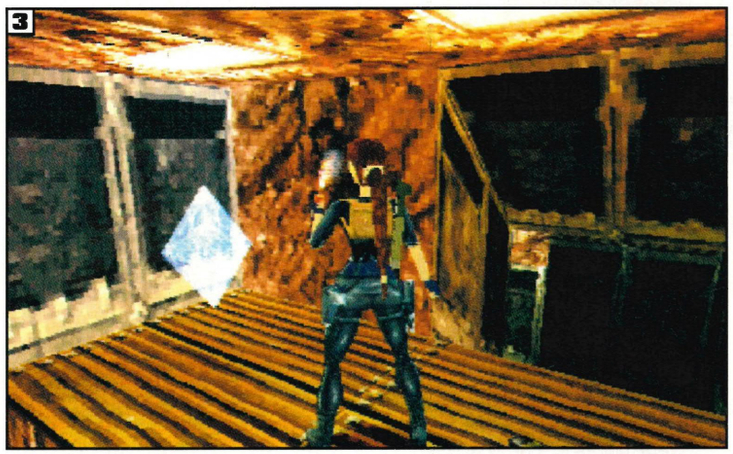

1 Once Lara's got the Cathedral Key, jump over the roof to the ground below. Climb over the block and head out of the Cathedral on the other side 2 Instead of going straight through the hole in the fence, turn left and hang and drop down the ladder in the corner 3 Drop down a couple more blocks and crawl through the opening at the bottom. Help yourself to the Large Medikit

ALDWYCH

A complete bastid of a level. The secrets are shit-hard to find, so follow these instructions very carefully...

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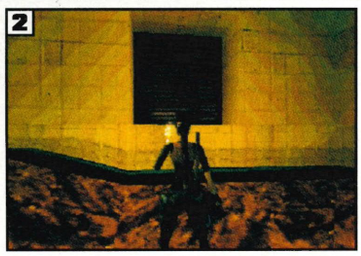


1 Work your way down the pit to this room, being careful not to get crushed by the mechanical digger 2 Stand around here and perform a short hop backwards 3 Lara should land in the safety of the small cove below, where she'll find a Save Game Crystal and other secret goodies

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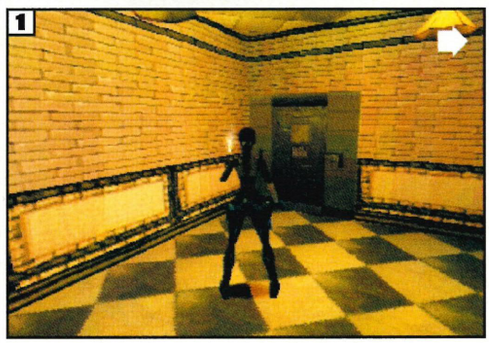
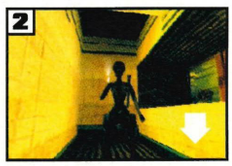


■ Head down the escalators on the left and blast the flame thrower guy



■ Continue forward and shoot this boarded-up window. Drop down to find some extra Ammo

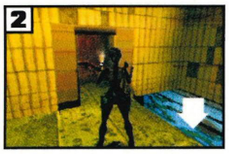
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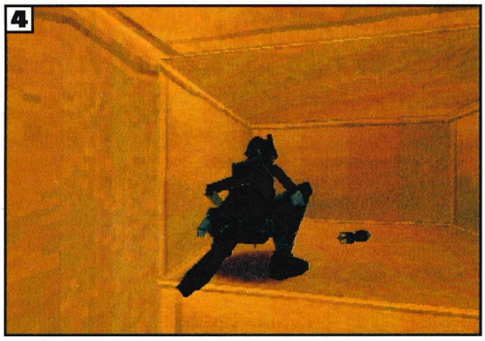




1 Once you've used the Ornate Star on the door lock, jump back and blast the torch geezer who attacks Lara 2 Head inside the room and jump into the ventilation system above. Go down the shaft and drop into the next area 3 Go through the trap door and collect the Save Game Crystal

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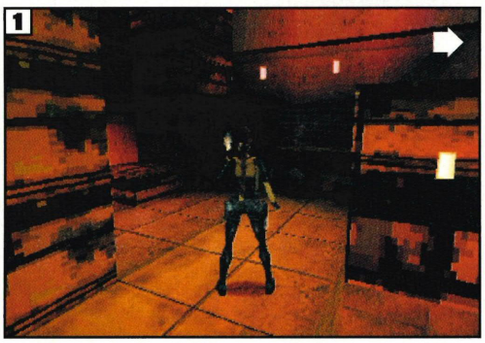
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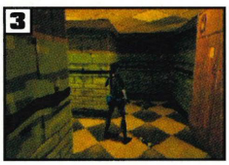





1 Following on from Secret 3, head back to where you used the Ticket 2 When Lara's back in the fire-lit room, go down the escalator and use the Masonic Mallet to bust your way into the room at the bottom 3 Throw the switch and a trapdoor opens elsewhere. Before you exit, turn around and look up 4 Lara can access the dark recess above and collect the Rockets

SECRET FIVE



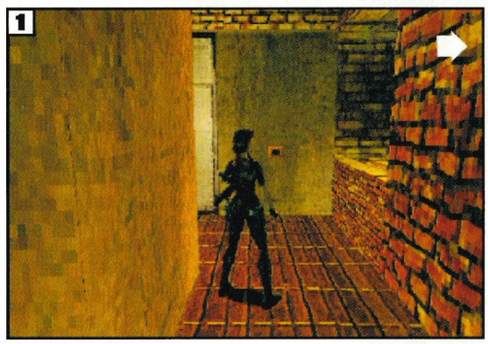
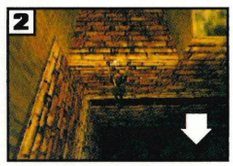
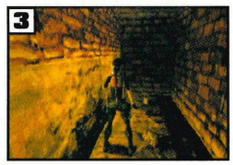


1 Cross the bridge into the subway area and return down the tunnel to the red-lit room. Climb up the trapdoor in the top-most corner 2 Back in this room you'll find the last open door on the right 3 Blast the geezer with the club as you enter the room and collect the secret goodies

LUD'S GATE

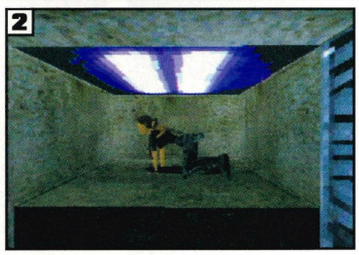
She's gonna need her sports bra for this level, 'cos it's full of tricky running and jumping puzzles

SECRET ONE

1 After escaping from the dropping ceiling spikes, Lara slides into a darkened area. Hit the switch and go to the right to find the flat brick platform 2 Drop and hang from it, then drop and hang on the ledge below 3 Shimmy to the right and enter the crawl space. Drop down and get the booty

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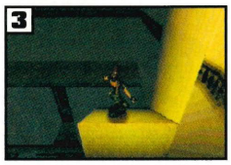



1 This bit's a tad tricky, so it might be worth saving your game first. Climb up the grated wall and over to this red area. Line Lara's hands up with this red line and perform a backward jump and mid-air flip to grab the opposite wall. 2 Climb into the hole to claim the Rocket



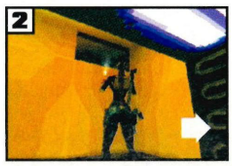
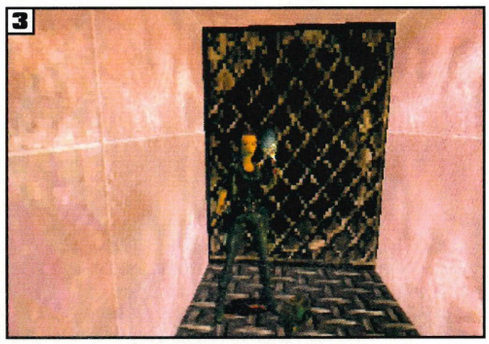
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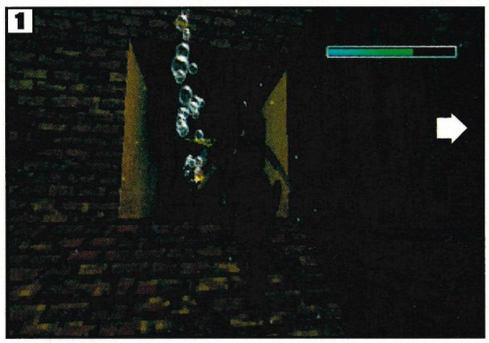
1 Drop from the ceiling to the flat part of the Sphinx (the cut-scene will show you exactly where) 2 Now turn Lara to the right and run and jump over to the tall platform 3 Now run, jump and grab onto this sloped platform. Pull Lara up and jump off the sloped side. Lara should land safely on the long ledge. Continue to the end and collect assorted secret goodies

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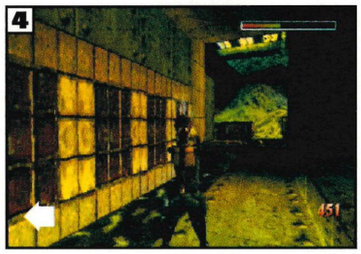




1 When Lara arrives at the foot of the Sphinx she's attacked by two guards. Blast the bastids with all you've got and climb up the steps 2 Position Lara so that she can jump and climb up to the ledge above, then turn around and grab the blue opening 3 Crawl in and help yourself to the secret goodies – the Rocket Launcher, Rocket and Large Medikit

SECRET FIVE







1 When you approach this hatch, swim through into the next area. Get out of the water through the narrow waterway and onto this platform 2 Climb up the block and walk over to the ice mass on your left. Turn to face the frog fella and position Lara so that she can perform a backflip over the ice mass the second he looks the other way 3 Head over the ice to the far left corner and climb the brown block. The dark corridor is patrolled by a guard, so sprint straight ahead after you turn the first corner. If you sprint, Lara will land on the platform where the diver's going into the water 4 Blast the bastid with all you've got, then waste the guard to your right 5 Dive into the water and up towards the crates. The Underwater Scooter and Save Game Crystal are around to the right

SECRET SIX





■ In the area that has the wall with the steel framed windows – there is a small hole below the water surface

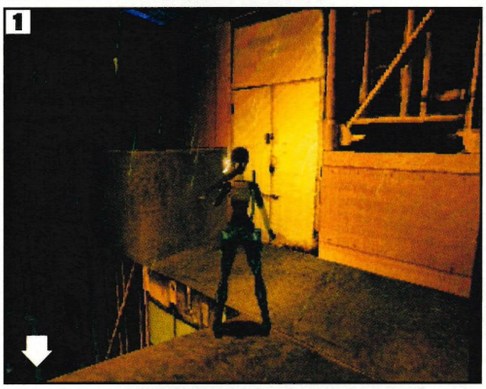
■ The water is a bit murky so your vision is a tad limited, but swim through the hole and you can recover the Flares

■ Check the area again for another hole with a lever. This opens a floor hatch at the crates with a Save Game

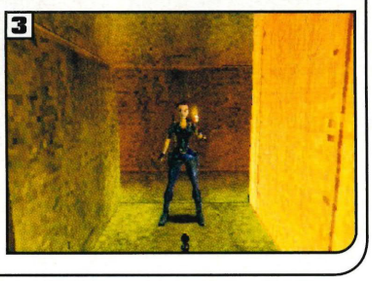
THE CITY

There's just one secret to be discovered on this level, but it's a real bugger to get to. Good luck...

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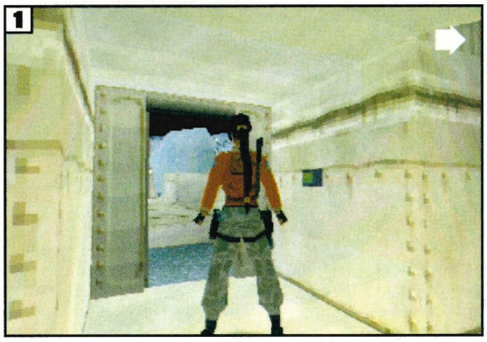
1 After the ceiling grapple bit, hop up the step next to the platform, turnaround and climb up to the next one 2 Before going right, turn around and go left, up and over the small block. Drop backwards off the end of the platform and grab the ledge 3 Shimmy Lara over to the left and drop to the crevice below. Crawl inside the small hole, turn around and lower Lara into this small duct. Have a good look around and you'll find some rockets. Hmm... might come in handy

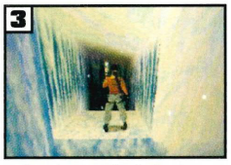



ANTARCTICA

Polar bears had better seek refuge, 'cos Lara's loose in the Antarctic and she ain't taking any prisoners...

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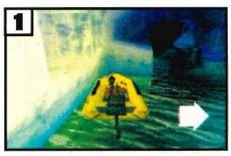


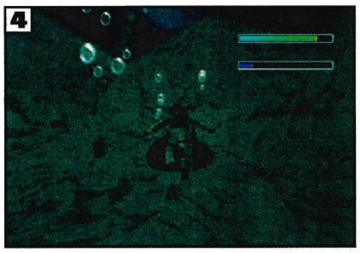
1 After dropping the dingy into the water, return to the main inside level and enter the hole above 2 Head down the corridor and hit the switch at the end. Then exit to the upper deck outside 3 Make your way around to the front of the ship, turn around the corner and head down the Lido deck. Jump into this cave opposite the ship and collect the Save Game Crystal and Ammo

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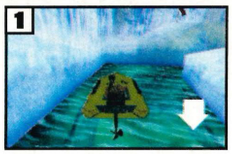
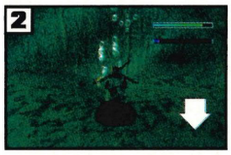
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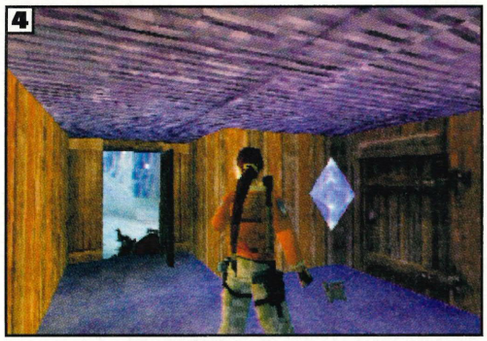


1 When Lara gets into the dingy, head around to the rear of the ship and turn down this path 2 Stop at this small hole in the wall, get out of the dingy and climb into it. Slide down the slippery slope and jump over the water and grab onto this ledge 3 Pull Lara up and head around to the right. Collect the Large medikit in front of the ice window 4 Head around the corner and drop into the water next to the dingy. There are some Flares awaiting you at the bottom of the water

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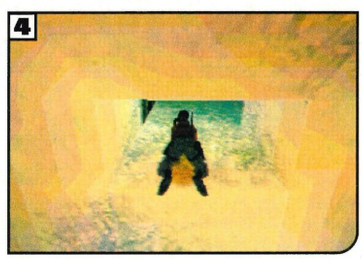
1 After opening the waterway gate with the Gate Control Key, get back in the dingy and head over to this stopping point with the flag 2 Dive into the water and retrieve the Hut Key from the cove underneath the rock 3 Now return to the beginning of the level and find this hut across the water from the big ship 4 Inside you'll discover some Flares and a Save Game Crystal

RX-TECH MINES

There are three secrets to uncover in the RX-Tech Mines, but you're gonna have to work for 'em...

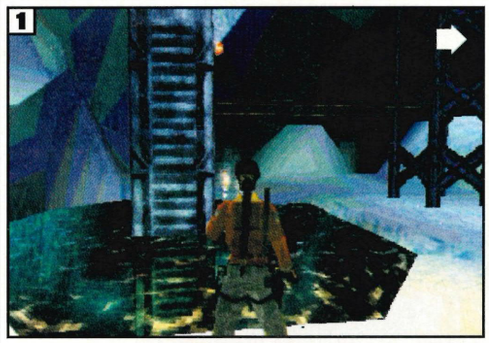
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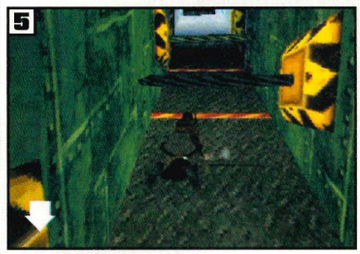
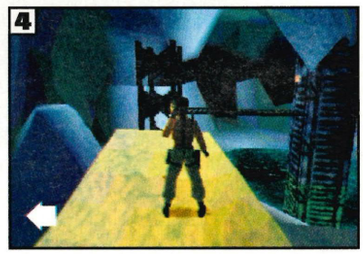
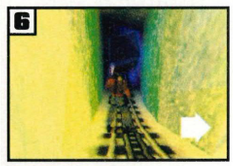


1 Head into the mine cart area and up this ramp 2 Head into this room and throw the light switch. Blast the creature that appears, being careful not to get hit by its poison shots 3 Head out of the control room and on top of the roof. On the back side, drop down and grab the edge 4 Shimmy over to the small opening opposite the ladder. Lara will need to go down six steps before she is properly positioned for a backflip and grab manoeuvre. If properly executed Lara will be able to retrieve the goodies

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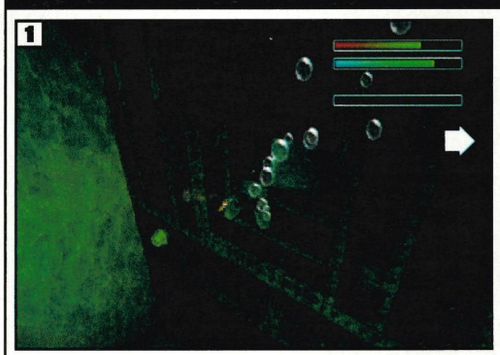
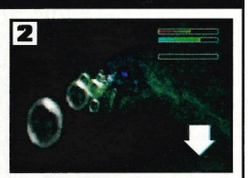


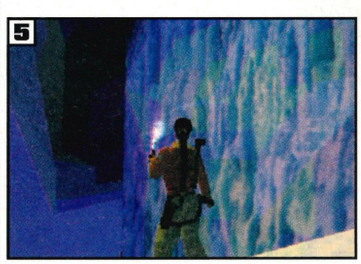
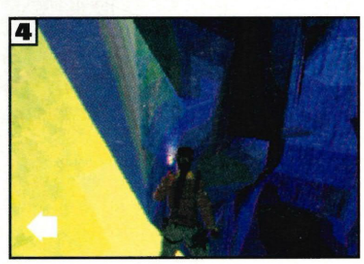







1 At the bottom ledge of the ice cavern, crawl into the cave. Take care of the bad guys and climb up on the bridge. Pick up the crowbar from under the red light 2 Climb onto this mass of ice and jump to the invisible ledge on the wall. Shimmy to the left and throw the switch at the end 3 Get on top of the sloping ramp and perform a running jump over to the next one. Repeat this manoeuvre until Lara reaches the cave 4 Climb up the ladder and crawl through the spikes, then make your way past the snow plough and climb the next ladder 5 Run under the machines and kill the beast, then drop down onto the tracks. Follow the track back to the mine cart 6 Lara ends up back at the mine cart depot 7 Hit the switch to change the tracks. Head around the corner and use the crowbar on the door. Inside is the Lead Acid Battery 8 Head to the rooftop of the control room (third floor). Perform a backflip and grab manoeuvre to get into the secret area and collect the goodies

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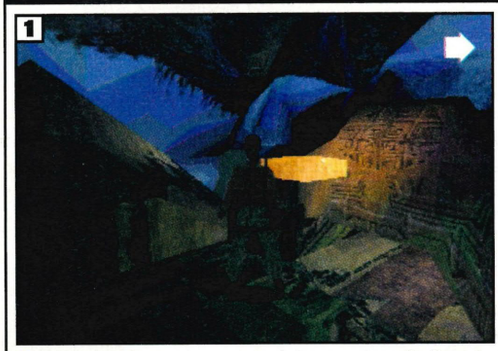



1 After lowering the sub, swim down to the opening at the green lights 2 Swim up this vertical tube toward the Save Game Crystal. Take care of the flamer bloke and then hang and drop from the bridge to this platform below, then to the one below that 3 Run and jump over to the platform just below the cove and climb up to get the goodie 4 Drop back to the platform and perform a running jump over to the platform on the opposite side of the chasm. Continue to run and jump from one platform to another until Lara arrives at this opening 5 Collect the Large Medikit and Ammo

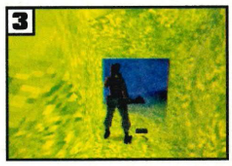
THE LOST CITY OF TINNOS

We're almost there. Only three short secrets left and the secret All Hallows level is all yours!

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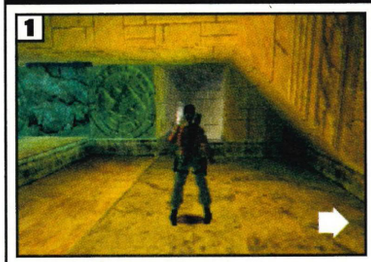


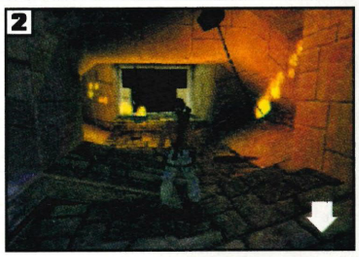




1 Shortly after the green wasps attack, Lara must use the flares to reveal the hidden platforms. Run and jump over to it, then jump over to the corner of the arch **2** Chuck another flare over to the hornet's nest to reveal another platform **3** Now jump into the hole and collect the secret stuff

SECRET TWO







1 When you've finished in the tall chamber full of platforms, make your way back to the main room. Head up either set of steps and through the doorway on the right **2** Go past the flaming pots towards the end of the bridge. Climb onto the mountain wall to the right and down the platforms until you reach this doorway **3** If you were quick enough the door will be open. Collect the booty

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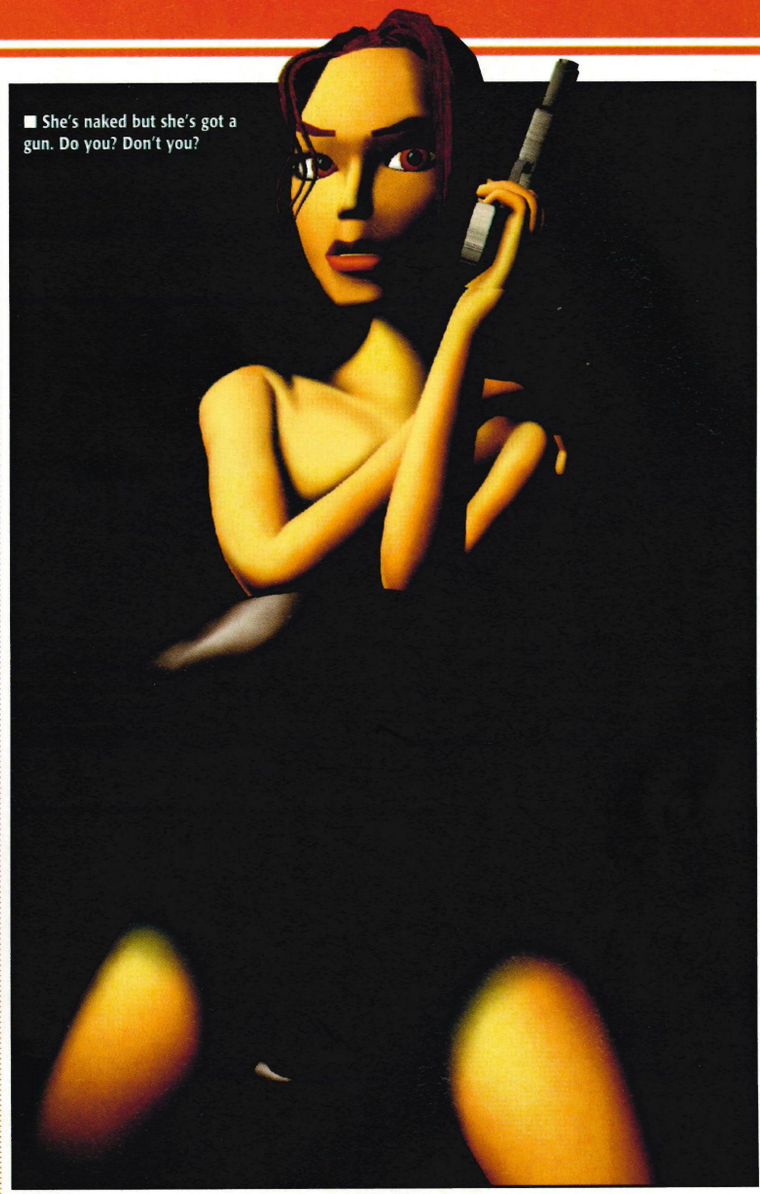
■ In the quicksand area, climb out and along the platforms to get to the hidden switch



■ Slot the Oceanic Mask into place. Return to the main room and move the block to the ladder



■ Climb the ladder and get past the swinging fireball. You'll find secret goodies here

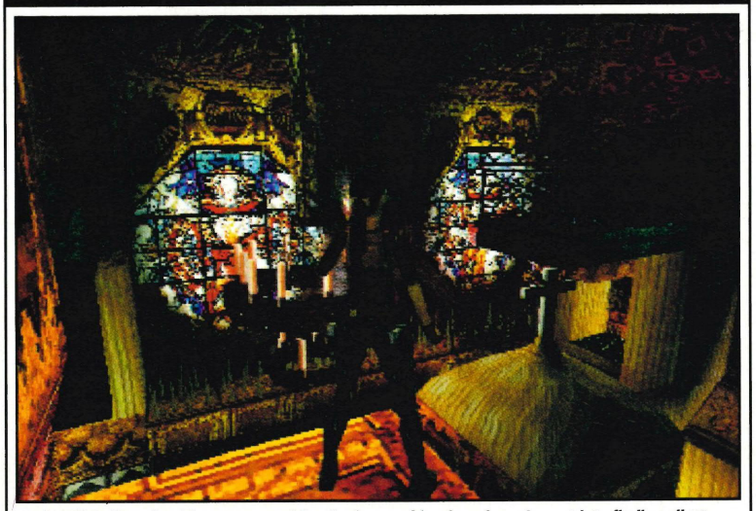


■ She's naked but she's got a gun. Do you? Don't you?

ALL HALLOWS

If you've followed this guide to the letter, you should now get this cool secret level. Enjoy!

SECRET LEVEL



■ The All Hallows level is your reward for the hours of hard work you've put into finding all 59 secrets. The aren't any secrets on this level, but if you manage to finish it (it's not that tough) you get to play the game with all the weapons and infinite ammo. Not that you'd actually want to




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METAL GEAR SOLID

SORTED!

So you reckon you're the Stealth daddy. But whaddaya do if Solid Snake goes limp? Don't panic, just chew on this virtual Viagra to get you rocking with the best of 'em!



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REVIEWED:	This issue
SCORE:	93%
VERDICT:	Awesome spy 'em up

NO FULL GUIDE? NO FAIR!

We're not gonna walk you by the hand all the way through Metal Gear Solid for two reasons. First, you'll get a load more out of the game by just playing it. Second, we don't think you'll need the full guide. You might just get stuck on some of the damn tricky puzzles though, and this is where PlayStation Plus comes in...

1. WHERE NEXT?





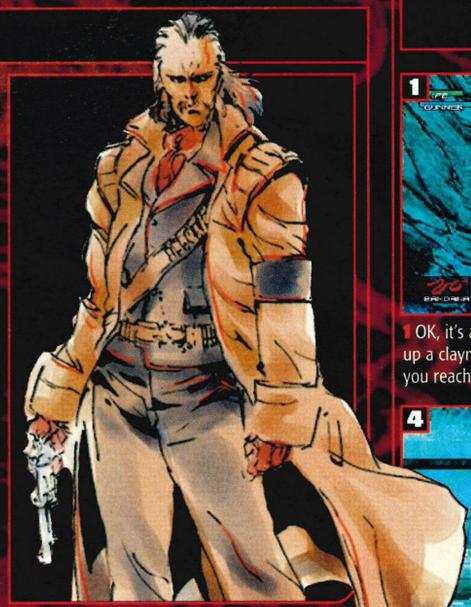
1 You need to nuke some walls in basement level one, by grabbing the C4 explosive from one of the nearby storerooms 2 Stick it on the three walls which have been recently plastered over (use the first-person mode to find 'em) to get bonuses and a hidden area where you'll find Revolver Ocelot...

2. REVOLVER OCELOT



1 Watch out for the tripwires and make sure you don't hit Baker more than once. This old 'un fires off six shots and then reloads, so you've gotta dodge 'em all before you can get a clear shot





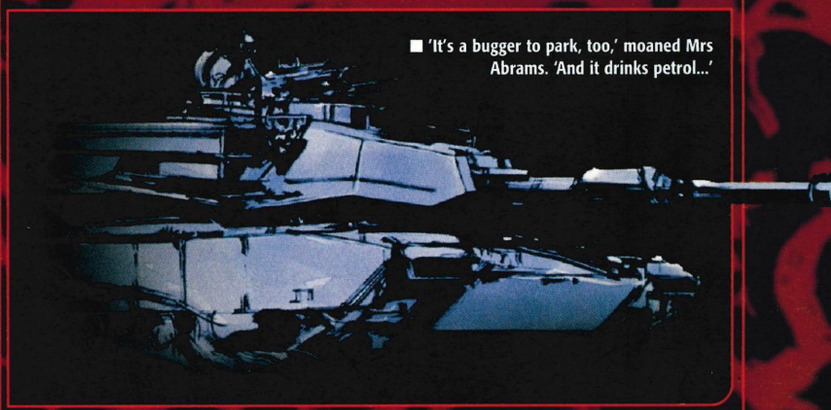
2 When he stops to reload, you've got two choices: run towards him and fire a round or, if you need more time, let off a stun grenade



3 The stun grenade will freeze him for a couple of seconds which should give you enough time to fire off a clear shot 4 Only let off a couple of shots at a time 'cos he's invincible for a short time after being hit. The trick is to keep going at him and he'll give in soon enough. No problem eh?



3. ABRAMS TANK



■ 'It's a bugger to park, too,' moaned Mrs Abrams. 'And it drinks petrol...'





1 OK, it's a big mutha but it's pretty easy to cane. First, crawl to the left, hugging the rock wall. You'll pick up a claymore mine 2 Keep going, even when the tank appears, 'cos you'll be protected by rocks. When you reach the the dip just before the girder on the left, wait for the tank to fire, stand up and run for it



4 Be sure to take cover again once you've lobbed the grenade. Then, seconds later it'll explode, damaging the gunner geeza. Repeat and the first guy'll die, only to be replaced by another 5 The tank starts moving around a bit faster now, but if you stick to the same tactics, wait for the gunfire to cease then nip in and grenade him, the tank'll be whacked quicksmart. Cool...



3 Now you're within range, switch to grenades and wait for him to get close. He'll let off a few rounds from the machine gun – let these fly past, duck and chuck a grenade, making sure it lands on the turret



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4. KNOCKING OUT ELECTRIC FLOOR







1 Dead simple, this. Wear gas mask, walk inside gas room and fire a Nikita missile straight down **2** You've now got control of the missile, so guide it left at the bottom, up into the next room, past the gun turrets and through the small rooms at the top **3** Finally detonate the sucka on the power generator

5. NINJA





1 Forget weapons with his guy, take him on with your dukes. He'll put away his sword, allowing you to get in close and pummel his mush

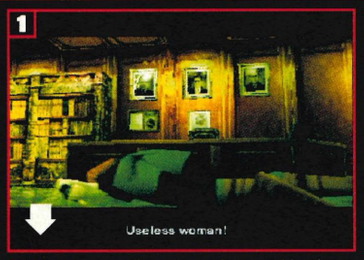


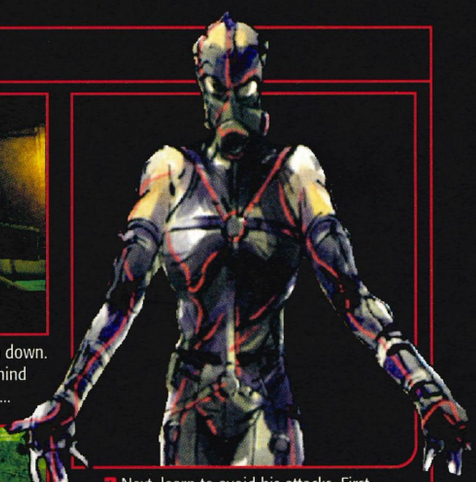




2 The best tactic to use is to run up close, throw a couple of punches and a kick, then back off to avoid his counter-attack **3** When half his energy has gone, he'll kick in his cloak suit and hide. It's not so difficult to find him, and when you do lash out before he gets the chance to retaliate **4** When his suit starts to spark, you know this guy's toast. Whip out your FAMAS and unleash lead to finish him off

6. PSYCHO MANTIS





1 A git unless you'll got the tools to put him down. When Meryl's possessed, grab her from behind and throw her three times to knock her out...



2 Next, learn to avoid his attacks. First, he'll cloak and summon an energy ball to chuck at you. It's not to difficult to dodge, so go for it



3 When he lifts the chairs, hit the deck and let 'em pass. When they're out of range, stand up and fire. When the urns come a-flyin', duck diagonally, otherwise they'll home in on you

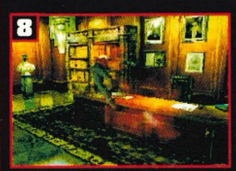


4 Repeat this when the deer heads are ripped from the wall, but when the paintings start to fly you need to duck sharpish...



5 The best way to beat Mantis is to pause the game, take your joypad out of port one and stick it in port two. Now he won't dodge your shots!



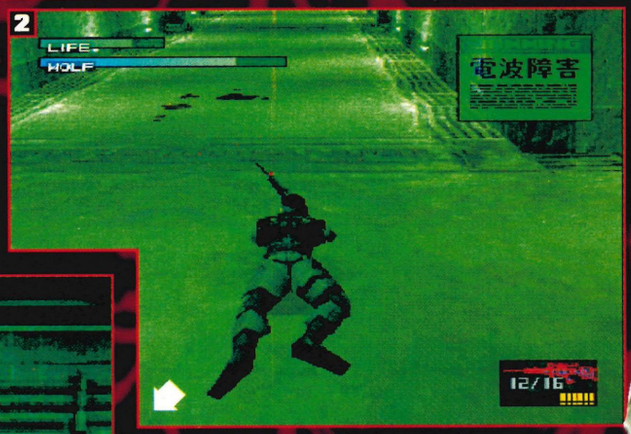




6 When he resurrects Meryl, avoid the psychic blasts and gunshots, knocking her out before she tops herself **7** The near-dead Mantis'll throw a psychic blast which you've got to avoid before firing off more lead **8** As a last ditch to bag Snake, Psycho throws a load of stuff Snake's way, which is best avoided by either ducking or dodging. When the coast is clear, use the FAMAS to bag the bast

7. SNIPER WOLF









1 There's no point taking on this fox till you've got the PSG-1 from the armoury on basement level 2 in first building (near Revolver Ocelot) 2 Watch out for the laser traps though. Back at the long passage, crawl slightly forward then select the sniper rifle 3 Take aim on Wolf, dropping a Diazepam if your hands are shaking. Then it's just a case of keeping your cool and pick off the gun-bitch from afar

8. TORTURE ROOM

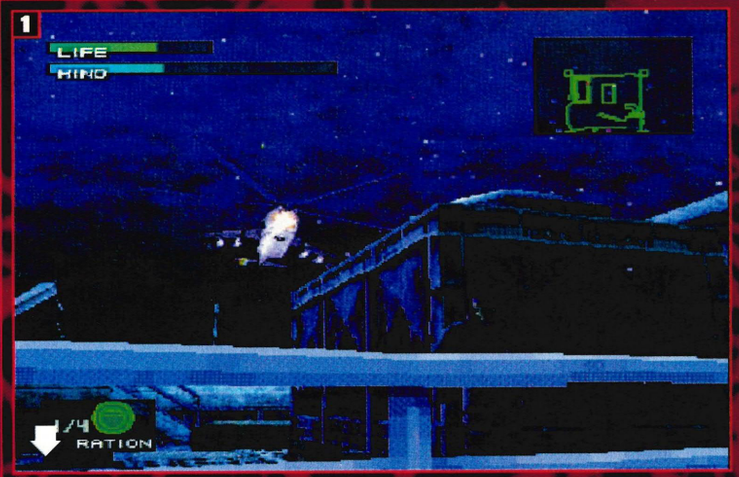


■ Submit during the torture sequence and you'll finish the game with Ocotocon, who'll give you the cloaking device as a reward



■ Don't give in and Meryl survives so you get a smooch at the end. You also get a bandana which gives Snake infinite ammo when worn

9. HELICOPTER BATTLE



1 Use the central roof building to avoid bullets, using radar to keep a constant position on the chopper

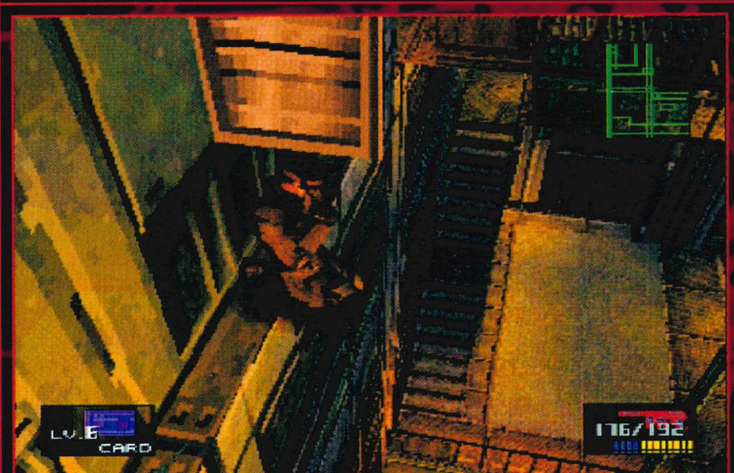






2 When the gunfire calms, step out from cover and select the Stinger. Aim at the chopper and when it rises from behind the roof, get a lock-on and fire 3 De-select the Stinger and take cover. Gradually wear down the Hind's armour by repeating this process, using the roof to avoid the rocket assault 4 Watch out for scenery when firing, 'cos you could take damage if you clip building with a rocket

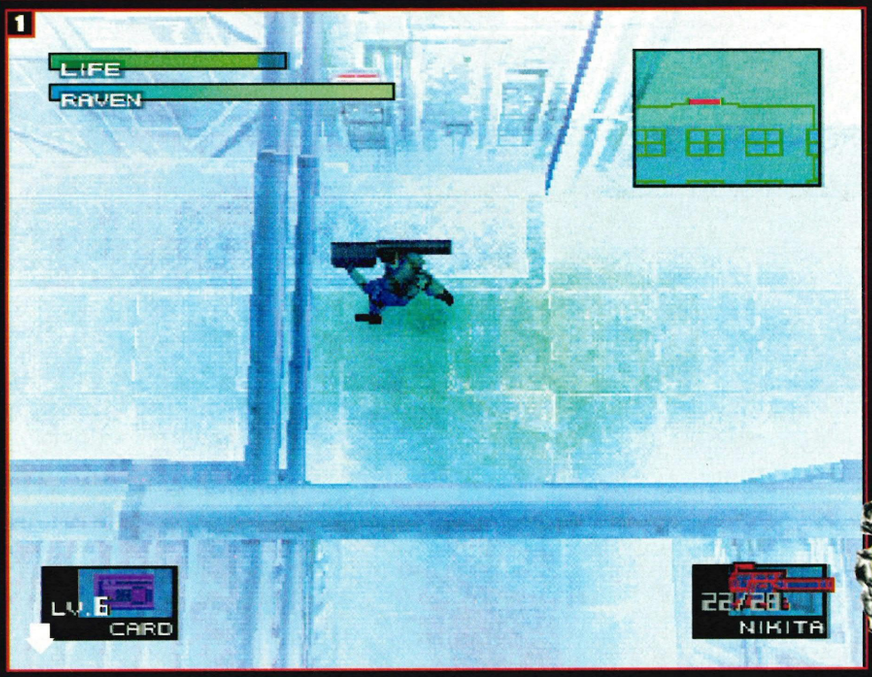
10. FIRE PIT

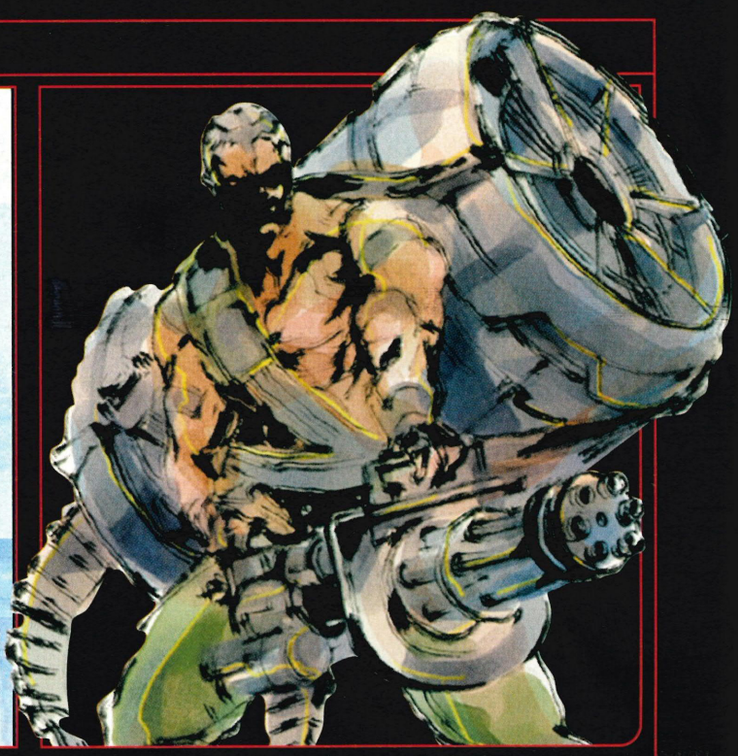


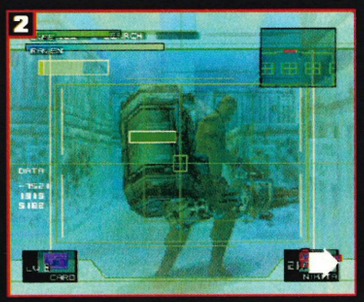
■ The only way across the fire pit at the beginning is to shimmy across on the ledge, staying close to the wall and ducking under the crane when it goes past

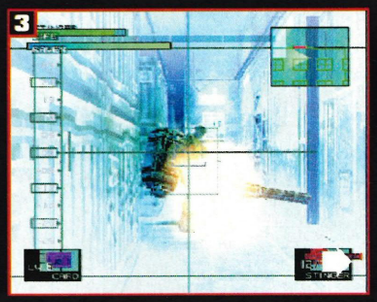
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11. RAVEN





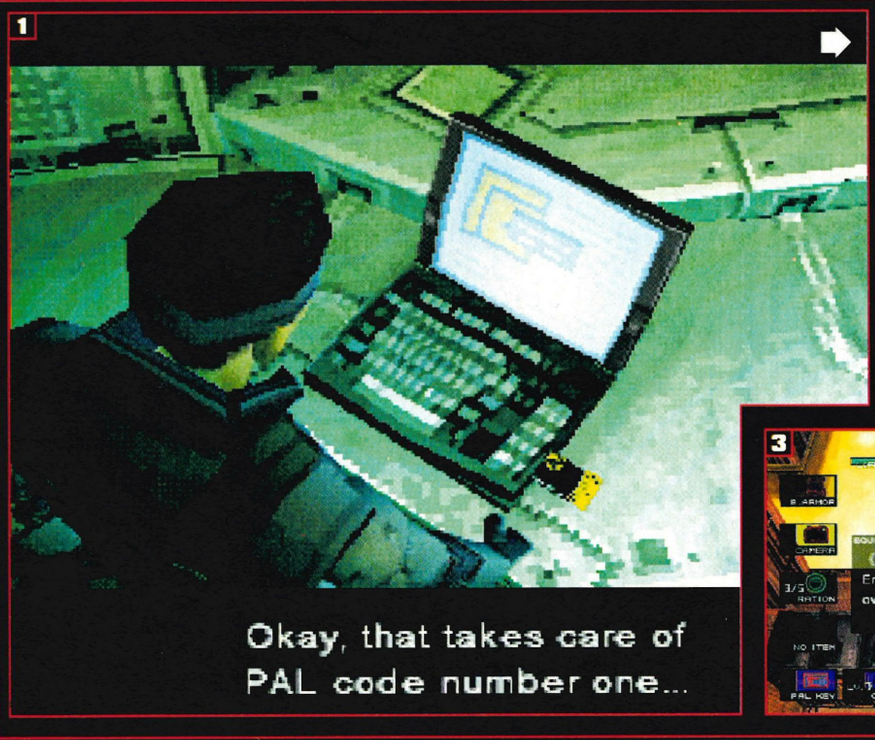






1 OK, so he's got a big gun but this guy's really a soft-ass. Use either Nikita missiles or the Stinger **2** With Nikitas, make sure you're a safe distance from Raven and fire off a rocket, guiding it along the corridors, making sure it attacks from behind to avoid his gunfire **3** With Stingers you've gotta get a lock on the geeza when he's behind a crate then, just before he walks into view, fire off a shot. The missile'll home in, leaving you to dodge behind cover before he fires **4** Alternatively lay Claymores to trap him on one side of the arena, leaving two in each corridor and planting fresh mines when he walks over 'em

12. PAL CARD





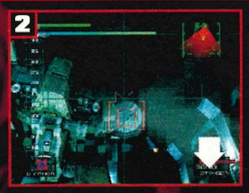


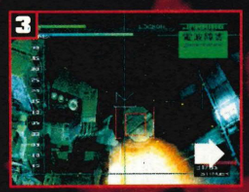
1 When you first meet Liquid Snake in the control room, the PAL card'll fly over the edge of the balcony. Retrieve it from the radioactive water, making sure you throw the bomb if you pick it up, otherwise you're dead meat **2** The PAL card's used in the first control room computer no sweat, but for the second one you need to freeze the card – return to Raven's arena and hang around till the card turns blue **3** Finally the card needs to be heated in the the lava room at the top of the cargo lifts. Again, wait for the card to turn red then steam back to the control room terminal

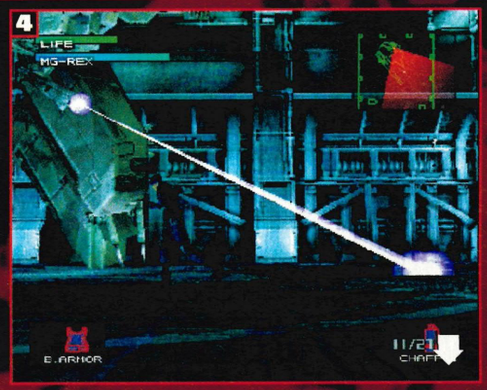
13. METAL GEAR



1 Wear body armour at all times, but keep an eye on your health and use rations when necessary







2 When Metal Gear rises from its platform, aim at the radar dome on the right and let off a sneaky Stinger before it gets the chance to fire 3 The best tactic now is to stay relatively close, so its missiles fire over your bonce. Dodge the machine gun and laser fire by running diagonally, then chuck a chaff grenade to stun its sensors 4 When it's frozen up, let off of a couple of Stingers, possibly three if you're fast, then throw another chaff grenade and so on...







5 After Metal Gear has crushed ninja, you need to aim at Liquid inside the cockpit. Again, use similar tactics as before, but wait until the giant-sized robot leans forward to fire before launching a Stinger. That way you've got more chance of a killer hit... 6 Another handful of your missiles and laser fire and the beast gives in. Phew. But don't go getting over-excited, Liquid's still alive and you've gotta beat him in a fist-fight 7 Luckily, this is dead easy. Don't panic, just play it cool and kick off by diving in with a punch-kick combo, then back off before he counter-attacks. It should be easy, and the only thing to be wary of is his charging runs, 'cos he'll knock you right off Metal Gear if he manages to connect. Sorted!

'So you reckon you're the stealth daddy...?'

SECRETS

■ Complete the game once and you'll get either the infinite ammo bandana or the optical camouflage, depending on whether you submitted during the torture sequence or not. Finish it twice and during the third game Snake'll be wearing a James Bond-style tuxedo. Watch out for ninja too, 'cos now he's got a suit like Spider-Man's!

1



2



1 Looky here! We got ourselves a bandana...
2 And that means multo death for bad guys

CAMERA

■ Got the camera? Well if you take snaps of different locations through the game you might be surprised to see ghost images of the guys who programmed the game. Cool!

1



2



1 A ghostly, erm.. hand? **2** And is this the face of a programmer who died a horrible death?

Q&A

In 1972, a crack commando unit was sent to prison by a military court for a crime they did not commit. These men promptly escaped from a maximum security stockade to the Los Angeles underground. Today, still wanted by the government, they survive as soldiers of fortune. If you have a problem, if no one else can help, and if you can find them, maybe you can hire... the Q&A Team.

Gear guru

Damn fool

I own Die Hard Trilogy and have a Predator lightgun for use on the second part of the game. I would like to buy Time Crisis and Point Blank but these both need a different lightgun. Is there any adaptor or special plug I can buy to use a Predator gun for these two awesome games?
Peter Martin

Damn fool, get with the programme, there's no damm adaptor. Buy a Joytech Blaster Pro, it's £44.95, and it'll work on all three, sucker.

How much do subscriptions to your magazine cost?
Daniel Waterman

A year'll cost you £22.50. Check out p73 for details.

What is the best steering wheel to buy for under £45 and how many levels are there to Tomb Raider 3? Cheers mate.
Ashley James

Listen fool I ain't your mate, go find a woman if you want lovin'. Goddam, you want a steering wheel for £45? Where you livin' boy, dream world? Get £49.99 and you can have a Joytech Jordan steering wheel, super sucker. There are 20 levels in Tomb Raider III, including the secret level.



■ 'I ain't got time for your fool questions!'

I'm thinking about getting my Station chipped, how much does it cost on average?
James Wotton

Huh? Last time I checked it cost 'bout £50. Watch out though, as the soon-to-be-released new batch of PlayStations won't be chippable.

Broken Sword 2

Broken brain time

Dear PlayStation Plus, please, please, please could you tell me how to get by the art gallery in Broken Sword 2? I have written to loads of magazines and no one will help me. Please help. Thank you. I hope you had a good Christmas and a happy new year!
Cheers from Debbie
P.S. Your magazine is ace.



■ The lab rats get to work on Broken Sword

We put our lab rats to work and this what they came up with:

Scroll left towards the fat bloke in the white shirt. When he's not looking select the flask icon and click on his glass of wine. Select the flask icon again and click on the bloke, select the flask icon again and click on another glass of wine. The bloke should fall over. Glease should come over. When he does click on him. He mentions Oubier and the pots, click on the newspaper clipping, you should find a bank statement belonging to Oubier. Walk left towards the cases, click on them, you'll find a torn label. Catch the night train to Marseilles.



■ The boys enjoyed a game of Shove Ha'penny

Platinum A-Z continued

A is for: 'ave you got a cheat?

Platinum games are selling like the proverbial hot cakes, and at a miserly £19.99, is it any wonder? So behold our definitive month-by-month tour of Platinum cheats, starting strangely at A and ending at Z, taking in all the future re-releases too...

ABE'S ODDYSEE

LEVEL SELECT
ON THE MAIN MENU HOLD R1 AND PRESS ↓ → ← → ■ ● ■ ▲ ● ■ → ←
(LEVEL SELECT MENU WILL NOW APPEAR).

ACCESS ALL FMV
FULL MOTION VIDEO TO YOU AND ME, TO GET IT HOLD R1 AND PRESS
↑ ← → ■ ● ▲ ■ → ← ↑ →

VOICE CHEAT
TO GET ABE TO MIMIC PASSWORDS WITHOUT MAKING A SOUND HOLD DOWN R1 AND PRESS ▲ ↑ ● ← ✕ ↓ ■ → DURING A GAME.



■ See that barrel? Chances are it obscures a secret area. Press ↓ to access it



■ Chanting. Farting. Running. Jumping. Our Abe can do the lot. And more to boot...

ADIDAS POWER SOCCER

DREAM TEAM
TO ACCESS THE DREAM TEAM PRESS L2 R2 ■ ✕ AT OPTIONS SCREEN.

FEMALE COMMENTATOR
TO HEAR A SOOTHING WOMAN'S VOICE PRESS ● + ■ ON THE COMMENTATOR OPTION, (NB THIS ONE ONLY WORKS IN ARCADE MODE).

SPECIAL MOVES
BACK FLICK ● + ▲
BACK HEEL ■ + ▲
MEGASHOT ▲ + ✕
RUNNING ■ + ●
PULL SHIRT ▲ + ● IN DEFENCE
DANGEROUS KICK ■ + ✕ IN DEFENCE
TWO ARM PUSH ▲ + ✕ IN DEFENCE
(THESE ONLY WORK IN ARCADE MODE).

AIR COMBAT

HIDDEN GAME
WHILE THE GAME LOADS HOLD DOWN THE R1 + ● BUTTONS. WHEN CDS START FLYING AROUND THE SCREEN PRESS
↑ ← ↓ →
A SMALL ICON WILL APPEAR IN THE BOTTOM LEFT OF THE SCREEN. THE NEXT TIME THERE IS A LOADING SEQUENCE A HIDDEN GAME WILL BECOME AVAILABLE.

ACCESS ALL PLANES
FINISH ALL MISSIONS IN EASY MODE TO ACCESS ALL 16 PLANES.

ACCESS ALL WINGMEN
COMPLETE ALL MISSIONS IN NORMAL MODE TO SELECT FROM ALL THE WING MEN.

LEVEL SELECT
COMPLETE GAME IN HARD MODE TO ACCESS ALL PLANES, WINGMEN AND LEVELS.

ALTERNATIVE PLANE COLOUR
HOLD R1 + ● WHILE THE GAME LOADS. WHEN CDS START FLYING AROUND THE SCREEN PRESS
↑ ↓ ← → ↑ ↓ ← → R1
YOUR COLOUR SCHEME OF YOUR PLANE WILL NOW BE DIFFERENT.

WINGMAN COLOUR
HOLD R1 + ● BEFORE THE BIRD LOGO LOADING SCREEN APPEARS. WHEN THE SCREEN DISPLAYS FLYING CDS HOLD R1 AND PRESS START TEN TIMES. NOW YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR WINGMAN'S COLOUR.

ORIGINAL PAINT SCHEMES
TO GET YOURSELF THE OLD-STYLE PAINTJOBS HOLD DOWN R1 + ● WHILE THE GAME IS LOADING. WHEN THE SCREEN DISPLAYS FLYING CDS PRESS
← → ← → ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ● ● ▲ ▲ ▲

ALIEN TRILOGY

LEVEL SELECT
AT THE PASSWORD SCREEN ENTER GOLVL FOLLOWED BY THE LEVEL YOU WISH TO ACCESS, IE GOLVL10 FOR LEVEL TEN.

ULTIMATE POWER-UP
FOR INVINCIBILITY, TOTAL FIRE POWER AND ACCESS ALL LEVELS ENTER THIS AT THE PASSWORD SCREEN:
1GOTPINK8C1DBOOTSON



→ Remember: short, controlled bursts...

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Instant Expert: Your problems solved

New games, new cheats

Warming the cockles of your heart

Chances are you're well and truly sick of all this winter bollix, so with your welfare in mind we've scoured computerland to bring you these red-hot cheats to the latest games.

TEST DRIVE 5



ALL TRACKS

Enter NTHREE and MTHREE as names on the high score screen. By jingo! All of the tracks

ALL CARS

Enter RONE NOLIFE as names on the high score screen. All the cars are now yours...

➡ We like driving other people's cars...

NINJA: SHADOW OF DARKNESS



LEVEL SELECT

Turn on your PlayStation without a memory card, when the screen says 'Checking Memory Card' quickly press
L2 L2 L2 R2 R2 R2 .
The words 'DELS LEVEL CHEAT ON' should appear. Start a new game to access the level select menu.

➡ The Ninja code of honour prevented Stix from running like a normal human being



■ 'Run small boy! And you shall have bread!'



WILD 9

RED BEAM MODE

PAUSE THE GAME THEN PRESS
➡ ▲ ⬅ ● ▲ ● ●

ADD 10 MISSILES

PAUSE THE GAME THEN PRESS
✕ ● R1 ➡ △ ✕ △

ADD 10 GRENADES

PAUSE THE GAME THEN PRESS
R1 ✕ R1 ➡ ■ ➡ ■

RESTORE HEALTH

PAUSE THE GAME THEN PRESS
R1 △ L1 ⬅ △ ● ✕

UNLOCK LEVELS

PAUSE THE GAME THEN PRESS
▲ ⬅ ⬇ R2 ➡ ■ ✕

⬅ What with walls of fire and deadly robots, Joe was considering changing his route to work

MAX POWER RACING

UNLOCK ALL GTI CARS

HIGHLIGHT ROME AND ENTER
L1 ● R1 ■ L2 ■ (ARCADE ONLY)

RADIO CONTROLLED CAR

HIGHLIGHT USA AND ENTER
■ L1 R2 L2 ● R1

PERFORMANCE CARS

HIGHLIGHT UK AND ENTER
R1 ■ L1 ● R2 ● (ARCADE ONLY)

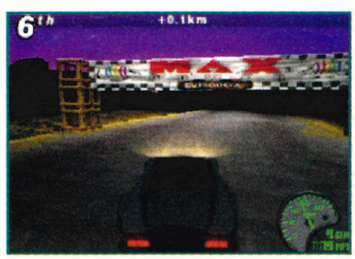
ALL TRACKS

HIGHLIGHT AFRICA AND ENTER
R1 R2 R1 L1 ■ L1 (ARCADE ONLY)

MAX POWER TRACK

HIGHLIGHT PERU AND ENTER
● ■ R2 R2 R1 R1

➡ When two cars go to war, one is all that you can score. Score the war, score the war...



■ That shoebox sure does shift some



Pitfall 3D

Pitiful cheat time

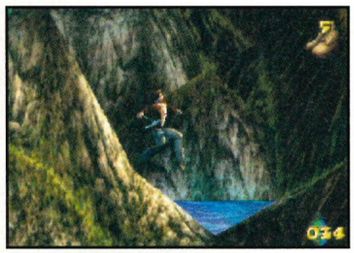
Any cheats for Pitfall 3D.
Gabriel

Cheats incoming. These cheats should open up this game and cause you to send us unmarked £20 notes to the usual address in a brown bag as a way of giving thanks...

EXTRA LIFE	GIVEMELIFE
VIEW FMV SEQUENCES	PLAYMOVIES
FLYING MODE	ZEROGHARRY
INVINCIBILITY	2DHARRY
BIGHEAD MODE	BIGHEADHARY
99 LIVES	STEVECRANEME
SILENT HARRY	STOPTALKING



■ Extra lives mean you can really let loose



■ Flying can be so much fun for everyone



■ Invincibility means molten lava becomes as deadly as a bowl of milk

Smart Alecs

You know best

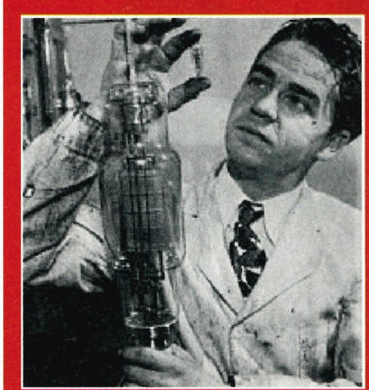
We've been listening to you lot. Seems you think you know it all. How about proving it, and getting your mugshot in the mag? Every month we're going to print readers' letters asking for help on games. Think you know the answer? Then write to us at the usual address with the following:
1. The answer
2. A photo of you
3. Er, that's it
That's all. Get to it...

QUESTION 1: Disc World 2: In Act II how do you get the ants to go from the picnic basket into the Hex machine?
John Craig

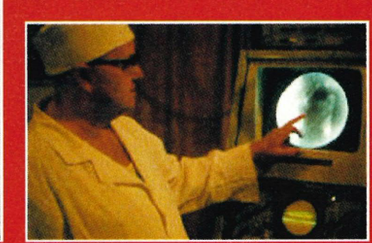
QUESTION 2: I have finished Tomb Raider III but cannot get into the cathedral on Thames Warf. I have the key but don't know what to do next.
Emma Robertson

QUESTION 3: Where do you find the keys to open the door with diamonds and hearts scratched on them on level 1 of Resident Evil 2?
A. Rowlands

QUESTION 4: On Broken Sword how do you do that part in Ireland where the goat is?
Andrew Staniforth



■ This reader's invented a super-gamer chip



■ Professor Jolly shows where to go in M.I.B.

Platinum A-Z continued

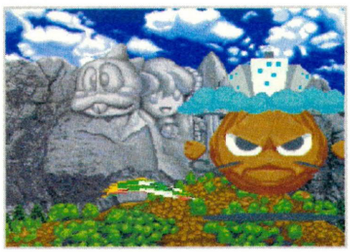
B is for 'bootiful cheats'

BUST-A-MOVE 2

CHARACTER SELECT
FIRST UP START A PUZZLE GAME, WHEN THE STAGE MAP APPEARS PRESS ⬅ ⬅ ⬆ ⬇ THEN PRESS L1 + L2 + R1 + R2
A CHARACTER SELECT SCREEN WILL APPEAR. YOU'LL SEE BUBBY ON THE MAP SCREEN, BUT ONCE YOU START PLAYING YOUR NEW CHARACTER WILL APPEAR.

MODIFIED LEVELS
ON THE SELECTION SCREEN (WHERE YOU GET GAME START AND TIME ATTACK) PRESS R1 ⬆ L2 ⬇
THE SINGLE-PLAYER 'STORY MODE' SHOULD NOW HAVE THE WORDS 'ANOTHER WORLD' BELOW IT, AND IN THERE YOU'LL FIND MODIFIED VERSIONS OF THE ORIGINAL LEVELS. YUM.

CREDIT CHEAT
FIRST UP GO TO OPTION MODE AND HIGHLIGHT CREDIT, THEN PRESS ⬅ ➡ R1 R2 L2 L1 ⬆ ⬇
NOW PRESS ⊗ REPEATEDLY BEFORE THE TIME RUNS OUT.



■ We bet you fancy locking horns on this level

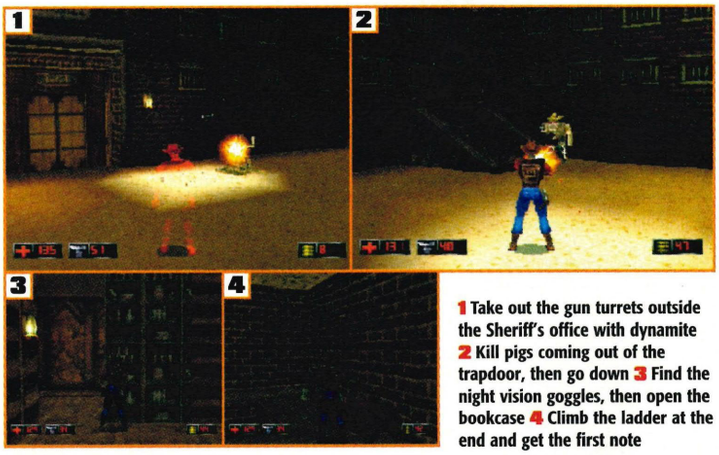
Duke Nukem – Time to Kill

Safe and sound

I've just bought Duke Nukem – Time to Kill and I want to know how to get into the safe on level two. What are the notes for?
Anthony Cresswell

You need three notes to open the safe in the bank, so you can get a key to open the Sheriff's office, and to help you we've compiled this idiotproof guide:

TORN NOTE



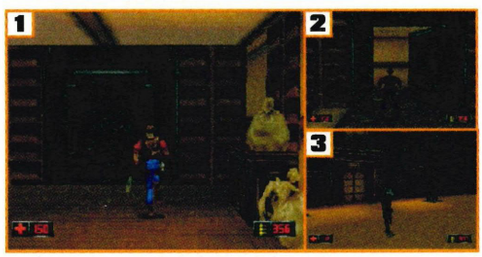
1 Take out the gun turrets outside the Sheriff's office with dynamite **2** Kill pigs coming out of the trapdoor, then go down **3** Find the night vision goggles, then open the bookcase **4** Climb the ladder at the end and get the first note

OLD NOTE

1 Find the well in the courtyard and go down it **2** Kill the creatures living in the water then go and find the cavern with the old note. Be careful not to run out of breath while you're down there or you'll be a gonner. Bit obvious, really



SCRAP OF PAPER



1 Go to the bank, the third note's by the safe **2** Open the safe and get the key from the metal box at the end. No problemo **3** Now return to the Sheriff's office and use key to open the door. Easy peasy we think you'll agree

Another Datel cheat

Cheating like your life depends on it

Datel cheat codes mean Lara will never make you grind your teeth in frustration, allowing you to sit back and enjoy her ample charms, quiet in the knowledge that whatever happens help is always a fingertip away. This surely is what progress is all about...

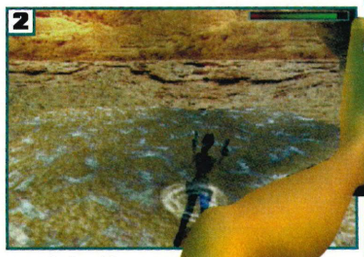
TOMB RAIDER III

▼ INFINITE AMMO	▼ SPIDER LARA
800A62D2 0001	80098E46 0001
▼ UNLIMITED OXYGEN	▼ INFINITE SAVE CRYSTALS
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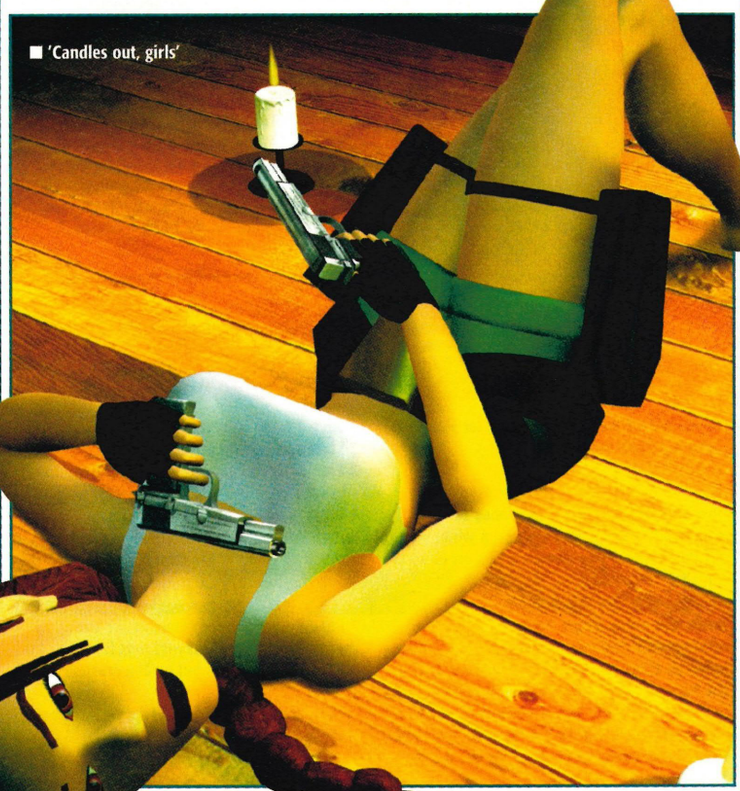
UNLIMITED ENERGY (NOTE 1)	
▼ JUNGLE	▼ HIGH SECURITY COMPOUND
801D2D06 03E8	801DF682 03E8
▼ TEMPLE RUINS	▼ AREA 51
801DB1C2 03E8	801DF3AE 03E8
▼ RIVER GANGES	▼ THAMES WHARF
801D3976 03E8	801E1CCE 03E8
▼ CAVES OF KALIYA	▼ ALDWYCH
8017B49A 03E8	801D66FE 03E8
▼ COASTAL VILLAGE	▼ LUDS GATE
801D6BCA 03E8	801E23A6 03E8
▼ CRASH SITE	▼ CITY
801DC4CA 03E8	801924AE 03E8
▼ MADUBU GORGE	▼ ANTARCTICA
801DA8E6 03E8	801D9552 03E8
▼ TEMPLE OF PUNA	▼ RX-TECH MINES
8018DE3E 03E8	801DC88E 03E8
▼ NEVADA DESERT	▼ LOST CITY OF TINOS
801D62E2 03E8	801D871E 03E8

NOTE 1: ONLY USE THE ENERGY CODE FOR THE LEVEL THAT YOU ARE ON.





1 Pump lead till you froth at the mouth **2** Extra oxygen, what an idea



■ 'Candles out, girls'

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Instant Expert: Your problems solved

Final Fantasy VII

How do you....

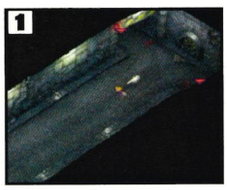


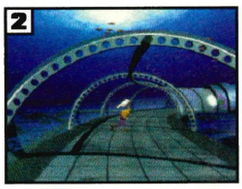
Almost 14 months after its UK release and we still get letters by the skipful asking for help with this monster of a game. With that in mind we've teamed up with Final Fantasy überchick Elaine Tasker, if it's answers you want, she's the lady...

GUIDE BOOK

'Where's the guide book, and how do I get it?'

The book's being held by an enemy called The Ghost Ship. It can only be found in the water tunnels just before the main entrance to Junon's Underwater Reactor. To get the book you must equip the Morph materia. When you're fighting the ship and are about 500HP from killing it, stop the attack and use the Morph command. Each use removes about 220 HP. Kill the ship using the command and it will transform into a guide book. You can exchange the book for Underwater materia with a traveller at Kalm.







1 Keep running down the passage ways 2 When you get here keep running around until the screen goes funny 3 This is what we call 'The Ghost Ship', beat this and you're sorted

YUFFIE & CAIT SITH



You need to get Yuffie up here in order to enter the challenge if you want those limits



For those of you who didn't know, this is Wutai, and that's a pagoda. Simple really

'Where do I get Yuffie's and Cait Sith's Lv four limits, and where are they?'

Yuffie's Extreme limit break is called 'All Creation'. To get it you have to take Yuffie to Wutai after Cid has joined your party. Wutai is a storyline completely separate from the main game. If you get through it all take Yuffie to the Wutai pagoda and let her enter the challenge held there.

Cait Sith doesn't have an extreme limit break, He only has two levels, but they are very powerful and useful through the game. The first is called Dice, where Cait throws some dice and the total number of spots equals the damage dealt to 1 enemy X 100. Any double numbers double the total damage. His final break is called Slots. It actually works like seven separate breaks rolled into one. You get three spinning wheels with pictures on. Stopping them on a combination triggers one of seven different effects which last until the end of the battle. Sounds tasty? Well it is.

CHOCOBO BREEDING

How can I get a Gold Chocobo?

There are two ways, either defeat the Ruby Weapon and exchange the Desert Rose with Kalm traveller, or breed your own. It's quicker and easier to breed one, but it takes a lot of time and Gil to do it. Here's how...

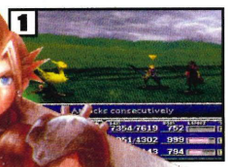
- *First, rent out no less than four stables at the Chocobo farm, this'll cost you 10,000 for each stable. You can only do this when you have the Highwind.*
- **Then you have to catch a male and a female Chocobo. If you didn't keep the 'Chocobo Lure' materia from disc one then you won't be able to catch one.**
- *You need two Great Chocobos. You can catch up to four at a time, after catching them return to the farm and decide which ones to put in your stables. Choco Billy will give you his recommendations, so listen to him.*
- **Next feed them greens to max out their statistics. The best greens are 'Sylkis greens', bought from the Chocobo sage in the northern areas. Yum yum.**



Four star treatment for these Chocobos



Yep, we'd say that was a gold Chocobo







1 Be careful not to scare her 2 How cute 3 Here birdy birdy

- *When your birds have maxed, race them to S class in the Chocobo Square at Gold Saucer. Two S class birds have a much better chance of breeding correctly than two C class birds.*
- **Once raced to S class you can breed you Chocobos. You'll need the Carob Nut, you must steal it from the ferocious monster Vladikorados, whose found just south of Bone village.**
- *Remember to save your game before you breed, as there's still a chance it can go wrong. From this you should get either a blue or green bird. This is step one.*
- **Next you need to get a black Chocobo, which is made from a blue and a green bird. Again feed them up and race them to S class. You'll also need another Carob nut.**
- *When you have a black bird you can attempt to get a gold one. What you need now is a 'Wonderful' Chocobo, these are only found on tracks in the icy northern continent. It may take a while to get the correct gender as they're rare, but keep trying. As before, feed them up and race them to S class.*
- **The nut needed to breed them is the mega rare Zeio nut. You can steel them from a Goblin, which lives on Goblin Island, north west of Chocobo farm. Save before breeding. If all of your birds were fed and raced to perfection you'll get a Gold Chocobo.**

Magic the Gathering: Battle Magic

Black magic woman

Do you know if there are any cheats for Magic the Gathering: Battle Magic?
Elizabeth Wilkinson

Does a white witch dig the sounds of Hawkwind? By the way are you a white witch, Elizabeth? Have you thrown a hex on us so we can't but help you with this question? You see, we tried to throw this question away many times, but every single morning it would mysteriously reappear on our desk. Will you leave us alone now, we've upheld our side of the bargain, we're God-fearing folk you know. So here it is, if you fancy winning all duels then you should follow this very complicated but ever-so-useful procedure, by the way say hello to Merlin from us...

1 **Save a tome to your memory card.**
2 **Start a campaign or load one up.**
3 **Play until you get into a duel with another wizard.**
4 **Press START + SELECT to bring up the quit screen when the duel has loaded.**
5 **Press △ to reset the game.**
6 **Select duel from the main menu and the screen should warp.**
7 **Load up your saved tome, or for the computer wizard Select all lands from the CD.**
8 **Select the duel symbol on the crashed screen.**
9 **Fight the duel, when you win you will be returned to the campaign.**
10 **Save the game and repeat the method above to win all the duels you fight.**

Gunship 2000

Gunna cheat

Are there any good cheats like all weapons & infinite health for Gunship? If so, thanks.
Patrick McAuliffe

If you fancy being totally invulnerable do this: press and hold L1 L2 R1 R2 during the load screen after you get your mission orders. When the mission starts you'll see the word 'CHEAT' in the top left corner. Take advantage of this by whipping butt like a man possessed, then turn to towards your friends who will be quite literally stunned.







1 Let them have what they deserve – lead sandwich 2 Beats the dash on a Escort MK 1 hands down 3 It was a grey day, perfect for waging war, especially from the comfort of a gunship

Platinum A-Z continued

C is for 'cutting corners'

COMMAND & CONQUER

EXTRA $5000
WHILE PLAYING PAUSE GAME AND PRESS
→ ↓ ↓ ← L1 ← → ↓ ←
PRESS START TO GO BACK TO THE GAME AND YOU'LL BE $5000 BETTER OFF.

COVERT OPERATIONS
TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE COVER OPERATION MISSIONS, ENTER THE PASSWORD 'COVERTOPS'. THIS WORKS FOR BOTH NOD AND GDI.

SECRET LEVEL
ON THE GDI DISK ENTER PASSWORD AS 'PATSUX'. THIS WILL TAKE YOU TO A SECRET LEVEL WHERE YOU START WITH 12 COMMANDOS, $10,000 AND LOADS OF TIBERIUM.

INSTANT AIR STRIKE
WHILE PLAYING PAUSE GAME AND PRESS
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PRESS START TO RESUME PLAY AND ACTIVATE THE CODE.

INSTANT ION CANNON
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VIEW ENTIRE MAP
TO VIEW THE WHOLE MAP PRESS AND HOLD
L1 + L2 + R1 + R2 + ● + ■
WHILE ENTERING A PASSWORD OR BEGINNING NEW GAME, RELEASE BUTTONS WHEN THE MISSION BRIEFING BEGINS.

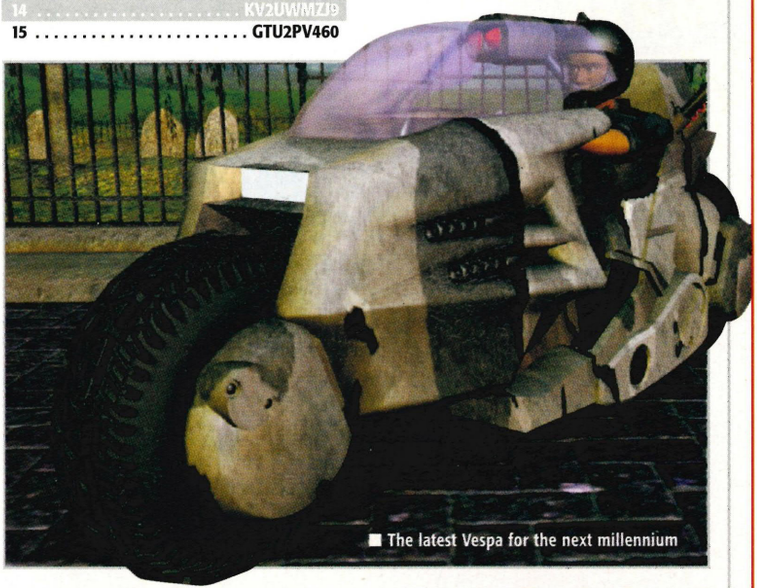
VIEW ENTIRE MAP WHILE PLAYING GAME
WHILE PLAYING PAUSE GAME AND PRESS
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UNPAUSE THE GAME TO REVEAL THE MAP.

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3	W3KIESA3O
4	A8OTO3WIW
5	WIN457LJ4
6	OLXRH5ZUS
7	OX3CS3D4G
8	036Y0TVNY
9	V199PXG5L
10	8PH1NEGII
11	GTUKF2J00
12	T08MFVVM5
13	AQU7OQ65A
14	KV2UWMZJ9
15	GTU2PV460

NOD PASSWORDS

LEVEL	PASSWORD
2	C99FAXKW8
3	RZNLQZ3NL
4	W1954XWLF
5	W15DASRS8
6	8PH1MR53W
7	GTJKWOJDK
8	YKK424K3D
9	874LCPUT4
10	A8SHPAHXW
11	OX3UKOP94
12	QGDUMSK2J
13	SZP09VDSB



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CRASH BANDICOOT

SUPER PASSWORD

Enter the following code at the password screen. Don't worry if there doesn't seem to be enough room, as soon as you enter the first two triangles the space will expand to three lines

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△ △ ■ ⊗ △ ● △ △
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■ Mr Bandicoot couldn't contain his excitement

Frenzy

In a pickle

Do you have any cheats for a game called 'Frenzy'?
Badis Yousif

Hey Badass, cheats coming your way. For a LEVEL SELECT enter PICKLE as a password. It'll say 'PASSWORD INCORRECT', don't sweat it though, just press TRIANGLE to return to the main menu, where you'll find a 'CHEATS MENU' packed full of nutritious cheat snacks. Mighty tasty, we'd say



■ Just like Jurassic Park, but more scary



■ This guy looks like he needs a good kip

Circuit Breakers

Poo cheats

Cheats for Circuit Breakers, please.
Andy

Short and to the point, are you being charged by the letter or something? In answer to your question yes there is and it's pants really, but here goes: on the track selection screen, press
L2 + R2 + ↓ + ⊗, now all the tracks will be played upside down. To turn this off, cos we know you will, just re-enter the code.



■ We really don't like upside down roads



■ Meet the next generation Mini, nice huh?

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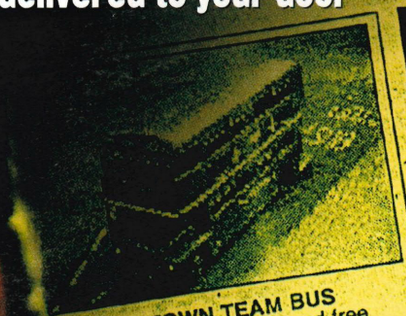
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BUBSY 3D
More irritating and hideous than even the smallest members of Hanson. You play an ickle puddy tat, stuck in a colour-clashing hell of lurid shapes. With nothing else in it. At all. Even the cat is hideous. Avoid!



BUGRIDERS
C'mon. Own up. Who came up with the idea for this one? You? Die! DIE! The game is this. You ride a selection of garden insects: dragonflies, bees and such. Bug riding, quite literally. Sounds like a crap idea? Yes. Yes, indeed.



IZNOGOUD
When we first played Iznogoud, we thought it was some kind of twisted joke. You call a foul game 'Frenzy', say, or 'Bug Riders'. Normal names. Not a name that says 'It's no good'. Not for the worst platformer ever. Oh dear.



CRYPT KILLER
Lightgun game set in a crypt, see. With much killing. And with comically bad graphics. Some day, those responsible will suffer. Maybe old age or disease'll do it. Maybe we'll do it. Either way, we'll throw a big party...



FRENZY
Can take you from a 'Hey! Ain't life great!' full-on Cloud Nine buzz to wanting to die in four seconds. It's an attempt to mix yer basic shoot 'em up with low-grade Benny-Hill-reject comedy. The most depressing game on earth.

Thing about the plague is, it's kind of easy to avoid. All you got to do is try not to be a 13th-century peasant living in a dingy hovel. Simple. These games, though. Sheesh. Every time you go into a game shop they're sitting there on the shelves, looking for all the world like normal games. Well, they ain't. These, gentlemen, are the worst of the worst...



ALL STAR SOCCER

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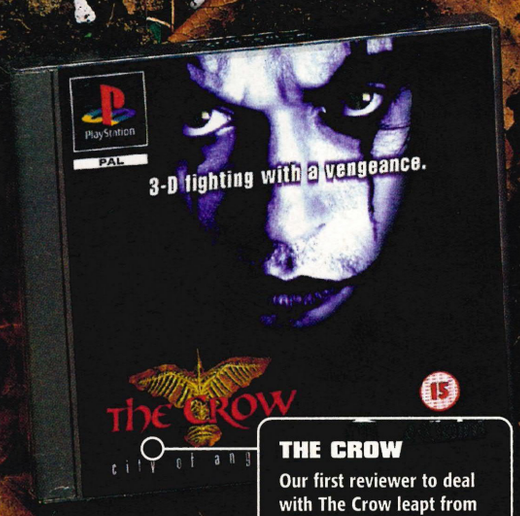
4-4-2

We often think 'Why do so many people insist on releasing football games?' We never thought it as hard as when 4-4-2 plopped through the letter-box. Genuine tears were shed. And we don't cry too easy, neither...



STREETFIGHTER THE MOVIE

It's as mindblowing as the movie was. That movie. The one that video store staff try to slip into your pocket as you leave just so you'll take it away. Ugly, boring, slow, crap. Guaranteed to sap your will to live.



THE CROW

Our first reviewer to deal with The Crow leapt from a eighth-storey window to his death. The second, under heavy sedation, managed to last one level before driving a pencil into his eye-socket. The worst fighting game ever made.

Photographer: Mike Harding

GAMES YOU LOVE TO HATE

Oi! Random bloke! What games grind your nads?



'That X-Men vs Streetfighter was really, really crap. Everything jerked around like you were watching a slide show. And it cost me £50. Bollocks'
Richard, 18



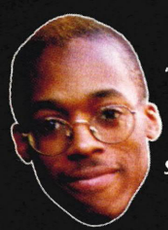
'I can't stand that Bust-a-Move game. The one with the little bubbles? My mates love it, but it's really, really dull. And pretty girly'
Steve, 27



'Games that really annoy me? That WipEout is really annoying. I can't play it without getting seasick. Makes you too dizzy'
Marlon, 17



'Bubble Bobble's pretty bad, isn't it? It looks like it was done about eight years ago. It's not what you want, really, know what I mean?'
Russell, 29



'Tell you what I can't stand. Those FIFA soccer games. There was about four of them last year. And all of them were bollocks'
Shaun, 23



'Wild Arms. No question. One of my mates said it was alright, so I got it, and it is the most boring game I've ever seen. Looks rubbish too'
'Sleepy' Dave, 23



'That Bloody Roar is total crap. It's just a gimmick, innit? Fighters that turn into animals? Give me Street Fighter any day'
Kin, 22



'Final Fantasy VII, without a doubt. I read all the mags saying it was really good, and splashed £40 on it. I've never been so bored in my life'
Charles, 34


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As Croc dived deep into the water he wondered if all this was really worth a measly £19.99...

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

Rent it	winner	Platinum
Good game, but maybe a bit limited, not worth buying	A great game (91% plus) you've just got to play	A range of games all reduced to the budget price of £19.99

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Developed by NASA using spoons!

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Defrost thoroughly before use!

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It's a saga all right. But Granstream?

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The follow-up to 'Stupid Soccer'

p84 Rally Cross 2
Not cross enough the first time!

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You should see the amateur version!

p86 Premier Manager 99
Football without the religion. Top!

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Good name. Rubbish game...

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Can we do that 'amateur' gag again?

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Not 'real' global domination, silly!

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Jolly hockey sticks

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Poy Poy? It's rubbish rubbish...

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It's an initial frenzy...

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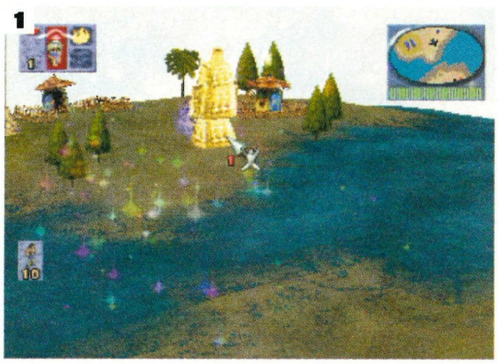
POPULOUS: THE BEGINNING

An epic tale of a girl who just wanted to be taken seriously...

Forget H-bombs, nerve gas and land mines. Populous: The Beginning is a war strategy game where it's what you do with your wand that counts. If you can't raise the ground, produce lava, or summon tornadoes then you ain't in the game...

Now that's magic

It's no easy thing to make the switch from bog-standard magician to an all-powerful god. You can bet your last spell it'll involve more than turning up with a suitably shamanic haircut and a Paul Daniels magic kit. No, it means winning over hostile tribes, late nights with your nose stuck in an Acme magic book and hours on your knees praying to stone statues. Not to mention overseeing extensive building work. Jeez.







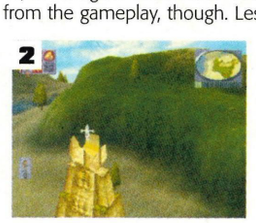


1 There's magic in the air **2** No way across **3** Not a problem for a shaman **4** Come on boys follow me

Ugly sister

Populous isn't the prettiest of games. In fact, it looks like it fell out of the ugly tree and hit every branch on the way down. The 25 worlds you have to negotiate are all 3D, the detail of the planets are so-so, the magical effects aren't bad and the people are diddy as hell. All this doesn't detract from the gameplay, though. Less is more sometimes.







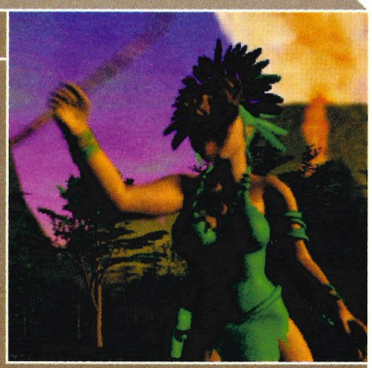
1 Looks basic... **2** But all you need to know is here. Honest injun **3** No whites of the eyes realism here, but heck it was probably like that back in the dark ages...

What we like

Hello, Clarice...

Populous: The Beginning has a seriously stern-sounding voiceover telling what to do and stuff. This geezer sounds a bit like Anthony Hopkins, circa Silence of the Lambs. Well, Anthony Hopkins as Hannibal Lecter, at least. You know: 'A census taker once tried to test me... I ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice chianti.' That one.

If he says you can't go somewhere or do something, you know he's not kidding. Would you tell Hannibal Lector to bog off?



■ That'll be 10 of the best for you my son...

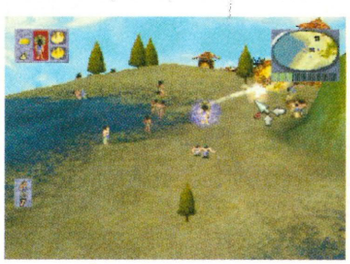
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We'd like to say...

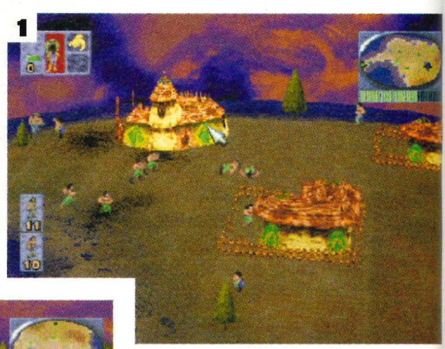
Populous: The Beginning has a rich history. So freakin' what? We care little for so-called track records, it's where you're at that counts. Populous stands on it's own because it's a cool idea. Everybody likes the idea of being a God and being worshipped, even if it is by Pixels. There's lotsa little puzzles and some ace spells to cast, as well as cool battle sequences and great gameplay...

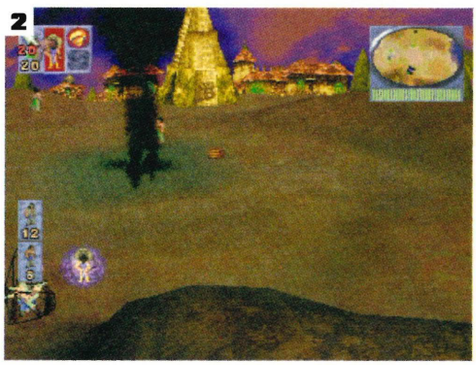
Turning tricks

Being at the bottom rung of the shamanic ladder means your powers are limited to breathing fire, not bad but if you've seen it once... The only way to build up your magi-arsenal is to get on your knees and pray to the statues littered around the place, with the right attitude you could have swarms of killer bees, tornadoes, lightning and volcanoes at you disposal. Now that's cooking, gas mark 100 styleee.



■ Bad breath means total respect



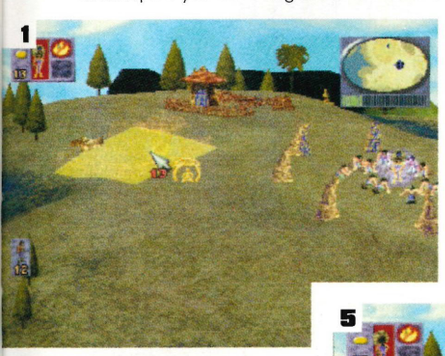




1 Killer Bees, pretty fine **2** Tornadoes, looking good **3** Lightning, we're impressed

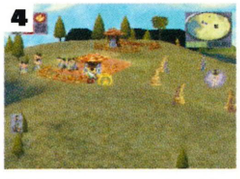
Part the waters

The great thing about being a top dog in the world of Populous is that everybody listens to you. 'Build a house,' you say. Just taking the piss, like. You turn around and they're bloody well building it. Now that's power. One thing that rankles though is their allergy to water, no matter how hard you try they won't even skinny dip, meaning you've got to rearrange the landscape if you want to get over a river or the sea.











1 Knock one up there **2** Looks a bit rickety **3** Wow, for savages you build good **4** Is this the first recorded house? **5** No rubbing together of sticks when you've got a shaman

The road to enlightenment

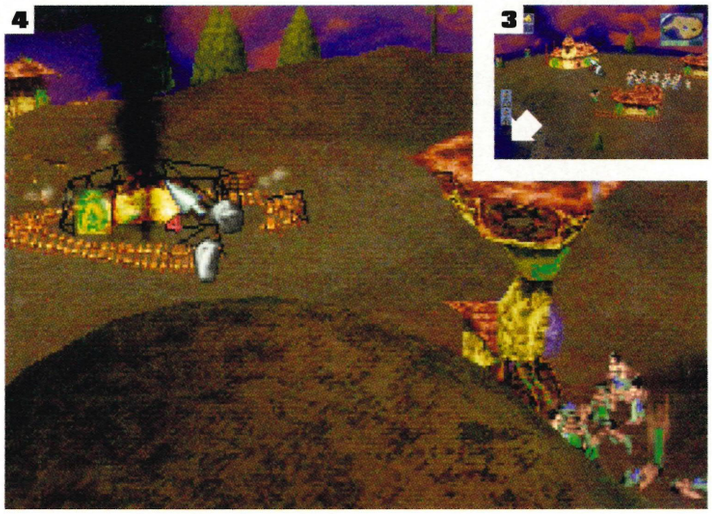
The path to Godville will take you through 25 worlds, and you best believe the natives you encounter along the way are mainly of the two brain cells and both want to ruck variety. Your tactics will depend on what you encounter, some times you'll need to increase your numbers by creating a baby boom by building houses for your people to shag in and sometimes you'll have to skulk about like a sneaker pimp.



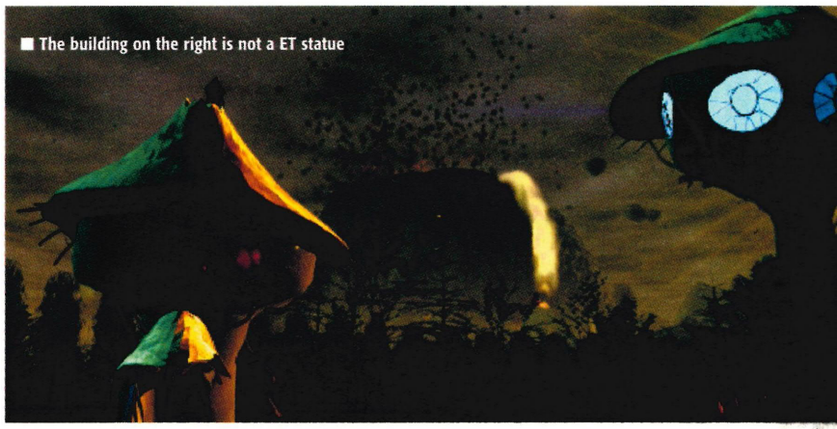
■ Get your men together...



■ Sneak up...



3 Charge in, O noble warrior... **4** Unleash some magic and then witness blind terror



■ The building on the right is not a ET statue

Globetrotting

The worlds are viewed as real globes, you can scroll round them seeing the horizon curving away into the distance. With the flick of a switch you can move your perspective further back so you're looking at a planet in space. It all helps to build up the illusion of controlling the planet, which is a must for all aspiring shaman. Apparently Mr C owes the success of his career to this out of world perspective.



■ Check out where you are



■ This is your solar system

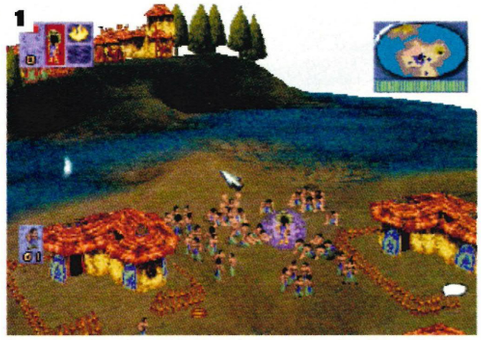


■ And this is your world

A cast of thousands

Like all bona fide epics what you need is plenty of extras for the battle scenes, ideally charging up a hill screaming and rattling sabres – think Zulu and Braveheart. Populous doesn't disappoint on this score, so with a bit of intensive building and a little careful breeding you can lead an army to be proud of.







1 Get them breeding... **2** Do a spot of military briefing... **3** Then unleash your army of crack stone age stormtrooper armed with bones and pointy sticks – ah, the old days when war was simple

A nice take on war strategy games, plenty to do and see and you get some respect, who could ask for more? Some may be disappointed by the graphics though. **Rich**

PlayStation plus
RATED 85%

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

RETRO FORCE

Lock up your womenfolk! Hide the children! The... errr... cats are coming!

A race of sinister robotic space cats are on their way! See, the Retro Force lads figured insects and spiders were just a bit 'done', and green tentacle things tend to look kind of 80s. So cats it is. Saddle up, and get ready to whip pussy ass...

Eat this, pussy

Twitch your thumb rhythmically to unleash storms of laser fire in a variety of tasteful colours. Watch said laser fire vapourise alien vermin. Move across the screen. Unleash some more of that hot pastel-shaded death. Then some more. And just a touch more again. Oh, go on, be a devil, just a smidgeon more. And that's it. Simple, no?









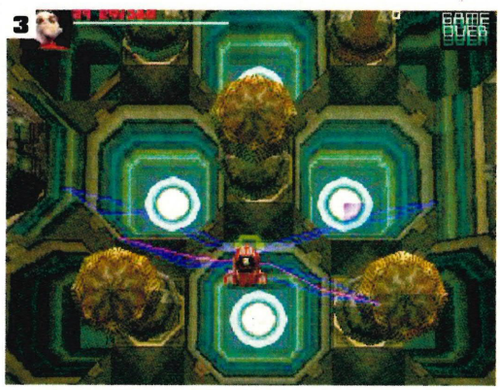
1 Stop us if you've seen a game like this before... 2 The kind where a lone spaceship goes up against the alien hordes 3 Got the idea? 4 No? Then go to picture one and start again. That should crack it

Cats like Felix...

It's got all the doodahs and whatsits you expect from this kind of dumb flying-up-the-screen shooter. The space moggies come atcha with flights of attack spacecrafts, ground guns and ridiculously inflated boss monsters. You fight back with about 40 different flavours of technicolour weaponry. Proper retro shit. Old-timers WILL get misty over this...







1 Just so your brain doesn't fall into a long coma... 2 You get loads of different weapons to play with. Good, eh? 3 Still, chances are your fingers'll be threatening industrial action

Rent it It's retro, innit? Sadly, that means it's a shade bogging to look at and mondo basico to play. Nutso shooter fans'll love it. The rest of us? One to rent. **Rob**

PlayStation plus RATED 75%

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

GRANSTREAM SAGA

'Find the magic stone, my son.' 'Thanks, but I'd rather poke fishhooks in my eye...'

Hey, hey, hey, friendless gimps! Here's another chance to escape into a boundless fantasy world where people don't ignore you and hawk phlegm at you! Who cares that it's as dull as piss? It's not the real world, right? Right?

The Plot

Plot? You like plot, huh? Well, there's plenty of it in here, all sounding like it's been translated by somebody who learned English off the back of cereal packets. Here's the potted version: you live on a floating rock. It's sinking. Magical stones will make it rise. That's it. The big version? Trust us. You don't want to know.

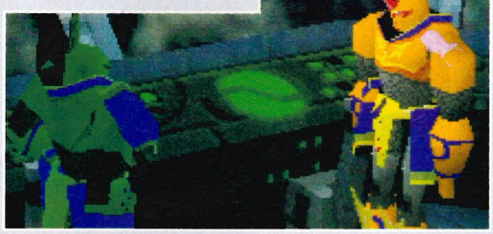












1 You're an adopted child. With mysterious origins. Of course 2 And up your sleeve you've got this magical sceptre 3 That can do magical trickery like reforming objects you've seen 4 Which might prove crucial in stopping your flying rock hitting the drink 5 But there are evil types trying to stop you...

What happens

Most of the time, the gameplay goes a little something like this. Press ⊗ to scroll onto the next bit of dismally boring text. Repeat. And again. And yup, just once more, from the top. Uuuuuggghhh. Text central. Does that strike you as dull? Us too. If we wanted to read, we'd have paid attention when they taught us how to do it at school.





1 And bear in mind there's no 'skip' option for all this shite 2 The Apothecary? You, Freddie Mercury, can shut right up...

Bits

Bits? We got bits coming out our ears. We've got manga bits: pretty cool. We've got texty bits: much less cool. We've got combat bits: yaaaawn. And then we've got the exploring/puzzly bits. Our hopes are pinned to those bits. Go, puzzle bits, go! Nope. They're as mind-bogglingly shite as all the rest. So that's that then.

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1 Manga bits. Some of these are actually quite cool. Yes! Shock! Cool! 2 Text bits. Lots of these. They don't call this game 'saga' for nothing. And you don't need us to tell you they suck the big one. Oops 3 Exploring bits. This is where you get to look around and solve puzzles which wouldn't trouble a two-year old... 4 Whose mother drank meths throughout pregnancy. Easy isn't even the word. Back to the text it is, then...

Fights

Our hearts leapt with joy when we saw the fighting wasn't your standard role-playing turn-based 'pick-an-attack-off-a-list' shite. Then we went through the fastest joy-horror turnaround since we thought 'Oh, cool, she's getting her kit off' in The Crying Game. The combat is sluggish, repetitive and insanely boring. Be warned.



■ **In a combat situation you've got three moves. Dodge, block and attack...**



■ **Or you can choose a fourth. That's four whole things you can do**



■ **But in practice, you'll just end up sitting there with your shield up...**



■ **Waiting for the baddie to rest a while. Wait for it, then – bok! You kill him. Sigh...**

It's a glossy production, for sure, but that doesn't stop us calling it smelly plop. Pompous, grindingly dull, slow and shit. Maybe hardcore RPG fans'll like it. Rob

PlayStation plus RATED 55%

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

SENSIBLE SOCCER 2000

A toothless, geriatric footy effort staggers onto the 'Station. The vultures gather...

Like fine wines, videogames improve with age. No. That's a damn lie. Like yoghurt, videogames go off damn rapidly, and the residue after a couple of years is unspeakable. Cue the arrival of an additive-free rehash of the old Sensi Soccer. Oops.

Get it off me! Gaaah!

Look at it. Sadly, although we can use screenshots to warn you how sickeningly awful the graphics are, nothing we can do or say will prepare you for the jaw-dropping shiteness of the animation and gamespeed. Just believe our words. Avoid! Avoid!

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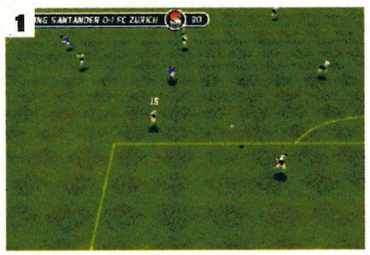


1 The players move like they're drugged 2 And they jerk like a sex offender in solitary 3 Sorry, all you retro spods, but this really is one ugly inbred sonofabitch...

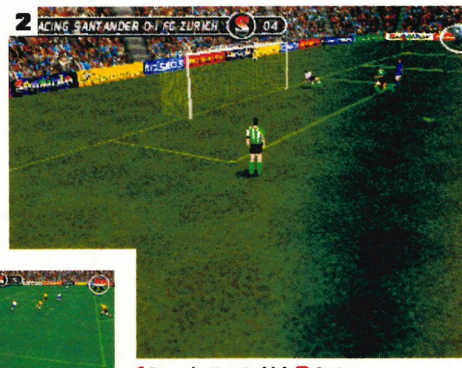
You pushin' my button?

One button does all. Like, all. Back in the day, this meant everybody was going 'Wow, it's so simple and instinctive.' Now, this feature means we're going 'Hang on. Gameplay, please! The controls blow goats'. And that's just inbetween the bits where we're calling for mass CD burnings, show trials and executions...

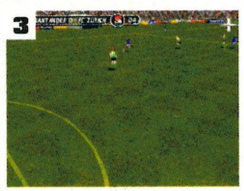
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1 Press button to kick 2 Or to shoot 3 Or to pass. Does it work? 4 Does it bollocks. Ah, the cruelty of Old Father Time...

There are laws against this kind of thing. Well, there should be, anyhow. Fine, dig up old, decomposing games. But do something with them for Chrissake... Rob

PlayStation plus RATED 25%

■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** SONY ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD, STEERING WHEEL

RALLY CROSS 2

And believe it, there are a couple of things in here that make us really cross, too...

Someone rather cruelly strapped you down and scraped out your brain with a teaspoon? Ooh, you poor devil. It must have stung. But don't go getting glum, old chap. We've got a rallying game that'll suit you down to the ground...

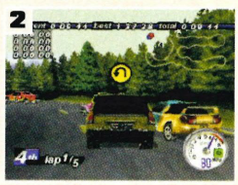
Shome mishtakesh

So it's a rally game. We can figure that much. But why is that odd ice-cream truck in there? Ah. It all becomes clear. It's a non-serious rallying effort. And why's it indulging in such non-serious japery? Well, that would probably be because there's a couple of things about it that are a tad sniffy. Oh, those naughty programmers, with their devious ways...



■ The movement is kind of wonky







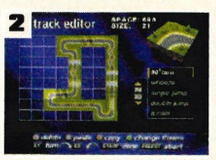


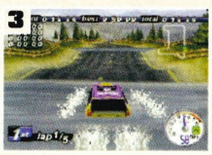
1 But it does the job. Sorta **2** Graphics are just that little bit chunky and bollocks **3** Where are the Gran Turismos of yesteryear? **4** A car appears out of the water. It looks odd, believe us

Editor

Like presents and ladies' bosoms, track editors are always a bit disappointing when you unwrap them. You think to yourself 'rollercoaster ride from hell. With added bumps'. The track editor responds with a couple of poncey hummocks. You think Beecher's Brook, it thinks puddle. This 'un's fun, but it ain't going to set your world on fire...





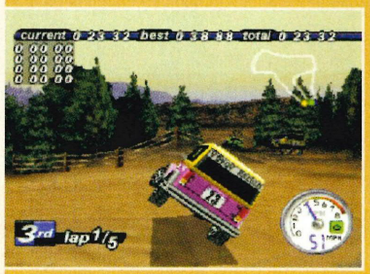




1 Stick together little bits... **2** Like creeks and jumps and shit **3** But when you race 'em, they're never the white-knuckle adrenalinathon you expect **4** And they look sparser than the real tracks...

Rollin', rollin', rollin'

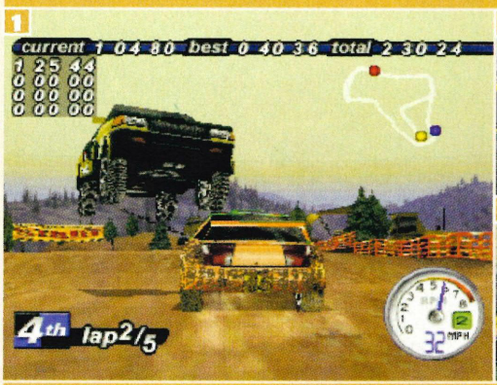
Nothing like a good car crash to make you laugh till you bust your farting strings. And Rally Cross is strong in this suit. Crashes cause the kind of mid-air somersaulting that'd reduce real motorists to paté, and believe us, there's plenty of crashing going down. A double helping of joy and gladness all round, then...



■ There she goes



■ And there she goes again







1 Head-on collisions allow extensive exploration of the stratosphere **2** Hit a bump wrong and you're rolling bigstyle **3** Bok! There goes me bodywork

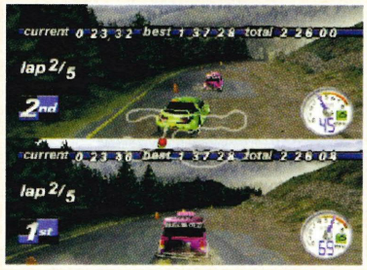
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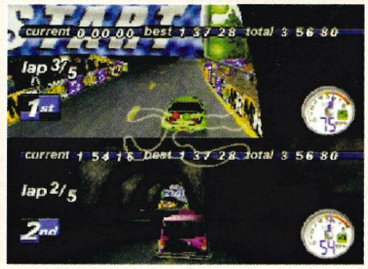
If we'd thought this game was taking itself seriously, we'd have dragged it out the back and shot it like a dog. But it ain't. This effort just tries to cram as many jumps, skids and sickening impacts into each lap as it can. And we've been fans of automotive accidents for a good long time. This is a larf. There's fun to be had here...

My two-player hell

The two-player mode is about as much fun as being fondled by a JCB. The graphics are squashed and poo, and it moves at a speed that wouldn't shame a tree sloth. And you only get two cars racing. When we seize power, those responsible will pay. Slowly...



■ Gaaaah...



■ Don't even bother turning it on. Trust us

Comedy modes!

Oh-ha-ha-ha-ha, stoppit, stoppit, we've soiled our britches. Or something like that. We've got a couple of comedy modes in here, something that usually makes us want to go out to the barn and suck on the double-barrelled. And these are no exception. Observe.









1 Head-on mode. One of the computer cars is going the other way 2 So you get hysterical head-on action... 3 For about four seconds every lap. Sigh 4 And the 'Suicide' mode's just the same, except with more cars. Oi, programmers! Stick to real ale and beards. Leave the comedy to the experts...

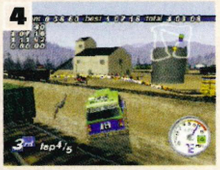
Joy of stupidity. Pt 2

Sometimes, stupidity is the one true path. Gonsider. The History Channel or The World's Most Vicious Muggings Part 3 on Sky? Carol Vorderman or Jo Guest? No question. And the stupidity factor's what makes this worth a look. So the graphics look like they were designed by Boy George's tailor. So the cars bounce like no cars you've ever seen. So what? Just count those car crashes, wiseass...











1 Handy bouncy plastic drums are all over the shop. Bounce 'em good 2 Impact! You lose your no-claims bonus. Your insurance premiums will hit the roof... 3 No crash too big... 4 No airborne bit too stupid... 5 No car colour scheme too tasteless. THIS is Rally Cross at its finest...

So it looks bollocks. And there are other problems. We'll admit that. But if you like car accidents, and let's face it, who doesn't, you'll find a nugget of joy in here... **Rob**

PlayStation plus RATED 79%

■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** EMPIRE ■ **COSTS** £19.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-4
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

PRO PINBALL BIG RACE USA

Three-ball double-flip bonus-frenzy overload. Or something...

Another healthy pub activity snatched out of the comforting atmosphere of beer and good times and brought to your lonely living room. Next month: 'Crap Chat-up Master Pro'...

Balls!

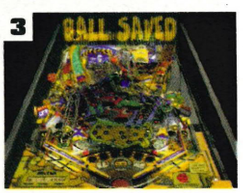
Like all the games from the pinball pros down at Pro Pinball, this one has spot-on ball movement. Even the jolt they get when you tilt the table is absolutely bang on. Hell, they even sound good. It's just like the real thing. Minus that wonky flipper...







■ **Look carefully and the face of Celine Dion will appear. Perhaps...**



1 OK, so you can't tell from these pictures... 2 But the ball movement in here's slicker than a seagull 3 Trust us. Or use your imagination. Or something

Bits 'n' pieces!

Bits. It's got plenty. Ramps, letters that light up, subgames on the video screen, noisy stuff, things that flash, and things we're still puzzling over. You'll not be disappointed. Trust us.



■ **The table's almost obscenely colourful...**



■ **And there's heaps of extra stuff. Fun, to be sure**

What's wrong with this picture? Well, there's only one table. It's a beezer of a table mind, and it looks drop-dead, but there is only one of it. You bin warned. **Rob**

PlayStation plus RATED 89%

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

PREMIER MANAGER 99

The cows are not milked. Uncollected rubbish is blown across the streets. Hungry pets roam housing estates in search of food. Why? Premier Manager 99 has arrived...

No sooner had you weaned yourself off Premier Manager 98 than here comes the sequel, looking oh-so polished and boasting stacks of new bits. Starting to drool yet? Is the urge to barricade yourself in your home becoming strong?

What we like

Addiction!

It all starts so innocently. After all, it's only football management. Choose a team and get on with winning games and earning the club money. You can buy and sell players, choose tactics, improve the ground – most of the stuff your average Alex Ferguson gets up to. Trouble is, he gets to do it full-time. You've got to fit it in around work, girlfriends and stuff. Something's going to suffer...



■ First off, choose a league. The cravings are small at this point. But beware...



■ Get an eyeful of your management menu. You'll be seeing a lot this over the months



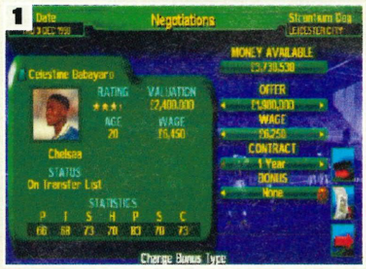
■ Gnaw your fingers to the bone during matches. The addiction is strong now

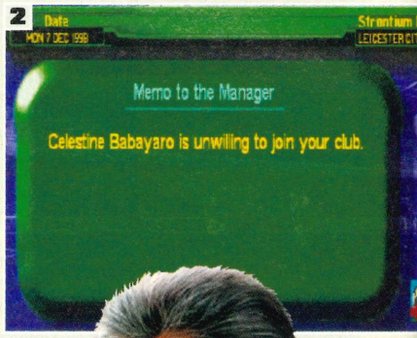


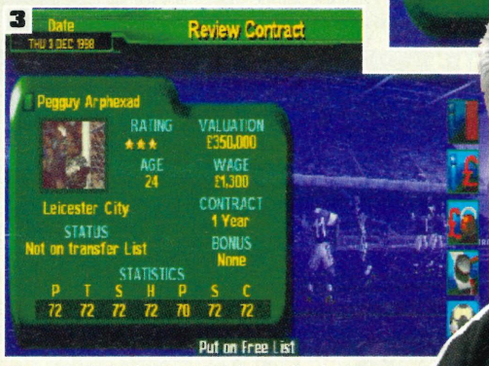
■ Ah, the highlights. Chances are, as time goes on, you'll skip past these to the next match

OK, what else is on here?

Once you've chosen your career path you've got to get to grips with the players. This means looking over contracts, training them and deciding whether or not they get picked for next week's game. Power city, then? Not really, since some tosspot of a chairman's forever breathing down your neck and offering helpful advice like: you're sacked.





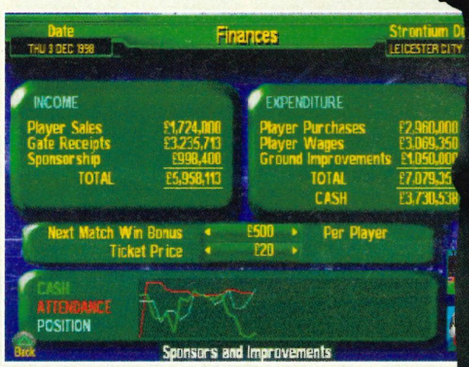


1 Fancy the look of a player? Make an offer for him...
2 So the money-grabbing git can turn you down
3 You get to look over your squad's contracts

Erk! Logic alert

Be warned: at times this is going to grind your nads. Like when your chairman sends you a memo telling you you can't afford new players, then in a week's time sacks you for not building your squad. Why?





■ Doing well. So how come the next memo's your P45?

What's on here?

Load up Premier Manager 99 and you get three options: Choose career and you'll have to steer some lower division joeys (like, say, Hull City) to promotion. You can also opt to manage any team in the English league and – NEW! Premier Manager fans – head up any team from Italy's Serie A. Choice ahoy, in other words...





1 Once you've chosen a team, the chairman'll set you an objective 2 This time around you get to plunder the Italian leagues 3 Keep an eye on results to check how teams around you are doing

winner There's still annoying stuff on here, but there's enough added doodahs and wotsits to make this the 'Station's top management game. **Andrew**

PlayStation plus
RATED 91%

■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** PSYGNOSIS ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

ELIMINATOR

Tired of licking people's ingrown toenails? Here's something just as appealing!

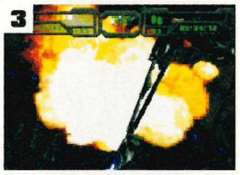
Shoot 'em ups are kind of getting a bit flabby these days. What we're looking for are young lean cub blasters bristling with new ideas. Instead, we get Eliminator, the shoot 'em up equivalent of Fat Elvis. Old, useless, shit. Sigh.

Bore wars

You've guessed it. A big bunch of sinister robots have taken over. As per usual, they've dotted themselves around a bunch of futuristic 'complexes'. And as ever, you're the one-man blitzkrieg sent in to end the nightmare. Scoot around, shoot shit, pick up more guns. Repeat ad nauseam. But believe us, you're nauseam pretty damn quick...







1 If a doctor gives a quiz to everyone who visits him 2 He's testing his patients 3 And this'll test yours

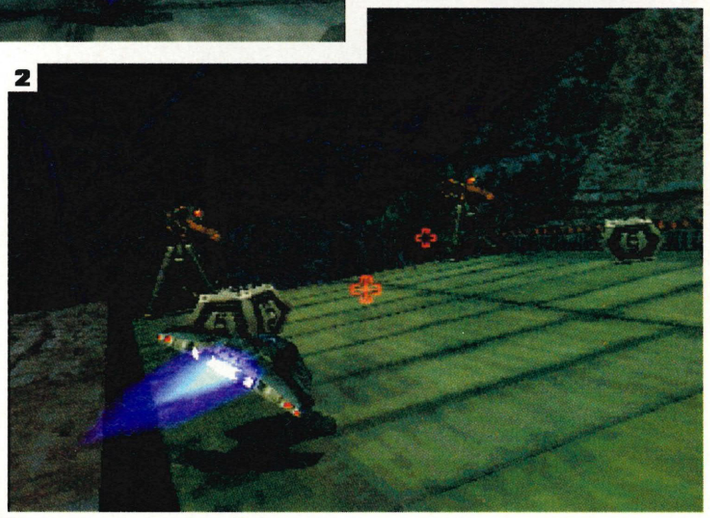
Timer

Adrenalin glands of the world, quiver uncontrollably! For lo, this is no ordinary crap shoot 'em up: it's a crap shoot 'em up... with a timer! Ha! Your hour has come! Or perhaps it hasn't. In fact, on second thought, it definitely hasn't. The timer is good at making you angry. But that's all. It just seems like an add-on that sits there bugging you. V. Bad...





■ Time bonuses. Fahsands of 'em!



1 Must pick up that time bonus 2 And another. Oh, you were planning to wash your hair tonight?

Croft unoriginal

Thing is, this moves OK, and all shoot 'em up bits are present and correct. But there's just nothing more. The guns don't get our Arnie-glands tingling, the baddies don't even scan on the Vaderometer. Nothing new. And the last baddie's a giant spider. Yawn. Oh, did we spoil it for you? Awful sorry...



■ Giant spiders. From now on, these are banned in games. D'you hear us?



■ And shite little robots that look like floating hexagons? Sheesh

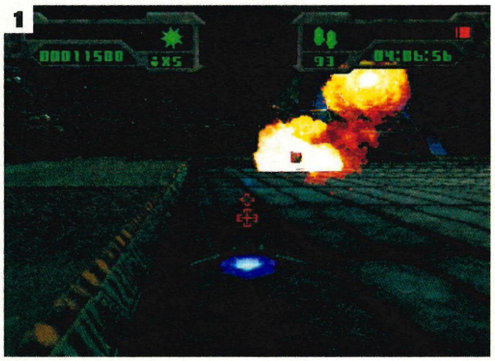




1 And get this. This is your biggest gun. Call that a gun? Ponces 2 And check out the big robot baddies. Scared? Thought not... 3 So this is what a funectomy looks like. Nasty

Aim, maim

Yer basic controls are shit like accelerate, strafe, steer and flip. As an added bonus, you've got a button that lets you aim up and down. And what a bonus it is. As people with experience, we can testify that it's the most useless, unreliable, fiddly and downright shitty piece of shit that we've ever seen. Ever. Cross our hearts.







1 Y'see, it just wobbles all over the shop 2 And half the time you end up aiming at the ceiling 3 So why's it in there? And why is the person responsible not flogged. That, as they say, is the question...

Head to your local gameshop now and stick a bogey on the boxes of Eliminator. That'll spread the word to others. This is drab, dull and generally piss-poor. **Rob**

PlayStation plus

RATED 32%

■**OUT** NOW ■**BY** THQ ■**COSTS** £19.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-2
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

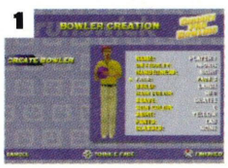
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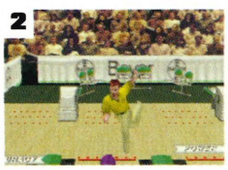
Trailer park trash! Behold! Ten pin bowling in the comfort of your mobile home...

Only Yanks could invent a sport that involves drinking beer and being fat. Actually, not true. We got there first with darts. Still, for the purposes of this amusing and satirical intro, let's say it's the Yanks. With, you guessed it, 10 pin bowling.

Gurt big yanks

One of the most stunning features of the game is the option to create your own bowler, believe us when we say it's like Inbreeds 'R' Us. Scary ain't the word. If you've ever wanted to see an Asian man with ginger hair, polyester 'slacks' and a belly that would put Big Daddy to shame then this is your chance. Otherwise you could try your luck as any of the pros already on the circuit. Either way it's still lobbing balls down a lane.



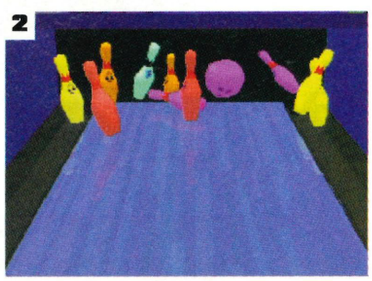


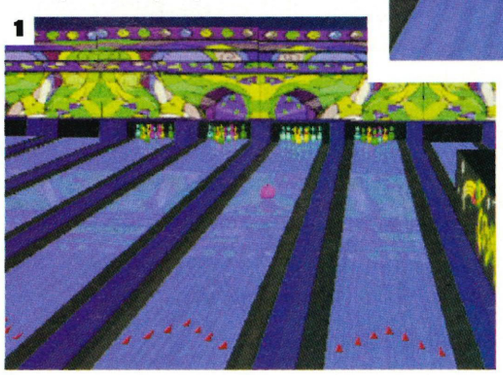


1 Do not approach this man **2** Lard ass, big bowl **3** Funny pose is not optional

All this and more

There's plenty of option action to choose from, ranging from exhibition friendlies, tournaments, skins (each strike wins you dough), careers, practice and cosmic bowling. 'Cosmic bowling ,'you say. 'Sounds groovy.' Well, don't get too excited, it's bowling with UV lighting.









1 They call it cosmic, we call it... **2** You need a steady hand and a true eye **3** Meet the pros **4** Beat the pros

It's bowling all right. As to whether the PlayStation needs it? Well, if you live in a far-flung rural area and love bowling, it may pull your chain. Otherwise, dry as a bone. **Rich**

PlayStation plus
RATED 45%

■**OUT** MARCH ■**BY** PSYGNOSIS ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, MOUSE

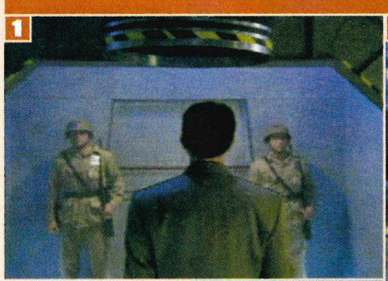
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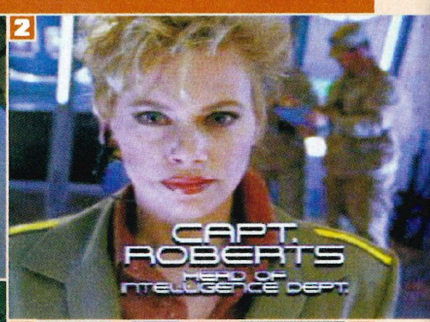
Prepare to scatter H-bombs like confetti. For domination, read annihilation...

Nuclear war. Nasty shit. Radioactive mess all over the shop. Charred ruins. Kids standing wailing with their eyes running down their little faces. But by far the worst thing about it is that it's so terminally 80s. Ultimate fashion error...

Warning, warning, nuclear attack!

Ah, what's this in the cupboard? An interesting 90s take on the whole nuclear apocalypse shebang. Y'see, you're part of a freelance disaster management team, who swoop in and direct nukes for whoever's paying. Sort of Rent-a-Holocaust. This means you'll have missions all over the shop, defending shit, or just nuking the hell out of anyone who doesn't toe the line...









1 These dumb gits are your mates... **2** To think that the world's fate rests in the hands of such wooden actors. It's tragic **3** You sit and direct defences for whatever country is most generous with its donations **4** Or, in the straight-up-scrap mode, you just try to kill the world...

Quasi modes

It's a pity you can't play this with two people, 'cos you get the sense that radioactive death for two would've been a regular treat. For one, the mission mode's quite cool, and the bit where you set up fights yourself is even cooler. It's just that it kind of feels like you're playing Risk on your own. Our cup doesn't exactly runneth over, but there's certainly still a bit left there in the bottom. Yep, it's a crying shame, all right.



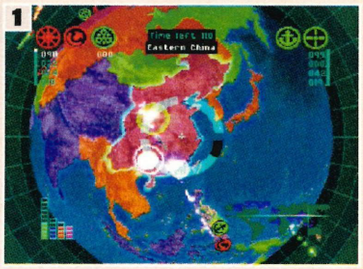


1 Two-player. Would've been good. Sad really **2** 'Cos it's good enough in one-player, but it just doesn't set the world on fire

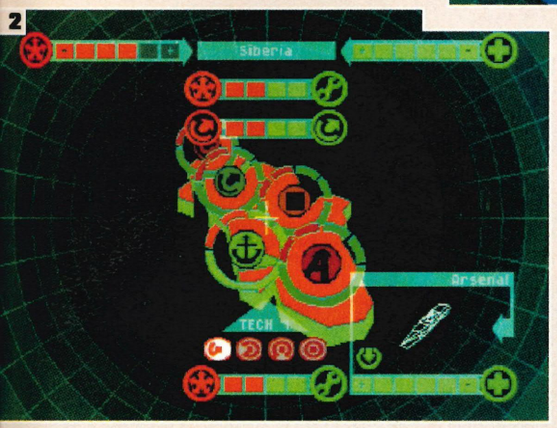
Fast n' frantic

It's odd. Everyone knows we'd be crisped in two minutes flat in any kind of all-out nukes-a-blazing international scrap, but most big-picture strategy efforts still move at a coma-inducingly plodding pace. Here, fast and furious is where it's at. Missiles and fighters streak across the skies, the surface gets constantly toasted. Arcade-fast armageddon. It's cool.

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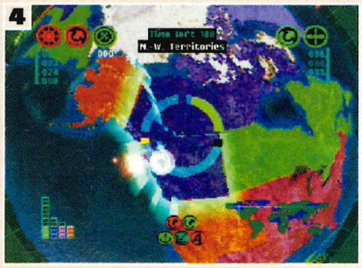


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1 Flick between your defence and attack installations... **2** Launch ships, planes and stuff **3** But don't forget to fire off an endless stream of big ones at the enemy **4** And remember to try and knock out their nukes with defensive-type stuff... **5** And at this kind of speed, it gets multo hectico...

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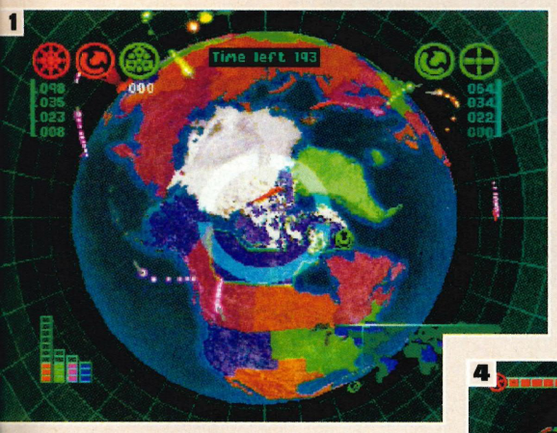
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Risk? You betcha

Y'know the Red Button? That one? You got to push it. Again and again. You can scroll all over the fetchingly-round globe, telling different defence/offence installations what to do: when to fire missiles, when to pump out defensive stuff, when to rebuild, when to send in the bombers, when to plan new weaponry and shit. Gourmet death...

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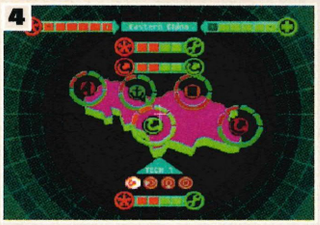
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1 Bring down huge flights of brightly coloured missiles... **2** Or watch 'em paste the surface, along with all your precious missile bases... **3** Send planes in little orbits to protect your lads down on the ground... **4** Or send cruisers out hunting for subs while you're re-grouping your troops

A near-miss. Thing is, you tire swiftly of looking at the globe, and things get a mite samey. If you're a strategy nut, be our guest, but the rest of you, be wary. **Rob**

PlayStation plus RATED 73%

■**OUT** FEBRUARY ■**BY** SONY ■**COSTS** £39.99 ■**PLAYERS** 1-4
■**COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK, MULTITAP

NHL FACE OFF '99

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the ice rink...

And lo, the Lord saith: 'For thy sins, I shall smite thee with a terrible curse: an endless plague of stale, uninspired ice hockey games that shall make thy very bones ache.' Jeez. That Jehovah. He's a cruel one, and no mistake...

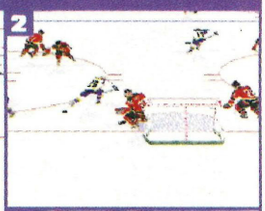
Furiouser and furiouser

Sure it's fast. We'll give it that. And it doesn't even look bad. It's just a carbon copy of every other middle-of-the-road nothingy ice hockey game on the market. The controls, the movement, the players: we've seen 'em all before. Ten seconds, then we're tired all over. It never fails.

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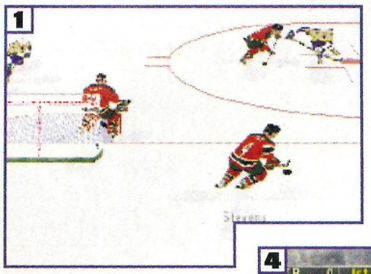


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1 Some slick passing going on in here... **2** And, yeah, there's some pretty slick shooting hanging about as well... **3** And nice moves. But it all fails to achieve wood factor ten...

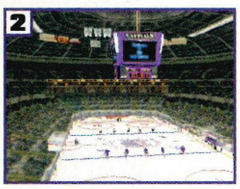
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Booooooorrring

You'd need a scanning electron microscope to tell the difference between this and about four thousand other ice hockey efforts needlessly cluttering up our limited space on Planet Earth. Even the control system is stale porridge. The movement and everything is fine. It's just not new. And that's no good. No good at all.

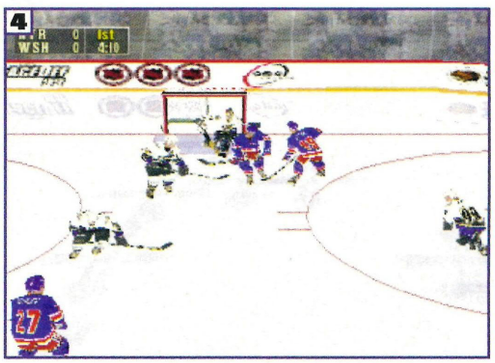
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1 Moves are easy to pull off... **2** But goals are a tad more tricky to achieve... **3** Like we said, all the features are present and correct... **4** It's just that they're not new. At all. And that makes us sad

Stale, crusty, uninspired and bollocks. Games like this make us sit and mope around the office with the occasional tear running down our rugged faces. Avoid! **Rob**

PlayStation plus RATED 60%

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

POY POY 2

No dog mess on your shoe? Train on time? You'll have forgotten what irritation is then.

Yep, it's time to refresh those frustration glands. And what better way to bring stress to your life than Poy Poy 2? Control cute cartoon characters, pick up things and throw them at other cartoon cuties. What could grind your nads more?

Game? What game?

The point of Poy Poy is to throw stuff. That's also the point of darts and bowling, but Poy Poy's less fun than both of those noble sports. Why? It's the irritation factor. The sheer 'what-the-bejesus-is-going-on-here?' of it all. The utter pointlessness. The fact that picking up things and throwing them suddenly becomes un-fun.



■ Pick up rocks, logs and whatever and chuck them at the other guys...



■ You can buy gloves for special moves and pick up power-ups for extra points and stuff

Gloves off, mate

What gives the Poy Poy people their 'special powers' is the gloves they wear. As you win battles you get given cash. Wow. And that moolah comes in handy when it's time for trip to the glove shop. You can get gloves that throw lightning. Gloves that freeze the foe, gloves with homing missiles. The lot, really.



■ Up the stakes during battle by ...



■ Selecting the right glove and..



■ Using it to whup some serious ass in the arena of death

What we like

Multiplayer madness

Poy Poy 2's hair loss city in one-player, but to be fair this has got 'multiplayer' written all over it. Ram your front room with some mates and suddenly the point of all this picking up and throwing becomes clear. Yup, there is fun to be had here. Only trouble is, do you buy games on the off-chance that three mates are all going to drop round at once? Probably not, to be fair...



■ Looks exactly the same, dunnit?



■ But human foes don't shotgun your patience..



■ And all of a sudden...



■ Poy Poy 2 gets to be a lot more fun

plus We'd like to say...

The first Poy Poy had us thinking throwing things is cool. And throwing things is cool: just ask any shotputter. But the fact is, Poy Poy 2 hardly bothers to improve on an already wafer-thin idea. And we can't be doing with that, can we lads? If you rented this for a night in with mates you'd have a laugh, but overall this ain't forty quid's worth of game. You bin warned...

Hey! Variety!

Picking things up and throwing them. Picking things up and throwing them. Picking things up and throwing them. See? Gets a bit repetitive after a while dunnit? Even the patience-testers who made Poy Poy 2 realise that, so you do at least get a bit of variety in the arenas which each have their own obstacles and shit. Can't complain...





1 See that tree? The experienced Poy Poyer will have that over in the blink of an eye. Preferably on the bonce of an opponent... **2** And this arena's got a whole new set of stuff to play with

What's stupid and irritating in single-player makes sense as a top party game. With a load of mates this is top. If you're a friendless joe, though – forget it. **Andrew**

PlayStation plus RATED 73%

■ **OUT** FEBRUARY ■ **BY** THQ ■ **COSTS** £39.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-2 ■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK PAD

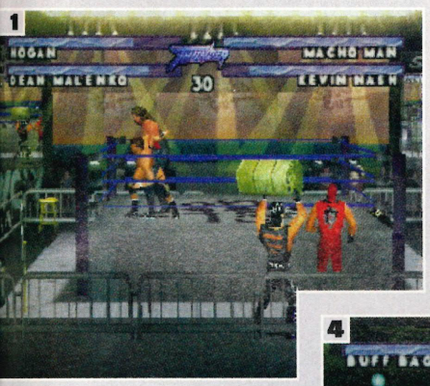
WCW VS NWO THUNDER

...also known as The Joy of Steroids, Volume Two...

In the future, we'll farm wrestlers as an economical source of mince and other meat by-products. There's a whole lotta meat on one of those bastards. For now, we'll just have to put up with 'em. But we're not going to do it with good grace...

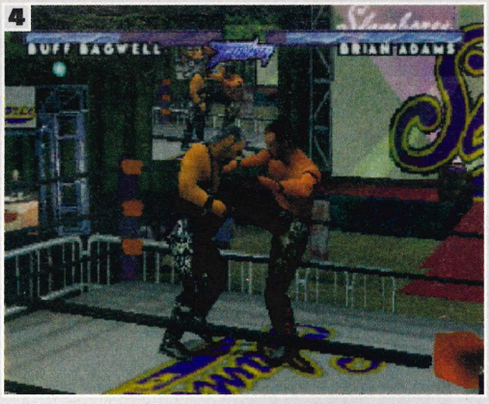
Piledriver!

So the idea is this: just hit, strangle, bop and otherwise humiliate your opponent till he falls to the ground. Pin him. Win. S'easy. But there's complications thrown in: blokeys can leave the ring, other geezers can jump into the fray, some of them carrying televisions and other weapons of dire pain. The wrestling Monty in other words...







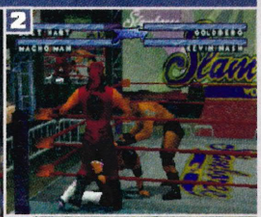


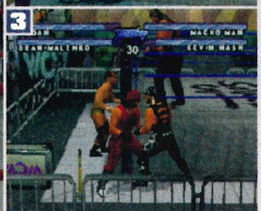
1 Comical television attack! **2** Fat bastards wait at the edge for their moment **3** Piledriver! Lotsa fun, but sadly... **4** The moves are kinda limited though

Stone Cold Fat Bastard

Every bloated oaf with a purple face and an upper-arm measurement like Dawn French's waistline is in here. We'd mention names, but frankly, we don't give a damn. There are more than 60 six-foot lumps of corned beef on offer here, each with their own signature moves an' stuff. But don't go getting too excited. Many of them are Very Similar Indeed. Be warned.



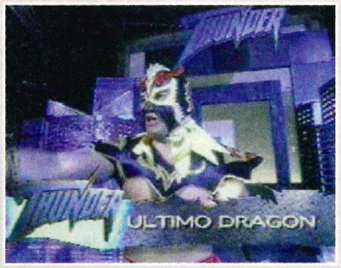




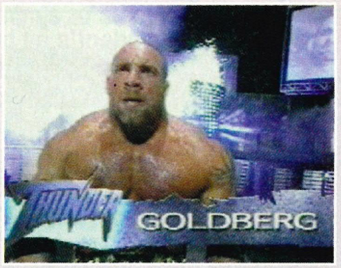
1 Piledriver! Did we mention there are quite a few of these **2** Macho Man Randy Steroid. A prick **3** Hulk Hogan. In many ways similar to Macho Man

Funny bits. No, seriously

There are some things that are just funny, no matter what. Fat men who've caused themselves serious organic damage with steroids for the dubious glory of sweating in front of a worldwide audience of trailer trash are one of these things. And it follows that in every wrestling game there's going to be bits that make you chuckle. Here are a few...



■ Ultimo Dragon. A grade one penis



■ Marvel at the fatness of this redneck freak



■ Television on head. A comic classic



■ Fat men frolic in a cage. Superb

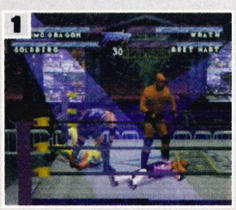
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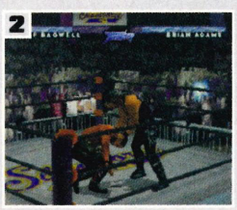
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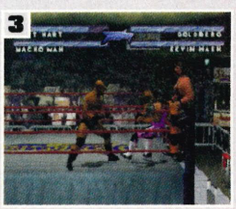
This is from the folks who brought you WCW Nitro, and it basically is Nitro with a whole lot more polish. Sadly, what Nitro needed wasn't a whole lot more polish. What it needed was to be erased from history. Ideally, we'd start with a mass CD-burning, followed by show trials and messy executions. Nitro was criminally bad. And this bears many of Nitro's poisonous hallmarks...

Sluggishing it out

But what's this? Gobbling tranquilisers seems to have been the preferred pre-match warm-up for the beefy thigh brigade. S-l-o-w is the name of the game here. Punch a nifty little combo in, head off to the kitchen, make yourself a cuppa, read the paper, have a leisurely dump, and Dumbo might be doing something when you come back. No Good...







1 Don't go straining yourself, now. Take it a bit easy, eh? That's the ticket **2** Hey Brian, this is for the 16 weeks of torture you put us through **3** You hold him and I'll grab his lunch box

Some alright bits, but on the whole, the forecast is bollocks, bollocks and more bollocks. Maybe one to rent. For the big wrestling fans. Maybe. Otherwise, nope. **Rob**

PlayStation plus

RATED 65%

■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** SONY ■ **COSTS** £19.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1
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MICKEY'S WILD ADVENTURE

Sure, he's got A Bug's Life. But not everything ol' Walt touches turns to gold...

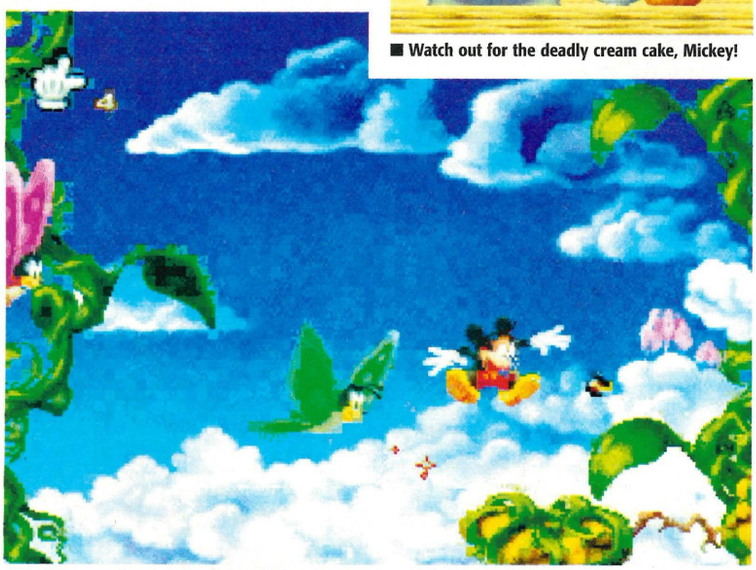
This big-eared rodent's all but conquered the world but y'know what? He's balls-ed up on PlayStation. Mickey's Wild Adventure is a dead basic platform game. All you've gotta do is jump around, bash some bad guys and collect goodies. Yawn...

HIStory

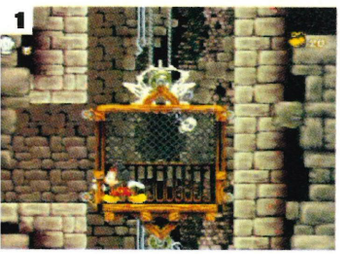
The Wild Adventure traces Mickey's celluloid history, from his debut in Steamboat Willie to present day. It's got stacks of lush-looking cartoon levels, but not much variety when it comes to good ol' gameplay. Sure, there are a couple of levels where Mickey's chased in full-on 3D, but it just ain't enough when the rest of the game's so tedi-arse.



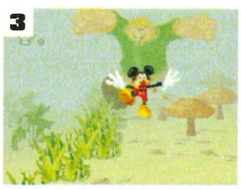
■ Watch out for the deadly cream cake, Mickey!



■ As the ground grew ever closer, Mickey began to realise how empty his life had been. How lonely...







1 Anybody who's ever been for a drink with a platform game... **2** Will now how boring they start to get after a few **3** And Mickey's the kind of guy who won't stop talking about his corns...

Hints & Tips

The best advice we can offer is don't bother. Forget level codes and invincibility cheats, just stick the box back on the shelf and get the hell outta there!

Platinum **We've seen rotten fruit which looks fresher than this stinky piece of toss. Kids'll like it for a bit, but it still ain't worth twenty notes. Alex**

PlayStation plus **RATED 45%**

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■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD

CROC

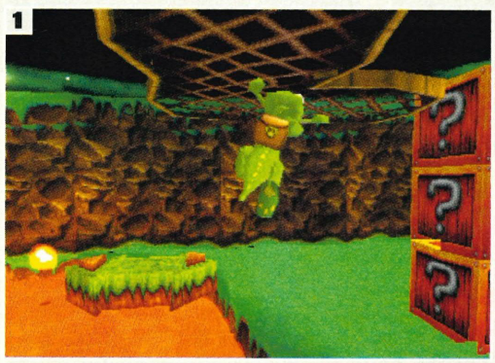
Cute platformer overload. Must resist. Oh what's the point? He's just so lovely...

So there was the development team, thinking, 'What animal can we turn into a cutesy platform character? Dog? Nah. Crocodile.' Bingo! Cuddly, friendly, nice teeth. Strange but true. And so Croc was born: a little crocodile with a rucksack.

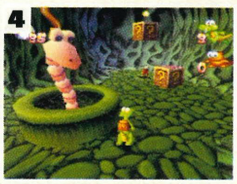
Bad man

That damn Baron Dante has captured all the lovely Gobbos and stuffed them in crates and cages. The Gobbo king has enlisted the help of Croc who's going to find the kidnapped Gobbos and defeat the evil tyrant and his lackeys. All without spilling a drop of blood.









1 This croc sure can get some serious air **2** What a stupid place to put a key **3** It's a well known fact crocs are gagging for hearts **4** This is apparently a scary monster. Scared yet kids? Thought not

What we like

Comfy chairs, open fires...

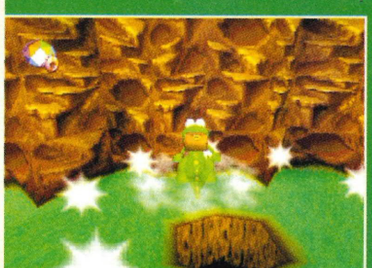
Sometimes it's nice not to be scared witless by the likes of Resident Evil. Playing Croc's like putting on a pair of slippers and sipping on a hot chocolate.



■ Direction arrows, no excuse for mucking up



■ Poor ol' Croc just wants to make friends



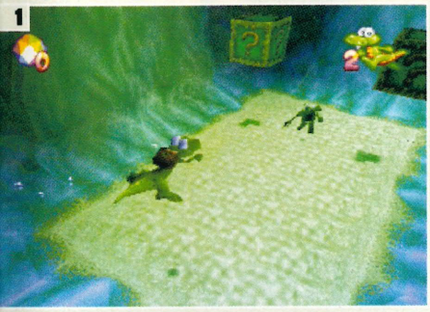
■ This is one Croc who likes going down



■ Watch out for fat rats with stripey tails

Platform? Why thanks

As seems to be the unspoken law with platform games there has to be muchos colour to go and loads of bright and cheerful kiddie cuteness. We advise those over 18 to wear shades otherwise you may damage your eyes. Another law of platform games state you must jump around more than the front row of a House of Pain concert, Croc doesn't disappoint on that score. Expect death-defying leaping by the bucketload...







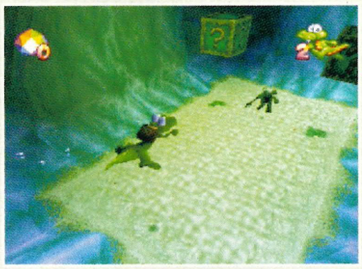




1 Croc felt the time was right for a bath. Was it his stench? **2** Somehow Croc knew the red stuff was hot **3** Croc yearned for the warm marshes of home **4** Which way now? Heads left, tails right **5** This Croc cares for little except crystals and saving Gobbos, he's just so dedicated...

Dial-a-cheat

We all like a leg up, and who can blame us? Give this prime-time cheat a whirl: For a level select, go to the password screen and enter the following:



■ With our help you can go real far in this game



■ 'What's the question?' mused our green pal

Platinum When the game God was dishing out fun ol' Mr Croc was right up there at the front. May not be the best, but still worth checking out. **Rich**

PlayStation plus

RATED 79%

■ **OUT** NOW ■ **BY** OCEAN ■ **COSTS** £19.99 ■ **PLAYERS** 1-4
■ **COMPATIBILITIES** JOYPAD, MEMORY CARD, DUAL SHOCK, LINK CABLE

TOTAL DRIVIN'

Take four driving games into the shower? Don't be silly, try Total Drivin'...

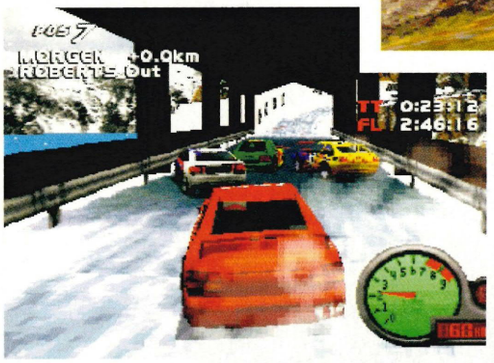
This game's got a split personality that makes Norman Bates seem one-dimensional. It's a confused young man in need of direction – or is it? The problem is it can't decide what it wants to be so it becomes all things to all men – cunning eh?

Super saver

This mutha sure ain't the prettiest looking game, but it makes it up in the value for money stakes. Think Kwik Save rather than Waitrose. See, it's packed full of different types of driving experiences. You've got desert tracks, rally tracks, road tracks and Indy car tracks. Basically it's bursting at the seams. Shame the graphics let it down.



■ Corners mean speed up, no honestly, Colin McRae told us



■ Ice means wheel spins, power slides and much car malarky



■ Time to cane your mates



■ Good God, would you look at my door, anyone would think there was a race on or something

Total Cheatin'

For an extra level on Moscow 2 use the ramp jump over the barriers. Once over head for the left hand side of big building on the right. By the side you'll see a bonfire, drive into it for an extra level where it's snowing, there are icy roads and all the bridges are down.

Platinum It looks a bit basic by today's skyscraping standards, but it's still fun, just don't expect too much - especially from the graphics. **Rich**

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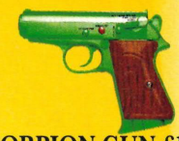
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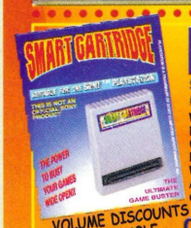
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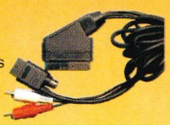
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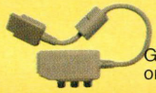


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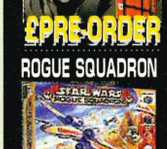
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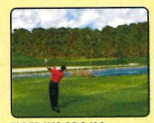

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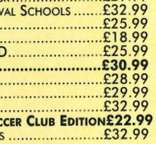
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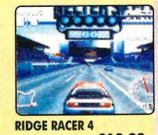

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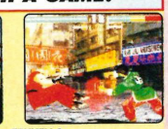

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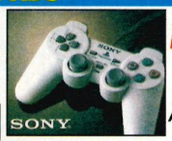
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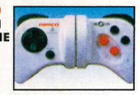
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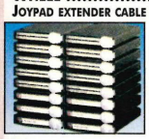


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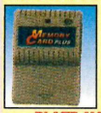
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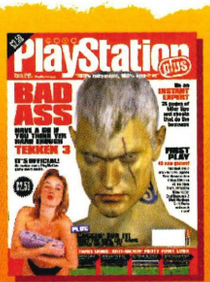
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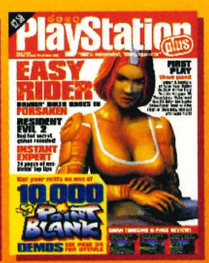




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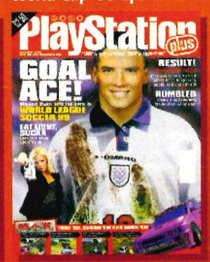
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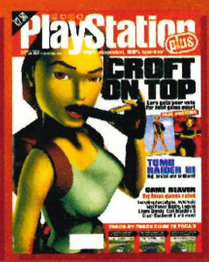
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Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it
Cosmetic improvements only, power-bar controls are a bit too familiar... **83%**

Actua Golf 3 — £39.99

Company Gremlin **Players** 1-4 **Special** dual shock
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Much-improved golf sim that looks goyjush and plays smooth, too. **90%**

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 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 3 — £39.99

Company Gremlin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Footie game that loses its grip in the wake of the far superior ISS pro 98. **79%**

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** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Easy to pick up and play if tennis is your bag. **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%**

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Adidas Power Soccer 98 £34.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Crappy old footy game doesn't cut the mustard. **55%**

Adidas Soccer International 97 £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
A follow-up to Adidas Power Soccer, also pretty shite. **70%**

Agent Armstrong £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Mindless blasting, easy puzzles and daft graphics... OK, 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**✗
An A+ for averageness in this overwhelming resource management sim. **86%**

Akuji the Heartless £39.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Run around in a Tomb Raider kinda way, killing things with magic. **82%**

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 either... **34%**

All Star Tennis £39.99
Rent it
Company Ubisoft **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Slightly shit-stained looks don't spoil quite good racket-a-thon. **71%**

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%**

Apocalypse £39.99
Company Activision **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Bruce Willis pumps it up in balls-out sci-fi blaster **90%**

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%**

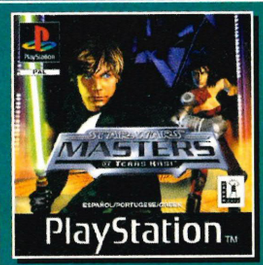
Assault £39.99
Company Telstar **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Non-stop killing in fast and frantic shoot 'em up. **88%**

Kids talk

They say the funniest things

Don't kids say the funniest things? We showed a class of cute youngsters a selection of games and asked them to describe what they saw. Let's take a look at some of the captivating and hilarious things they said...

What we said about Masters of Teras Kasi: *"Crap use of Star Wars characters in crap beat 'em up"*
What they said: *"Now you're taking the f***ing p***s!" James (5)*
"You don't even see Leia's t**s!" Bella (6)
*"F*** t*** w**k c**p, s**t!" Tom (7)*





What we said about Frenzy: *"Irritating shoot 'em up which tries - and fails - to be funny"*
What they said: *"Sh*t! A load of f***ing c**p!" Jade (5)*
"F**k off! You t**t!" Chris (6)
*"I'm gonna knife the f***er that made this!" Leanne (6)*

What we said about Crypt Killer: *"The worst lightgun game ever"*
What they said: *"You can f**k right off" Kylie (6)*
"Gimme crack" Philip (5)
"What'll the gun fetch dahn the market?" Mark (6)





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%**

Asteroids £29.95
Company Activision **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Not much actual 'update' in this update of an 80s classic. **70%**

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%**

Atlantis £39.99
Company Cryo **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Tremendously dull adventure-type gubbins. **29%**

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%**

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** Dual Shock 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** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
The kind of game that visits singles bars, goes home alone and cries. **56%**

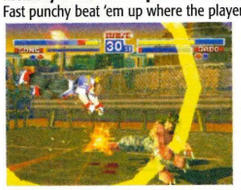
Blast Radius £44.99
Rent it
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Good-looking space blaster only let down by lack of variety. **83%**

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%**

Blaze and Blade £39.99
Company Funsoft **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Imagine the toilets at an annual tramps convention. This smells worse. **40%**

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
winner
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fast punchy beat 'em up where the players turn into giant angry beasts. **92%**




B-Movie £39.99
Company GT **Players** 1 **Special** Dual shock
Rent it
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Tongue-in-cheek sci-fi shoot 'em up that really fluffs our pillow. **79%**

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 the moves take some getting used to. **73%**

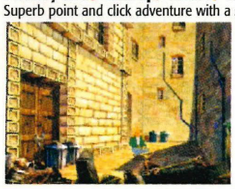
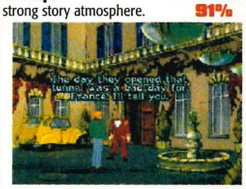
Brahma Force £44.95
Company JVC **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Techie-as-they-come robot-blasting shoot 'em up. **73%**

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%**

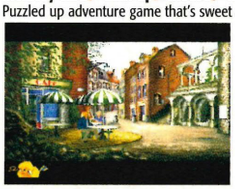
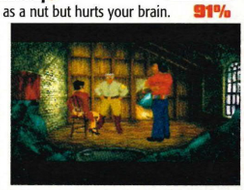
Brian Lara Cricket £44.95
Company Codemasters **Players** 1-4 **Special** Dual shock
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent cricket sim. Bit of a complicated control system, though. **89%**

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 Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗ Winner
Superb point and click adventure with a strong story atmosphere. **91%**

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

Burning Road £44.99
Company Funsoft **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Average racer with good gameplay and naff graphics. **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**✗ Rent it
Worth-a-look-racer that won't change your life. **78%**

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 Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Rent it
Samurai swordfighting game that's too unrealistic to pump up your pulse. **83%**

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**✗ Platinum
One of the cutest, most incredibly addictive puzzle games of all time. **89%**

Bust-a-Move 3 £34.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Bubble-bustin' puzzler that's too damn similar to the last Bust-a-Move. **85%**

Bust-a-Move 4 £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Not wildly different from other Busts. Still good, though. **80%**

Cardinal Syn £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Surprisingly good beat 'em up with swords. **82%**

Carnage Heart £34.99
Company Sony **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 character 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%**

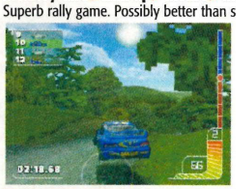
Chill £39.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shcok pad
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Loads to do and cool two-player in another snowboarding clone. **82%**

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%**

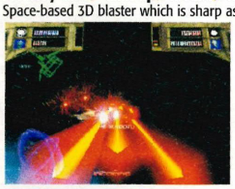
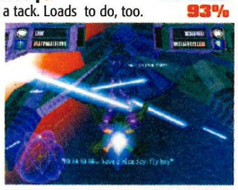
City of The Lost Children £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent graphics in this adventure game, but incredibly annoying. **68%**

Clock Tower £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Poor attempt to move into Resident Evil territory. Boring, dated, not scary. **43%**

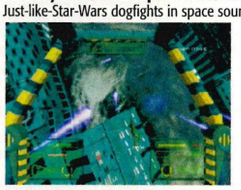
Colin McRae Rally £44.99
Company Codemasters **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Winner
Superb rally game. Possibly better than sex. **95%**




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

Colony Wars Vengeance £39.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Dual shock
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Winner
Just-like-Star-Wars dogfights in space sound good to you? Us too. **93%**



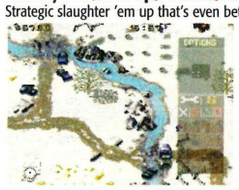

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Command and Conquer £19.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗ Platinum
It's war, and you're the daddy of destruction. A point and click bloodbath. **90%**

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




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




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 Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Winner
One player only, but this is still brilliant snowboarding fun. **91%**




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




Cool Boarders 3 £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Not exactly a huge difference to number two. Still good though. **82%**

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

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

Crash Bandicoot 2 £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Tasty platformer that's more varied than the first Crash. **87%**

Crash Bandicoot 3 £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Great laffs platformer with a furry, minge-like animal in it. **89%**

Crime Killer £39.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock 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** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good two-player submarine blast 'em up. Not so cool in single player. **65%**

Criticom £44.99
Company Vic Tokai **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Rent it
Great graphics, but this 3D beat 'em up still loses out to Tekken. **82%**

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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. Nothing to write home about. **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** Dual Shock 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 winner
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent fighter with added bouncing boobs. Top job. **94%**




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 winner
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Doom in spaceships. If you think that's a great idea, you're right. **91%**




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

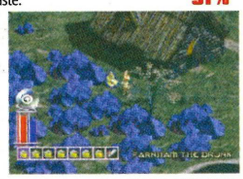
Destruction Derby £19.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Wheel Platinum
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Play a while and you realise it's a shallow game: Great with two players. **72%**

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

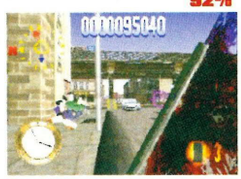
Devil Dice £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Puzzle game that'll keep you coming back for more. And more... **85%**

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 winner
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ace adventuring without a spoddy aftertaste. **91%**

Die Hard Trilogy £19.99
Company Fox Interactive **Players** 1 **Special** Gun/Wheel winner
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Three top games for the price of one. **92%**

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

Disruptor £39.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Slick, ultimately yawnsome first-person shooter. Nice weapons though. **82%**

Dodgem Arena £39.99
Company Blackfriar **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad Rent it
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Spaceships do their thing around big arenas. OK, but... you know. **70%**

Doom £19.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2 Platinum
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Bloody, dark shoot 'em up that's one of the all-time greats. **90%**

Duke Nukem £39.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad winner
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Stonking corridor shoot 'em up. Colourful, funny and very violent. **91%**




Duke Nukem: Time to Kill £39.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock 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**✗
Update of old platformer that fails to deliever. **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%**

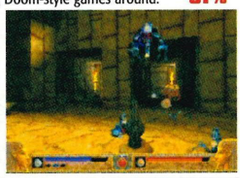
ESPN Extreme Games £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 winner
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Oddball sports racing game with a smidgin of violence for good measure. **91%**




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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Felony 11-79 £39.99
Company ASCII **Players** 1 **Special** 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 Platinum
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Footy game with little control over players and bad camera views. **58%**

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

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

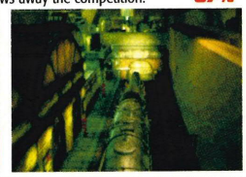
FIFA 99 £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Fancy playing a sub-standard footie game? Then try this one for size. **75%**

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**✗ winner
An epic adventure on three CDs that blows away the competition. **97%**

Firestorm: Thunderhawk 2 £19.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1 Platinum
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
Platinum
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2 **Special** Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Mega sales worldwide confirm it as the ultimate simulation driving game. **88%**

Formula 1 98 £44.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual shock
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
As a racer, not bad. But as an addition to the F1 series? Shite. **70%**

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** 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** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A damn fine corridor-style shooter. On bikes. Cool. **90%**

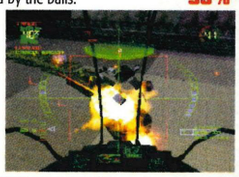
Frenzy £34.99
Company SCI **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Wannabe wacky shoot 'em up ends up being irritating and shite. **16%**

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** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Sci-fi helicopter cop thriller that grabs you by the balls. winner **93%**

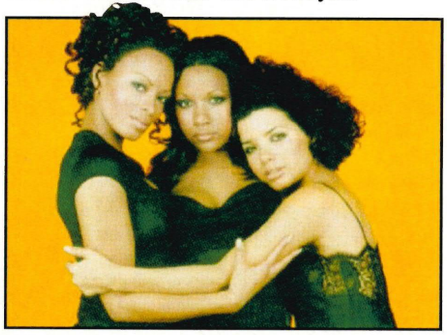
Galaxian 3D £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✓
Graphically impressive shoot 'em up, but lacking in gameplay. **36%**

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%**

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Welcome to a new column providing an in in-depth appreciation of modern music. This month: The Honeyz...



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

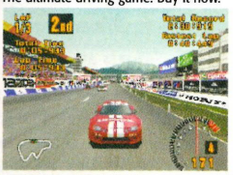
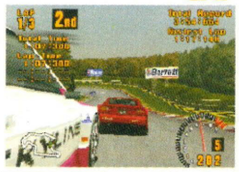



Ghost in the Shell £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Manga-based robot shoot 'em up that's a bundle of laffs. **90%**

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

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

Gran Turismo £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The ultimate driving game. Buy it now. winner **97%**

Grid Run £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
'Tag' game which only really gets 'fun' in multiplayer mode. **64%**

Gunship £44.99
Company Microprose **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Complex, fairly playable helicopter sim, but just not that realistic... **83%**

Hard Boiled £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Try woodturning. Knock up a pipe rack. Just don't play this. **40%**

Hardcore 4x4 £44.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1 **Special** Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull all-terrain racing game with a lack of tracks. **83%**

Heart of Darkness £39.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platformer looks brilliant and plays like a peach. **88%**

Hebereke Popoitto £39.99
Company Sunsoft **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Two player puzzle game. Fun, but Bust-a-Move 2 is better. **42%**

Help £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Road Rash, Myst and Broken Sword on one disc! **85%**

Herc's Adventures £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Solid gameplay and tons of challenge in fun-to-play cartoon frolics. **85%**

Hercules £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Cool presentation and gameplay in Disney-inspired platformer. Rent it! **81%**

Hexen £44.95
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Graphics are a wee bit slow and blocky, but this Doom clone has depth. **84%**

Hi-Octane £44.99
Company Bullfrog **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Really boring racing game that doesn't have enough substance. **76%**

Hybrid £39.99
Company Elite **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Could this be the worst PlayStation game ever? Almost... **14%**

Independence Day £44.99
Company Fox Interactive **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dated shoot 'em up based loosely on the hit film. **69%**

Indy 500 £39.99
Company JVC **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad, Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Offensively average Indy car racing sim that's dull, dull, dull. **50%**

Impact Racing £44.95
Company JVC **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Offbeat racing game mixing Destruction Derby with Mad Max. **82%**

In the Hunt £39.99
Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
2D submarine shoot 'em up with plenty of things to fire at. Which is nice. **79%**

International Track & Field £19.99
Platinum
Company Konami **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Addictive sports sim that 's even better in its multiplayer mode. **90%**

ISS Deluxe £44.95
Company Konami **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Average footballer that's been bettered since. **66%**

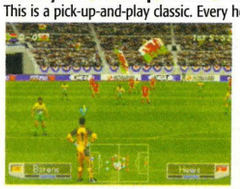
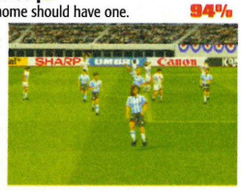
Iron and Blood £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Average 3D beat 'em up, fantasy style. Not enough to tickle your fancy... **67%**

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 comic's 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%**

Iznogoud £39.99
Company Microids **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** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good looking cartoon platform game that's 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 the reasonable graphics. **55%**

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GEAR

Other stuff you need for your 'Station



TOYS FOR THE (RICH) BOYS

⬇ Interact V3 Wheel £69.99
It's the Tallest Steering Wheel In The World! But before members of the 'Station-addicted dwarf community begin penning letters of protest, we should point out that you can fiddle with this effort to make it either tall OR small. Versatile? I should coco...
Get it out for: Gnomes, giants
Rated: Quite cool really, but there's something about the steering that's just not quite right. It's difficult to put your finger on, but our spider sense tingles as we go round corners. See, you tend to end up using the wheel in that kind of jerk-jerk-jerk way you'd use an ordinary pad instead of the smooth, suave turns you expect from a wheel that costs seventy nicker. Be wary. **75%**



⬇ Thrustmaster Formula Race Pro £69.99
Another clever wheel with cosy bits for you to put your legs under. REAL cosy. In fact, the sleek little bit that slips in between your legs might get the ol' Pink Panther stirring in his lair during your more action-packed racing moments.
Panther action aside though, it's nice to see wheels where you don't have to clamp them onto a desk to use 'em. A gold star to the Thrustmaster boys...
Get it out for: Close encounters of the first two kinds
Rated: Seems to do that steering thing like a good wheel should.
Maybe not the smoothest or grooviest wheel on the market, but it still ding-a-ling-dangs our dang-a-long-ding-dongs. A contender, but not the don of dons....**80%**

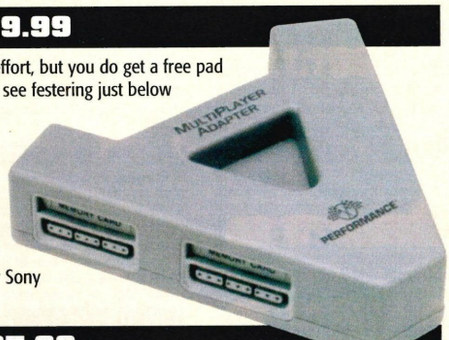
⬆ Gamester Steering Wheel £49.99
The cheeky lads at Gamester have managed to have a new steering wheel on these pages every month for the past decade, simply by adding a couple of knobs to the basic Gamester wheel, rereleasing it, slipping us a bundle of twenties, and waiting for free advertising to appear. This month: the vibrating Gamester wheel... but without the vibration!
Get it out for: Gamester completists
Rated: In our Pulitzer-prize-winning review, we said the Dual Force wheel was dead smoove steering-wise, and had these groovy rumbling bits. Now imagine that, except without the rumbling bits. You've got this. A top turn, but nuffink new here. **90%**



Cheap toys for the people!

The top half of this page was dedicated to the kind of rich scum who're willing to fork out 70 nicker for a jumped-up Fisher Price toy. This half is full of normal stuff. All at low, low prices...

Interact Multitap £29.99



Cheap! Well, only £3 less than the Sony effort, but you do get a free pad thrown in. One of the shite pads you can see festering just below this box, but still, free is free...
How's it compete?
Well, c'mon. There's no major circuit failures on 'ere. It's just a big socket, innit? 'Course it works...
So. Is it triangular?
Sure is, boss. And how. You don't get to check out Pythagoras's theorems on your Sony effort, now do you? **90%**

Blaze Scorpion Lightgun £24.99



Cheap n' green. Not the bestest of the best, and the so-called 'jolt action recoil function' is the stuff of high comedy, but it points at the screen, it shoots, it scores. What did you expect? It's cheap, orright?
How's it compete?
Thing is, it's up against some regular-going Deadeye Dicks. The Nu-Gen Assassin lightgun looks kind of like a real gun too. But it's black. And it tends to shoot straight a bit more. And it doesn't buzz like the larger varieties of ladies' personal pleaser while you're in the middle of a tonto killing frenzy. But it costs loads more. The choice is yours.... **69%**

Joytech controller £5.99



■ No, cheaper than that

The cheapest of the cheap. £5.99! It's almost free! It's bollocks, mind, but if you're looking for a way to hobble your mate who's better than you, you might as well splash on this effort. £5.99! Birthday!
Just how cheap is this thing?
For £5.99, you'd probably get an 8% share in a 'Station steering wheel, equivalent to one-half of the gearstick. Or you could buy 20 Mars Bars. Or half a Sony pad. If you so chose. Cheap is as cheap does... **52%**

Blaze X-Plorer Cheats cartridge £29.99



A big bad box o' cheats. And all for £30, too! 'Hang on', we hear you cry, '£30 isn't cheap!' Ah, but you should see the price tags on the competition. This is packed with cheats for just about every 'Station game, and you can add more from their web page. Including a startlingly duff Lara Croft nudey cheat, but they're triers, bless 'em...
How's it compete?
Well, it's up against some hot contenders these days. At present, it's still top dog, but we've heard of an uber-gizmo arising in the East to challenge the X-Plorer. Intrigued? Watch this space... **90%**

Kensei: Sacred Fist £39.99
Company Konami **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Tries hard to be a great beat 'em up. Just tries, mind. **75%**

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 you 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%**

Knockout Kings £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Good, but you can't help yearning for combos and stuff. **67%**

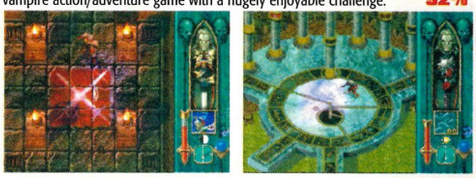
Krazy Ivan £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Graphics win over playability in this robot game. **73%**

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%**

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



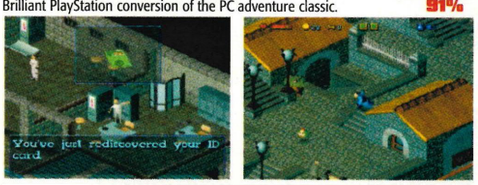
Legend £39.99
Company Funsoft **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Imagine a good game. Now imagine its bloated corpse. That'll be Legend. **45%**

Lemmings £19.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Ancient puzzley game that will still have you hooked. **80%**

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%**

Libero Grande £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
The strangest footy control method going. And it smells. **60%**

Little Big Adventure £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Brilliant PlayStation conversion of the PC adventure classic. **91%**



Live Wire! £39.99
Company SCI **Players** 1-4 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Puzzle games, eh? They're never as good as Tetris, are they? **65%**

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**✗
Second rate shoot 'em up. With soldiers. Way too slow. **72%**

Lost Vikings 2 £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Average arcade game which fails to deliver much originality. **63%**

The Lost World £44.99
Company EA **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platformer from Spielberg dinofest. Never really gets its teeth into you... **81%**

Lucky Luke £39.99
Company Infogrames **Players** 1
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ Rent it
A good laugh action game spoilt by shite platform bits. **79%**

Machine Hunter £44.95
Company Eidos **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A top-down shoot 'em which takes on Loaded fair and square. **88%**

Madden 98 £44.99
Company 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%**

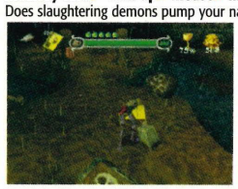
Maximum Force £39.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2 **Special** Lightgun
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Conversion of a crap arcade shoot 'em up. Why did they bother? **50%**

Max Power Racing £39.99
Company Infogrames **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Top racing game. Lacks the detail of some but makes up for it in laffs. **90%**

MDK £49.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Interesting shoot 'em up let down badly by patchy graphics **80%**

Mechwarrior 2 £44.99
Company Activision **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Giant robots in quality 3D shoot 'em up. Plenty of blasting action. **83%**

MediEvil £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ winner
Does slaughtering demons pump your nads? It sure pumps ours. **92%**





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 Legends £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
If MegaMan was real, he'd probably have a tiny tadger. **40%**

MegaMan X3 £44.95
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platformer rates playability over looks. Nine levels will keep you busy. **81%**

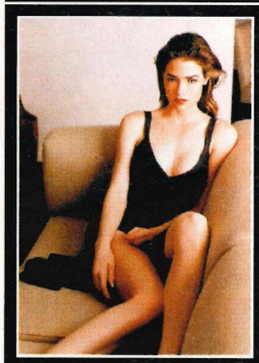
MegaMan X4 £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Old, tired, boring, dull, lifeless, sad. And that's just the programmers. **40%**

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%**

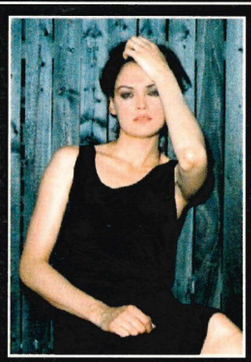
Men in Black £39.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Hugely disappointing film conversion. Nice looking, but no game. **69%**

Bond Girls

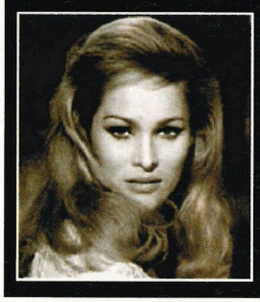
The changing faces of Bond's babes...



Name: Denise Richards
AKA: Dr Christmas Jones
Rank: Christmas is the new Bond girl. Hope for his sake she comes more than once a year...



Name: Famke Jansen
AKA: Xenia Onatopp
Rank: Xenia killed folks with her legs in Goldeneye. Not a girl you want – wait for it – Onatopp



Name: Ursula Andress
AKA: Honey Ryder
Rank: The first ever Bond babe in Dr No. And some might say the best ever Bond babe. Some would be right, in our opinion...

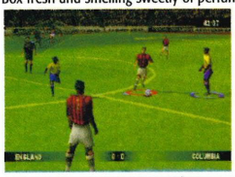
Name: Teri Hatcher
AKA: Paris Carver
Rank: In Tomorrow Never Dies she beds Bond and dies. Shame her name wasn't Tomorrow...



The Knowledge: updated every month

Michael Owen's WLS 99 £39.99

Company Eidos **Players** 1-4 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✓
Box-fresh and smelling sweetly of perfume, this is a top kickabout. **92%** winner




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%**

Monkey Hero £39.99

Company BMG **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Cartoon-style platform 'high jinx'. Well, not high jinx, actually. **35%**

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

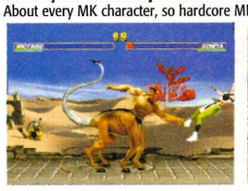
Company GT **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✓
At the end of the day, it's just another Mortal Kombat game. Yawn. **74%** Rent it

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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Very speedy arcade racer with lots to recommend it. **85%**

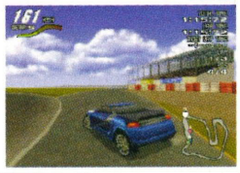
Moto Racer 2 £39.99

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




Motorhead £39.99

Company Gremlin **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Super-fast racer that pulls our chain. **92%** winner

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%**

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

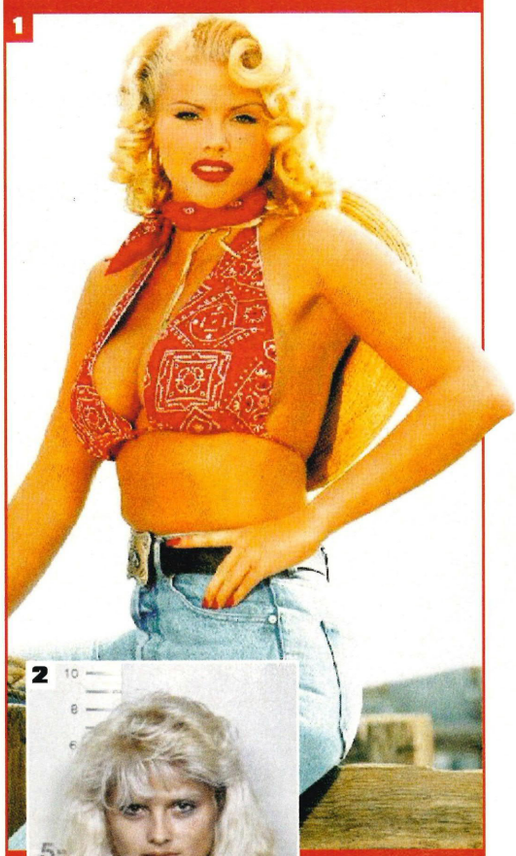
Company JVC **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Puzzle game spoilt by poor control. **70%**

Plastic fantastic

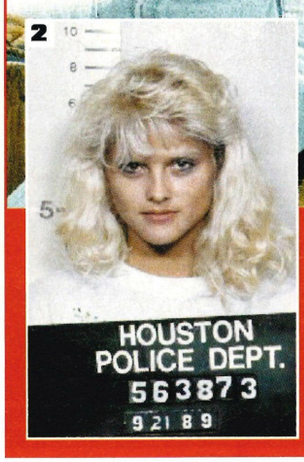
A rummage through the photo albums of the rich and famous

Anna Nicole Smith. Surely one of nature's masterpieces? Actually, no. One of surgery's masterpieces. Yes, in case you were hard of thinking, Anna Nicole has had herself, erm, 'enhanced' and what a world of good it's done her. After all, you'd be hard pressed to find those 'before' pictures. But after? Marriage to an ailing Texan millionaire and a contract modelling for Guess jeans. Yep, silicon sure does pay...

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1 Anna as we know (and possibly even love) her now. No eyestrain involved in verifying major breastage **2** Anna in 'then' mode, when glamour was just something other people were...

Music £39.99

Company Codemasters **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
You get to make your own banging tunes in a very tasty package. **92%** winner




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 us 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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Ugly, dull racing game with a hideous soundtrack. **64%**

NASCAR 99 £39.99

Company Electronic Arts **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 Electronic Arts **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

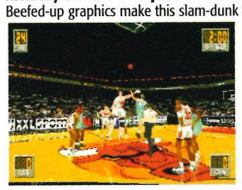
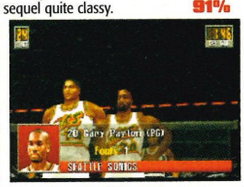
Company GT **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✓
It's a basketball game. It's a bit of a laugh. Nuff said. **72%** Rent it

NBA in the Zone £44.95

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

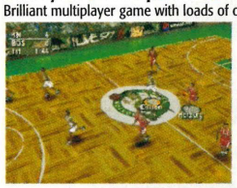
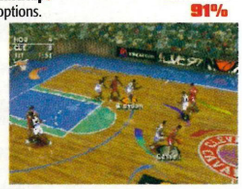
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-4
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✓
Yet another basketball game: a couple of outrageous comic features. **80%**

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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
UAverage basketball sim that ain't going to blow your mind... **81%**

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 Live 98 £39.99
Company Electronic Arts **Players** 1-8 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Sexy basketball effort that offers a bouncing bundle of gameplay. **87%**

NBA Live 99 £39.99
Company Electronic Arts **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
No-different-to-the-last-one basketball effort. Poo, poo. **79%**

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 Electronic Arts **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 Electronic Arts **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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock 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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A bit of a poor F1copy. Only for die-hards. **75%**

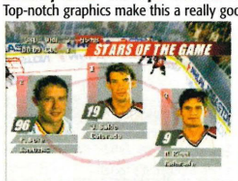
NFL Blitz £39.99
Company GT **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A good American football game? What new witchcraft is this? **86%**

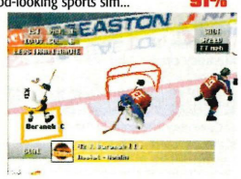
NFL Gameplay £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Pretty average in every department. **82%**

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**✗
Top-notch graphics make this a really good-looking sports sim... **91%** winner





NHL 98 £44.99
Company Electronic Arts **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 Electronic Arts **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** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
If you've gotta get a hockey game, you could do a lot worse... **89%**

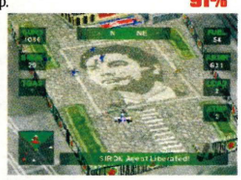
Nightmare Creatures £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Buckets o' blood in this Victorian hack and slash zombie epic. Way cool. **89%**

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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Explosive and absorbing strategic shoot 'em up. **91%** winner

ODT £39.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Dual shock
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Run around and shoot loads of stuff. Funnily enough, we like. **89%**

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**✓
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%** winner




One £39.99
Company ASC **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
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 Electronic Arts **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**✗
Superb effects and instinctive gameplay put other platformers to shame. **91%** winner




Pandemonium 2 £44.99
Company BMG **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Big platformer, trippy visuals. Worth a look. **83%** Rent it

Panzer General £44.99
Company Mindscape **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Full-blown strategy game is hard work thanks to historical accuracy. **59%**

Parappa the Rapper £29.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Original, fun rapping version of Simon Says. Offbeat and amusing. **89%**

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
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Substandard racing game. Lots of options, not much else. **65%**

Perfect Weapon £44.95
Company Electronic Arts **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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A dodgy putting system lets this golf sim down badly. **59%** Platinum

PGA Tour 97 £44.99
Company Electronic Arts **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 Electronic Arts **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** Dual Shock 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%** winner





Pool £39.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-16
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Let's put lots of options in, they said. This smells of poo, we replied. **70%**

Pool Hustler £39.99
Company Sunsoft **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Lots of yer actual hustling, but strange rules spoil our fun somewhat. **79%** Rent it

Porsche Challenge £19.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Driving game let down by lack of variety, and lack of tracks. **80%** Platinum

Powerplay Hockey 96 £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Good range of aggressive matches. Fast-paced, end-to-end stuff **85%**

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Power Soccer 2 £34.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Amazingly average footie game that won't hold your interest. **70%**

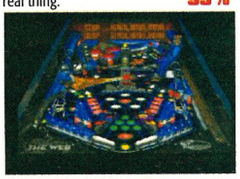
Poy Poy £34.95
Company Konami **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Cool multiplayer game. Not so good by yourself. **83%**

Premier Manager 98 £44.99
Company Gremlin **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Superb football management sim. winner **92%**




Pro Pinball: The Web £44.95
Company Empire **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ball movement so fluid it handles like the real thing. winner **93%**





Pro Pinball Timeshock £24.99
Company Empire **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
One big, beautiful mother of a pinball table: all yours to have and hold... **89%**

Project Overkill £44.95
Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Flashy but piss-dull arcade shooter... **79%**

Psybadek £39.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Hoverboarding game with tons of knobs on. Fairly toss, though. **67%**

Psychic Detective £44.99
Company Electronic Arts **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Loadsa endings, views and three CDs make this a large portion. Yes. **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. Both top-of-the-range shoot 'em ups. **81%**

Rage Racer £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1 **Special** Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Classic racing game. One of the best on the PlayStation. Buy it! winner **93%**





Raging Skies £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Flight sim looks dated and gets repetitive after a while. Pretty average. **73%**

Raiden Project £39.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Enjoyable, but limited. Animation and graphics are only mediocre... **72%**

Rally Cross £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-4 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Rolling cars aplenty in fun racer, plus four-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** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
White water racer: let down by slow two-player mode. **82%**

Rapid Reload £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Entertaining, but limited platform shoot 'em up. Rent it **80%**

Rascal £44.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Disappointing platformer made worse by cackola camera angles. **53%**

Rayman £19.99
Company UBI Soft **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Repetitive platformer with a lack of flexibility. Platinum **43%**

Ray Storm £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Vertical blasting shoot 'em up that's tough, demanding and fast. **83%**

Ray Tracers £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Car chase game has some good action, but it's over far too quickly. Rent it **73%**

Real Bout: Fatal Fury RENTAL
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Very stale and slow beat 'em up. Avoid. **30%**

Rebel Assault 2 £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A Star Wars romp, but there's not enough variety and trickery. **46%**

Reboot £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Hoverboard game feels great to play, but limited. Rent it **83%**

Red Asphalt: Rock & Roll Racing 2 £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2 **Special** 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 £19.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This horror adventure is one of the PlayStation's finest games. winner **94%**



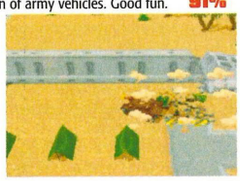

Resident Evil 2 £49.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Awesome update of the original spread over two shit-kickin' discs. winner **95%**




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** 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** Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Better than the original, with more cars and better controls. Platinum **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%**

Rival Schools £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-4 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
A helluva lot to like in this schoolies-go-psycho beat 'em up. winner **92%**




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 Electronic Arts **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**✗ Rent it
Abysmal rental-only beat 'em up. **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 Gunner £39.99
Company Ubisoft **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Robots fighting? You're better off shoving paperclips into your eyes. **40%**

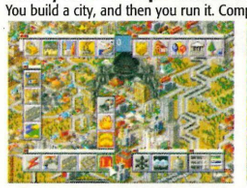
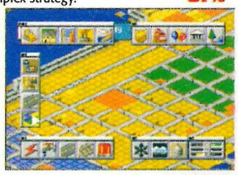
Shadow Master £39.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
You in a tank and loads of mindless blasting. Very good. **88%**

Shanghai True Valor £39.99
Company Sunsoft **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Puzzle game so stupid it leaves its wallet in telephone boxes. **18%**

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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Empty shoot 'em up with tiny sprites against a dull background. **56%**

Sim City 2000 £44.99
Company Maxis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
winner
You build a city, and then you run it. Complex strategy. **91%**

Skeleton Warriors £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Looks, smells and feels like an antique game... and it plays like one too. **69%**

Skull Monkeys £44.95
Company Electronic Arts **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**✗
Poor camera views and easy gameplay make this a dog. **64%**

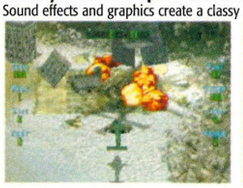
Small Soldiers £39.99
Company EA **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
No variety, dull graphics and absolutely no link to the film. Nuff said. **58%**

Smash Court Tennis £44.95
Company Sony **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Slow, unresponsive game. You buy kit, but the actual matches are grim. **57%**

Snow Racer £34.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Lotsa fun racing game on boards and skis. **85%**

Soul Blade £19.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platinum
Vicious scrapping with huge swords. Not a Tekken-beater, but hey... **90%**

Soviet Strike £19.99
Company Electronic Arts **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Sound effects and graphics create a classy 3D chopper shoot 'em up. **92%**




Space Hulk £19.99
Company Electronic Arts **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Platinum
Drag mercenaries around. Slow but good strategy/action game. **84%**

Space Jam £44.95
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Dull movie-based cash-in basketball game. Why put yourself through it? **65%**

Spawn: The Eternal £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Useless blend of beat 'em up and adventure. Avoid. **32%**

Speed King
Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Slow, boring and about as exciting as watching an egg boil. Maybe less so.. **45%**

Speedster £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Top-down view racing game that's lacking in speed and playability. **64%**

Spice World £19.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A shabby excuse of a game. Short, boring and unimaginative. **21%**

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**✗
winner
Capcom's first 3D beat 'em up. They don't make a bad job of it either. **91%**




Starfighter 3000 £44.95
Company Telstar **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Nice enough to have a gawp at, but there's not enough going on. **80%**

Star Wars: Masters of Teras Kasi £34.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
A shite bubble of a Star Wars beat 'em up. Absolute crap. **30%**

Starwinder £44.95
Company Mindscape **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Simplistic racing game where every level plays the same. **59%**

Streak £39.99
Company GT Interactive **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual shock
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Hoverboarding game that's slick as slick can be. And that's slick. **79%**

Steel Harbinger £44.95
Company Mindscape **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it!
Dull graphics, but 11 levels and variety of weapons can make this fun. **79%**

Steel Reign £34.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it!
Cool tank game that can be a bit repetitive. Worth a look, though. **75%**

Street Fighter Alpha £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Update of Street Fighter series with new moves and new characters. **91%**




Street Fighter Alpha 2 £44.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Custom combos and counter-moves add up to an excellent sequel. **92%**




Street Fighter Collection £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗ **Joypad**✓
Three Street Fighter games, one CD. That's science for you. **87%**

Street Fighter Ex Plus Alpha £44.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Superb fighting in 3D take on the Street Fighter theme. **93%**




Street Fighter The Movie £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Insult to the Street Fighter name. Based on the movie. **67%**

Street Racer £44.95
Company UBI Soft **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Fair to middling racing game with plenty to do, except get excited... **79%**

Strikepoint: the Hex Missions £44.95
Company THQ **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Poor helicopter game. Why not have a bash at Soviet Strike instead? **60%**

Striker 96 £39.99
Company Warner **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Simplistic footie game. 'Station footy at its worst. **69%**

Suikoden £44.99
Company Konami **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Rent it!
Solid role-playing game that isn't going to change your life... **81%**

Super Match Soccer £39.99
Company Acclaim **Players** 1-8 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Yawnsome footy game. For God's sake don't buy it. **33%**

Super Football Champ £39.99
Company Mindscape **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Oh dear. Drab, boring, unplayable. Truly hideous football game. **46%**

Super Pang Collection £39.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
An arcade-perfect version of the retro bubble-bursting games. **53%**

Super Puzzle Fighter 2 £39.95
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
winner
Horribly addictive puzzle game featuring Ryu, Ken and friends. **92%**




Supersonic Racers £44.95
Company Mindscape **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Micro Machines-style racer doesn't pull out enough stops to keep you hooked. **74%**

Swagman £44.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
There's plenty of arcade-style fun on offer in this great-looking 2D game. **85%**

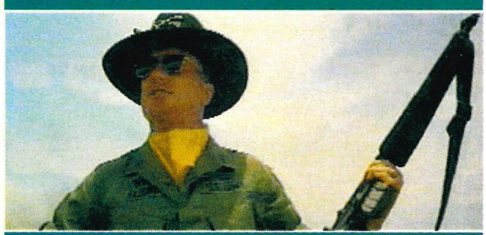
Syndicate Wars £44.95
Company Electronic Arts **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✓
winner
Ultra-cool, violent strategy shoot 'em up with amazing 3D graphics. **92%**




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%**

Apocalypse Now

Words of wisdom...

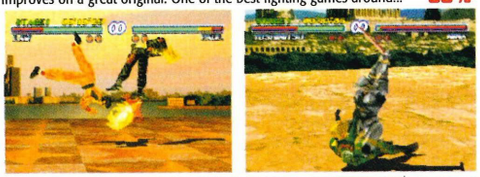


- **Photographer (Dennis Hopper):** *Did you know that 'if' is the middle of the word 'life'?*
- **Willard (Martin Sheen):** *Oh man, the shit piled up so fast in Vietnam you needed wings to stay above it.*
- **Willard:** *Everyone gets everything he wants. I wanted a mission, and for my sins they gave me one. Brought it up to me like room service. It was a real choice mission, and when it was over I never wanted another.*
- **Kilgore (Robert Duvall):** *You either surf or you fight*
- **Kilgore:** *We do a lot of surfing here. I like to finish operations early*
- **Kilgore:** *If I say it's safe to surf this beach, it's safe to surf this beach!*
- **Kilgore:** *I love the smell of napalm in the morning*
- **Kilgore:** *Charlie don't surf*
- **Kurtz (Marlon Brando):** *The horror, the horror*

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The Knowledge: updated every month

Tekken 2 £19.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Improves on a great original. One of the best fighting games around... winner 95%



Tekken 3 £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
The big daddy of all beat 'em ups. So good it hurts winner 96%



Tempest X3 £34.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
A PlayStation update of a justifiably great retro shooter. Rent it 80%

Tenchu £39.99
Company Activision **Players** 1 **Special** Dual shock pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Is there such a thing as a definitive ninja game? There is now... winner 92%



Tenka £44.95
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Not even decent 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 Electronic Arts **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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock 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%

Test Drive 4x4 £39.99
Company Electronic Arts **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Let's go off-road! Or then again, let's not bother... 76%

Test Drive 5 £39.99
Company Electronic Arts **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Racer that just manages to pull itself out of the average pit. 80%

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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✓ **Multitap** ✗
Lots of fun with people with strange illnesses in this cartoon hospital sim. 84%

Theme Park £44.99
Company Bullfrog **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Explore your park in 3D in this gentle sim. Quietly enjoyable. 85%

Three Lions £39.99
Company BMG **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Ugly, slow, boring and bollocks footy game that'll sap your will to live. 50%

Tiger Shark £44.99
Company GT **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Impossibly high difficulty level ruins this otherwise excellent shoot 'em up. 72%

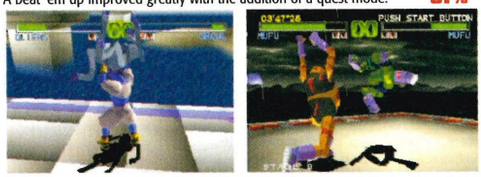
Tiger Woods 99 £39.99
Company GT **Players** 1-4 **Special** Dual Shock
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Not-bad golf effort let down by poo-smelling putting system. 78%

Time Commando £44.99
Company Electronic Arts **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Unusual, but fun. Slightly unwieldy controls. 81%

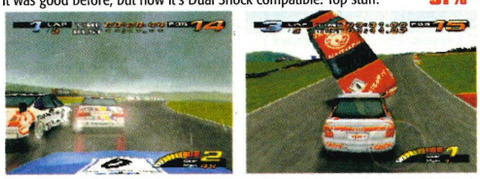
Time Crisis £69.99
Company Sony **Players** 1 **Special** G-Con 45
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
So playable even your girlfriend'll enjoy it. The definitive gun game. winner 93%



Tobal No.1 £44.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
A beat 'em up improved greatly with the addition of a quest mode. winner 91%



TOCA Touring Car Championship £19.99
Company Codemasters **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
It was good before, but now it's Dual Shock compatible. Top stuff. winner 91%



Tomb Raider £19.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Top totty in Indiana Jones-style antics. One of the best games ever... winner 92%



Tomb Raider 2 £44.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Bigger and bolder than the classic original. Lara's back! winner 95%



Tomb Raider 3 £39.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Lara's back for threes-up and still on top bustin' form. winner 93%



Tombi £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Typically Jap-style cuteness fails to ruin an excellent platformer. Rent it 79%

Tommi Makinen Rally £39.99
Company Europress **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Rally effort ain't much cop. In fact, it's pants. 50%

Top Gun: Fire at Will £44.95
Company Microprose **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Gung-ho movie spin-off not worth your effort tracking down. 66%

Total Drivin' £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock 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** Dual Shock pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Good, but ONLY if you're a basketball fiend. Rent it 79%

Tokyo Highway Battle £39.99
Company THQ **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Kind of a sub-Rage Racer game with average graphics. 77%

Toshinden 3
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Derivative fighting game that's been done a lot better by others... 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** Dual Shock pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Sluggish submarine adventure-type game. 78%

True Pinball £19.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1 Platinum
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
It may have four tables, it may be a good game, but The Web is better. 50%

Tunnel B1 £44.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
WipEout breeds with Doom in this high speed shoot 'em up. 89%

Twisted Metal £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Destroy the suburbs in this Mad Max-style car battle. 82%

Twisted Metal World Tour £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** ✗
Kung-fu-esque volleyball effort that's plenty fun in two-player. Rent it 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 Dual Shock pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Excellent mix of racing and carnage, Superb. winner 91%



Viper £39.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card ✓ **Link-up** ✗ **Mouse** ✗ **Multitap** ✗
Cacky controls spoil otherwise stonking 'copter shoot 'em up. Rent it 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%

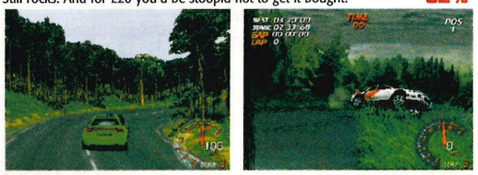
Virtual Pool £44.99
Company Interplay **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This is a great pool game which is a pretty realistic simulation. **85%**

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%**

Viva Football £39.99
Company Virgin **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Excellent footy package that's punching with the big boys. **84%**

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**✗
Still rocks. And for £20 you'd be stoopid not to get it bought. **92%** Winner



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** Wheel, Dual Shock pad
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**✗
LA 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 Electronic Arts **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** 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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1
Memory card✗ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✓ **Multitap**✗
Loadsa depth in this goblin-infested fantasy war epic. Charge! **83%**

Warhawk £39.99
Company Sony **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Instantly playable, though controls are tricky at first. **82%**

Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey 98 £39.99
Company GT **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Fast and furious, but won't last long. **74%** Rent it

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 Electronic Arts **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 Electronic Arts **Players** 1
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Better 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
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Ultra-fast, ultra-stylish racer. A must for speed freaks... **78%** Platinum

WipEout 2097 £19.99
Company Psygnosis **Players** 1-2 **Special** Wheel
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✓ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Bigger and better in every way than its great predecessor. **94%** Winner



World Cup 98 £39.99
Company Electronic Arts **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
Fast, tasty-lookin' footy sim that's cooking on gas. **90%**

World Cup Golf £39.99
Company US Gold **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Great graphics, but some of the courses can be imprecise. **80%**

World League Basketball £39.99
Company Mindscape **Players** 1-8
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✓
World League Basketball? We'd rather down a pint of dog jism, thanks. **30%**

World League Soccer £39.99
Company Eidos **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
This is the cream of the crop when it comes to footy games. Buy it. **93%** Winner



Worms £19.99
Company Ocean **Players** 1-4
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Multiplayer joy will be yours to savour in this fabulous battle game... **82%** Platinum

Wreckin' Crew £44.99
Company Telstar **Players** 1-2 **Special** Dual Shock pad
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Small car racing's a lot of laughs, if flawed. **80%** Rent it

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** Dual Shock 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**✗
One for nostalgia butts only, really, but it's still a good beat 'em up. **74%** Rent it

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%**

Zero Divide 2 £XX.XX
Company Sony **Players** 1-2
Memory card✓ **Link-up**✗ **Mouse**✗ **Multitap**✗
Find the people who made this beat 'em up and gob on their food. **53%**

HMV Chart

What's everyone else buying?

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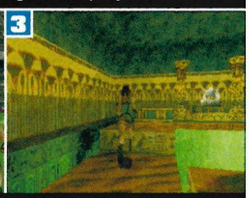
Premier Manager 99: the highlights look jolly nice

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FIFA 99: aggro

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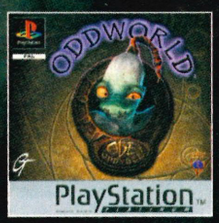


Tomb Raider: again

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

1. **(NE) Premier Manager 99 (Gremlin)**
Updated 'you're the footy manager' affair
2. **(1) FIFA 99 (EA)**
Further footy from FIFA
3. **(RE) Tomb Raider (Platinum)**
Lara climbs into the charts all reduced, like
4. **(RE) Grand Theft Auto (Platinum)**
Be a crim in a car and steal stuff. A great laff
5. **(4) Crash Bandicoot 3 (Sony)**
The mad furry thing spins around. Like a record
6. **(5) TOCA 2 (Codemasters)**
Top rallying driver, as good as the first
7. **(2) Tomb Raider 3 (Eidos)**
One day this chart won't feature Lara. Yeah, right
8. **(RE) Rayman (Platinum)**
Un-fun platform antics with a stupid character
9. **(NE) Cool Boarders 3 (Sony)**
Top snowboarding action. Not bad at all
10. **(NE) Mickey's Wild Adventure (Sony)**
The mouse goes cheap and into the charts

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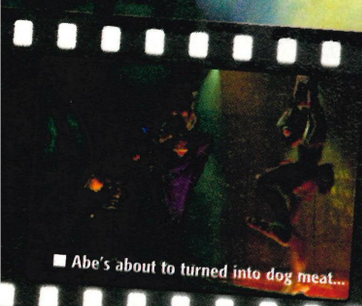


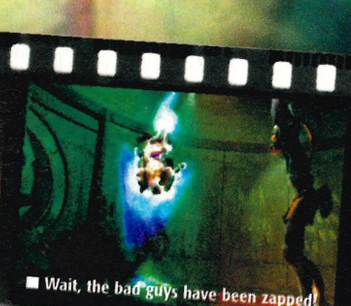
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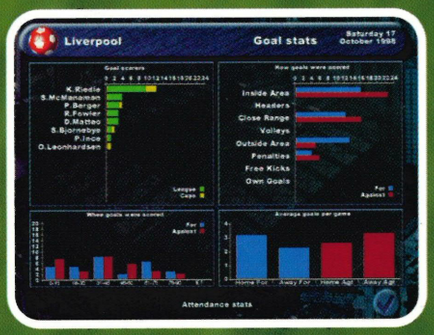
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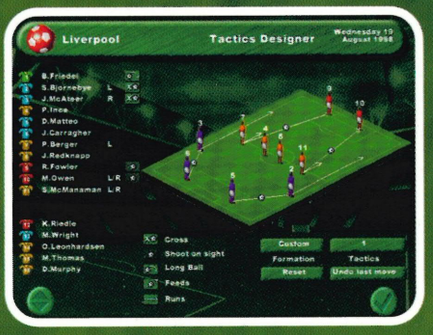
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