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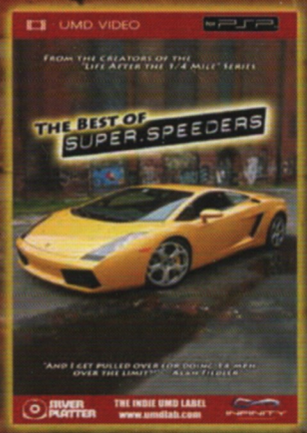
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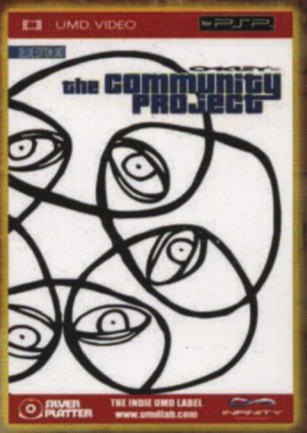
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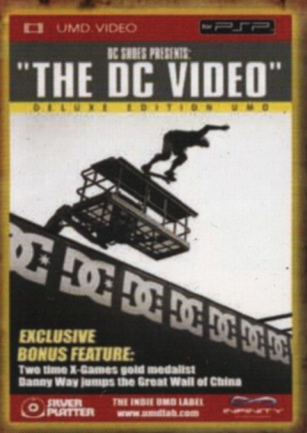
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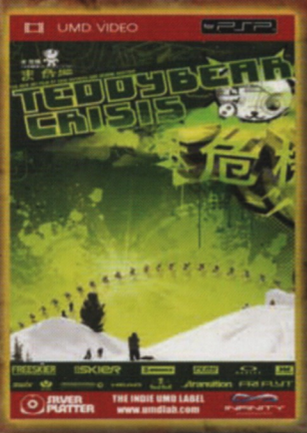
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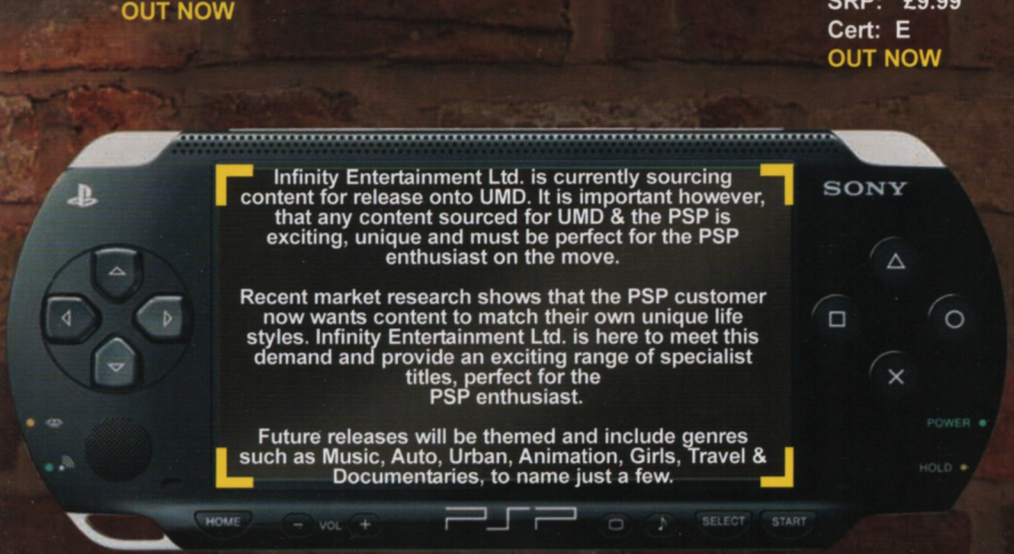
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IF IT'S ON PSP IT'S IN **PURE**

We have to admit to being somewhat surprised at the PURE offices when we got our hands on the awesome latest outing for the Def Jam beat 'em-up franchise. Seen in the past on other formats as something of an also ran when compared to the likes of the mighty *Tekken* and its bretheren, Def Jam has come to the PSP (a console starved of a decent beat 'em-up) and made those old warhorses look more than a little long in the tooth. Indeed, when it comes to claiming the title 'King of the Fighters', the old boys haven't really brought anything new to the genre in quite a while now, giving us little more than piece-meal updates of previous titles, polished up a little with flashier graphics and a couple of new characters. Been there, done that. Truth is, we want more than simple jump, punch, kick gameplay with a couple of special moves thrown in for good measure these days. And, as we are now firmly planted in the 'next generation' of gaming, it's time for the game makers to realise this and take their own offerings to the next level. Gutsy, sassy and hugely involving, Def Jam on PSP is like a breath of fresh air to a tired and battered genre. More please.

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MICROSOFT HANDHELD RUMOURS GATHER PACE

NEW 'XBOY' TO ARRIVE IN 2008?



According to reliable industry sources, Microsoft is developing a handheld multimedia device to rival the Apple iPod and possibly the PSP. Microsoft's Robbie Bach has been having secret meetings with numerous music industry partners to discuss the proposed system.

Bach, who oversaw the launch of the Xbox and Xbox 360, has been tasked with making Microsoft's music and entertainment arm a more effective global player.

"WHETHER THE PROPOSED MICROSOFT HANDHELD WILL BE AIMED DIRECTLY AT THE GAMES MARKET IS YET TO BE CONFIRMED, HOWEVER."

This follows a claim by journalist Dean Takahashi in his book The Xbox 360 Uncloaked that Microsoft is working on a handheld device within the Xbox division, with Corporate Vice President J Allard leading the project. Takahashi claims that around half of the Xbox 360 hardware team is working on the new machine which is planned to be released halfway through the Xbox 360's lifespan. This ties in with a report by analyst firm The Diffusion Group which forecasts that Microsoft will join the portable gaming market by 2008.

Rumours of a Microsoft handheld console have been circulating for several years. The firm was apparently working on such a device, codenamed 'Xboy', following the launch of the original Xbox. However, the project was said to have been ditched before prototype systems were created. Back in 2003, Microsoft Vice President Peter Moore was dismissive of handheld gaming, calling it "a very solitary, time-killing activity." Perhaps with advances in wireless technology to enable social gaming, and the success of the PSP and DS, Microsoft has had a change of heart.

Chairman Bill Gates recently hinted at a move into the handheld market at the D: All Things Digital conference in Carlsbad, California. When questioned about a possible portable media device, he commented, "We are looking at various ways to bring more to that space. There is a lot yet that hasn't been done."

Whether the proposed Microsoft handheld will be aimed directly at the games market is yet to be confirmed, however. Many industry insiders are suggesting that it will be a media-based product that will work alongside an Xbox 360 or standard PC to download music, music videos, TV shows and movies, coupled with a game-playing capability. A video and music player capable of playing games is something that would fit well with Microsoft's overall home entertainment strategy and the firm could even sell the downloads directly by creating its own iTunes-style online entertainment store.

Indeed, marketing the new 'Xboy' as a games device might be a sneaky way of circumventing strict US anti-trust laws aimed at preventing monopolies. For Microsoft to release its own music player tied to its own online music store would surely invite an official investigation. However, if it released

"Footballers don't kill sales, dull games do"

Games Gob Puts the industry in their place

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a handheld games machine also capable of playing music and movies, this might be a way of challenging Apple's iPod and iTunes indirectly. It would also simultaneously remove Microsoft's one major disadvantage to Sony and Nintendo in the games market, both of whom have handheld devices (PSP and DS) that can operate with their next-generation home consoles (PS3 and Wii).

We'll just have to wait how to see how the new Xboy turns out, if indeed the project comes to fruition this time. PURE will bring you more news of its development as we get it.





The Microsoft boys have every angle of Sony in their sights.

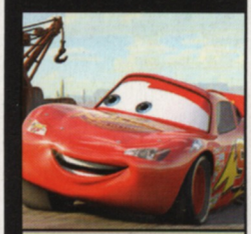
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of American adults play video games

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Stuff you need to know about this month



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The British Open golf championship tees off at the Royal Liverpool course.

22 JULY

See the huge new Airbus A380 at the Farnborough International Air Show.

28 JULY

The latest Disney/Pixar animated movie, *Cars*, zooms into the cinema.

01 AUGUST

Taste over 450 ales at the five-day Great British Beer Festival, at Earls Court.

04 AUGUST

Chill out at the three-day Big Chill @ Eastnor Castle music festival in Herefordshire.



PS3 WATCH



Watch this space for the latest news from Sony's next-gen scene

Sony has dismissed rumours that the PlayStation 3's hardware specs would be downgraded. A well-known website had claimed that Sony was having trouble fitting the various PS3 components into the console case without the risk of overheating.

Sony's Jonathan Fargher commented, "The PS3 downgrade story is categorically not true. Developers have been working with PS3 dev kits for anywhere between eight and 12 months, and to suggest that we'd now take the decision to downgrade the hardware at such a late stage, is, well, ridiculous. Worse still is the suggestion that we couldn't fit all the technical components into a plastic box. Granted, whilst all products are not perfect, we do have over 40 years of experience making consumer electronics equipment, and therefore, extensive experience in making things fit - PSone and Slimline PS2 being just two examples of that."

Meanwhile top developers working on PS3 titles have spoken out to deny rumours about problems with the PS3's Cell and RSX hardware, calling them "misleading and uninformed." A technology website had reported that the PS3 was "slow and broken" and that the Cell processor had been "hobbled" by slow memory access. It also mentioned that the PS3's RSX graphics unit had a slower triangle setup rate than the Xbox 360. However, the developers say that the latter is a meaningless measurement of performance, while the slow memory access assertion was based on a miscomprehension of the technical data revealed at Sony's Devstation event for PS3 developers.

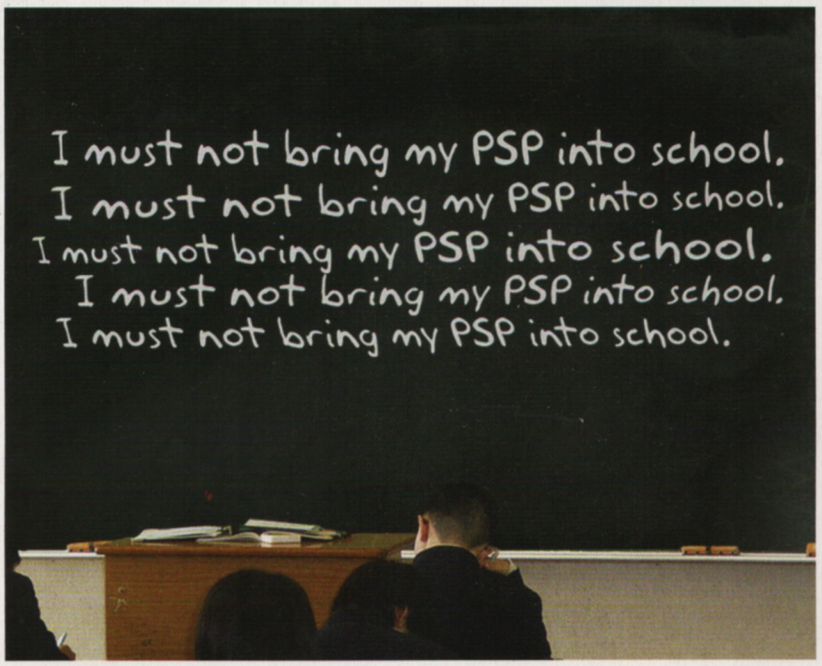
More good news: PS3 owners won't have to pay for basic online services. Sony Computer Entertainment president Ken Kutaragi commented, "You can't charge money for network matching and other basic services. These things are just taken for granted on the PC." There will be charges for downloadable content, however.

PLAY IT FORWARD

The latest games on the way to the PS3

Edge of Reality has officially announced that *Cipher Complex* will be released for PS3 (and Xbox 360) in 2007. The first completely original title from the Texas-based developer is an intense, cinematic military combat game featuring stealth action in a similar vein to *Splinter Cell*. When a recon satellite is mysteriously blasted from orbit, and diplomatic requests for information are stonewalled, the US government is forced to call in its last resort - Operative John Cipher. Charged with uncovering the truth by any means necessary, Cipher is going behind enemy lines to extract information the hard way.

"The evolution of action games has seemed to plateau, perhaps because of the emphasis on sequels," said Binu Philip, president of Edge of Reality. "We are exploring and developing brand new styles of gameplay and methods of storytelling. The concept and mechanics of *Cipher Complex* have been incubating in our mind for years, and with power of the next-gen consoles, we can finally make our dream project a reality."



SCHOOL CONFISCATES CONSOLES

BAD KIDS NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY

A London head teacher is confiscating unruly pupils' consoles, computers and TV from their bedrooms in a bid to improve their behaviour at school.

Duncan Harper, of New Woodlands School in Lewisham, said that that stopping computer and TV use at night had made a real difference and that standards had risen.

Equipment has been confiscated from nine pupils in four years. With the permission of the parents, Mr Harper entered the houses of pupils who were arriving tired and irritable every morning. If the pupil's behaviour has improved after a few weeks, their equipment is returned. However, one pupil who had his television confiscated noticed an improvement in his own behaviour and decided he no longer wanted it back.

Mr Harper commented that the confiscations damaged the 'street cred' of the pupils using consoles and computers in their rooms: "When we turn up they are usually absolutely gobsmacked. They are quite taken aback, as like lots of kids they might think adults don't mean what they say."

Mayor Steve Bullock supports the unusual method, commenting, "When I was a kid, a message home to my parents would have had me quaking in my boots. The kids these days have so many temptations to use electronic equipment that they need more - not less - guidance."

New Woodlands deals with primary-age children excluded from mainstream schools in the area because of behavioural problems and was recently rated 'outstanding' in all areas by Ofsted.

A poll of 3,000 school children by the British Dietetic Association found they spent a fifth of their time - or 2.5 months a year - on average playing video games, watching TV and using computers. The Basic Skills Agency has also warned that too much television and a lack of family meals are damaging children's conversational ability and that some four-year-olds threw tantrums in class because they could not communicate in any other way.



Nintendo president Satoru Iwata

"I have never thought the [Wii] name was a mistake. Some people seem to have a problem with it now, but I think they'll grow to like it."

BITESIZE

Ten-second stories

VIVA LAS VEGAS

Enter a virtual PSP casino



505 Gamestreet has announced the PSP version of Playwize Poker and Casino. Based on the recently released PS2 game, it packs four virtual casinos into the PSP. You can explore each 3D venue, chatting to other gamblers and playing the numerous casino games including blackjack, slot machines, roulette, craps, baccarat and red dog. There are also private rooms where you can play various versions of poker, such as Texas Hold 'Em and Crazy Pineapple. You can even customise your character's appearance with outfits and bling bought from the boutique at each casino. PSP Playwize Poker and Casino is due for release this October.

KONAMI SIGNS ADRIANO

Brazilian new face of Pro Evo



The face of Brazil and Inter Milan striker Adriano will adorn the boxes of Pro Evolution Soccer 6 all across Europe when the game is released this autumn. The player, whose full name is Leite Ribeiro Adriano, commented "I am really looking to working with Konami on what everyone knows to be the most realistic football game around." Rumours that Konami was going to sign Ronaldo but couldn't fit his chubby face on the box are completely spurious.

PS2 IS A CONSOLE

Sony loses customs case



Sony has lost its five-year legal battle to have the PlayStation2 classified by Customs & Excise as a computer rather than a games console. As a result, Sony will not be able to claim a £34.2 million rebate for the period between 2001 and 2004 when, unlike computers, consoles were subject to EU import duties. However, since then the rules have changed and tariffs are no longer charged on imported consoles. The Court of Appeal ruling denied Sony the right to take the case to the European Court of Justice.

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MONKEY MANIA

If all you want is a bit of old school gaming with some new modern up-dates then Super Monkey Ball Adventure is perfect for you. As well as a plethora of puzzles and monkey antics there is now a new platform side to the game that really enhances this classic game. Thanks to the super adventurous people over at Sega, we at Pure have 5 copies of the game to give away.

To be in with a chance of winning, simply answer the following question:

Which of the following is also a famous monkey?

A: King Henry VIII
B: King Kong
C: Hong Kong

Please mark your entry **'Monkey Mania'**.
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BLADE DANCER PIROUETTES INTO EUROPE

Japanese RPG gets official release

Ignition Entertainment is to release the PSP-exclusive role-playing game Blade Dancer: Lineage of Light in Europe this autumn.

Set in the fantasy 3-D world of Lunadia, the game takes place in real-time, with day turning into night as time progresses. Playing as the intrepid young adventurer Lance, you arrive on the Island of Foo - rumoured to be where the evil Demon Lord was sealed in an ancient battle with the Guardian of Light, Blade Dancer Gerald (who thinks of these character names?).

Developed by Hit Maker Co Ltd and Sony Computer Entertainment Worldwide Studios Japan, the game features a unique real-time battle system rather than the turn-based combat favoured by most RPGs. There's also a unique monster encounter system where you can physically see enemies on the world map, so no more frustrating random battles, and a multiplayer mode for up to four participants.

"Blade Dancer is a PSP exclusive that truly uses the format to its full potential," commented Ignition Product Manager, Peter Rollinson. "With up to four players, stunning visuals and a revolutionary game system, we are confident that Blade Dancer will be the RPG of choice across Europe"

NEXT EXIT

Mr Esc is back again

Quirky action puzzler Exit from Taito is set to get a sequel later this year. Currently titled Kangaeru Exit, or Thinking Exit, Taito promise 110 new levels with gameplay based more around puzzle solving than the previous title. Due for a September release in Japan expect it to hit our shores early next year.



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Ten-second stories

IMMERSION RUMBLES ONTO NEXT-GEN

Force feedback and tilt control

Immersion Corporation has claimed that its new TouchSense force-feedback technology for next-generation system controllers will offer greater realism in its force feedback and also be compatible with the tilt-sensing function. This will surely embarrass Sony, which dropped the force feedback feature from its PS3 controllers, claiming it would have interfered with their tilt sensors. Perhaps if the two firms buried their legal differences, the PS3 pads could have a rumble feature after all. Sony is currently appealing against a court decision that it violated Immersion's force feedback patents with its PSone and PS2 Dual Shock joypads.



DEATH JR MANGA

PSP game spawns comics

Seven Seas Entertainment is to produce an original manga graphic novel based on the PSP game Death Jr. Due to be released in 2007, the 192-page Death Jr: Pandora manga will put the spotlight on Death's girlfriend, Pandora. The story follows her discovery of a secret portal that sends her to the future and into the body of her teenage self. She must save the future Death Jr from his nemesis: a snake-haired foreign exchange student with a deadly Medusa-like gaze. Meanwhile the PSP game sequel, Death Jr 2: Root of Evil, is set for release later this year.



GAMES GOB

THE VOICE OF UNREASON

FOOTBALLERS DON'T KILL SALES, DULL GAMES DO!

Interesting to read over the past few weeks that the doom and gloom merchants in the trade press have been wallowing in the 'news' that the industry has hit yet another slump, albeit only a temporary one, caused by the lethal concoction of the World Cup and impending school exams. Yes, it seems that software sales throughout the UK have seen a week-on-week drop of over a third recently, due to the family TVs being dominated by the footy, and cruel parents cutting back on the time their children are allowed to devote to their consoles in deference to studying for the latest batch of exams. Oh, and the nice weather hasn't helped much either. Sunshine equals fresh air, which in return equals less interest in sitting indoors jacked into your console apparently.

How convenient.

So the recent fall in sales couldn't possibly have anything to do with the fact that the latest batch of releases on most formats over the past month has generally

IF A GAME'S GOOD ENOUGH, GAMERS WILL ALWAYS FIND TIME TO PLAY IT.

been crap? Perish the thought. And the idea that once the World Cup comes to an end then everything will just click back into its normal groove is like deciding that the Titanic wasn't such a bad old ship after all, and if we just build another one then things will be super. Pesky iceberg.

Bottom line is... it's all too easy to just blame the World Cup for dips in sales (although I'm sure EA aren't), or exam timetables and the summer heat... neither of which are exactly a surprise are they? The sour-tasting truth of the matter is, if you don't want dips in sales then release some games worth buying. If a game's good enough, gamers will always find time to play it. That's a fact, and this past month or so's offerings have been about as inspirational as Sven's attempts to turn Jamie Carragher into a world-class holding midfield player.

Finally, I was saddened to hear that the UK's number-one chain of games 'rental' stores will be closing their doors soon. Yes, GAME are on the verge of scrapping their ten-day 'no quibbles' returns policy, with many stores currently trailing a new scheme which sees the old ten-day policy replaced with a more traditional 28-day one, where games can only be returned if the chain's own seal on the boxes is unbroken. So no more buying a game, taking it home, finishing it and then taking it back to smugly swap it with the exasperated sales assistant for the latest new release. Gutted? Well, at least the stores will be a lot quieter from now on eh?

Nice Bodywork

KEELEY REVS UP FORMULA ONE

Model unveiled as 'face' of new game







Top model Keeley Hazell attended the recent British Grand Prix to promote Sony's Formula One 06 game for the PSP and PS2.

The well-known Page 3 girl, who ranked second in FHM magazine's 100 Sexiest Women in the World poll for 2006, set pulses racing as she posed with a Honda F1 car.

Delighted to represent the world's most glamorous sport, Keeley commented, "I'm very excited about this new experience. The British Grand Prix is my first opportunity to see Formula One cars in action. Fast cars and boys - what more could a girl want..." Hmm, how's about a job as PURE's in-house masseuse? (By the way, this story isn't just an excuse to print her picture. Perish the thought.)

Due for release in July, Formula One 06 features all the official 2006 season circuits, drivers and cars, along with a learning centre for novice players and online multiplayer action that even lets you play against PS2 owners. For more details on the game, see the review in this issue.



- French website JeuXpo has reported that Namco is developing Ridge Racer 2 for the PSP and that the sequel could be set for release as soon as this October. Another rumour mentions that the game will boast an eight-player online mode.

- As well as Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Stories, it seems that Rockstar Games will be releasing a second PSP title in 2006. At least that's according to a financial earnings report from parent company Take-Two, which states that the title will be based on another premier brand.

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Another Christmas chart-topper from EA on the way.

NEW NEED FOR SPEED

Carbon set to burn through streets

Electronic Arts has announced the arrival of Need For Speed Carbon on all major consoles, including the PSP.

Developed by EA Black Box in Vancouver, the game promises adrenaline-filled street racing and more. You and your crew must race against rivals to try to take over their city neighbourhoods. However, when the police turn up the heat, what starts in the city will be settled in Carbon Canyon. Here you get to race along tortuous canyon roads where one wrong move can lead to disaster.

The game's executive producer, Larry LaPierre, commented, "We pride ourselves on our ability to reinvent the franchise and continually uncover new and exciting trends in car culture. Canyon Racing is a real test of a driver's skill and we think it provides a fantastic gameplay opportunity to lean into."

The new Autosculpt technology will also offer greater customisation options, enabling you to design and tweak your crew's cars in every way. Need For Speed Carbon is due for release this November.

BLU-RAY DELAY

New player slips again

The release date for Sony's first Blu-ray DVD player, the BDP-S1, has been pushed back to 25 October - only weeks before the launch of the PlayStation 3, which also incorporates a Blu-ray player.

Sony now has little time to promote the new high-definition DVD format and raise consumer awareness before the arrival of the PS3, which may now be positioned as a standard bearer for Blu-ray technology. Interestingly, with a price point of $999.95 in the US, the BDP-S1 is significantly more expensive than the PS3 - which weighs in at $599 for the 60GB model; $499 for 20MB.

A UK price point for the BDP-S1 has yet to be announced, although some retailers are offering pre-orders for £800.

Meanwhile the PS3 will cost around £425 for the 60GB version - it is thought that the 20GB model may not be released in Europe, following recent comments by Sony's Ray Maguire: "The lower-end 20GB version of PlayStation 3 has no Wi-Fi, no HDMI and none of the other slots in it, so it's really a question of where we would position it. It's more likely that we will only launch the 60GB version."



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Once the PHOTO option is selected. Press ⊗ to view the pictures stored on your PSP. Select your new wallpaper image press △ to bring up the picture options. Choose the second item from the left on the top row titled 'Set as Wallpaper'.

Press ⊗ to set the image as wallpaper. Now take your PSP out and impress your friends with its hot new look.



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Wacky PSP adverts from the Land of the Rising Sun

ITADAKI STREET PORTABLE

Best described as the Japanese version of Monopoly, *Itadaki Street Portable* was originally released on the PS2 last year. It features two of Square Enix's bestselling RPGs, *Dragon Quest* and *Final Fantasy*, in a board game where you can play super-deformed versions of characters from either franchise including Cloud, Aerith and Sephiroth from *Final Fantasy VII*.



As with many PSP ads, the scene opens in a bar (yes, kids, gaming is for adults too) and the young barkeeper chats with her customer while she mixes his drink.

"Are you playing *Itadaki Street Portable*?"

"Yep," he replies, grinning.



Three other patrons instantly turn and whip out their own PSPs.

"Did you say *Itadaki*?!"

"*Portable*?"

"*Itadaki... Portable*?"



Flash back to the lucky customer and his PSP, we get to see him playing the game while a voiceover extols that this exciting game "can be played anywhere by anyone".



The barkeeper is still mixing drinks while the game's logo dominates the screen, letting gamers know that *Itadaki Street Portable* will be out in May.



The final screen shows that gamers can indeed make friends by sharing *Itadaki Street Portable* with others and ends with lots of cheesy grinning.

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MERCURY RISES AGAIN

Puzzler sequel on the way

Ignition Entertainment is to release Mercury Meltdown exclusively on the PSP this September.

Developed by the Ignition Banbury studio (formerly Awesome Studios), this sequel to the award-winning puzzler features the same basic concept of rolling a blob of mercury around mazelike levels, avoiding various hazards and completing tasks.

Numerous improvements include a new, fairer progression system. This time the levels (double the original number at over 160) are arranged in labs; to progress to the next lab, you don't even need to complete every level, making it much less frustrating. Also, even if the time runs out on a level, you can still continue playing and earn mercury towards completing the current lab. Another helpful feature is the ability to pause the game and move the camera freely around the level to work out how to do it.

Your mercury blob now has four possible states: normal, hot, cold and solid - each moving in a different way. Another innovation is the collection of bonus stars to unlock five party games, including Wipeout-style racing and a rodeo. The two-player mode has also been revamped to be more of a battle game with the collection of power-ups to affect your opponent. Check out the next issue of PURE for a full preview.





SONY UPDATES PSP FIRMWARE AGAIN

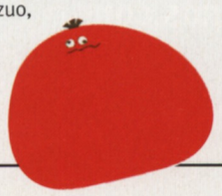
v2.71 upgrade now available

Barely a month since unveiling the v2.70 firmware update, Sony has released v2.71.



The main purpose appears to be improvements to the built-in LocationFree Player, enabling video output to now be correctly displayed on the PSP screen when streaming a video signal from an external source via the LocationFree base station. In addition, the Player allows access to both free and paid video content from Sony Computer Entertainment Japan's So-net download service, although this is obviously all in Japanese.

As with the previous v2.70 firmware, Macromedia Flash content can be displayed in the internet browser (once enabled via the System Settings), although some functions are still not supported and it uses the outdated Flash Player 6. There's also the facility to save RSS files and download demos directly to the Memory Stick. Currently, two game demos are available for download to the PSP: the 2D action platform game LocoRoco and Kazuo, the Japanese version of Go! Sudoku - the latter only being available on the Japanese PlayStation website (www.jp.playstation.com).



NEW FOOTBALL MANAGER

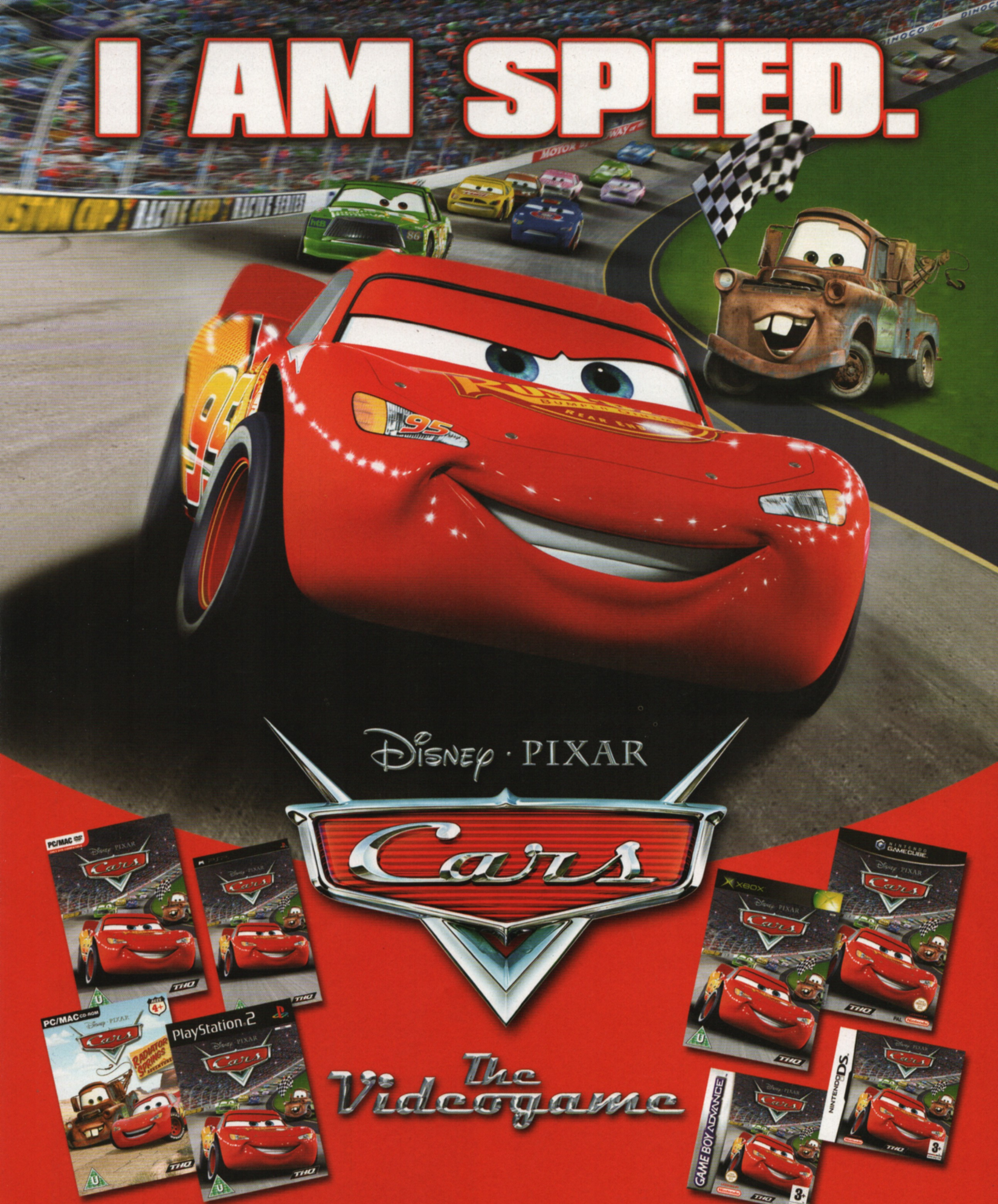
Latest version for Christmas



Sega has announced that *Football Manager 2007* will be released in time for Christmas, on PSP as well as PC, Mac, Intel Mac and Xbox 360. Updated with the latest team line-ups and player statistics, it will also boast numerous new features. These include more playable leagues and, for the very first time, network play on PSP, enabling you to compete against friends.

All versions see the addition of Feeder Clubs, where you can establish links with clubs to look for loan players or loan out your own young stars. A revamp of the youth teams includes full youth squads for each team with a youth setup, offering a much better system for the regeneration of players in the long-term game.

"We are constantly striving for perfection and are on track to deliver our most authentic football experience yet", commented Miles Jacobson, Studio Director of developers Sports Interactive.



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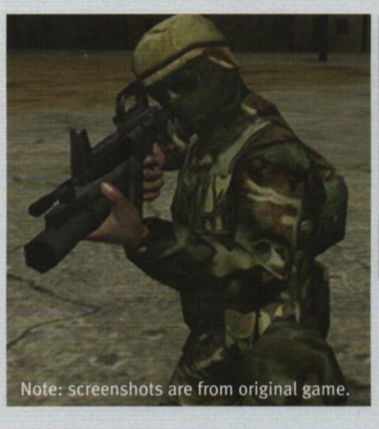
NEW ASSAULT ON IRAN

Kuma counterattack launched

Kuma\Reality Games is to release *Assault on Iran 3: Payback in Iraq* for the PC. This is in direct response to *Commander Bahman*, a game being developed by the Union of Islamic Student Societies in Iran and due out next March. In the latter, the aim is to rescue an Iranian nuclear scientist kidnapped by US forces. This game, in turn, was a response to Kuma's original *Assault on Iran* title which simulated a US attack on a key Iranian nuclear installation. Apparently, *Payback in Iraq* will pick up from where *Commander Bahman* ends and will even have gaps in the plot for the Iranians to fill in their next game.

According to Kuma's CEO Keith Halper, "This kind of game-based dialogue is unprecedented in the history of international relations. To have been able to ignite such a vital discourse with a video game is beyond our greatest hopes. While we seek to bring current affairs to life in a manner that is both accessible and relatable, the thoughtful engagement by the Union of Islamic Student Societies was unexpected and thrilling. We think the story they've suggested is exciting and relevant, and both emotionally and politically charged. We look forward to responding with the same level of thought-provoking, relevant game-play in which the whole world can participate."

Kuma specialises in creating free downloadable war games based on real world events, just weeks after they have happened – including missions based on the recent US killing of terrorist al-Zarqawi in Iraq. A beta version of *Payback in Iraq* is now available for download at Kuma's website (www.kumawar.com).





Note: screenshots are from original game.

CROSS WORDS FROM CRAVE?

First PSP word puzzle game

Crave Entertainment has released *Puzzle Challenge: Crosswords and More!*, a compilation of over 1,000 crosswords, word searches and other puzzles for the PSP and PS2 - the first such game for either system in the US.

It's kind of like having a whole library of *Puzzler* magazines to hand - and you don't even need a pencil.

There are standard crosswords of varying difficulty, tricky cryptic ones, diamond-shaped ones and even backwards puzzles. Word searches come in standard and themed varieties on grids of varying sizes.

It also allows multiple user profiles so that different members of the household can play.



RELEASE SCHEDULE

What's coming out in the orient?

Title and Publisher	Release Date
Bleach: Heat the Soul 3 *SCEI*	20/07/06
Portable Island: Te no hira no Resort *Bandai Namco Games*	20/07/06
Ultraman Fighting Evolution o *Banpresto*	20/07/06
Bomberman Portable *Hudson*	27/07/06
Densha De Go! Pocket Tokaidosen Hen *Taito*	27/07/06
Major League Baseball 2K6 *Spike*	27/07/06
Derby Stallion P *Enterbrain*	27/07/06
Carnage Heart Portable *Genki*	03/08/06
FIFA Street 2 *EA*	03/08/06
SD Gundam G Generation Portable *Namco Bandai Games*	03/08/06
Jissen Pachislot Hisshouhou! Fist of the North Star SE Portable *Sega*	10/08/06
Valhalla Knights Marvelous *Interactive*	10/08/06
Guilty Gear Judgment *Arc System Works*	24/08/06
MotoGP *Namco Bandai Games*	24/08/06
Shichidashiki Training Unoutanren Unotan Portable *Interchannel*	24/08/06
TOCA Race Driver 2 Ultimate Racing Simulator *Interchannel*	24/08/06
Lost Regunam - Makutsu no Koutei *Ertain*	08/06
Simple 2500 Series Portable!! Vol.7 The Doko Demo Kanji Quiz *D3 Publisher*	08/06
Goku Makaimura *Capcom*	09/06
Eiyuu Densetsu Sora no Kiseki FC Nihon *Falcom*	28/09/06

JAPANESE TOP 10 (Multiformat)

1	New Super Mario Bros Nintendo	DS
2	Kahashima Ryuuta Kyouju Kanshuu: Motto Nouo Kitaeru Otona DS Training Nintendo	DS
3	Kahashima Ryuuta Kyouju no Nouo Kitaeru Otona DS Training Nintendo	DS
4	Dragon Quest & Final Fantasy in Itadaki Street Portable Square Enix	PSP
5	Tetris DS Nintendo	DS
6	Kimi Kiss Enterbrain	PS2
7	World Soccer Winning Eleven 10 Konami	PS2
8	Eigoga Nigatena Otona no DS Training: Eigo Zuke Nintendo	DS
9	Doubutsu no Mori DS Nintendo	DS
10	Jikkyou Powerful Major League Konami	PS2

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JAPANESE RATINGS CHANGE AGAIN

New categories split mature games down the middle

Back in issue 4, we told you about the Japanese Computer Entertainment Rating Organisation (CERO)'s decision to change the rating system: 'A' standing for All Ages, 'B' for age 12 and up, 'C' for 15+, 'D' for 17+, and 'Z', a category devoted to games that can only be played by anyone 18 or older. CERO has even created a manga strip to explain the new ratings.

Now the changes have come into effect, the big surprise is how the games have been split between the D and Z ratings. Previous CERO 18 titles including bloodthirsty offerings like *God of War* and *Resident Evil 4* (or *Biohazard 4* as it is known in Japan) have been downgraded to a D, meaning any 17-year-old can now head to their local games store and pick up a copy. However, if they want to buy *The Getaway*, *Killer7* or the *GTA* games, they will have to wait until their 18th birthday.









SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE

Top video-gaming cities revealed

Seattle has been announced as the 'top video gaming city' in the United States, according to a survey by the Sperling's BestPlaces website. Previously the city has been best known as the birthplace of grunge music and Starbucks coffee and, of course, the setting for *Frasier*.

"The large amount of games played on Xbox Live and the high number of video games owned put Seattle at the top of list, clearly the survey confirms that games are sweeping the US," said Bert Sperling, founder of Sperling's BestPlaces.

The survey was based on the number of video game systems per household, games purchased/rented, and frequency of online play. Second in the list of top gaming cities was Minneapolis-St Paul.

It was also discovered that the average age of a gamer is 30, and that 19% of gamers are over 50. Even more revealing is that 55% of players are male and 43% female - erm, what about the other 2%?

LOUISIANA PURCHASE BAN

Wacky American Laws: Part Four

The Louisiana Senate has passed a bill to restrict the sale of violent video games. Co-authored by Rep Roy Burrell and infamous campaigner Jack Thompson, the bill makes it illegal to sell or rent out a game to a minor if it meets three conditions: 1) an average person would consider it "appeals to the minor's morbid interested in violence"; 2) it "depicts violence in a manner patently offensive to prevailing standards"; and 3) it "lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors". Anyone breaking the law faces a fine of up to $2,000 or 12 months in prison.

In response, ESA have filed a law suit against the state in an attempt to overturn the bill. ESA president Doug Lowenstein commented, "Six courts in five years have struck down similar laws, ruling that they were unconstitutional and rejecting the unpersuasive claims made by states that violent video games cause aggression."



RELEASE SCHEDULE

Games worth having a yank over!

Title and Publisher	Release Date
Pac-Man World Rally *Namco*	25/07/06
Tekken: Dark Resurrection *Namco*	25/07/06
Super Monkey Ball Adventure *Sega*	01/08/06
Madden NFL 07 *EA*	22/08/06
Mercury Meltdown *Ignition*	22/08/06
50 Cent: Bulletproof G Unit Edition *Vivendi*	29/08/06
The Fast and the Furious *Namco Bandai Games*	29/08/06
Cabela's Alaskan Adventure *Activision*	05/09/06
Guilty Gear Judgment *Majesco*	05/09/06
LocoRoco *Sony*	05/09/06
NASCAR 07 *EA*	05/09/06
NHL 07 *EA*	05/09/06
Ultimate Ghosts 'n Goblins *Capcom*	05/09/06
World Series of Poker: Tournament of Champions *Activision*	05/09/06
Bomberman Hudson *Soft*	12/09/06
Bounty Hounds *Namco*	12/09/06
The Godfather *EA*	12/09/06
Lego Star Wars II: The Original Trilogy *LucasArts*	12/09/06
Rengoku 2 *Konami*	12/09/06
Ace Combat X: Skies of Deception *Namco*	19/09/06
Open Season *Ubisoft*	19/09/06

US TOP 10 (Multiformat)

1	Mario Kart DS *Nintendo*	DS
2	Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon: Advanced Warfighter *Ubisoft*	Xbox 360
3	Moto GP 06 *THQ*	Xbox 360
4	Fight Night Round 3 *EA*	Xbox 360
5	Brain Age *Nintendo*	DS
6	New Super Mario Bros *Nintendo*	DS
7	FIFA World Cup Germany 2006 *EA*	PS2
8	Grand Theft Auto: Liberty City Stories *Rockstar*	PS2
9	Hitman: Bloody Money *Eidos*	Xbox 360
10	Big Brain Academy *Nintendo*	DS

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FOCUS: JAPAN



We say 'Konichiwa' to the other side of the games world...

JAPAN GOES LOCOROCO

New pack announced for Japanese market

In an attempt to wrestle the stranglehold from the Nintendo DS, Sony Japan has announced a special edition *LocoRoco* package. Boasting a white PSP, memory stick and exclusive LocoRoco carry case, the package in its themed box will retail for ¥24,799 (around £170). Sony is hoping the bundle will give a much needed boost to the console in Japanese territories which is currently dominated by Nintendo's DS. Recent figures suggest 135,000 DS Lite units were sold in the territory between 19 May and 4 June, compared to just under 25,000 PSPs. No news yet on whether the pack will make it to UK shores but we'll keep you informed if it does.



SONY OPENS SIGNATURE STORE

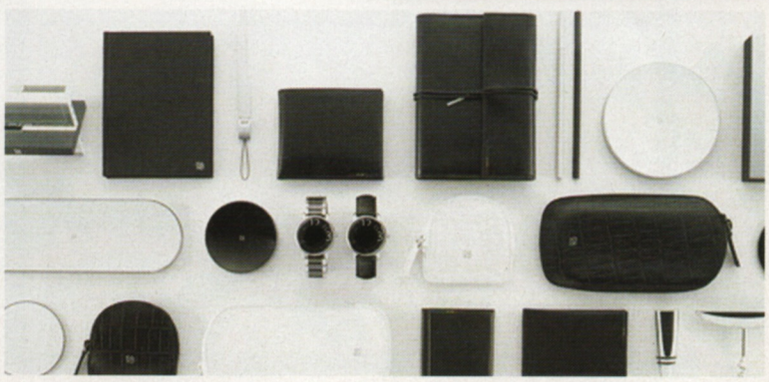
PlayStation merchandise goes mainstream... at a price

If you've ever wanted your own PlayStation-themed wine glasses, watch or tote bag then now is the time to rejoice. Sony has created a new range of merchandise, called PlayStation Signature, emblazoned with a logo that was inspired by the face buttons on the PSP and PS2. From pencils costing ¥2,600 (£12) to the ¥73,000 (£346) watch, merchandising fiends are sure to love this new range which also includes a faux crocodile-skin PSP case, corkscrews, stationery and clothing.

The new merchandise is on sale at the PlayStation Square store, located on the first floor of SCEJ's head office in Tokyo's swanky Aoyama district. Japan has a thing for stores selling themed *anime*, movie and gaming merchandise but PlayStation Square is the first to offer Japanese gamers such a wide range of items themed around the brand name rather than a specific game.

Back in issue 5 we reported on Sony's swanky Pictogram cases and this latest range of designer bling is sure to have Japanese gamers and *otaku* lining up with their credit cards. Unfortunately for the UK, Sony is only selling the PlayStation Signature line at the PlayStation Square store so all we can do is look and drool.





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Your Guide to PSP Gaming Goodness Lurking Just Over the Horizon

HOT DISCS

Tipping you off on the titles that will be turning up the heat on your PSP in the future

GUN: SHOWDOWN

Release Date: : 10/2006 **Publisher:** Activision

A huge hit on the home consoles and now its coming to PSP. It's not just another ride on the prairie either, with new missions and persisitent horses meaning no more riding poor old Dobbin into the ground. Strap on your six shooter and get ready to take some rootin' tootin' varmint blasting action anywhere you want.



LEGO STAR WARS II: THE ORIGINAL TRILOGY

Release Date: : 10/2006 **Publisher:** Activision

As amazing as the original game was, there was always something missing. Now that has been rectified with the upcoming release of a new game based on the original , and let's face it the best, trilogy. We can't wait to take out a lego Death Star, not to mention another chance to wipe out those damn fluffy little sods the Ewoks.



POWER STONE COLLECTION

Release Date: : 10/2006 **Publisher:** Sony

The PSP is just aching for a manic multiplayer game and Power Stone could provide the answer. Fast paced multiplayer on screen combat that lurches from hand to hand to some of the most insane weapons you will ever see. Get your friends linked up and get ready to beath the hell out of them.



MARVEL: ULTIMATE ALLIANCE

Release Date: : 11/2006 **Publisher:** Activision

Over 200 playable characters from the entire pantheon of Marvel heroes, how could you not love it? Mix and match to make your ultimate hero team and get out there and save the world. Sadly no word on whether you can set Wolverine after Daredevil and give the red-suited wimp the kicking he deserves. Schnikt!

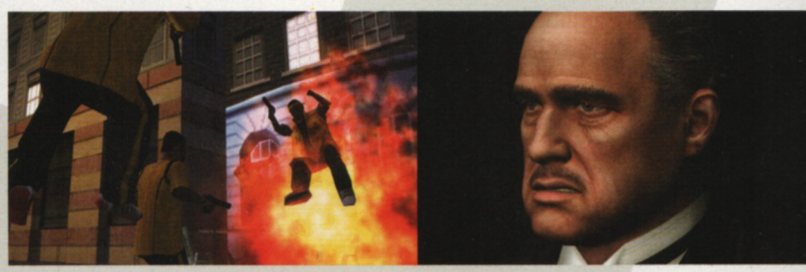


THRILLVILLE

Release Date: : 12/2006 **Publisher:** Atari

Is that a rollercoaster in your pocket, or are you just pleased to see us? The theme park management genre enters the world of the pocket portable. New levels of interactivity are promised that will see you shooting, riding and sliding around on many of your creations in plenty of promised mini games. Just don't get your log flume out on the bus.





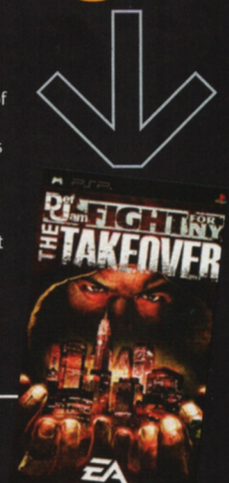
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Guilty Gear Judgement	THQ	22/09/2006
Capcom Puzzle World	Capcom	09/2006
Gitaroo Man Lives!	Koei	09/2006
Destiny's End	Headfirst	09/2006
Tekken: Dark Resurrection	Sony	09/2006
Mercury Meltdown	Ignition	09/2006
The Godfather	EA	09/2006
World Tour Golf	Oxygen	09/2006
World of Pool	Ghostlight	09/2006
Warlords Champions	D3	13/10/2006
Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Stories	Rockstar	20/10/2006
Gun: Showdown	Activision	10/2006
ATV Offroad Fury Pro	Sony	10/2006

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If all you've been missing is a really good fighting game, then fear not, in the release of *Def Jam Fight for NY: The Takedown* you have the perfect answer. Set in the streets of Brooklyn (not Beckham) New York the game sees some of the biggest Def Jam characters too date, as well as giving you the perfect chance to hand out some well deserved punishment. Thanks to the top guys at EA we have 3 copies of the game and 3 brilliant Def Jam cases to give away.

To be in with a chance of winning, simply answer the following question:



In which city is Def Jam set?

A: New York
B: York
C: New England

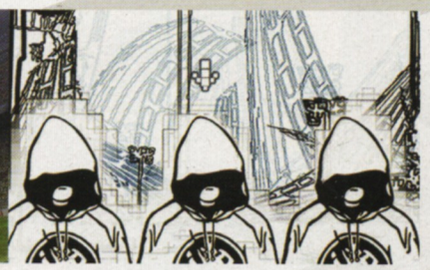
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Dungeon Siege: Throne of Agony	2K Games	10/2006
LEGO Star Wars II: The Original Trilogy	Activision	10/2006
NBA '07	Sony	10/2006
Scooby Doo! Who's Watching Who	THQ	10/2006
Eragon	Vivendi	11/2006
Marvel: Ultimate Alliance	Activision	11/2006
Killzone: Liberation	Sony	11/2006
Hot PXL	Atari	12/2006
Thrillville	Atari	12/2006
Dungeons and Dragons: Tactics	Atari	12/2006
Lumines II	Buena Vista	Autumn 2006
Every Extend Extra	Buena Vista	Autumn 2006
Gangs of London	SCEE	Autumn 2006
Mortal Kombat: Unchained	Midway	Autumn 2006
Power Stone Collection	Capcom	Autumn 2006
Sonic Rivals	Sega	Autumn 2006
Avatar: The Last Air bender	THQ	Autumn 2006
Bomberman	Konami	Autumn 2006
Call of Duty 3 PSP	Activision	Autumn 2006
Justice League Heroes	Eidos	Autumn 2006
Metal Slug Anthology	SNK	Autumn 2006
Pro Evolution Soccer 6	Konami	Autumn 2006
SOCOM: U.S. Navy SEALs Fireteam Bravo 2	Sony	Autumn 2006
Star Trek: Tactical Assault	Bethesda	Autumn 2006
Test Drive Unlimited	Atari	Autumn 2006
Tony Hawk's Project 8	Activision	Autumn 2006
Traxion	LucasArts	Autumn 2006
World Pool Challenge 2007	Sega	Autumn 2006
World Snooker Challenge 2007	Sega	Autumn 2006
WWE SmackDown vs. RAW 2007	THQ	Autumn 2006
Silent Hill: Origins	Konami	Winter 2006

TOP10 UK CHART



1 FIFA WORLD CUP GERMANY 2006 *EA*
The World Cup may be over for another four years, but with the official game of the Tournament you can re-live all of the highs and lows of the greatest spectacle in the world. With some of the best stadium renders a football game has ever seen, FIFA takes its rightful place at the top of the charts.

2 Lara Croft Tomb Raider: Legend *Eidos*
She may have made the transformation to PSP but it's far from her best, although it still seems to strike the right chord with you guys.

3 Pro Evolution Soccer 5 *Konami*
On many consoles this is the football game to beat, but for the first time in a long time it's second best to FIFA.

4 Daxter *SCEE*
Onits way back up the charts sidekick Daxter's antics and film parody mini games are battling their way back onto many PSPs.

5 LocoRoco *Sony*
Jumping straight in at number 5, it seems that Sony's downloadable demo has paid dividends for this wacky game.

6 Grand Theft Auto: Liberty City Stories *Rockstar*
It looks like everybody's getting bored of driving round in stolen cars and shooting random people. Why?

7 Football Manager 2006 *Sega*
Will Bobby Robson's legendary 4-4-4 formation cut it on the PSP? Managers wanted - sheepskin coat not required.

8 Lemmings *SCEE*
The suicidal little critters are making something of a comeback as once again they claw their way back up the chart.

9 Monster Hunter: Freedom *Capcom*
Visually stunning and extremely involving *Monster Hunter: Freedom's* mix of plenty to do and see is proving popular.

10 Dragon Ball Z: Shin Budokai *Atari*
Propping up the chart this week is one of the more bizarre fighting games to be given a PSP release. For fans of the show only.

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PURE FAVES Meet the games that almost stopped us from finishing the magazine this month...



MARC
GITAROO MAN
Not normally one for dance/rhythm games, this title is so addictive I just haven't been able to leave it alone. Ignore the annoying sidekick and start spanking that plank. Once you pick it up you won't put it down.



PETE
MIAMI VICE: THE GAME
Now I'm a big fan of shooting games that involve a little bit more than running round and getting injured. Miami Vice is more about taking cover and waiting for the right time to shoot. Not only that, it's brilliant in two-player mode.



MIKE
DEF JAM FIGHT FOR NY: THE TAKEOVER
Plenty of moves and brutal matches make this a must-have for me. I can't put it down and I don't usually count beat-'em-ups amongst my list of favourite game genres to play either.



DAN
DEAD TO RIGHTS: RECKONING
I love action adventure games and once you get into the groove of this one it really does deliver, full of explosions, slow-motion moves and brilliant bone-crunching disarms. How can anyone not love this game?

TOMORROW'S GAMES TODAY

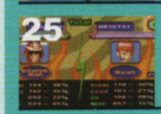
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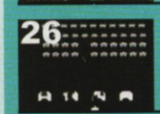
To say we are happier than a pig in the proverbial to be playing the best Star Wars trilogy in Lego form is putting it mildly. While *Gitaroo Man Lives* has confirmed to us that the Japanese game developers are definitely putting something in their staff's water. In fact we have a huge array of games to show you to help keep you warm in the oncoming winter months.


24 **THRILLVILLE** Building and managing a theme park has never promised so much.


24 **PASSPORT TO...** The ultimate travel tool to combine with the *Talkman* utility?


25 **WORLD OF POOL** Pool gets a sprucing up for the handheld generation.

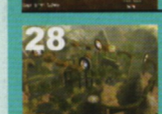

25 **GITAROO MAN LIVES** Crazy graphics couple with addictive gameplay...


26 **TAITO LEGENDS 2** More retro arcade fun given a new lease of life in your pocket.


26 **CAPCOM PUZZLE COLLECTION** Classic puzzlers collected together for the first time.


27 **ULTIMATE GHOSTS 'N' GOBLINS** An arcade classic.


28 **B-BOY** Pop, lock and spin your way to glory in this breakdance sim.


28 **SPINOUT** High rise racing with super powered balls. Oo-er missus!


29 **BOMBERMAN** Classic multiplayer action almost custom made for the PSP.


29 **STAR TREK TACTICAL ASSAULT** Real time ship combat.

WANNA PLAY Explained

Just to make things crystal clear, every game gets a 'Wanna Play' rating - the longer the queue of people waiting in line to get to grips with the game, the more excited we are about the software being in devlopment for PSP.

Rest assured that we'll be keeping a very close eye indeed on the games that score top marks, and bringing you more information on them just as soon as we can get it.





Even in Lego form Han is still the cool dude around the cantina.

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LEGO Star Wars II: The Original Trilogy

Use the bricks Luke!

Publisher: LucasArts **Genre:** Action **Website:** lucasarts.com/games/legostarwarsii/



It's amazing how simple things can invoke great memories of days gone by: the smell of Play-Doh and little Becky Sampson showing her knickers doing handstands in the playground at break, LEGO bricks and trips to casualty to have them removed from your nostril and, of course, who can forget a humongous spaceship looming across the screen and opening your youthful eyes to a whole new world of cinema?

Sadly Becky is now grown up with five or six kids and a bloody big husband and Play-Doh just smells weird. Not all things turn sour as you get older though and those




"These aren't the bricks you are looking for."





"Keep an eye out for those damn Ewoks."

This year's Imperial fashion collection has something of a military feel.

// FORGET YOUR JAR-JARS AND STICK YOUR JANGOS WHERE THE SUN DON'T SHINE //

geniuses over at LucasArts and Traveller's Tales have only gone and mashed two of the greatest icons of childhood together again for another outing and this time it's coming to PSP. Yes, prepare for more playground fights with your mates over who is going to be Darth with the upcoming release of *LEGO Star Wars II: The Original Trilogy*.

Granted the title is a bit of as giveaway, but forget your Jar-Jars and stick your Jangos where the sun don't shine – as the cereal says, this is the original and the best.

LEGO Star Wars II will offer PSP players the chance to battle their way from the deserts of Tattooine, across the frozen world of Hoth and on to the Ewok-infested Endor (you will have to forgive the Ewok hatred, but what the bloody hell were teddies doing in *Star Wars*?). All the classic scenes are featured and, as you can see from our screenshots, they all have that unique LEGO touch that made the first game so successful. Ever wanted to drive an AT-AT or a Landspeeder? Now's your chance with vehicles from the entire trilogy accessible, and it's not just mechanical either with promises of Banthas and Tauntauns also being available to ride. A huge number of playable characters, over 50 in total, cover the whole range of aliens, heroes and villains. Yes, you too can finally fulfil your dream of being a Gamorrean Guard or even a Jawa if the fancy takes you.

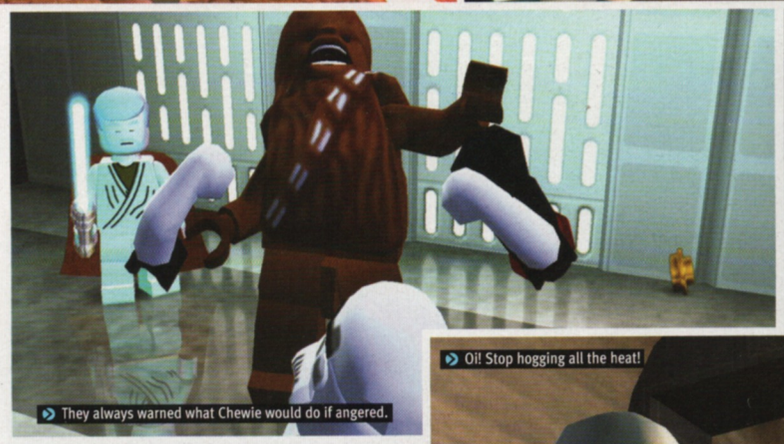
The prequel trilogy also gets a look-in with mini recap movies and a chance to play the final levels from the first three episodes in true *LEGO Star Wars* style. With collectible minikit pieces in the levels, you can even unlock prequel favourites such a Darth Maul and General Grievous, take them into Free Play mode and skew the history of *Star Wars* beyond all recognition as Darth Maul takes out the original Death Star in his TIE Fighter. In fact, the possibilities are endless with the character creator. Character-specific attacks will also


"We're all going on a Summer Holiday"



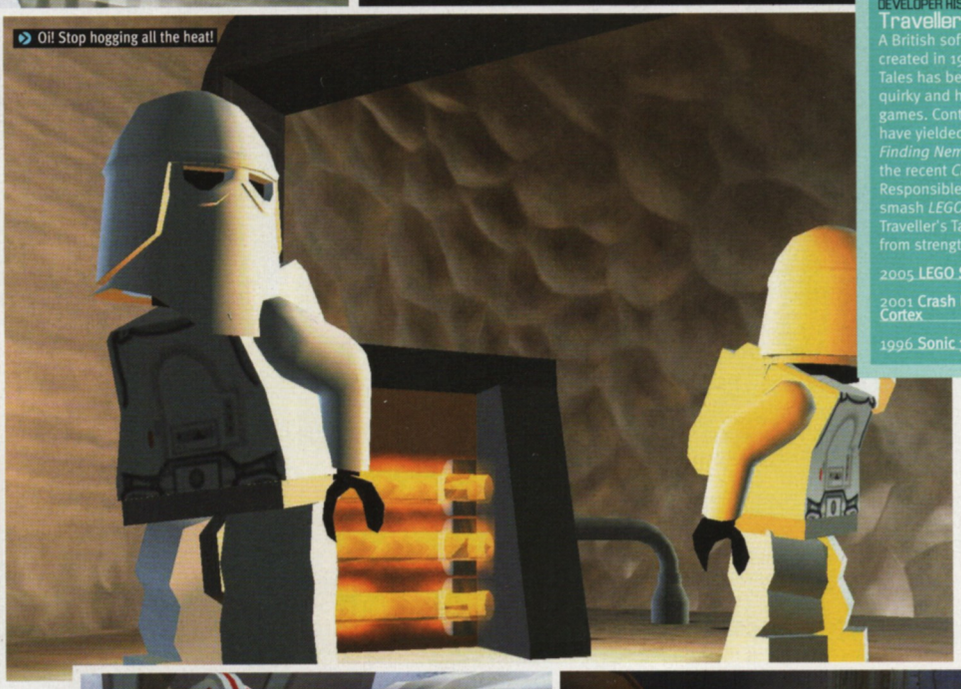
Sand People everywhere and not a bucket or spade in sight.





They always warned what Chewie would do if angered.





Oi! Stop hogging all the heat!

//YES, YOU TOO CAN FINALLY FULFIL YOUR DREAM OF BEING A GAMORREAN GUARD OR EVEN A JAWA IF THE FANCY TAKES YOU.//

DEVELOPER HISTORY

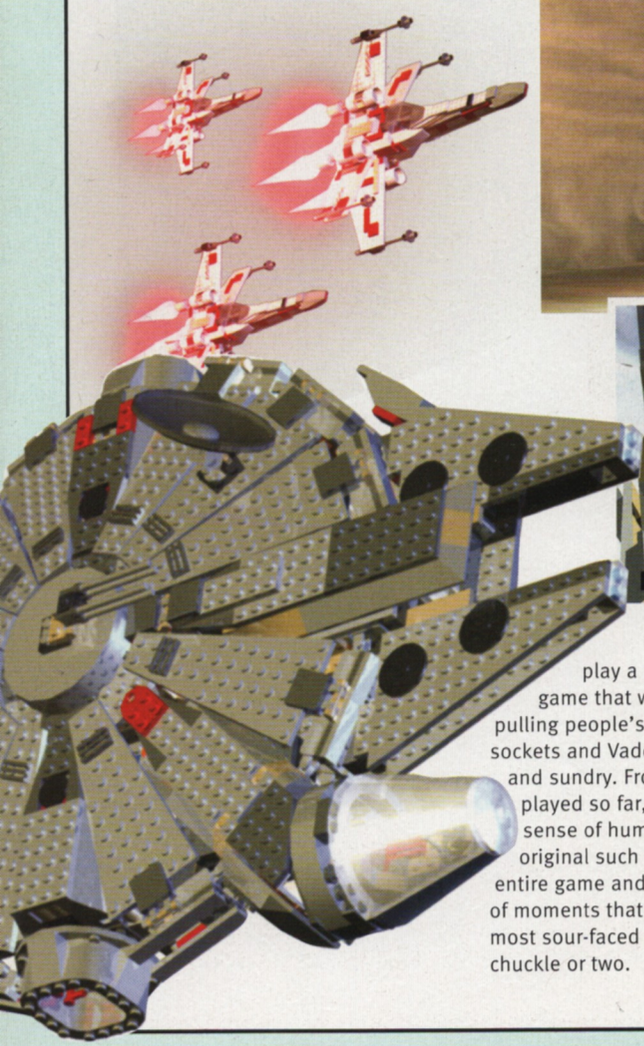
Traveller's Tales

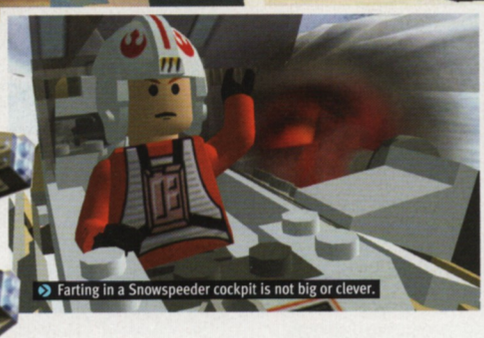
A British software house created in 1990, Traveller's Tales has become known for its quirky and highly playable games. Contracts with Disney have yielded *Toy Story* and *Finding Nemo* games as well as the recent *Chronicles of Narnia*. Responsible for the critical smash *LEGO Star Wars*, Traveller's Tales continues to go from strength to strength.

2005 LEGO Star Wars

2001 Crash Bandicoot: Wrath of Cortex

1996 Sonic 3D Blast





Farting in a Snowspeeder cockpit is not big or clever.



"Where was my Father's Day card?"

play a part in the new game that will see Chewbacca pulling people's arms out of their sockets and Vader Force choking all and sundry. From what we have played so far, the same silly sense of humour that made the original such fun pervades the entire game and will provide plenty of moments that will make even the most sour-faced fan raise the odd chuckle or two.

With PSP-specific wireless co-op play and the ability to share unlocked characters with your pals, the replay value is going to be huge once you conquer the massive one-player game. Don't go thinking this is going to be a stroll in the cantina though: ability-tuned gameplay means the better you are at the game, the harder it's going to get for you as you progress.

We here at PURE are huge *Star Wars* fans and loved the original game, and to say we can't wait to get our hands on this one is putting it mildly. In fact, we are more than happy to smooch a Wookiee if it means we get to enjoy more LEGO loveliness. And remember, dicking around with a lightsaber is fun and games... until somebody loses an eye.

WANNA PLAY?

The Bricks Are Strong In These Ones

To find out more about the development of *LEGO Star Wars II*, PURE spoke to David Perkinson (Producer, LucasArts) and Jonathan Smith (Director, TT Games).





PURE: Why do think LEGO and *Star Wars* work so well together?

David Perkinson: I think a lot of it has to do with how old of a gamer you are. Obviously, the LEGO aspect of it all particularly appeals to younger gamers, and *Star Wars* is also very popular with them. However, our research shows that just as many older gamers enjoyed the original *LEGO Star Wars*. I think nostalgia is a big part of that, as most of our childhoods involved both LEGO and *Star Wars*. Whatever the case, they're both combined in a fundamentally fun and great game, and that's something any gamer is interested in playing. It's also really funny! Who doesn't love to laugh?

PURE: You seem to have aimed to make the game as customisable as possible?

Jonathan Smith: That's completely central to the idea of a LEGO game – something that you can transform to your own design. So, yes, we give you a totally flexible character-building system in *LEGO Star Wars* II, with new elements unlockable as you progress to give billions of possible designs. Vehicle building is a little different here; you're constructing these craft to authentic *Star Wars* designs rather than creating your own customised ships. That's a direction we'll be taking further for future LEGO games.

PURE: Did this make level and puzzle design trickier?

DP: On the contrary, factors like the amount of customisation and our new approach to vehicles have only added to our options for puzzle design. There are times when you absolutely need to ride a vehicle or creature in order to advance or to reach otherwise impossible-to-get-to areas.

PURE: Was it difficult to create AI that adapts to the player's skill level?

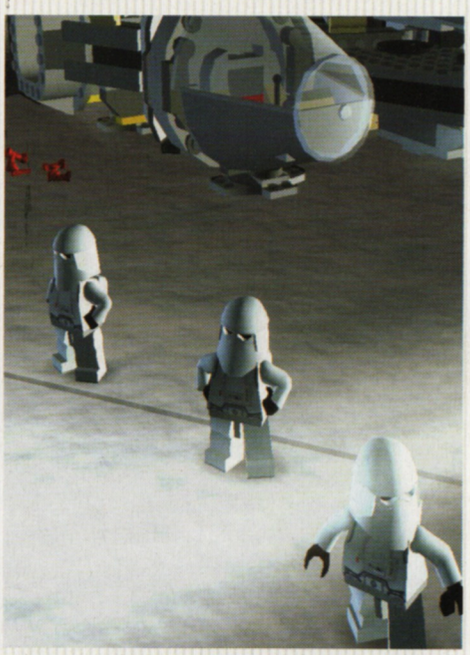
JS: Because it's something we planned from the start, and because our core systems are quite straightforward, it wasn't too tough for us on this game. We've had much harder challenges elsewhere!

PURE: Why does the DS version offer a four-player mode while the PSP only has two-player?

JS: Both the DS and PSP games offer two-player co-op play throughout all the Story levels, and in our Free Play mode. We had such a great response to the co-op features of the first *LEGO Star Wars* game, it's something we really wanted to incorporate into these new handheld titles. Then we gave the individual teams the opportunity to create some extra stuff on each of the platforms – and the DS team at Amaze chose to work on a four-player competitive Arena mode, while the PSP team at Traveller's Tales were able to make use of the level and character data we created for the original LEGO *Star Wars* game to build in some bonus levels and characters from that earlier game, along with a new Challenge mode.

PURE: Did you think about adding an option for online play?

DP: Of course we thought about online play, but there were a couple of reasons we decided against it. For one thing, we did quite a bit of research, which suggested this is the type of game where



only a small percentage of gamers would actually utilise online compatibility. Tied to this, we'd rather allocate the resources it takes to ensure a flawless online experience toward making our offline game even better, which benefits more people. By doing so, we're able to add a lot more gags and great puzzles that probably wouldn't be there if we had focused that energy toward online.

PURE: Is it more fun working on a game based on the original movie trilogy? Which are your favourite characters?

JS: Working on the last game, it was incredibly exciting and fun to be working on material from *Episode III* before the movie was released. But as *Star Wars* fans, we obviously have huge affection for the characters of the Original Trilogy – for the great ships and aliens, and the cool battles. Those are the movies we grew up with – so we naturally



have strong feelings for them. In terms of favourite characters, I do have a huge amount of sympathy for Grand Moff Tarkin.

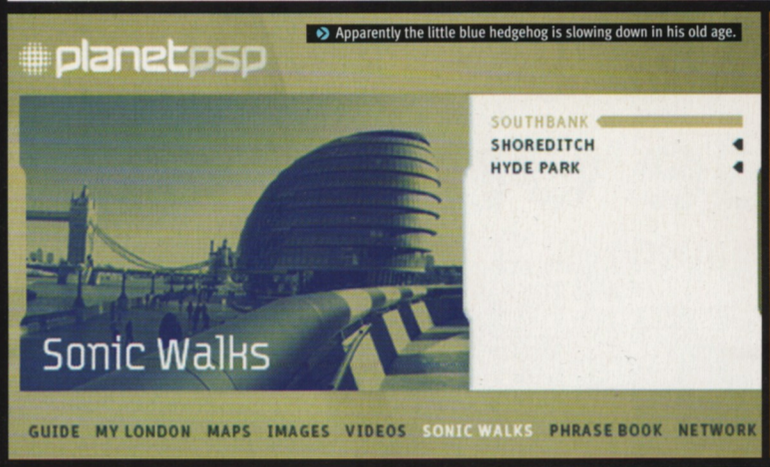
PURE: Can you tell us about some of your favourite movie moments that have been re-created?

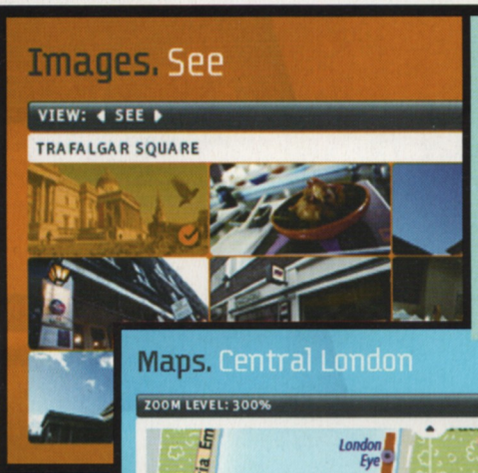
JS: Oh, they're all in there. The first sight of the AT-AT walkers in the battle of Hoth, the X-wings wheeling down on to the first Death Star, the cockpit of the Millennium Falcon as Han tries and fails to reach light speed... We've got it all!

PURE: Finally, can players still pay a visit to the *Star Wars* disco?

DP: We've decided to take things a little easier this time. How does a *Star Wars* hot tub sound to you?

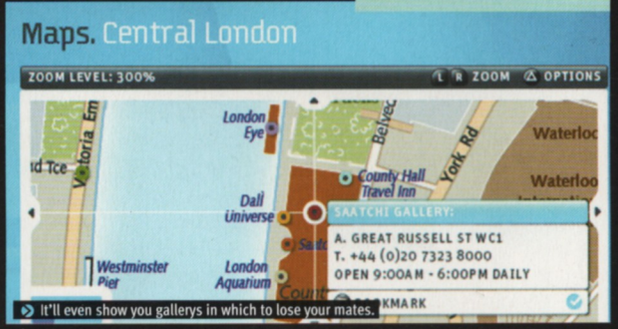
// *PASSPORT TO...* HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE ON SHORT BREAKS WHO WANT TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THEIR HOLIDAY //





DEVELOPER HISTORY
SCEE
Based in London, SCEE is the European arm of Sony Computer Entertainment Inc which was founded in Tokyo in 1993. Sony Computer Entertainment is now being reorganised into SCE Worldwide Studios.

2006 LOCO ROCO
2005 GOD OF WAR
2004 FORBIDDEN SIREN





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PASSPORT TO...

Let the PSP be your guide

Publisher: SCEE **Genre:** Guidebook **WWW.** yourpsp.com

This year's E3 was dominated by the PS3 and the Wii, but the PSP got some interesting news as well and one of the announcements was for a project given the temporary title of *Planet PSP*.

A PSP guidebook created by Sony's London Studios and Lonely Planet, the now titled Passport To... has been designed for people on short breaks who want to get the most out of their holiday.

Sony is planning to launch different versions with information on six cities: London, Paris, Prague, Rome, Amsterdam and Barcelona. Each will contain everything you'll need to enjoy yourself in an unfamiliar city. As well as a phrasebook, maps and video content, *Passport To..* will contain itineraries and guided tours as well as recommendations on places to eat, museums, clubs and interesting places to visit.

The perfect partner to SCEE's *Talkman*, *Passport To..* will also contain essential information such as the addresses of hospitals and embassies or currency information. You'll even be able to design your own itinerary and, using WiFi, be able to download new ones offering new ways to explore a familiar city. Sony has also hinted that the downloadable content will be different from anything we've seen previously, so we can't wait to find out what they have up their sleeves.

WANNA PLAY?

// IN A HUGE STEP FROM PREVIOUS TITLES, YOU WILL NO LONGER BE A PLACID SPECTATOR //


Theme Park megalomaniacs enjoy, your time has come.





All images for Thrillville are multi-format

DEVELOPER HISTORY
Frontier Developments Ltd
The company is spearheaded by industry pioneer David Braben (of Elite fame) and based in Cambridge, England. As well as PSP titles, Frontier also develops games for the PS2, Xbox, PC and Java mobile phones. Frontier has a proven reputation for original game design as well as three BAFTA nominations.

2005 ROLLERCOASTER TYCOON 3
2003 ROLLERCOASTER TYCOON

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Thrillville

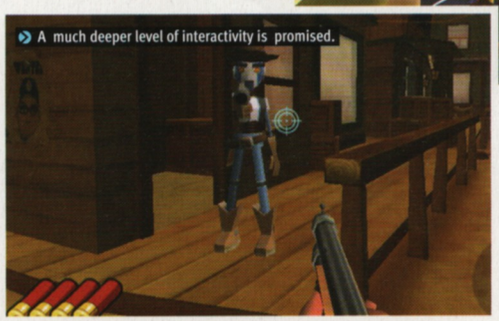
Licence to thrill

Publisher: Atari **Genre:** Adventure **WWW.** N/A

After achieving worldwide success with the excellent RollerCoaster Tycoon series of games, developer Frontier has decided to bring its own style of theme-park, adventure-based fun to a more mobile console.

While the game will have the same backbone as the old Tycoon titles, new upgrades mean you will be able to interact a lot more with not only your created park but also the visitors, with whom you can actively chat, joke and even flirt... hello ladies.

The game is set to offer 100 different attractions in five separate, specially themed parks and 15 unique environments. Whilst you may think that will be more than enough to keep you going, the parks will also offer you a plethora of go-karting, mini-golf and even first-person-shooter games. In a huge step from previous titles, you will no longer be a placid spectator in your creations but actually be able to race, shoot and play on many of the items along with friends.


A much deeper level of interactivity is promised.

Theme Park megalomaniacs look to have a whale of a time as they build, manage and upgrade to their hearts' content. We here at PURE are longtime Rollercoaster Tycoon fans and can't wait to get our hands on this one when it hits shelves in December. Wheeeeeee!... Pass the sick bag.

WANNA PLAY?

// U-1 HIDES A SECRET, SO SECRET HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW IT HIMSELF //



Wacky graphics, what do you expect fromt he Japanese?





DEVELOPER HISTORY
Koei
Founded in 1978 by Yoichi Erikawa and Keiko Erikawa after their family's rural business failed, Koei is best known for its historic battle games. Koei has developed and maintained a large number of franchises from its many military history titles. A specialist division, The Ruby Party, handles dating sim games which rarely see the light outside their home territory of Japan.

2004 **SAMURAI WARRIORS**
2000 **KESSEN**
1997 **DYNASTY WARRIORS 1-5**




Kids! Don't do drugs mmmkay!

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Gitaroo Man Lives



Spank your plank until it hurts

Publisher: Koei **Genre:** Arcade **WWW.** koei.co.uk

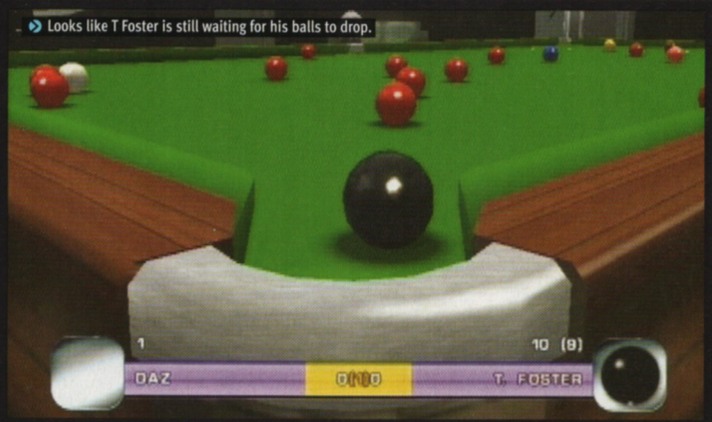
After a very well-received debut on the good old PS2 way back in 2002, the mysterious Gitaroo Man returns to play his axe on Sony's portable pal.

A dance/beat game very much in the vein of that old classic *Parappa the Rapper*, *Gitaroo Man Lives* pitches you as hard-done-by kid U-1 who, along with his dog Puma, just wants a popular life and the girl of his dreams. However, U-1 hides a secret, so secret he doesn't even know it himself. When Earth is under threat, U-1 transforms with the aid of his Gitaroo (pronounced guitar-o) into a cyber-styled plank-spanking machine. Using his electrical weapon, he bangs out riffs that can take out any creature or machine thrown at him.

We've had our hands on an early preview version here at PURE and we can tell you that addictive doesn't even begin to cover it when describing this game. Forget your standard 'press the buttons at the right time' style of dance gameplay. This one will have you flicking your analogue stick in all directions while jabbing buttons, and all while trying to keep up with fast-paced music and visuals. Due for release later this year, we recommend you get those thumbs well rested for this quirky twist on traditional beat games.

WANNA PLAY?

// MORE IN TUNE WITH TODAY'S MTV GENERATION THAN YESTERYEAR'S STEVE DAVIS APPRECIATION SOCIETY //

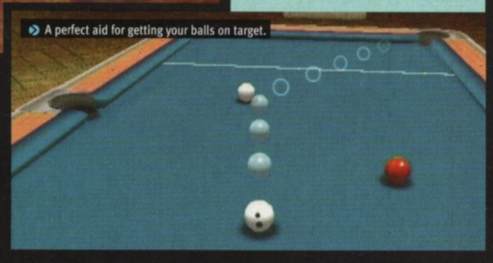


Looks like T Foster is still waiting for his balls to drop.



DEVELOPER HISTORY
Ghostlight
Promising to bring a fresh, innovative style of publishing to the market, Ghostlight will be publishing for all the major established console formats as well as the next generation of hardware. The company is also releasing Spinout on the PSP in September.

2005 **SHIN MEGAMI TENSEI: LUCIFER'S CALL**
2005 **DIGITAL DEVIL SAGA**


A perfect aid for getting your balls on target.

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World of Pool

Not a bikini in sight!

Publisher: Ghostlight **Genre:** Sports **WWW.** ghostlight.uk.com/product_info.php?prod=4

With only World Snooker Challenge currently on the market, fans of pixellated pocketing could be forgiven for feeling somewhat short-changed by the lack of variety offered to them so far on the PSP. However, a new pocket billiards game is on the way in the form of Ghostlight's World of Pool. It offers a welcome selection of options to green baize lovers, featuring not only pool, but also snooker and billiards, and all with a twist...

Rather than being based solely around the usual blend of one-on-one match-ups and knockout tournaments, World of Pool will follow a somewhat more involving and interactive route, more in tune with today's MTV generation than yesteryear's Steve Davis appreciation society. Success equals excess. Victories in this game will mean that players will be able to use their winnings to 'pimp' their own crib in all the suede they like, while unlocking special items that offer the latest in interior design.

Featuring a series of wild characters, each with their own special powers, the action takes place against an impressive number of opponents spread over a wide variety environments. All of which leads to the ultimate prize... to be king or queen of the balls.But why choose pool as the focal point of the action? Not being the biggest of sports may count against this game initially, especially as the majority of people in this country only really play when they're drunk. However, with the all-new interactive angle and the roguish selection of characters, chances are that it may yet sink a seven-ball victory and surprise a few people this autumn.

WANNA PLAY?

// THE LIKES OF SPACE INVADERS AND PHOENIX ARE SURE TO BRING BACK SOME MEMORIES //







DEVELOPER HISTORY
Taito Corporation

Founded in 1953 by Russian Michael Kogan as Taito Trading Company, originally it was a company for distributing vending machines and it wasn't until 1973 that Taito introduced its first video arcade game. The first time that Taito really made its mark was with the release of *Space Invaders* in 1978

1973 **PRO HOCKEY**
1978 **SPACE INVADERS**
2006 **COOKING MAMA**



ETA SEP

TAITO LEGENDS POWER-UP

More variety than the local arcade

Publisher: Xplosiv **Genre:** Retro **WWW.** taitolegends.com

With the success of *Taito Legends* and *Taito Legends 2* on multiple formats, it was only a matter of time before this much loved collection of 21 retro gaming classics made it to the PSP. The likes of *Space Invaders* and *Phoenix* are sure to bring back memories of chasing high scores down the local chippy for older players, while giving the youngsters a chance to see just how addictive gaming was before 3-D environments and real-life graphics became the norm.

The line-up is as follows: *Space Invaders*, *Space Invaders Part 2*, *New Zealand Story*, *Phoenix*, *Alpine Ski*, *Elevator Action*, *Crazy Balloon*, *Chack n' Pop*, *Lunar Rescue*, *Balloon Bomber*, *Legend of Kage*, *The Fairyland Story*, *Rastan Saga*, *Raimais*, *Cameltry*, *Qix*, *Kiki Kaikai*, *Kuri Kinton*, *Return of the Invaders*, *Space Dungeon*, and *Space Chaser*. And while for the large part, the action remains extremely faithful to its original incarnation, Taito has also decided to exclusively update four of the titles for the PSP, which means more colour and improved graphics along with added levels and extra items. The updated games are *Balloon Bomber 2005*, *Cameltry 2005*, *Crazy Balloon 2005* and *Legend of Kage 2005*.

Interestingly, all 21 originals plus the four enhanced games will also be accessible via game sharing. This will allow players to let their mates in on that retro vibe while at the same time adding a brilliant extra dimension to a collection that already provides two-player options on the majority of its games.

With so much variety on offer, plus the quirkiness that goes hand in hand with so many of these seminal titles, *Taito Legends Power-Up* might just become something of a surprise hit with PSP fans when it appears this September.

WANNA PLAY?

// A MIX OF CLASSIC GAMES WITH ADDICTIVE, BRIGHTLY COLOURED RETRO GAME PLAY //



DEVELOPER HISTORY
Capcom

Capcom, originally known as Capsule Computers, was formed in Osaka during 1979 and is probably most famous for the *Street Fighter* and *Resident Evil* franchises. The company is one of Japan's leading games publishers and developers and has numerous studios and subsidiaries under the Capcom banner, including Clover Studio, the creators of *Viewtiful Joe* and *Okami*.

2006 **OKAMI**
2005 **RESIDENT EVIL 4**
2004 **VIEWTIFUL JOE 2**





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CAPCOM PUZZLE WORLD

Power to the puzzle!

Publisher: Capcom **Genre:** Puzzle **WWW.** capcom-europe.com

Capcom is big on retro titles and yet another collection, *Capcom Puzzle World*, is coming to the PSP. This particular anthology includes *Block Block*, *Super Puzzle Fighter II Turbo*, *Buster Bros*, *Super Buster Bros* and *Buster Buddies*.

Super Puzzle Fighter II Turbo is probably the best-known puzzle in the collection and fuses super-deformed *Darkstalkers* and *Street Fighter II* characters with a *Columns*-style interface. *Block Block* is perhaps better known as *Breakout* where players must use a movable bat at the bottom of the screen to bounce a ball around a block-filled screen. The three *Buster* titles are just as addictive and involve the destruction of menacing bubbles using a handy harpoon.

As well as a viral mode for implanting scores, Capcom has also announced that *Capcom Puzzle World* will have a screenshot mode. This means you can capture those moments of glory or upload your favourite images and turn them into gaming colourful backgrounds.

All five games look fantastic on the PSP and the combination of classic games with addictive, brightly coloured retro gameplay has us hooked. The retro element is sure to appeal to fans of the 8-bit era and we can't wait to get out hands on the full version.

WANNA PLAY?

// ARTHUR, A HERO SO HARD AS NAILS HE'S WILLING TO RUN AROUND IN JUST HIS PANTS //



A fiery death awaits, well pretty much everyone.

DEVELOPER HISTORY

Capcom

Founded in 1979 as Japan Capsule Computers, Capcom is a leading Japanese developer and publisher that has created some of the most enduring franchises in videogame history. Its current name is a conjunction of the words 'Capsule' and 'Computers'.

1996 **RESIDENT EVIL**

1991 **STREET FIGHTER II**

1987 **MEGA MAN**

ETA SEP

ULTIMATE GHOSTS 'N' GOBLINS

Run around in your pants

Publisher: Capcom **Genre:** Arcade **WWW.**capcom.com

Throughout gaming history the pixellated pantheon has been punctuated by heroic figures. Clad in their shining armour, mounted on their trusty steeds, they are always ready to launch into the breach and save any princess in need of rescue. Then you have Arthur, a hero so hard as nails he's even willing to run around in just his pants in order to complete his mission.

Yes, from the halcyon days of Eighties comes the classic side-scrolling arcade game Ghosts 'N Goblins, given a bit of a makeover and some new tricks as well as an 'Ultimate' tag. Due for release in September, the game adds not only three new types of armour along with their own special powers but also an array of collectable items to aid our hero in his quest to destroy his nemesis, The Red Devil, and rescue the beautiful princess from his evil clutches.



We've had our hands on the early code and we can tell retro fans that everything you love about the original is here, from the frantic action to the array of weapons and then some. Arthur can now collect upgraded armour which not only increases his protection against his foes but also introduces magic attacks into our beardy hero's repertoire. And believe us when we tell you that it'll take all of Arthur's skill to complete his quest. It's classic gameplay all the way with boss battles, wave after wave of enemies and all this thrown in while you try to negotiate the platform-filled landscape.

There is no denying this is classic arcade fodder and as such will put many modern gamers to the test. Don't worry though as a new save feature has been added so you won't have to repeat the whole game whenever you lose all your lives - and you'll certainly need it for the new ultra-hard Ultimate mode.

Rather than fall into the trap of toning down the difficulty, as many retro remakes have done, Ultimate Ghosts 'N Goblins looks to have kept what made the game so addictive in the first place. It also adds some new bells and whistles such as magic pots that can transform our hero into everything from a miniature version of himself to an old washer woman. Make sure you've got clean pants and strap on that armour as you prepare to help Arthur one more time when the game hits shelves later this year.


This is one tooled up knight.

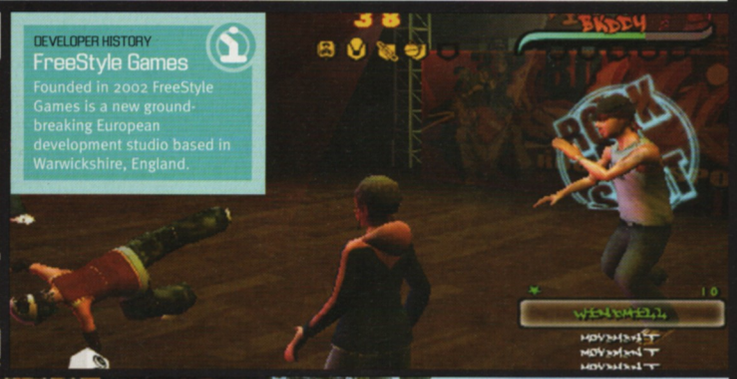

Witness the power of pants.

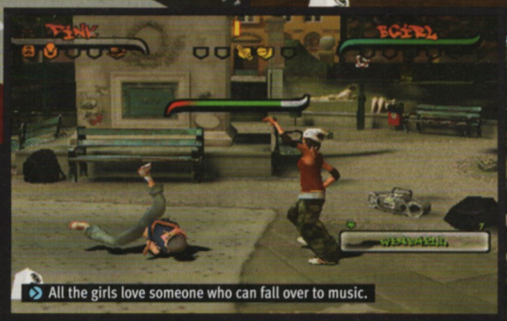
WANNA PLAY?

// SEND YOUR CHARACTER FROM BOPPING AROUND ON HIS HEELS INTO A FULL WINDMILL ON HIS HEAD //



DEVELOPER HISTORY
FreeStyle Games
Founded in 2002 FreeStyle Games is a new ground-breaking European development studio based in Warwickshire, England.







ETA SEP

B-BOY

It's time to go with the flow

Publisher: Sony **Genre:** Arcade **WWW.** bboythegame.com

From brand-new development studio FreeStyle games comes the first and only break-dancing title for the PSP. Set to have over 40 customised banging hip hop tracks and 40 genuine breakdancing stars, many of them motion captured from the real folks, B-Boy looks to add something unique to the world of dance/beat games.

You'll be able to climb your way through the ranks of rubber-legged, head-spinning B-Boys as you attempt to take on the top dog himself, Crazy Legs, and secure the sought-after Adidas sponsorship. With character creation and customisation you can give your B-Boy a unique look that covers everything from shorts length to pants colour.

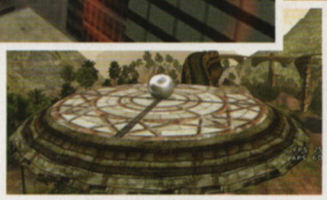
We've had our hands on an early copy of the code and can tell you that even though it all sounds a little odd, there is something very enjoyable about sending your character from bopping around on his heels into a full windmill on his head with the push of a button. So whip out your piece of lino and get down to the local shopping centre and start practising to get down with your bad self and keep an eye out in PURE for further information.

WANNA PLAY?

// WE CAN SEE MANY PSP OWNERS TEARING THEIR HAIR OUT AS THEIR BALLS GO PLUMMETING TO THE DEPTHS //









DEVELOPER HISTORY
Icon Games
Icon Games has been around as an independently owned developer since 2002. Its output to date has consisted of International Pool Championship and International Snooker Championship both for PS2. Icon freely admits that these aren't the most envelope-pushing games but have been produced to give the company a firm financial basis from which to publish more innovative titles.

2004 **INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP**

2003 **INTERNATIONAL POOL CHAMPIONSHIP**

ETA SEP

Spinout

Get control of your balls

Publisher: Ghostlight **Genre:** Racing **WWW.** ghostlight.uk.com

Coming off as something of a cross between Super Monkey Ball and Wipeout Pure, Spinout will see you guiding your spherical Xorb craft around twisting tracks suspended high above massive cityscapes where one false turn can see you plummeting to your death.

With bonuses given for special stunts, moves and attacks, this certainly looks to be one that will take some getting used to. A multiplayer mode for up to four players means you can take on your friends as you unleash a variety of weapons to battle your way to the top spot. But that's not all: what would a race game be these days without a few customisation options? In fact, the options will allow you to make a claimed two million different combinations, making each Xorb unique to its owner.



Promising to be a fast-moving game, the screens we've seen so far give a real feeling of height to the game and we can see many PSP owners tearing their hair out as their balls go plummeting to the depths as they take that vital last corner just a bit too fast. Keep an eye on PURE for a full review coming soon.

WANNA PLAY?

// IT'S IN THE FRANTIC MULTIPLAYER MODE THAT BOMBERMAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MASSIVE DRAW //





Boss battles will test your bombing skills.



Multiplayer will drive you mental - guaranteed.

DEVELOPER HISTORY
Konami
Founded in 1973, Konami made its name in the arcades before moving into home software. Better known for arcade conversions, the company has undergone something of a revival in recent years with its mega-hit Metal Gear series as well as innumerable dance-based games.

1998 METAL GEAR SOLID
1998 DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION
1981 FROGGER

ETA OCT

Bomberman

A blast from the past

Publisher: Konami **Genre:** Arcade **WWW.** konami-europe.com

Much loved classic Bomberman is making its way to PSP this October with all the frantic multiplayer action that has made it such a perennial favourite. The storyline, as if it really mattered, sees our hero's home planet under threat from an approaching dark shadow that has brainwashed all his friends. Now, with the aid of his trusty bombs, he must battle his way across 100 levels of blasting and running in order to save them.

New for the Bomberman series is the ability to stockpile bonus items and use them at the most opportune moments, instead of the traditional 'use it or lose it' gameplay. But it's in the frantic multiplayer mode that Bomberman has always been a massive draw. Luckily Konami haven't forgotten this and the title promises to offer four-player fuse-filled mayhem through Ad Hoc across a variety of play modes and 50 different arenas. As if that wasn't enough, game sharing will also allow you to take on three of your friends in a variety of arenas with only one UMD. We here at PURE are already strapping on our helmets and priming our fuses for frantic and frustrating, but always fun, blasting antics.

WANNA PLAY?

//DO YOU CHOOSE TO BARRELT IN WITH ALL GUNS BLAZING AND TO HELLWITH THE SHIELDS? //



Wipe that smug smile of Kirk's face, you know you want to.



DEVELOPER HISTORY
Quicksilver Software
Founded in 1984 by former Intellivision programmers, Quicksilver quickly landed a profitable contract with arcade manufacturers Data East and worked on the home conversions of the Ikari Warriors series. A long running contract with Activision followed with a very successful R&D partnership being forged. Recent years have seen Quicksilver develop series of military training products for the US Army and the Singapore Armed Forces.

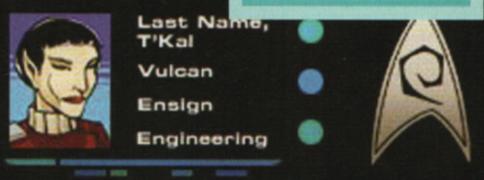
2003 FULL SPECTRUM COMMAND 1.0
1999 STAR TREK: STARFLEET COMMAND
1986 IKARI WARRIORS

ETA OCT

STAR TREK: TACTICAL ASSAULT

Set faces to stunned

Publisher: Bethesda Softworks **Genre:** Strategy **WWW.** bethsoft.com



T'Kal was in the top of her class at the academy, and joined Starfleet at the

Set in the original series universe, Star Trek: Tactical Assault looks to offer one- or two-player real-time combat that will see you piloting an array of ships from both the Federation and Klingon fleets.

Tactical warfare is the order of the day with emphasis being placed on not only manoeuvres but also managing your power reserves between winning battle plans and your shields and weaponry. Do you choose to barrel in, all guns blazing and to hell with the shields? Or are you a more cunning foe?

With wireless multiplayer action allowing you to take the space-borne warfare to a friend, the question remains: will you spend your time piloting the beloved Enterprise, or are you a more gung-ho captain who prefers the sneaky weapon-filled tactics on the bridge of a Klingon Bird of Prey? If those options don't appeal, multiplayer will also offer the Romulan, Gorn and Orion fleets with which to tear through the stars.

Whichever you choose, there looks to be plenty to keep you going with two completely different campaign missions (one for each faction), branching storylines with multiple outcomes and more action than you can shake a Tribble at. Beam us up, spotty!

WANNA PLAY?

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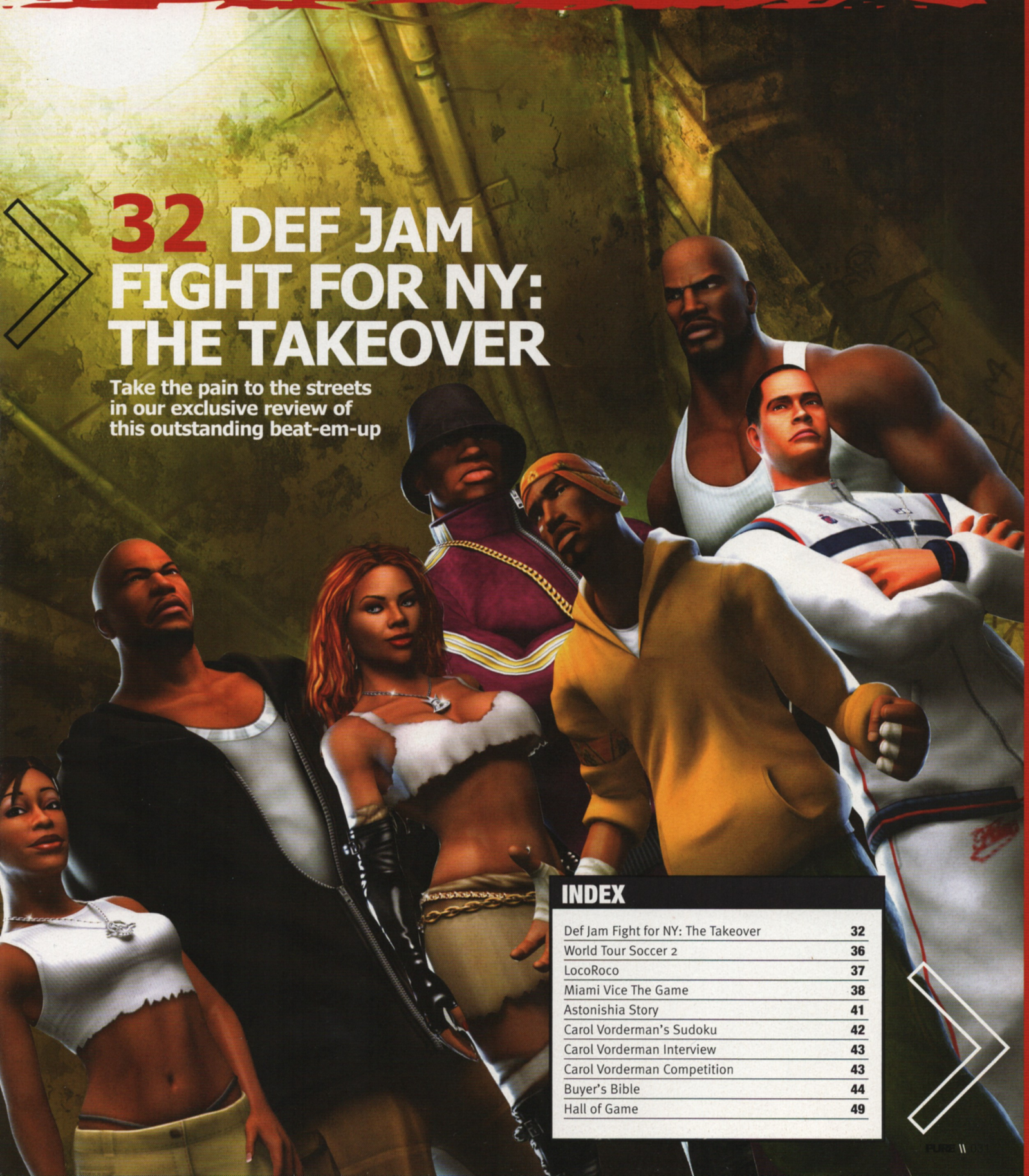
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32 DEF JAM FIGHT FOR NY: THE TAKEOVER

Take the pain to the streets in our exclusive review of this outstanding beat-em-up

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ATHLE
MANDRAK



GENRE: Fighting **PLAYERS:** 1-2 **PRICE:** £34.99 **PUBLISHER:** EA **AVAILABLE:** 21 July **WWW.** ea.com/official/defjam/fightforny/us/index.jsp



Def Jam Fight for NY: The Takeover

PURE GENIUS! AWARD

Blood 'n' da hood!

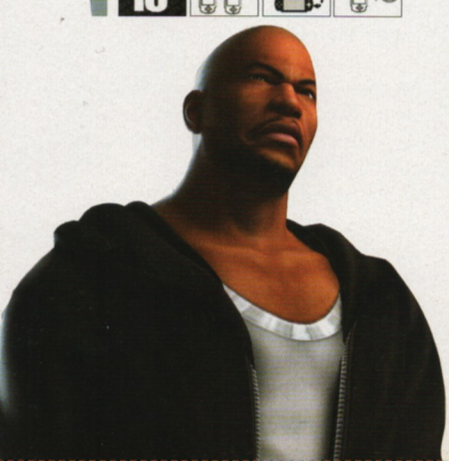
AT A GLANCE

PLAYABILITY	9/10
LOOKS	9/10
SOUND	9/10
CHALLENGE	10/10
LIFESPAN	10/10

⊕ **YO DEF:** Varied fight styles, customisable fighters, lots of upgrade options

⊖ **OI REF:** Career progression is a little haphazard, fights can be over very quickly

18+



The *Def Jam* games have been around for a while in a number of incarnations, but now it's time to get gangsta and bust some caps on the mighty PSP.

While out for a stroll in your neighbourhood of Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, New York, you see the local corrupt cops setting about a guy in an alleyway. Being the good soul that you are (and quite handy with your fists at that), you step in and hand the ne'er-do-well cop his ass. As a means of thanks, the victim Manny offers you the chance to make some money using your fighting skills. You decline, but police victimisation soon sees you unemployed and entering the world of underground street fighting to make ends meet.

So that's the story (as if it really matters) and now it's up to you to take it to the 'hood and cause some serious damage as you make a name for yourself and gain the respect of your fellow residents.

From the outset this is obviously a polished and well thought through project. Take, for instance, the character creation needed at the start of the game: rather than just slapping you into a jarring creation system, the title actually walks you through each step using the tag of the beaten cop describing you to a police artist. Options follow the usual hair, eyes, facial hair etc.

Where *Def Jam* takes a bit of a left turn from the usual fight games is the ability to select an array of fighting styles as your chosen skill. Martial arts, wrestling and even full-on MMA are amongst the selections available. Each style has its own strengths and weaknesses; for example, choose MMA and you'll concentrate on submission moves, while martial arts is more based around the traditional punch and kick system. And don't worry if you pick the wrong one, as you can learn up to two others during the game and mix and match moves from each to make your own unique style.



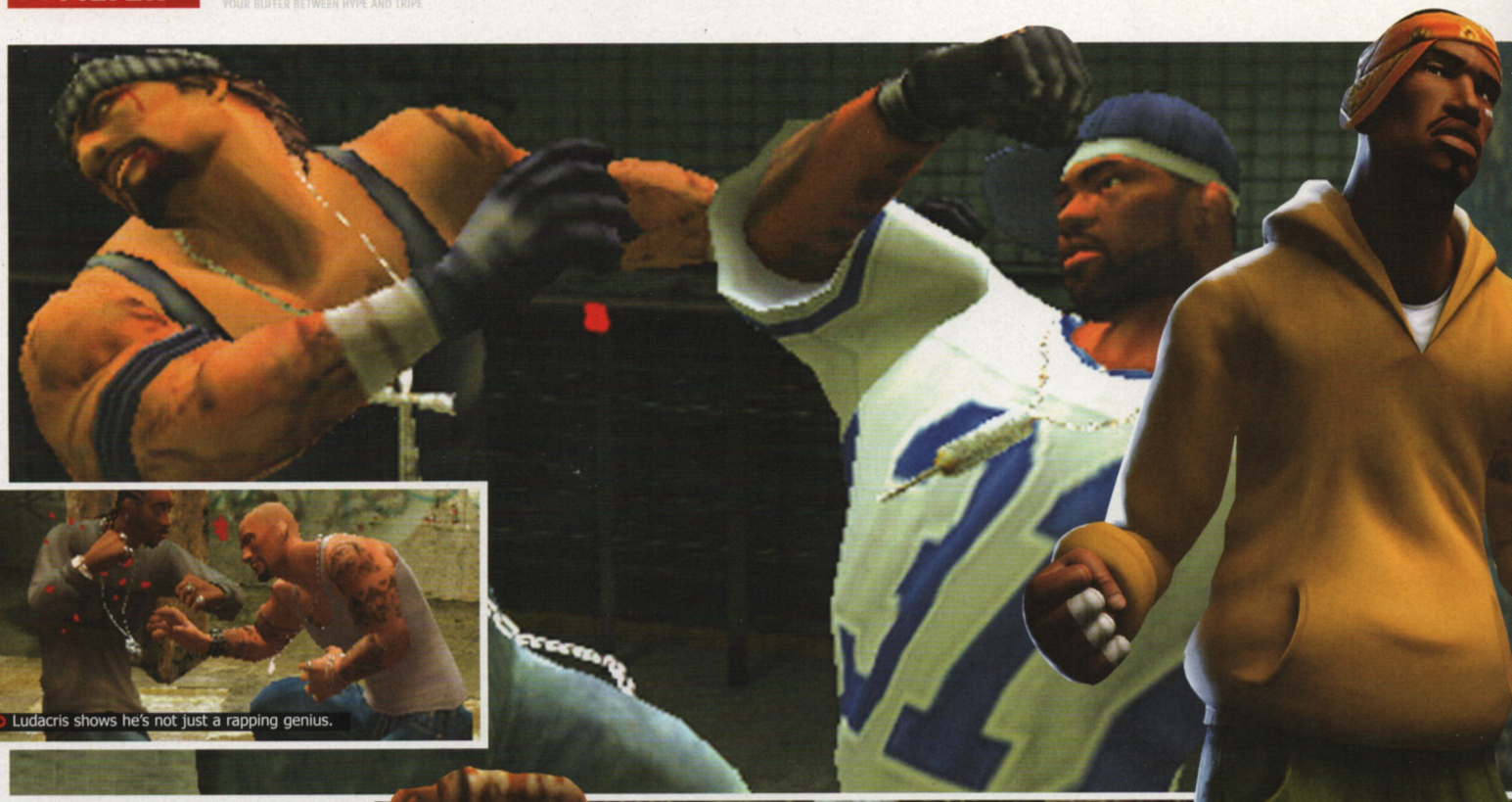
IN THE SAME VEIN



Street Fighter
The classic beat-'em-up is back for more 2-D damage. This old fella still has some legs, even now **8/10**

The Con
An attempt to overhaul the fighting genre is let down by poor controls **5/10**





Ludacris shows he's not just a rapping genius.

ROLL CALL

Some of the best and the brightest from the world of Def Jam. But will they be taking a beating or popping a cap in your ass?


XZIBIT
The Prince of pimping


METHOD MAN
Not to be messed with


CARMEN ELECTRA
Not just eye candy


LIL'KIM
She packs a big punch


ICE T
The original gangsta


LUDACRIS
Don't mess with Chris


SEAN PAUL
All style, no substance


BUBBA SPARXXX
White boy rapper


N.O.R.E
The mystery man


HENRY ROLLINS
Your kick-ass trainer


SLICK RICK
Not just a pretty face


SHAWNNA
Sexy and svelte

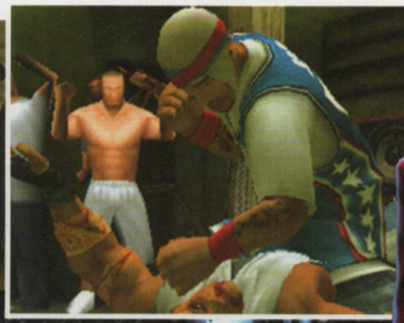


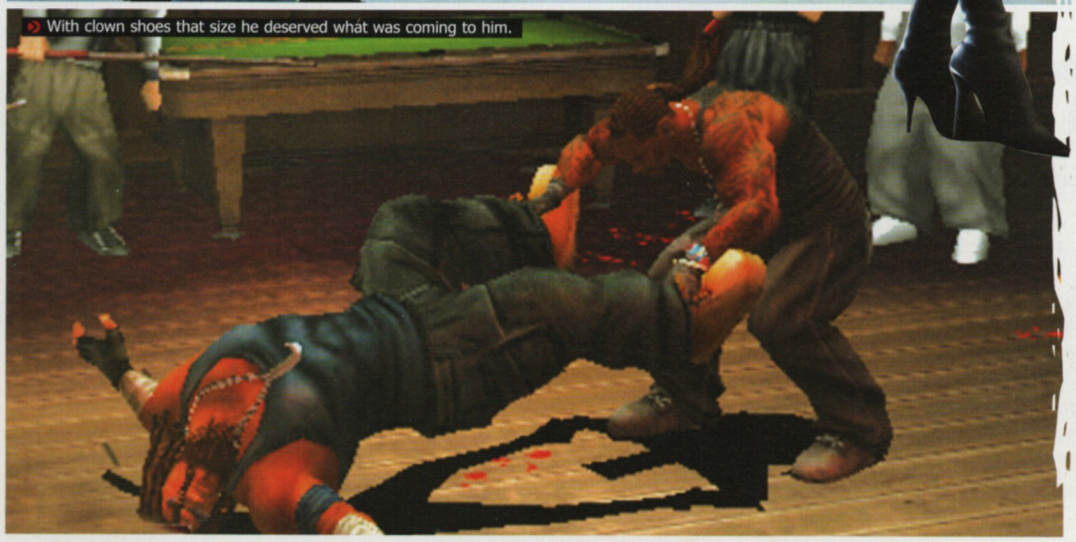
IT'S UP TO YOU TO TAKE IT TO THE 'HOOD AND CAUSE SOME SERIOUS DAMAGE

Once you've created your chosen ass-kicker, it's off to your apartment. Here you can access your wardrobe, messages and map of the hood in order to pick your fights. But don't go thinking you can just jump in and start beating down. Firstly it's off to the gym to train with rock monster Henry Rollins as you get to grips with the complex but instantly useable controls system. To put it basically, Square and Triangle handle your punch and kick duties with the L shoulder button becoming a power modifier. This may at first seem a little limited to most fight fans, but with the brutality of the matches this is not really the time for fancy fireballs and acrobatic flips, although that's not to say acrobatics and stylish moves don't play a part. With environmental attacks dependent on the arena you fight in, you can soon find yourself flipping off ropes in a ring or even sending your opponent head first into the crowd for a beating from the spectators. Add this to the array of grapple moves and combo moves and you soon end up with an extremely well-rounded fighting game that also manages to include weapons as well as dirty moves such as throwing dirt into your opponent's face as you rise from a fall. As if that wasn't enough, also included are Blazin' moves that are activated when your Blazin' meter is filled: hit the D-pad and a set manoeuvre that is pretty much a guaranteed match winner is activated – and believe us when we



Cage matches provide plenty of chances to hurt people.





With clown shoes that size he deserved what was coming to him.

Hit 'em in the ears

Being a game from the mighty hip-hop label of Def Jam, you just know the soundtrack is going to be something special. Check out the track listing below and start planning your playlist. With the beat box option you can not only listen to the songs outside of the main game itself but also pick and choose just what you hear during your gaming experience. You've just got to love a fight game that lets you pound your opponents to the tones of 'Mama said knock you out'.

- America's Most - Method Man, Redman
- Are We Cuttin' - Pastor Troy
- Flipside - Freeway
- Get Into It - Comp
- Let's Get Dirty - Redman
- Let's Go - Shawnna
- Make It Hurt - Busta Rhymes
- Mama Said Knock You Out - LL Cool J
- Mother Mother - Xzibit
- Nuff Respect - Big Daddy Kane
- Pistol Grip - Pump - Volume 10
- Popp Off - Joe Budden
- See About Ya - Beezle feat Bonecrusher
- We Gon Hit em - Deuce, Dub and the Junkyard Gang
- What's Heppenin - Method Man
- Yes Sir - C-N-N



tell you these can get *really* brutal.

When it comes to looks, you couldn't ask for more fitting arenas that vary from seedy dimly lit back streets to full-on octagon rings complete with crowds baying for blood. Each of your combatants has a stylised look to them that adds weight but doesn't veer too far into caricature, meaning that the hits from the character look to carry some real power behind them. At first they may seem rather ungainly and slow moving, but successful matches yield development points that can be spent at the gym on new moves, fighting styles and, perhaps best of all, upgrading the abilities of your existing skills to make your character faster, leaner and more powerful as the game progresses. But all that muscle and skill isn't going to gain you all the respect you need. In short, it's no good being able to hit like a pimp if you can't look like one too. This is where the money earned from your pugilistic pursuits pays off. Further respect can be gained from visiting various shops to obtain tattoos, new hairstyles and even new wardrobes as you choose from big names such as Def Jam University, Phat Farm, Ecko Unlimited, Enyce, Rocawear, Sean John and Reebok, to name but a few of purveyors of fine fighting streetwear.

"YOU'VE JUST GOT TO LOVE A FIGHT GAME THAT LETS YOU POUND YOUR OPPONENTS TO THE TONES OF 'MAMA SAID KNOCK YOU OUT"

It's not all about one player beat-downs either, with ad-hoc support allowing you to take the pain to your mates using characters unlocked by playing the main story mode. *Tekken* may well hold the crown for many as the best fighter around, but with the lack of innovation in recent incarnations maybe the time is now ripe to crown a new leader. After lengthy play on *Def Jam* it has become plainly obvious who the new king of the ring is. With its variety of fight styles, environmental attacks and ability to tune your fighter to fit your own skills *Def Jam Fight for NY: The Takeover* is far and away the best way to put fist to flesh on the PSP for the foreseeable future. A real must-have title for fight fans and well worth checking out for those wishing to take a dip in the genre – have a word with your mother homie. **Marc Powell**

CONCLUSION

An amazingly in-depth yet accessible fight game. Looks like *Tekken* may have lost its crown as best beat 'em-up. SCORE 10/10



How come Sony can use all the actual player names, but Konami can't?

In 'Shot Clock' mode you've got to shoot before the clock counts down. Better go route one.

GENRE: Sports **PLAYERS:** 1-8 **PRICE:** £34.99 **PUBLISHER:** Sony Computer Entertainment **AVAILABLE:** Out Now **WWW.** worldtoursoccer2.com



World Tour Soccer 2

About as much point as Theo Walcott

AT A GLANCE

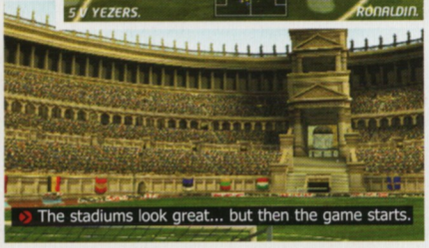
PLAYABILITY	4/10
LOOKS	6/10
SOUND	6/10
CHALLENGE	5/10
LIFESPAN	6/10

⊕ **BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM:** Plenty of game modes to present new challenges

⊖ **HIT IT AND HOPE:** It's a mishmash of styles and ideas, not a patch on the competition

3+




The stadiums look great... but then the game starts.

Some games you play and you wonder why they even bothered. It's not that *World Tour Soccer 2* is bad, so much as it's just not very good. And, despite its best efforts to avoid comparison with the likes of *FIFA* and *Pro Evo* by introducing a simpler arcade-style quality to its make-up, such comparisons are inevitable. And quite frankly it's not fit to lick clean the boots of either.

A confused mishmash of game modes and graphic styles that range from attempted realism for the stadiums, to string-of-sausage animation models for the players and dated-looking cartoons for the setup screens, it's hard to find much to like about *World Tour Soccer 2*. It's filled with numerous selectable challenges that award points with which to unlock teams and tournaments that quite frankly should have been accessible from the word go. The attempt to produce more of a simple arcade game than a simulation is an admirable one and might have worked if the gameplay itself wasn't just so damn poor.

> THE ATTEMPT TO PRODUCE MORE OF A SIMPLE ARCADE GAME THAN A SIMULATION MIGHT HAVE WORKED IF THE GAMEPLAY ITSELF WASN'T JUST SO DAMN POOR

Out on the pitch, not a lot has been improved from the original game. The players still run about looking as if they have broom handles stuck up the back of their shirts. The nets do at least ripple a bit if you score now, but the AI itself is so basic that it's almost impossible to maintain any level of interest in what is going on. There are no great goals to rifle in or tricks to pull off and most of the players look nothing like their real-life counterparts– Rio Ferdinand with a crew cut anyone? Also, at no point do you feel like you're really involved in any of the on-field action, other than pointing the players in the right direction and pressing shoot or pass. It's all just way too simplistic. But not in a fun, frantic *Sensible Soccer* kind of way. Just in a crap "we're not all that good at making football games are we?" way instead.

Oh and by the way, it's FOOTBALL. There's no such game as 'soccer'. It's just another nonsense the Americans have created for their own amusement. The world plays football, not soccer... and that pretty much sums up what's going to happen with this release. **Gary Alan**

IN THE SAME VEIN



FIFA World Cup Germany 2006: The most polished World Cup game ever. A must-have for footy fans 9/10

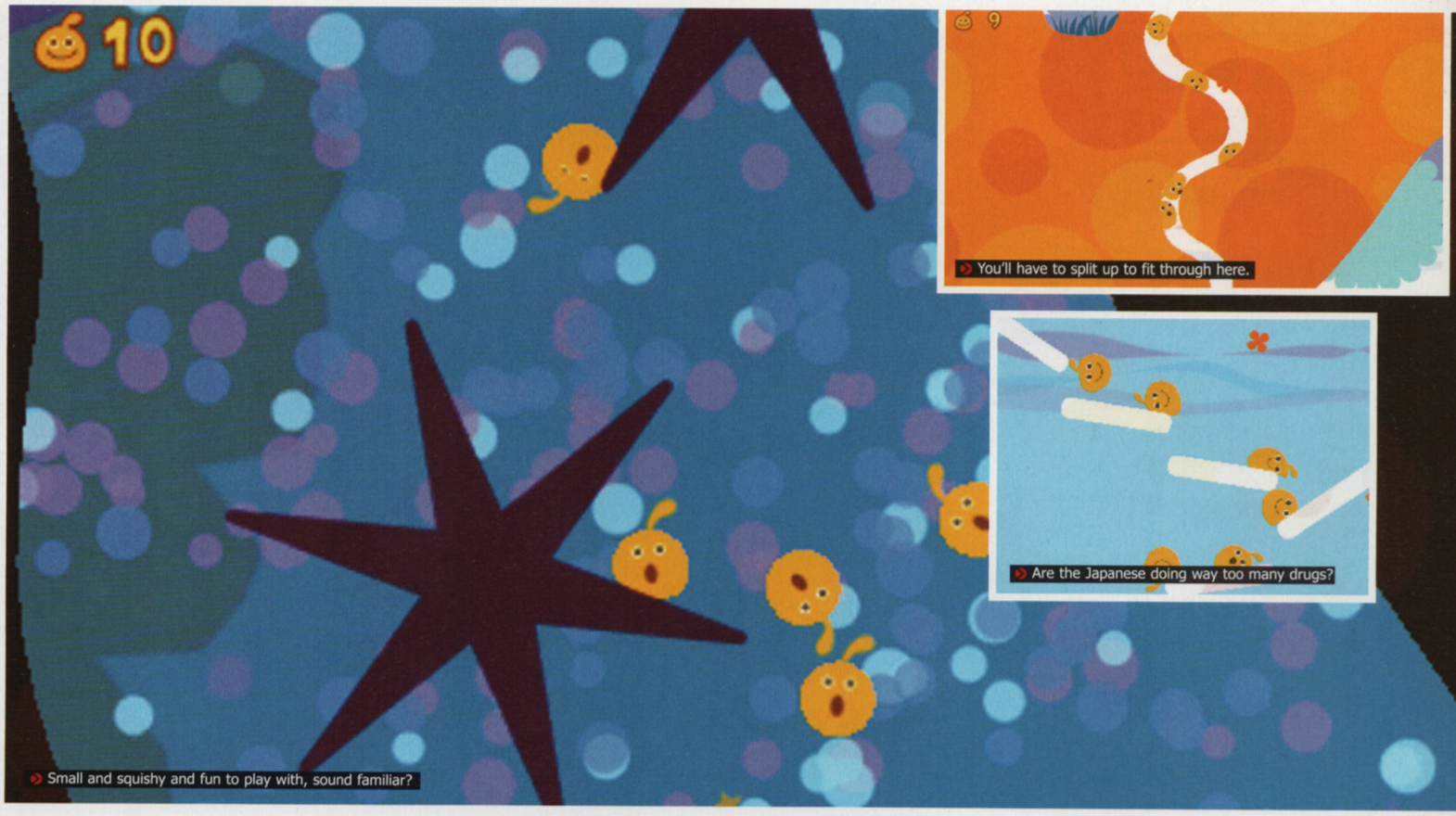


Pro Evolution Soccer 5: Still the best gameplay in the genre, but let down by lack of content 7/10

CONCLUSION

A confused mess of a game that it is always going to be third best. Avoid.

SCORE 6/10



GENRE: Platform » **PLAYERS:** 1 » **PRICE:** £29.99 » **PUBLISHER:** Sony » **AVAILABLE:** Out Now » **WWW.** locoroco.com



LocoRoco



Roll, roll, roll your Roco gently down the stream...

AT A GLANCE

PLAYABILITY	8/10
LOOKS	7/10
SOUND	4/10
CHALLENGE	5/10
LIFESPAN	7/10

LOCOROCO: Very easy to play and very addictive

LOCO OH NO: The music and lack of real challenge are disappointing

3+





Following the release of Firmware 2.70, the world was treated to its first look at the mad Jap curiosity that is *LocoRoco*, courtesy of an officially released level download. Much head scratching and cries of "just one more go" were soon to follow.

The colourful and, frankly, slightly mental 2D platformer is pretty much what we've come to expect from the Japanese market. Set within the once peaceful, mellow and wacky world of the cute and squishy LocoRoco, players must defend their poor little pals from the attack of evil outer-space creatures known as the Moja Corps. With a violent hatred of all things cute, the Moja have taken it upon themselves to capture and destroy any of the cute fellas they can find. It's not rocket science is it?

Playing the part of a big squishy space-hopper type character, you must navigate your way through the carefully constructed pastel-coloured levels using the shoulder buttons to tilt the world itself and send your Loco pal rolling on his way. Whilst doing this you must attempt to eat everything that you possibly can in order to gain size as well as add other smaller LocoRoco to your growing mass. It's not all noshing and rolling though: there are a number of ne'er-do-wells from the Moja Corps. Coming in all shapes and sizes, from evil black spikes to birds with a taste for Roco, they all conspire to reduce your size.

Rolling, bumping and eating your way through the level, there are times when you'll need to split from one super-size LocoRoco into a whole handful of mini LocoRoco in order to fit through tight gaps. This means that as well as being harder to control, the LocoRoco are more at risk due to being split from the group and reducing the overall power and jumping abilities of your larger Loco.

As you make your way through this bizarre, your actions are accompanied by an unsurprisingly cute soundtrack. While at first it's ear-gratingly painful, given a few minutes you'll soon find yourself humming along to the twee ditties like they were old classics.

Although *LocoRoco* may well not be everyone's cup of tea, the quirky nature of the game and the ease of advancement through the levels does make for an oddly addictive combination, with exploration being the key to each level. It might be somewhat sexist (but at the same time accurate) to say this is a game aimed more at female gamers than the bloke market. Certainly its undeniable cuteness will prove a little too heavy on the saccharine for most male gaming tastes. Nevertheless, if you can bear to put down your heavy armoury for a half hour or so, we say give it a go: you may well be pleasantly surprised. **Pete Darke**

IN THE SAME VEIN



Archer Maclean's Mercury: Truly addictive and by far the best puzzle game released so far on PSP **9/10**



Me & My Katamari: Rolling a giant sticky ball around has never been so much fun! Crazy Jap fun **8/10**

CONCLUSION

Addictive and simple, but certainly something of an acquired taste.

SCORE 6/10



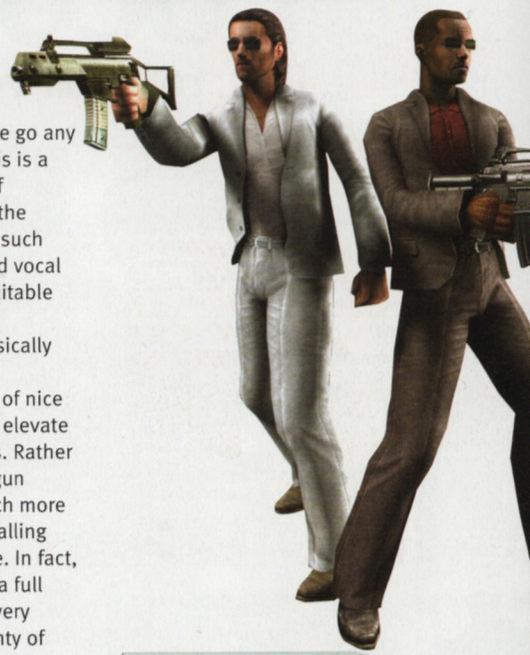
Time to hunt down low lifes in high places.

GENRE: Action **PLAYERS:** 1-2 **PRICE:** £34.99 **PUBLISHER:** Vivendi Games **AVAILABLE:** Out Now **WWW.** vugames.com



Miami Vice: The Game

A bit of vice can be quite nice



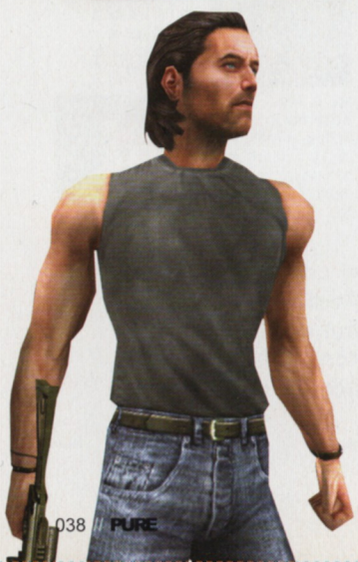
AT A GLANCE

PLAYABILITY	9/10
LOOKS	8/10
SOUND	7/10
CHALLENGE	8/10
LIFESPAN	8/10

MIAMI NICE: Nice variation on standard shooter; Mini games add variation

MIAMI LICE: Somewhat linear gameplay; Inability to shoot without lock on

18+



Remember the Eighties? A world of Thatcherism, terrible fashions and, for the majority of the time, even worse music. There were some high points though, but you had to head to television for them: from the *A-Team* through *Airwolf* and onto the series that for many summed up the Eighties in a nutshell... *Miami Vice*. With the current penchant for remaking TV series into big-screen outings, it was only a matter of time before that bastion of flash suits, even flasher cars and retina-burning home décor made its way into the local multiplex. Of course, what would a film be without the obligatory tie-in game? Before you start heading to the cupboard and waving your box full of less than impressive tie-in games at us, just hold on a moment as this one is actually not that bad.

Set in the world of Miami's seedy underground, you have to take on the role of undercover vice cops. Choose either Crockett or Tubbs as you attempt to make a name for yourself amongst the drug dealers and ne'er do wells of present-day Florida as you carry out your investigations to bring the drug kingpins to justice. Before we go any deeper it has to be noted this is a game with an adult theme of undercover cops working in the world of drug dealers, so as such contains some gameplay and vocal elements that may not be suitable for children.

Miami Vice: The Game basically boils down to a third-person shooter, but adds a number of nice tricks and touches that help elevate the title from also-ran status. Rather than the expected run-and-gun gameplay, it becomes a much more tactical endeavour without falling too far into the stealth genre. In fact, approaching the game with a full frontal assault attitude will very quickly find you spilling plenty of the red stuff all over your sharp suits. A much more cautious approach is required. Moving between covering positions is vital to survival – you can even tip over statues and other pieces of scenery to act as cover while you pick out your shot.

On the subject of shots, it's not a 'hold on the trigger and take down your foe in a hail of gunfire situation' either. Each weapon offers not only realistic recoil but also

IN THE SAME VEIN



Syphon Filter: Dark Mirror: Looks gorgeous and plays like a dream, a real must-have **10/10**

SOCOM: Fireteam Bravo: Multiplayer support for up to 16 players and a headset accessory to boot **10/10**

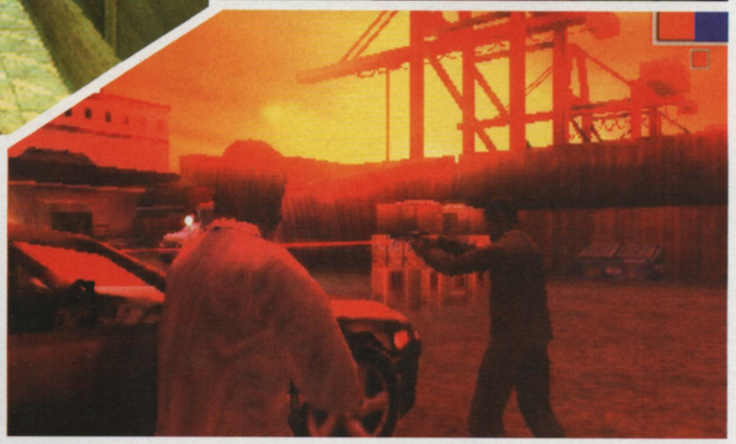




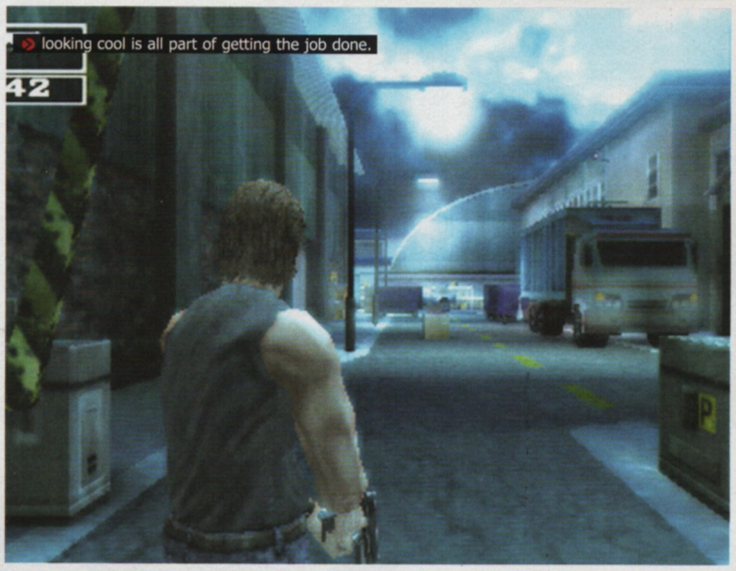
The use of cover is vital if you wish to survive your encounters.


A hot time down in the sunshine of Miami.

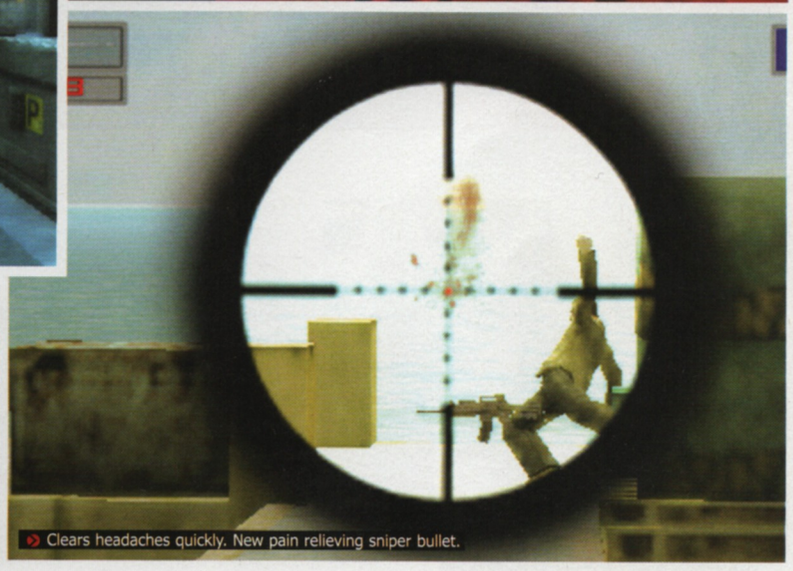




looking cool is all part of getting the job done.






Clears headaches quickly. New pain relieving sniper bullet.

time-consuming reloads. So popping out from behind a bookcase and letting rip with your pistol could find you stood like a lemon open to any attack because you forgot to reload fully before making your move on the drug dealer with the sub-machine stood at the other end of room. This can be infuriating at first, but you soon find yourself accepting responsibility for your mistakes rather than blaming the game itself. As a break from all the sneaking and shooting, a couple of levels see you powering your speedboat through the Everglades while gunning down escaping dealers. These levels don't really add anything to the game but aren't really irritating enough to detract from the whole experience.

"LETTING RIP WITH YOUR PISTOL COULD FIND YOU STOOD LIKE A LEMON OPEN TO ANY ATTACK BECAUSE YOU FORGOT TO RELOAD FULLY"

As part of the main missions you are required to collect 'evidence' in the form of FlashRAM data packages that can be hacked in a shoot-'em-up style mini-game. Hacking these packages not only reveals the locations of major players in the drug trade but also gives you access to upgrades for your various weapons. The main form of evidence retrieval is in the shape of different drugs, which you can trade to ingratiate yourselves with the local drug dealers and kingpins. The profits from your rather dodgy deals can then be used to buy upgrades for your weapons as well as clothes that will help increase your reputation. Selling your drugs to the kingpins also brings up a mini game where you need to keep your marker in the continually moving area to exert your influence on the dealer – a tricky endeavour but a nice touch that gives you a break from the gun-based action. Your confiscated goods can also be traded with your informant to supply vital information for your upcoming missions including the locations of drug

stashes, enemy movements and security camera controls.

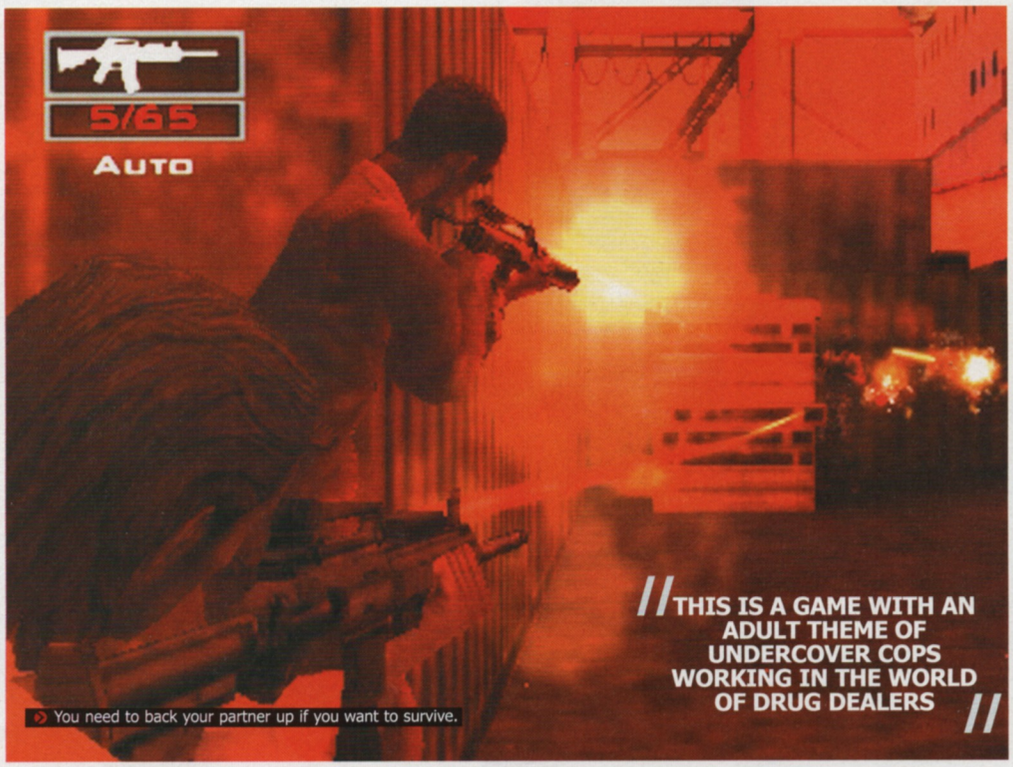
The controls take a little getting used to with the R button being used to lock on while L handles your duties for taking cover, and the face buttons are used to crouch, run and fire. A few rounds soon make the system second nature; the only real complaint is the inability to fire without using lock-on, which can be the cause of quite a few injuries when one of your foes decides to take a run at you, guns blazing.

Graphically the locales have just the right amount of sun-kissed Miami scenery mixed with seedy trailer parks, dodgy warehouses and the sorts of locations where you'd expect to find cocaine dealers hanging out. It all serves to draw you into the action. While character animation is fluid and realistic, a fixed camera tracks your progress, although it does get a little confused when you attempt to dash into a tight area and take cover in a hurry to avoid a hail of gunfire. That said, it never becomes enough of a problem to make it a major flaw.

If you are in the mood for something a little different from the standard shooting fare, Miami Vice: The Game is well worth a look. Although the main gameplay can become a tad repetitive, the use of cover and environmental interaction coupled with the realistic weapon representation make for an interesting way to while away a few hours. The mini games and dealing sections add some extra variety and although the film may not set the world alight, the game actually stands on its own as quite a buyable title. **Mike Aldrich**

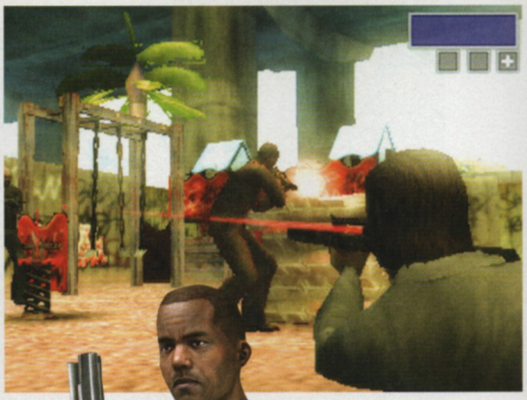
MOMENT OF PURITY

Before you enter the house on the first level make sure you check behind the planter to find a hidden drugs stash.



You need to back your partner up if you want to survive.









Big Screen Bravado

Set for release in August, the film (like the game) is set in present-day Miami and follows undercover cops Crockett and Tubbs. Replacing Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas this time around are Colin Farrell and Oscar winner Jamie Foxx. With the trailer featuring fast cars, fast women and even faster boats, it looks to contain plenty of action down there in the Florida sunshine. However, we at PURE can't help humming the theme to *Bad Boys* every time we watch the trailer.

Two's Company

Where *Miami Vice: The Game* does shine is in its multiplayer co-op mode. Through the Ad Hoc mode on your PSP, you can team up with a friend to take on Miami's underworld. Because of the main game's use of cover and major damage taken by the players when shot, this co-op mode becomes a hugely tactical affair and you soon find yourself covering your partner as he tries to make it to the next bit of cover for a better angle on your assailant. This makes a nice change from most shooter co-op modes where covering your partner and making sure they watch your back is something of an optional extra rather than a vital part of the game.





CONCLUSION

A nice twist on the standard shooter and a surprisingly decent movie tie-in.

SCORE 8/10


This is about as exciting as the whole thing gets.





GENRE: RPG **PLAYERS:** 1 **PRICE:** £29.99 **PUBLISHER:** Ubisoft **AVAILABLE:** Out Now **WWW.** ubi.com/US/Games/Info.aspx?pId=4322



Astonishia Story

Definitely a bedtime story!

AT A GLANCE

PLAYABILITY	5/10
LOOKS	5/10
SOUND	2/10
CHALLENGE	3/10
LIFESPAN	3/10

ASTONISHING: It does offer some elements of tactical battles

ASHAMED: The sound on the game will drive you insane

12+

Astonishia Story originally made its debut on the PC way back in 1994 and was quickly followed by the imaginatively titled *Astonishia Story: Forgotten Saga*. The games never really made an appearance outside their native Korea and this PSP port is hardly likely to make that seem a loss to the gaming community.

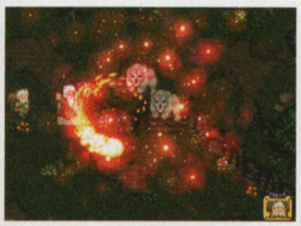
You take on the role of loyal knight Lloyd von Roiental, the Deputy Commander of the 5th Infantry of Palmira State, although he does look like a small cute-faced child so don't let his grand title fool you. Charged with escorting a sacred staff across the land, his caravan is soon set upon by a dark knight named, of all things, Francis (quake in fear). With his soldiers slaughtered and the staff missing, it's up to Lloyd to track down his foe and save the world from evil. The question remains: does Francis have an evil master plan or is there someone much more powerful behind his machinations?

> IT ALL BECOMES A PLODDING AFFAIR OF TURN-BASED COMBAT

Looking like a classic SNES game, the graphics have a true retro feel to them with colourful locations and plenty of detail. While that era delivered some of the best RPGs, it also boasted characters that you cared about, making the games much more involving from a player's point of view. This is where *Astonishia Story* has its first fall. The one-dimensional nature of the characters means you're not really bothered if they die during your adventure. It all becomes a plodding affair of turn-based combat against the same foes time after time with little variation, and levelling up your characters. Granted there are side quests which see you taking on bandits and rescuing damsels, but the whole thing leaves you with an empty feeling of 'take it or leave it' with little urge to return.

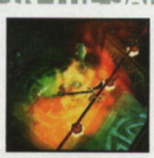
With less than 20 hours gameplay it is also something of a short affair, although this does come as a blessing in some ways if only to get away from the extremely basic and annoying music that plays throughout. There are better RPGs out there for the PSP and much better retro games. Our advice would be to give this a wide berth unless you are an obsessive RPG fan who has to play every title out there. **Noel Monk**






Gotta love those retor grpahics, haven't you?

IN THE SAME VEIN



Untold Legends: The Warrior's Code
An epic adventure with nice graphics but very linear gameplay 6/10

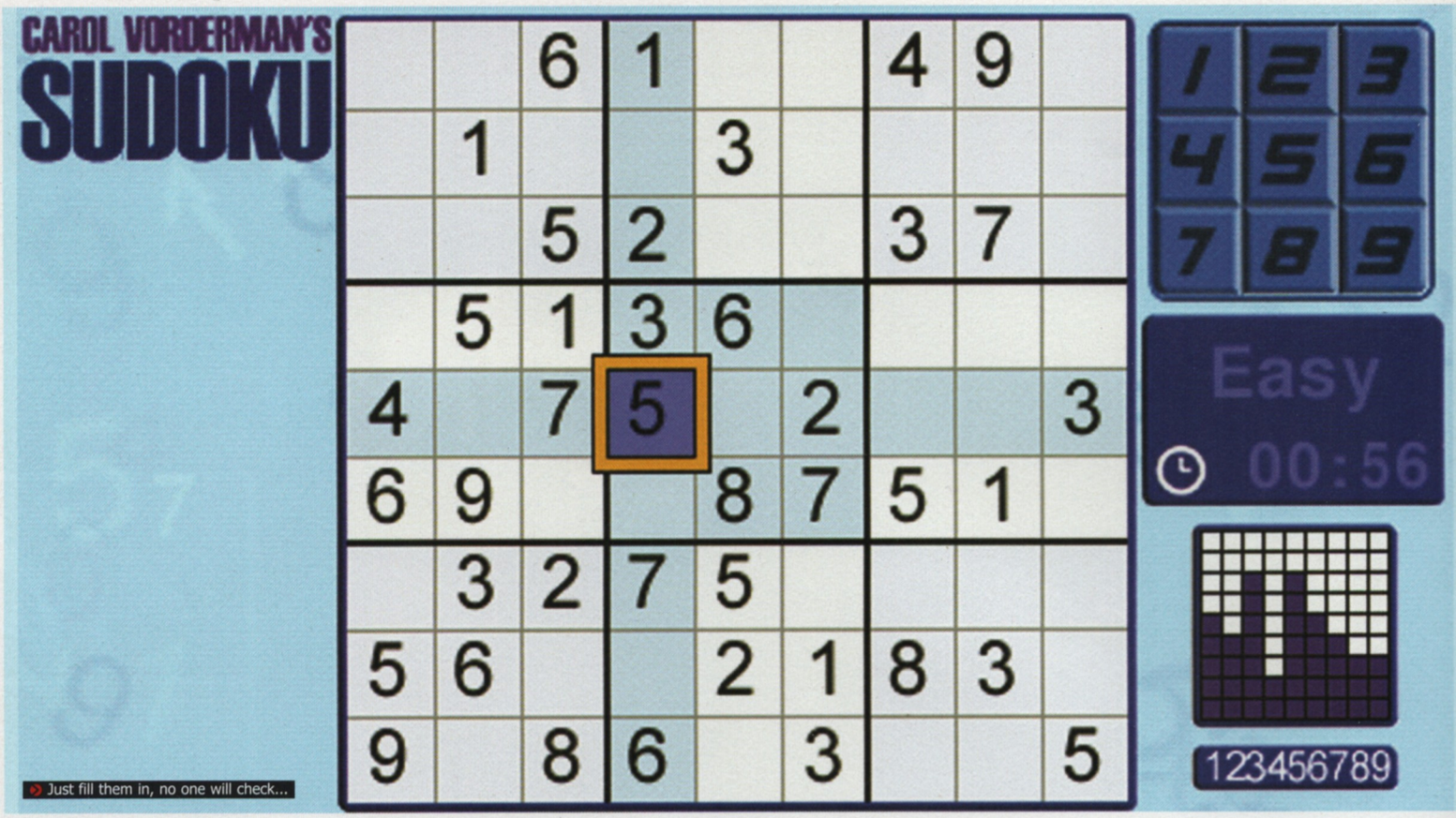
Key of Heaven
The first 3-D RPG for the PSP with an engaging story and downloadable content 9/10



CONCLUSION

Nothing really astonishing to see here. A retro title that should have stayed that way.

SCORE 4/10



GENRE: Puzzle **PLAYERS:** 1-2 **PRICE:** £19.99 **PUBLISHER:** Xplosiv **AVAILABLE:** 14 July **WWW.** carolvordermansSudoku.com



Carol Vorderman's Sudoku

Carol Vorderman becomes a Sudoku Sensei

AT A GLANCE

PLAYABILITY	9/10
LOOKS	8/10
SOUND	7/10
CHALLENGE	10/10
LIFESPAN	9/10

BEAUTIFUL CAROL: Nice interface, Carol Vorderman and addictive gaming

PUTRID BARREL: It's Sudoku and, unless you want to learn, can be boring

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Sudoku has conquered the world; the country still seems obsessed with this oriental puzzler but, amazingly, *Carol Vorderman's Sudoku* is still only the second title for the PSP (honest, we checked!)

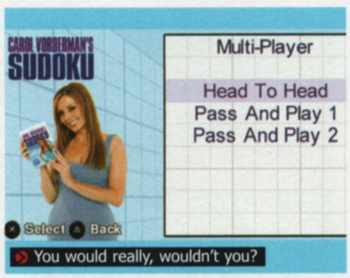
For those of you who've been stuck in a cave for the last year or so, the idea of Sudoku is to fill a 9x9 square grid with the number 1 to 9. While it sounds easy, we can assure you it's no picnic and this is where *Carol Vorderman's Sudoku* comes in. Beginning with a short history lesson, the game is designed to walk terrified beginners through their first puzzle with the help of the Queen of Countdown and, surprisingly, it actually works.

The tutorials provide live-action footage of Carol explaining simple puzzles and the techniques you can use to solve them, such as the slicing and dicing method. Once you're loaded up with Carol's helpful hints and tips, it's time to try the game itself. There are several different modes to choose from including Arcade and Career.

Arcade gives you the option of racing against a clock or playing the much easier Extra Time mode which gives you bonus seconds every time you put a number in the correct box. Career mode lets you rise up the Sudoku ranks, gaining belts as you go, and you can even attempt to beat Carol's times and become a Sudoku master. The game also supports WiFi allowing you to go head-to-head with a friend in a Sudoku frenzy.

The problem with the game is not its look or ease of use but the fact it's Sudoku. Unless you're already a fan or genuinely want to learn, there's very little to prompt your average gamer to spend their hard-earned cash. On the upside, if you are one of the multitude who still don't 'get' the principles of Sudoku, then Carol's teaching method will turn the game from a confusing chore into an addictive adventure. *Lesley Smith*





IN THE SAME VEIN



Go! Sudoku: The original PSP Sudoku game that combines addictive gaming with great background music. 9/10

Lumines: Puzzle Fusion Music and brightly coloured graphics meld in the *Tetris* clone that launched the PSP. 8/10



CONCLUSION

If you really want to learn Sudoku, this is the game for you. Who knows, you may even enjoy it.

SCORE 8/10

THE PURE INTERVIEW

Do You Do Sudoku?

She's the diva of long division, the angel of arithmetic and, with a reported IQ of 154, probably smart enough to be an evil genius with plans to take over the world. Luckily for us she has redirected her powers towards a Sudoku game for the PSP. We caught up with Carol recently for a very quick chat about all things Sudoku, her take on stress relief and what electronic gadget she keeps in her handbag.

PURE: What do think it is about Sudoku that makes it so appealing?
CV: It's relaxing and it is also a really good way to exercise your brain!

PURE: Do you play a lot of computer games?
CV: I would like to play more but I don't have much spare time. I play mainly when I am travelling. I prefer puzzle games, they are good stress relievers to me.

PURE: So the PSP is the perfect machine for you then?
CV: I love the fact that it is so small and fits into my handbag, that it's easy to use and so simple to work. I can play films and music so it's great for people on the move, like me.

"It's the best Sudoku game available and its the perfect travelling companion."

PURE: What was the first game you got for your PSP?
CV: Well my son is crazy about his PSP so the first game I tried was one of his racing games. But for me I like puzzle-based games; *Lumines* was my first PSP game.

PURE: What made you get that particular game?
CV: It was given to me as a present.

PURE: Do you use all the aspects of the PSP?
CV: I mainly use it for playing games and watching movies.

PURE: If you were to have a Sudoku playoff with any four people in the world, who do you think would be the hardest opponents?
CV: Gary Kasparov, I think it would be a tough battle. *[That's not four! Not as good at maths as she thinks she is – Ed]*

PURE: Finally, why should people buy Carol Vorderman's Sudoku on the PSP?
CV: It's the best Sudoku game available and its the perfect travelling companion. It has got so many different ways to play Sudoku. You can even play against me in the game; to beat me you have to be pretty good though!



WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN!

We've got a whole host of brilliant goodies to give away thanks to the lovely people at Xplosiv. You could be getting your hands on a brand-new PSP! Brainiacs will also be able to beat the first lady of Sudoku herself and improve their knowledge of the puzzle game with the soon-to-be-released *Carol Vorderman's Sudoku*. And if all that isn't enough, you can also win Carol's bestselling book.
Our lucky winner will receive a brand-new PSP as well as a copy of the game and Carol Vorderman's bestselling book. Nine runners-up will each receive a copy of the game and book.

Put your answer on a postcard or sealed down envelope, along with your name, address and telephone number, and send it to the following address, to reach us no later than 17 August: Brain Teaser, PURE PSP Magazine, Evolve Publishing Ltd, 2 Monks Road, Mount Pleasant, Exeter, Devon, EX4 7AY. Cybergeeks can also enter by sending an email to Pure@evolvepublishing.co.uk. Don't forget to put 'Brain Teaser' and your answer in the subject line. Terms & Conditions: See page 97 for details



To be in with a chance of winning Simply answer the following question:

Carol Vorderman is famous for starring in which TV programme?

A: **Counting Up**
B: **Countdown**
C: **Count the sheep over the fence**



BUYER'S BIBLE

Your guide to better living through gaming

So, you've missed a copy of PURE? That's alright; we forgive you just this once, but make sure you don't do it again. Like beating up the smart kid in class and nicking his homework, we've got you covered. We'll keep you out of the naughty corner when your mates ask you what's hot and what's snot. Chapter and verse, this is all you need to study of the holy scriptures of PSP gaming.

KATAMARI DAMACY



Dabboo-dabboo-da-dabba. Trust us; this makes perfect sense when you've played this otherwise completely bonkers Japanese roll 'em-up. You start with a small ball, finish with a big ball. That's it. Sound dull? Think again - this is one game we keep coming back to.



DAXTER



We all love a good bug bashing from time to time and with *Daxter* you not only get a chance to kick insect butt, but also a thoroughly playable platformer with plenty of polished content. Great graphics and a well-balanced learning curve make this an unexpectedly good game.



GAME TITLE	PUBLISHER	GENRE	ISSUE	SCORE
Ape Academy	SCEE	Platform	1	6
Ape Escape escapees in mini-game collection form - it's cute but just that bit too simple				
Ape Escape P	SCEA	Platform	1	6
Vintage platformer stages a far from glorious comeback due to poorly-implemented controls				
Archer MacLean's Mercury	Ignition	Puzzle	1	9
Armoured Core: Formula Front – Extreme Battle	505 Gamestreet	Simulation	3	8
Build your own unbeatable robot in what may become something of a sleeper hit				
ATV Offroad Fury: Blazin' Trails	SCEA	Racing	1 IMPORT	5
This off-road racer is more frustrating than furious, although multiplayer is good				
Boku No Watashi No Katamari Damacy	Namco	Puzzle	2	9
Breath of Fire III	Capcom	RPG	2	4
A disappointingly poor port that fails to add anything new to this aging PSOne relic				
Burnout Legends	EA	Racing	1	9
Bust-a-MoveGhost	505 Gamestreet	Puzzle	4	8
More bubble-blasting antics from dinky dinosaurs Bub and Bob. Simple and addictive				
Capcom Classics Collection Remixed	Capcom	Retro	6	8
Retro gems that are sure to provoke nostalgia and keep you playing for hours.				
Championship Manager	Eidos	Sports	1	9
There's more than enough here to keep any would-be boardroom big cheese satisfied				
Coded Arms	Konami	FPS	1	5
The PSP's first FPS may look the part, but it's let down by monotonous gameplay				
Colin McRae Rally 2005 Plus	Codemasters	Racing	1	8
A slick and challenging racer, marred by flawed controls and a steep learning curve				
Con, The	Sony	Fighting	2 IMPORT	5
Attempts to overhaul the fighting genre but is let down by poor controls				
Crash Tag Team Racing	Vivendi	Racing	1	6
Crash Bandicoot is back in a racing/platform combo that's fun, but it's no *Mario Kart*				
Darkstalkers Chronicle: The Chaos Tower	Capcom	Fighting	1	5
Zany animé-style 2D beat 'em up that suffers from poor controls, crippling gameplay				
Daxter	SCEE	Platform	5	8
Dead to Rights: Reckoning	Namco	Action	1	2
It promises hardboiled action adventure, but only manages to deliver monotony				
Death Jr.	Konami	Action	2	6
A quirky platformer with plenty of character, but camera issues let it down				
Dragon-Ball Z: Shin Budokai	Atari	Fighting	4	4
Aerial battles don't make up for the fact that the characters all feel the same				
Dynasty Warriors	Koei	Fighting	1	7
Lead warring factions to imperial glory in this enjoyable oriental hack and slash				
Everybody's Golf	SCEE	Sports	1	7
With charming, colourful graphics and simple gameplay, this is relaxing and addictive				
Exit	Ubisoft	Puzzle	2	8
The unique graphics and tricky obstacles will keep you pinned to your PSP				
F1 Grand Prix	SCEE	Racing	1	7
It has all of the drivers, teams and tracks, but there's no real sense of speed				

ARCHER MACLEAN'S MERCURY



Fiendishly difficult and ridiculously addictive, this stylish puzzler will have you guiding blobs of mercury around a series of hazard-ridden 3D mazes in the *Marble Madness* of the 21st century for PSP. Just make sure you top up your patience levels first!



BURNOUT LEGENDS



The driving game that reminded the world that arcade racers are actually far more fun than po-faced driving simulations comes to PSP in Greatest Hits form and impresses with its speed and car carnage. That said, it does suffer from seen-it-all-before-itis. One for *Burnout* newbies?



FIELD COMMANDER



Well presented and seriously addictive, Field Commander is a turn-based treat. A welcome change from all the racing and and sports that seems to dominate the PSP. A must have.



KEY OF HEAVEN



For our money, this is the first must-have RPG on the PSP. It offers a deep storyline with extra downloadable moves and looks beautiful in motion. Also known as *Kingdom of Paradise* in the US.



MEGA MAN MAVERICK HUNTER X



We asked for top notch 2D platformers and by jove, we got one! This cross-generational veteran returns for a slick slice of old school gaming and we loved it! Not essential, but great fun.



GAME TITLE	PUBLISHER	GENRE	ISSUE	SCORE
Field Commander	Ubisoft	Strategy	6	9
FIFA 2006	EA Sports	Sports	1	8
Stunning graphics and great gameplay prove the *FIFA* franchise isn't just a pretty face				
Fifa World Cup Germany 2006	EA Sports	Sports	5 GENIUS!	9
FIFA Street 2	EA Sports BIG	Sports	3	8
Rule the streets and take down world-class players, with plenty of game modes				
Fight Night Round 3	EA Sports	Sports	3	9
Fired Up	SCEE	Action	1	6
Repetitive and lacks replay value but game-sharing makes for multiplayer fun				
Football Manager 2006	Sega	Sports	4	8
Offers everything that you'd expect from a new footie management title				
Frantix	Ubisoft	Puzzle	1	4
Great graphics can't compensate for the lack of challenge or variety in this sub-par puzzler				
Frogger: Helmet Chaos	Konami	Platform	2	7
The classic arcade amphibian gets a passable 3D makeover but lacks that "Wow!" factor				
From Russia With Love	EA	Action	4	9
Generation of Chaos	Idea Factory	Strategy, RPG	5	6
Once you're familiar with it, Generation of Chaos does make for an amazing game				
Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex	Bandai	Action	1	6
This futuristic shooter is lacking in polish and fails to do justice to its animé inspiration				
Go! Sudoku	SCEE	Puzzle	1 GENIUS!	9
The most addictive number puzzler since *Minesweeper*.				
Grand Theft Auto: Liberty City Stories	Rockstar	Genre	1 GENIUS!	9
Addictive car-jacking action from the ever-popular GTA series, with plenty of variety				
Gripshift	Ubisoft	Puzzle/Racing	1	4
An attempt to fuse several genres that fails to execute any of its ideas successfully				
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	EA	Platform Action	1	6
An authentic slice of Potter magic, this looks good but is lacking in longevity and challenge				
Juiced: Eliminator	THQ	Racing	7	9
Infected	Majesco	Action	1	5
Zombie splatterfest allows you to 'infect' other PSPs over Infrastructure, but it's limited				
Kao Challengers	Atari	Platform	1	7
Kao the Kangaroo hops onto another console for a colourful but unexceptional adventure				
Karakuri	Tecmo	Platform	2	7
This novel platform-come-puzzler is endearing and enjoyable, but only one game mode				
Key of Heaven	SCEE	RPG	2	9
Koloomn	505 Gamestreet	Puzzle	4	6
Another *Tetris* wannabe with more than a passing nod to *Lumines* – fun but not fantastic				
Legend of Heroes, The: A Tear of Vermillion	Namco	RPG	2	2
Possibly the first torture device for a handheld games machine. Avoid like the plague				
Lemmings	SCEE	Puzzle	2	8
Lord of the Rings: Tactics	EA	Adventure	1	5
Turn-based Middle Earth, but the characters are lacking and the RPG elements disappoint				
Lumines: Puzzle Fusion	Ubisoft	Puzzle	1	7
One of those simple-but-tricky falling shapes games that always work on handhelds				
Madden NFL 2006	EA Sports	Sports	1	4
The best-selling American Football franchise fails to score a touchdown on the PSP				
Me and My Katamari	EA	Puzzle	5	8
Roly-poly sticky silly fun! Fact: you need to play this game				
Marvel Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects	EA	Action	1	6
Marvel and EA release a sub-standard button masher with poor collision detection				
MediEvil Resurrection	SCEE	Action	1	8
The cowardly Dan Fortescue is back for more comical hack and slash fun				
Mega Man Maverick Hunter X	Capcom	Platform	2	8
Mega Man Powered Up	Capcom	Platform	3	8
Mega Man gets a 21st century makeover, with old and new stages and a level editor				
Metal Gear Ac!d	Konami	Strategy	6	6
Chess with guns that really doesn't live up to the hype.				
Midnight Club 3: DUB Edition	Rockstar	Racing	1	7

FIGHT NIGHT ROUND 3



Technically outstanding, *Fight Night Round 3* offers extremely polished tactical boxing action and the depth of gameplay will keep you coming back again and again for more hard hitting action.



JUICED: ELIMINATOR



A slickly presented update that makes the game a must-have instead of an also-ran. Excellent physics coupled with realistic and debilitating car damage make this a real challenge for even the most hardened racers.



LEMMINGS



Every inch the classic gameplay we were hoping for, *Lemmings* may disappoint with its lack of innovation, but as a faithful interpretation of a gaming great, this is up there with the best.



BUYER'S BIBLE

PLAYSTATION PORTABLE CHAPTER AND VERSE ACCORDING TO PURE

NBA LIVE '06



Fast and frantic action, as the gameplay rages from end to end of the court, *NBA Live 06* impresses with its fantastic graphics and great range of game modes. Both playable and enjoyable.



RIDGE RACER



Namco's arcade classic is back for the PSP with its trademark drift handling and cutting edge graphics. Even the tracks have been modified to give a more slick driving feel.



SOCOM: FIRETEAM BRAVO



It's worth owning a PSP just to get a bit of the Fireteam action. This is one of the best PSP games around, complete with Infrastructure support for up to 16 players.



GAME TITLE	PUBLISHER	GENRE	ISSUE	SCORE
A decent portable port with crisp controls and plenty of vehicles and customisation options				
Midway Arcade Treasures	Midway	Arcade	3	8
A great collection of timeless arcade classics brought up to date for some multiplayer fun				
Micro Machines V4	Codemasters	Racing	7	8
A classic racer with a modern update that's a real gem to play.				
MLB 06 The Show	SCEA	Sports	4	8
Highly-polished baseball game that shows just what the PSP can do				
Monster Hunter Freedom	Capcom	Adventure	5	7
This popular sequel might frighten off newbies, making it one for experienced hunters				
MX Vs. ATV: On the Edge	THQ	Racing	4	8
Namco Museum Battle	Namco	Arcade	1	7
A collection of much-loved retro classics in authentic form, with four new arrangements				
NBA Ballers Rebound	Midway	Sports	4	8
A nice change from team games, with an engaging TV tournament mode				
NBA Live '06	EA Sports	Sports	1	8
NBA Street: Showdown	EA Sports BIG	Sports	1	7
This is basketball, with the *Street* series' usual emphasis on showing off to the max				
Need For Speed Most Wanted 5-1-0	EA	Racing	1	5
Illicit street racing may sound like fun, but you're better off giving this a miss				
Need For Speed Underground Rivals	EA	Racing	1	6
Better than *Most Wanted*, but still one of the more average racing offerings on the PSP				
NFL Street 2: Unleashed	EA Sports BIG	Sports	1	7
A satisfying arcade take on the game that the Americans like to call football				
Outrun 2006: Coast 2 Coast	Sega	Racing	4	6
Looks nice, but the mushy controls and lack of variety make it far from perfect				
Pac-Man World 3	EA	Platform	7	7
An enjoyable and accomplished platformer that doesn't really innovate.				
Peter Jackson's King Kong	Ubisoft	Action	1	6
Fun initially, but the more we play it, the less we like it. Bad monkey. Lose two points				
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest	Buena Vista Games	Action	7	8
An enjoyable romp that really draws you into the film world on which it is based.				
PoPoLoCrois	Agetec	RPG	2	7
As a cute and colourful RPG, this is fun enough but unfortunately lacks lasting appeal				
Puyo Pop Fever	Ignition	Puzzle	6	6
A very playable game, but not one that will blow you away with excitement				
PQ: Practical Intelligence Quotient	D3 Publisher	Puzzle	4	6
No multiplayer and lacks character, but it'll give your grey matter a thorough workout				
Prince of Persia Revelations	Ubisoft	Adventure	1	8
Pro Evolution Soccer 5	Konami	Sports	1	7
Still the best gameplay in the genre, but it's let down by the lack of content				
Pursuit Force	SCEE	Action	1	7
This is like a more linear *GTA*, except that you're fighting crime, not committing it				
Rengoku: The Tower of Purgatory	Konami	Action	2	3
Bland, boring and handles like a haddock on a rollerskate. Watch some drying paint instead				
Ridge Racer	SCEE	Racing	1	8
Samurai Warriors: State of War	Koei	Fighting	3	7
The neat story can't offset the lack of challenge or variety – it's just *Dynasty Warriors* again				
Smart Bomb	Eidos	Puzzle	1	6
Not the best puzzle game on the console, but it's challenging and well-presented				
Socom U.S. Navy Seals Fireteam Bravo	SCEA	FPS	4	10
Spider-Man 2	Activision	Action	1	6
An average game-movie tie-in with awkward controls and little in the way of replay value				
Splinter Cell Essentials	Ubisoft	Action	4	9

MX VS: ATV ON THE EDGE



Talented opponents and plenty of well-designed dirt tracks make this a joy to play.
It also means that the wireless game is even more fun in a four way heads up battle.



PRINCE OF PERSIA REVELATIONS



A reworking of The Warrior Within that boasts dynamic action, 20 overhauled levels and bundles of new combos. However, one that is a slight disappointment on the PSP.



SPLINTER CELL ESSENTIALS



The best stealth hero in the business is back to revisit remixed missions from previous *Splinter Cell* outings. A great addition to the franchise – fans of the series will love it.



SUPER MONKEY BALL ADVENTURE



Breathing life into an old franchise has really paid off; this is a classic in the making. The silly simians and their spherical shenanigans find their ideal home on Sony's portable pal.



WIPEOUT PURE



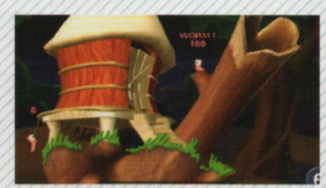
This slick cyber-racer is so impressive it even converted our sub-editor from a confirmed raceophobe into a slavering speed junkie. No other game can match it for download content.



WORMS: OPEN WARFARE



Wormicidal warfare is still fun with every death still as dramatic as the last, although new weapons would have been appreciated to bring the game up-to-date for the PSP.



GAME TITLE	PUBLISHER	GENRE	ISSUE	SCORE
SSX On Tour	EA Sports BIG	Sports	1	8
It's worth getting past the learning curve for the great graphics and satisfying tricks				
Star Wars Battlefront II	Activision	Action	1	8
Would have benefited from Infrastructure mode, but the force is still strong in this one				
Street Fighter Alpha 3 Max	Capcom	Fighting	2	8
The classic beat 'em-up series returns in authentic -Ism style with 17 different game modes				
Street Riders	Ubisoft	Racing	5	5
A dull, repetitive street racer that isn't even spiced up by adding guns to the mix				
Street Supremacy	Konami	Racing	4 IMPORT	4
This street racer suffers from sluggish controls, with no real sense of speed				
Super Monkey Ball Adventure	Sega	Puzzle	7	9
Syphon Filter: Dark Mirror	SCEE	Action	6	9
Talkman	SCEE	Translator	7	6
A genuinely educational offering aimed at language learners and travellers, not gamers.				
The Sims 2	EA	Simulation	1	8
The weird and wonderful world of the Sims is back with some quirky new features				
Tiger Woods PGA Golf 2006	EA Sports	Sports	1	8
A good conversion with instinctive controls and a sophisticated character creation system				
Tokobot	Take 2	Puzzle	3 IMPORT	5
This is a cute little puzzler based on an ingenious concept. Shame it's so poorly executed				
Twisted Metal: Head-On	SCEE	Racing	1	8
The slick, intense action makes this just as impressive as its PS1 and PS2 incarnations				
TOCA Race Driver 2	Codemasters	Racing	1	9
This is a cute little puzzler based on an ingenious concept. Shame it's so poorly executed				
Tomb Raider: Legend	Eidos	Adventure	6	6
On first impressions it looks pretty but just doesn't live up to the hype.				
Tony Hawk's Underground Remix 2	Activision	Sports	1 GENIUS!	9
Ultimate Block Party	Conspiracy	Puzzle	3	7
Nothing particularly groundbreaking, but it might just give *Lumines* a run for its money				
Untold Legends: Brotherhood of the Blade	Activision	RPG	1	5
Limited customisation options, slow loading times and camera problems disappoint				
Untold Legends: The Warrior's Code	Ubisoft	RPG	5	6
More playable characters, but it's let down by the linear gameplay				
Viewtiful Joe: Red Hot Rumble	Capcom	Action	5	7
A fast, furious explosion of colour, although the controls are just that bit too simple				
Virtua Tenis World Tour	Sega	Sports	1 GENIUS!	9
Wipeout Pure	SCEE	Racing	1	9
World Rally Championship	SCEE	Racing	1	6
All you'd expect from a licensed rally sim, but the gameplay is shallow and disappointing				
World Poker Tour	2K Sports	Sports	5	8
An enjoyable poker outing with the character customisation adding that extra something				
World Series of Poker	Activision	Puzzle	2	8
World Snooker Challenge	Sega	Sports	1	6
Offers a variety of modes and players but the Aiming Aid is lacking in precision				
World Tour Soccer	SCEE	Sports	1	5
Feels like it's been rushed out and too many of the basic options are locked				
Worms: Open Warfare	THQ	Action	3	8
WWE Smackdown! Vs. Raw 2006	THQ	Sports	1	6
Boasts slick presentation and some great features, but ultimately suffers due poor controls				
X-Men Legends II: Rise of Apocalypse	Activision	RPG	1	7
Offers an impressive collection of heroes to choose from and has plenty of replay value				

SYPHON FILTER: DARK MIRROR



Stunningly executed title that is a pure joy to play. It looks and sounds the part and is so addictive it is still hard to fathom how they crammed so much into one little UMD. A real must have.



TOCA RACE DRIVER 2



Just how ambitious would you like to get Codemasters? How did they cram in so many vehicles, over so many tracks in so much detail? It's beyond us, but we're glad they did.



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HALL OF GAME

The 'Best of Breed' games on PSP in every genre...

These are the games that represent the pinnacle of development for the PSP in each of their specific genres. Whether you're looking to build up the most well-rounded PSP library you can, or you just want to know which of those high-scoring games is most likely to float your boat, this page is crammed with the cream of the crop.

ACTION



SYPHON FILTER: DARK MIRROR

Syphon Filter: Dark Mirror **looks good, sounds good and plays like a dream. It is, in essence, a full-sized console shooter in the palm of your hand. Possibly the best action-based shooter out there.**

PURE SCORE 10 /10

ADVENTURE



MEDIEVIL RESURRECTION

Another dose of surreal skeletal hack 'n' slash. We're glad to see a return to form for the cowardly one, Sir Dan, with sumptuous visuals and chuckling voiceover antics from Tom Baker.

PURE SCORE 9 /10

ARCADE



MIDWAY ARCADE TREASURES

Classic old school arcade games repackaged with many benefiting from multiplayer additions to take advantage of the PSP. A reminder of the days when titles relied upon gameplay rather than looks.

PURE SCORE 7 /10

SHOOTER



SOCOM FIRETEAM BRAVO

One of the most impressive games we've played on the PSP and the only one to recieve 10 out of 10. With multiplayer support for no less than 16 players and a headset accessory to boot.

PURE SCORE 10 /10

FIGHTING



STREET FIGHTER ALPHA 3 MAX

The classic beat 'em-up's back for another 2D tubthumping bout - this time with more game modes than you can shoot a fireball at. This old fella still has some legs even now.

PURE SCORE 8 /10

PLATFORM



MEGA MAN MAVERICK HUNTER X

One of the most enduring characters of all time returns in this addictive mixture of blasting and platforming. This will give your gaming skills a thorough workout even by today's standards.

PURE SCORE 8 /10

PUZZLE



ARCHER MACLEAN'S MERCURY

A truly addictive puzzle game that is at turns simple and infuriatingly difficult, but blessed with that essential addictive quality that seperates a good puzzler from a truly great one.

PURE SCORE 9 /10

RPG



KEY OF HEAVEN

Finally, a fully-fledged RPG for the PSP. Beautiful graphics complete with a customisable combat system give this title some amazing depth, after a long wait now finally available in the UK.

PURE SCORE 9 /10

RACING



WIPEOUT PURE

WipEout Pure **is a credible conversion with very few flaws and should be in any futuristic racer's library. The first title to take full advantage of the machine's wireless capabilities.**

PURE SCORE 9 /10

SPORTS



VIRTUA TENNIS: WORLD TOUR

Games are fast and never less than fun. And nothing is more satisfying than winning a 20-stroke rally. Simple controls make even a beginner feel like a real chalk line pro.

PURE SCORE 9 /10

STRATEGY



FIELD COMMANDER

The first military strategy title for the PSP, *Field Commander* utilises your brain, not brute force. Addictive in the extreme, plan your actions and watch soldiers carry out your bidding in gorgeous three-dimensions.

PURE SCORE 9 /10

IMPORT



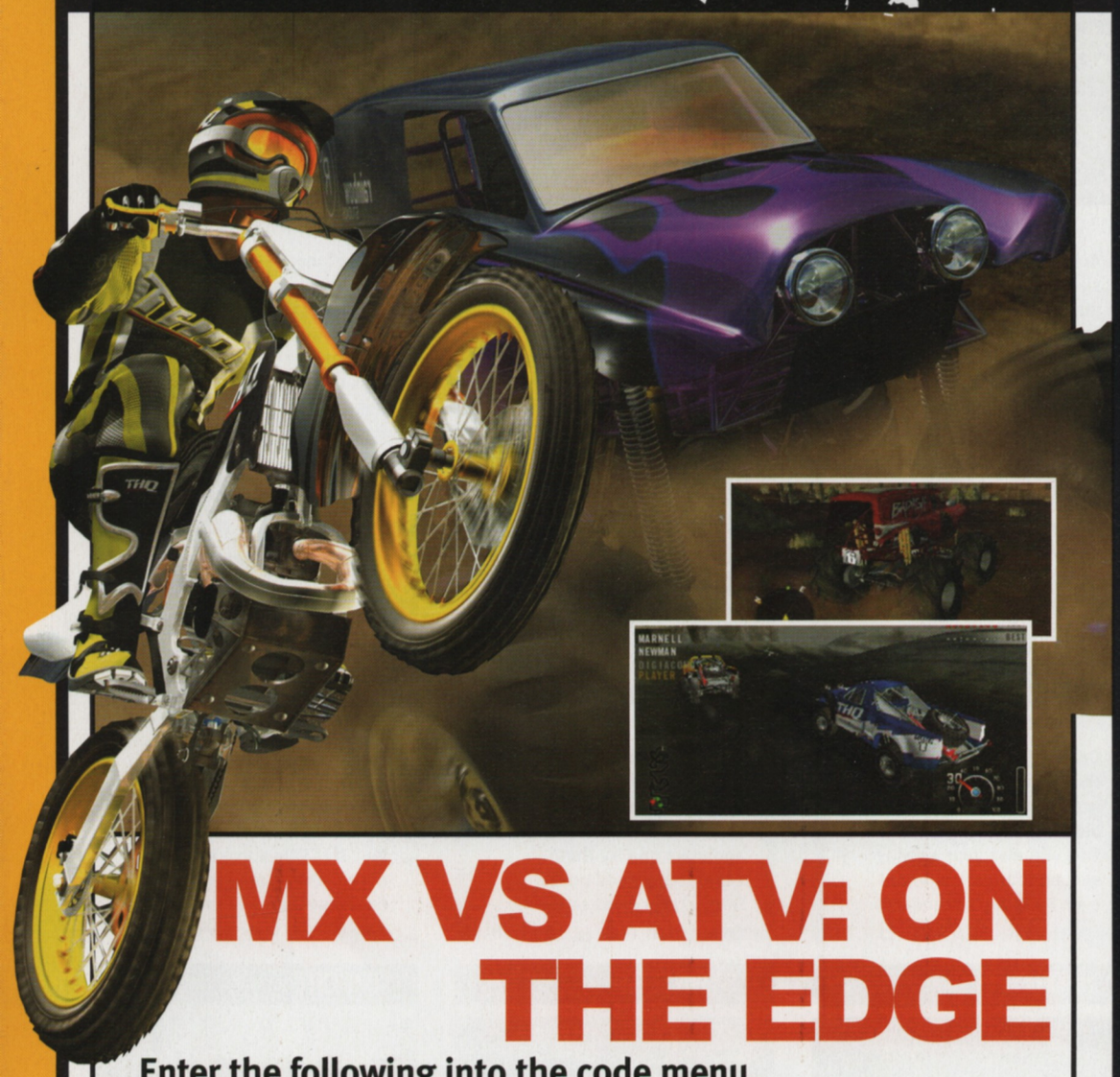
MLB 06 THE SHOW

An extremely well-rounded, polished title that shows off the PSP's capabilities to the max, with crystal sharp graphics, super smooth animation and a thoroughly absorbing career mode.

PURE SCORE 8 /10

ACCESS ALL AREAS

We like to live the Rock 'n' Roll lifestyle here at PURE, so in true hedonistic fashion, we thought you'd like to share our VIP pass to the backstage party of the game of your choice





THE POWER OF ONE

Want to play *WipEout* against your friends but have only one copy of the game? Well, fear no more because our sleuths have been on the case and we've found there are many games out there that don't support game-sharing but can still allow multiplayer fun.

For this demonstration, we'll be using *WipEout Pure*, although it can be done with any game that completely loads a level and does not access the UMD during gameplay.

Start the game on the host machine and start a multiplayer Ad Hoc game. Load through to the multiplayer lobby

Eject the disc and pass to a friend. You will now be asked the standard question of whether you want to quit back to the main menu. Choose no to return to the lobby screen

Player Two should now load in the game as usual and make their way to the multiplayer menu and choose Join Game. The host machine should now offer the chance of pressing ✖ to continue. Select this option. The PSP with the UMD will now load into the start grid and hold

Switch the disc back to the host machine and that will now load into the start grid and you can let the racing begin

To add more players, repeat step three for each player. This can be done for up to five players (or the limit of the game in question)

A few words of warning to help you. At the end of a game you may well find your PSP locks up. This is easily remedied by opening your PSP and inserting another disc to reboot the machine.

MX VS ATV: ON THE EDGE

Enter the following into the code menu.

COUCHES	- ALL ATVS
BIGBORE	- 500CC BIKES
BRAPP	- ALL BIKES
GOOUTSIDEALL	- NATIONAL TRACKS
NOTMOTO	- ALL OPEN CLASS TRACKS
WANNABE	- ALL RIDERS
GOINSIDE	- ALL SUPERCROSS TRACKS
PITPASS	- ALL TRACKS
IAMTOOGOOD	- PRO PHYSICS

MLB

PAUSE THE GAME THEN ENTER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CODES




←, →, ↑, ↑, ←, →, ↑, ↑	-Big Heads
↑, →, ↓, ←, →, ↓, ←, ↑	-Bigger Ball
←, ←, ←, ↑, →, →, →, ↓	-Faster Players
↑, ↑, ←, →, ←, →, ↑, ↑	-Increased Pitch Speed
↑, ↑, ↓, ↓, ←, →, ←, →	-No Sound Effects
→, →, →, ↑, ←, ←, ←, ↓	-Slower Players
←, →, ↓, ↓, ←, →, ↓, ↓	-Small Heads
←, ↓, ↑, →, ←, ↓, ↑, →	-Starters Become MLB Developers

FIFA 06

Press Up, Left, R1, L1, ⊗, ◎, Triangle at the main menu to hear the players talking on the pitch.





ARMORED CORE: FORMULA FRONT

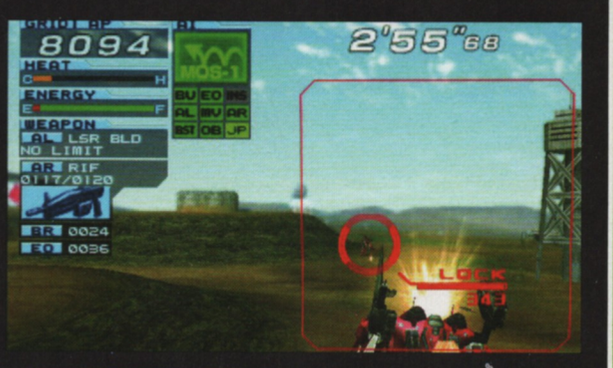
During a manual control battle, you can use any of the following:

D-Pad ↑ and D-Pad → simultaneously - Drop Extensions

D-Pad ↑ and ◎ simultaneously - Drop Left Arm Weapon

D-Pad ↑ and ▢ simultaneously - Drop Right Arm Weapon

Boost Forward on the ground and press ◎ - Fire Energy Wave



ATV OFFROAD FURY: BLAZIN' TRAILS

From the main menu go to Options, then Player Profile, then Enter Cheat, then enter the codes below EXACTLY as you see them here.

TO LAZY	-	Unlock all ATVs except the G-Ride or Fury bike
TRICK IT OUT	-	Unlock all bike parts
NoGAME	-	Unlock all events
SMOG TEST	-	Unlock all exhausts
+THREE	-	Unlock Ravage Talon ATVs




TOM CLANCY'S SPLINTER CELL ESSENTIALS

Enter the following at the bonus mission screen (you have to enter the code each time you want to play the mission):

Hold Select and press L+R three times
Unlock the Television Free Indonesia mission

Hold Select and press L+R three more times
Unlock the Heroin Refinery mission

Hold Select and press L+R 12 more times
Unlock the Paris-Nice mission





ENTER THE A-Z CHEAT ZONE...

ACCESS ALL AREAS

THEY SAY CHEATS NEVER PROSPER, BUT THEY DO GET TO SEE THE TENTH LEVEL, SO THERE. EVERYONE NEEDS A LITTLE HELP NOW AND THEN SO BOW DOWN AT THE PURE ALTAR OF GAMING GOODNESS

Ape Escape

Collect the Specter Coins that are scattered throughout the levels:

SNOWKIDZ SNOWBOARDING MINI-GAME
Collect 10 Specter Coins

SPECTER BOXING MINI-GAME
Collect 20 Specter Coins

JAKE ATTACKS MINI-GAME
Collect 30 Specter Coins

APE PING-PONG MINI-GAME
Collect 40 Specter Coins

BONUS CHARACTERS IN APE PING-PONG
Successfully complete Ape Ping-Pong

BONUS CHARACTERS IN SPECTER BOXING
Successfully complete Specter Boxing

SURVIVAL MODE IN SPECTER BOXING
Successfully complete Specter Boxing

Save life during a fall
Much like in the PlayStation version, you can save yourself from losing a life during a fall by doing the following:

Press Start, then ○, then select 'Yes'. This has to be done during a very high fall and must be done quickly!

Archer Maclean's Mercury

Unlock all levels:
Select two-player mode, and enter hg? (the symbol for mercury on the periodic table of elements) as your initials. At the world select screen, hold down both collar buttons (L and R) and press select to toggle access to all levels on and off.

Bonus Stages:
Place first in every high score board on every stage to unlock their world's respective bonus stages.

ATV Offroad Fury: Blazin' Trails

From the options menu, go to 'player profile' then to 'enter cheat' to input the following codes:

1500 CREDITS	$moneybags$
UNLOCK ALL OF THE CLOTHES	Duds
UNLOCK ALL OF THE MUSIC VIDEOS	Billboards
UNLOCK EVERYTHING	All Access
UNLOCKS RIMS	Dubs

Complete all of the courses in training mode with the following averages and you will unlock some free quads:

GOLD	3 Talon ATVs
SILVER	2 Talon ATVs
BRONZE	1 Talon ATV

Harder difficulty level & New Tournament:
To unlock every Expert level in the game, you first must defeat the Normal level with a gold cup.

The only way to unlock Ice Tournament on Normal Mode is by getting a gold cup in amateur national at expert level

Brotherhood Of The Blade

Network Duping
Connect your PSP to a multiplayer game with a friend and give him the item you wish to duplicate. Don't save your game and exit. Make sure your friend who has the item saves their game. Now both players can restart the game and you will find the item you gave away is still in your inventory. This can be done as many times as you want to gain the items you need.

Get A Head Start
When you make a character level them up for a while then restart the story. You will start a new game with all the original items and same experience level as you had before. This trick will allow you to get to Level 20 before you leave Aven.

Power Shopping
Shops in aven not stocking what you want? Go into the secret Catacombs then back to Aven and you will find the items have changed. Do this until better weapons and items appear.

Cheat Death
If you are about to die, as you character begins to fall to the floor press START and choose recall to Aven. Save Game will be greyed out. So go down to exit and press //X. This will take you back to the title menu, load you r game and you will find you have not lost your items and have half your energy back.

Coded Arms

To plunder their goodies, you'll first have to destroy the following bosses:

SURGE HELM
Defeat lvl 40 boss - Mantis

BLAST HELM
Defeat lvl 50 boss - Enforcer

INFERNO
Beat Sector 2 Base boss - Colossus

JUDGEMENT
Beat Sector 2 City boss - Enforcer

COPPERHEAD
Beat Sector 2 Ruins Boss - Mantis

ONSLAUGHT
Beat the boss on Infinity mode level 10

VULCAN
Beat the boss on Infinity mode level 20

NEUTRON GUN
Beat the boss on Infinity mode level 30

TRIDENT
Beat the boss on Infinity mode level 60

Hint: During the battle with Collosus, ride the elevator up one floor and then back down. If you stay in the back corner of the elevator the bugs will not attack you and Collosus will only attack with his laser, which can't hit you.

Crash Tag Team Racing

Enter the following codes while holding L + R at the main menu screen

○, ○, ○, ○
= Chicken-headed people

⊗, ○, △, ○
= Disable all head-up displays

○, ○, △, △
= High speed

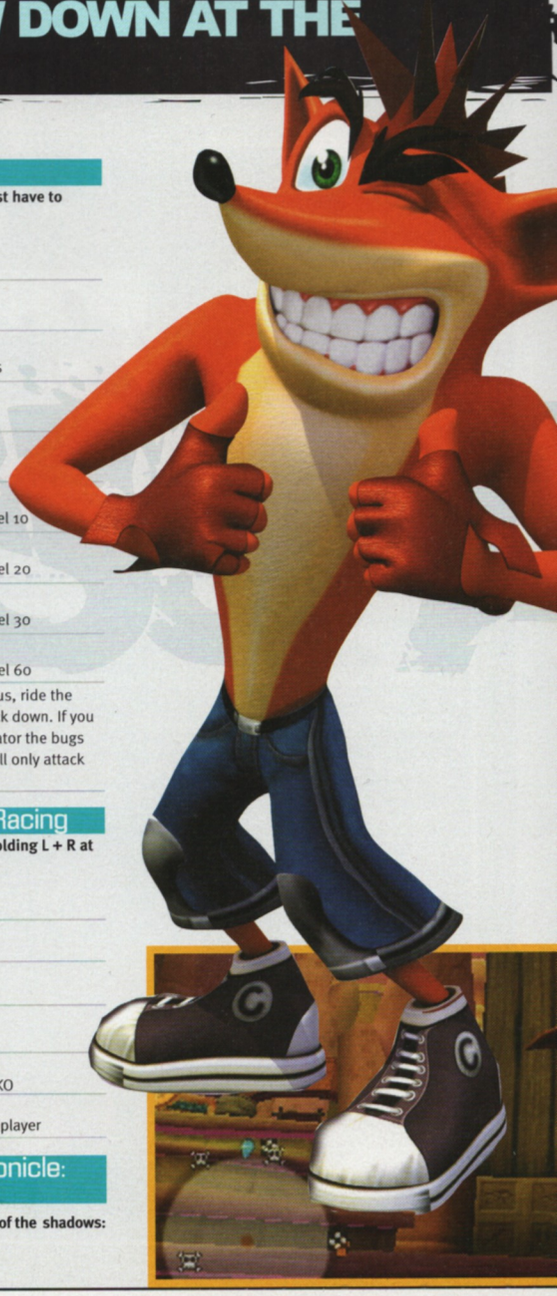
○, ○, ○, ○
= Japanese Crash skin

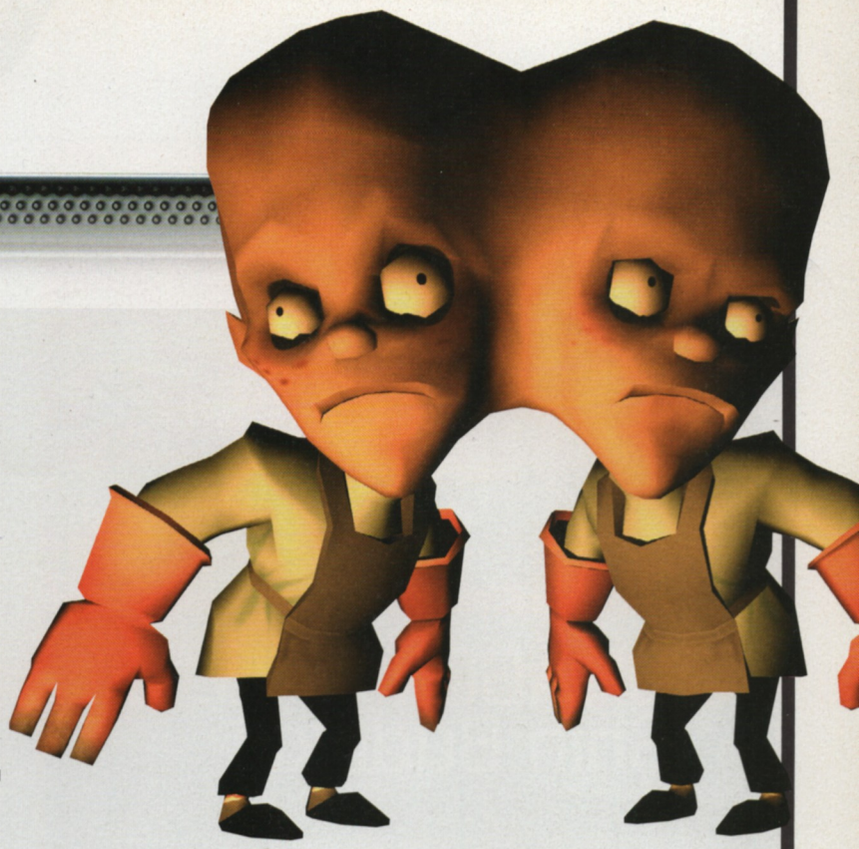
⊗, ○, ○, ⊗
= Run into a car for an automatic KO

○ ○ △ ○
= Toy block cars in single and multiplayer

Darkstalkers Chronicle: The Chaos Tower

To bring the hidden characters out of the shadows:





SHADOW
When selecting a character in arcade mode, select the random character question mark, press start five times, then press any punch or kick button

MARIONETTE
When selecting a character in arcade mode, select the random character question mark, press start seven times, then press any punch or kick button

OBORO BISHAMON
When selecting Bishamon in any mode, hold down start and press any punch or kick button

Bonus Visuals:

ANITA'S ENDING
Fight and defeat Oboro Bishamon in Arcade.

HUNTER' ENDINGS + INTRO
In Arcade choose 'Hunter' and select 'Hunter' with the characters that have availible endings. Once all are complete the intro will be availible.

'VAMPIRE SAVIOR' ENDINGS + INTRO
In Arcade choose 'Savior' and select 'Savior' with the characters that have available endings. Once all are complete the intro will be availible.

'VAMPIRE' ENDINGS + INTRO
In Arcade choose 'Vampire' and select 'Vampire' with the characters that have availible endings. Once all are complete the intro will be availible.

ILLUSTRATIONS
Complete the Tower mode to 100%

JEDAH 2 AND PYRON 2 ENDING
In Arcade choose 'Savior' and select 'Savior 2' with either Jedah or Pyron. Try to beat all characters without losing.

DAXTER

Clank Mask
The Clank Mask is in Tanker 1. Bounce your way across the spring pads and climb the wall in front of you. At the top, use your hover ability to reach the next wall. At the top of this wall you will find a picture behind you. Use your hover ability once again to get to the picture and smash it for your reward.

Human Daxter Mask
The Human Daxter Mask is in the hotel level. After the first pipe slide, run up the slope. When you get to the top, turn around so you are facing a ledge. Using the hover attachment, make your way to the picture and smash it to be rewarded with a mask and a free bonus hat.

Jak Mask
The Jak Mask can be found in the prison level. Make your way to the second cell block, which is populated by three guards. Sneak behind the guards and follow them round counter-clockwise. Behind the second pillar you will find a key. This key opens the first door you see towards the north east of the room. Open it and smash the picture on the shelf to get your hands on the Jak Mask.



Ratchet Mask
The Ratchet Mask is in the Subway level. After the train jumping section you will reach a climbing net with energy bolts shooting upwards. Climb the net and look down the side closest to the exit from the level. You will see a ledge you can drop down onto and a picture to smash in order to snaffle the Ratchet Mask.

Samos Mask
The Samos Mask can be found in the Lumbermill stage. Once you have passed the first set of saw blades after the bug zapper, look to your left where you will see a stream. Jump to the left off the platform and hover, staying close to the wall. Part of the way along you will find an alcove in the wall that contains the picture that you need to smash in order to grab the Samos Mask.

Sly Cooper Mask
The Sly Cooper Mask is in the City Port area. Head for the warp gate to Emerald Isle, but don't go through it. Behind the gate, you will find a box. Jump onto it, then drop down behind it. Turn around and you will see a picture on the back of the box. Smash the picture to open the box and reveal the Sly Cooper Mask.

Dead to Rights: Reckoning

Perform these tasks to unlock the hidden content:

UNLOCK EVERYTHING
Enter name as DoggieStyle

ALL WEAPONS
Beat Villa mission

CABAL BOSS SKIN
Beat Dockyards mission

FISTS OF FLAME
Beat Old Church mission

INCREDIBLY FIT DOG
Beat Under Rink mission

INFINITE ADRENALINE
Beat Back Streets mission

INFINITE AMMO
Beat Train Yards mission

MAXINE SKIN
Beat The Mansion mission

NO DAMAGE
Beat Rooftops mission

SUPER DEFORMED MODE
Beat Pink Starfish mission

NORMAL CHALLENGE MODE
Beat game in Normal

SUPERCOP MODE (HARD DIFFICULTY)
Beat game in Normal

SUPER DEFORMED MODE
Complete stage 2

INFINITE AMMOS
Complete stage 4

INFINITE ADRENALINE
Complete stage 5

INCREDIBLE FIT DOG
Complete stage 6

Complete the following chapters on Normal or Hard:

BIKER 2 (Multiplayer Skin)	Chapter 01
BAR (Multiplayer Arena)	Chapter 02
BIKER BOSS (Skin)	Chapter 03
TRIAD2 (Skin)	Chapter 04
JACK2 (Skin)	Chapter 05
TRIAD BOSS (Skin)	Chapter 06
MILITIA2 (Skin)	Chapter 07
MILITIA BOSS (Skin)	Chapter 08
CABAL1 (Skin)	Chapter 09
CABAL2 (Skin)	Chapter 10
MANSION (Arena)	Chapter 11
WHISPER (Skin)	Chapter 12

Death, Jnr

While paused, hold both left and right collar buttons (L and R) and input the following:

ALL WEAPONS AND UPGRADES
↑, ↑, ↓, ↓, ←, →, ←, →, ⊗, ○.

MAX AMMO
△, △, ⊗, ⊗, □, ○, □ ○, ↓, →

INFINITE AMMO
While Holding L and R, Press △, △, ⊗, ⊗, □, ○, □, ○, →, ↓

CHIBI MODE
△, ○, ⊗, □, △, ↑, →, ↓, ←, ↑

OPEN DOORS
↑, ←, ↓, →, ←, △, □, ⊗, ○, □

WIDGET
→, ↑, ↓, ↑, △, ↑, ←, □, △, →

CHANGE ATTACK NAME
↑, ↑, ↓, ←, △, △, □, ⊗, ○, □

BIG SCYTHE
△, □, ⊗, ○, △, ↑, ←, ↓, →, ↑

BULLET IMPACT PICTURE CHANGED
↑, →, ↓, ←, ↑, △, ○, ⊗, □, △

ALTERNATIVE COLOUR PALLETTE FOR MONSTERS
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

ALTERNATIVE LOOK FOR MONSTERS
△, ↑, ○, →, ⊗, ↓, □, ←, △, ↑

CHANGE WEAPON NAME
↓, ↓, ↑, ↑, ←, →, ←, →, □, △

INVINCIBILITY
↑, ↑, ↓, ↓, ←, ←, →, →, □, △

UNLOCK ALL LEVELS
↑, ↑, ↑, ↑, ↓, ↓, ↓, ↓, ⊗, ⊗

WARP TO ADVANCED TRAINING STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, □

WARP TO BASIC TRAINING STAGE
↑, △, ↑, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO BIG TROUBLE IN LITTLE DOWNTOWN STAGE
↑, △, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO BOTTOM OF THE BELL CURVE STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, △

WARP TO BURN IT DOWN STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↑, △, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO FINAL BATTLE STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, △, ↑, ⊗

WARP TO GROWTH SPURT STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↑, ⊗

WARP TO HAPPY TRAILS INSANITARIUM STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, △, ↑, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO HIGHER LEARNING STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, △, ↓, ⊗↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, △, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO HOW A COW BECOMES A STEAK STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, △, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO INNTER MADNESS STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↑, △, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO INTO THE BOX STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↑, △, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO MOVING ON UP STAGE
↓, △, ↑, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO MY HOUSE STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, △, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO SEEP'S HOOD STAGE
↓, △, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO SHOCK TREATMENT STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, △, ↑, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO THE BASEMENT
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↑, △

WARP TO THE BURGER TRAM STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↑, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO THE CORNER STORE STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↑, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

WARP TO THE MUSEUM
↑, ⊗, ↓ ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗ ↓, ⊗

WARP TO UDDER MADNESS STAGE
↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↑, ⊗, ↓, ⊗, ↓, ⊗

ASSIST
↑, ↑, ↓, ↓, △, △, ⊗, ⊗, △, △

FILLS PANDORA'S ASSIST METER
↑, ↑, ↓, ↓, ↑, →, ↓, ←, ⊗, ⊗

SEEP'S SPECIAL MOVE
←, ←, →, →, ←, →, ←, →, ⊗, ⊗

MAX HEALTH UP
↑, ↑, ↓, ↓, ⊗, ○, △, □, ⊗, ⊗



DRAGON BALL Z: Shin Budokai

Start in transformed state

On the selection screen, hold down the R button while choosing a transformable character. This allows you to start in your transformed state, so that you don't have to power up during the game.

Dynasty Warriors

To get the best bodyguards, achieve the following conditions:

MASAMUNE DATE, NOH, HANZO HATTORI, RANMARU MORI AND HIDEYOSHI HASHIBA
Get 100 Officers

QIONG YING, HU SAN NIANG, LI SHI SHI AND CAI WEN JI
Get 50 Officers

SANADA YUKIMURA, KEIJI MAEDA, NOBUNAGA ODA, MITSUHIDE AKECHI, GOEMON ISHIKAWA, KENSHIN UESUGI, OICHI, OKUNI, KUNOICHI, MAGOICHI SAIKA, SHINGEN TAKEDA
Get 100 Officers

YOSHIMOTO IMAGAWA, TADAKATSU HONDA AND INA
Get 150 Officers

OTHER: LU BU - DIAO CHAN - ZHU RONG
Complete Musou mode with any default 'Other' character

OTHER: YUAN SHAO - DONG ZHUO
Complete Musou mode once with one character from each kingdom

OTHER: ZHANG JIAO - MENG HUO
Complete Musou mode with one character from Shu, Wu, and Wei

SHU: JIANG WEI - HUANG ZHONG - WEI YAN
Complete Musou mode with Liu Bei

SHU: ZHUGE LIANG - LUI BEI - PANG TONG
Complete Musou mode with any default Shu character

WEI: CAO CAO - CAO REN - SIMA YI
Complete Musou mode with any default Wei character

WEI: ZHANG HE - ZHANG LIAO - XU HUANG
Complete Musou mode with Cao Cao

WU: DA QIAO - XIAO QIAO
Complete Musou mode with Sun Ce

WU: SUN JIAN - SUN CE - SUN QUAN
Complete Musou mode with any default Wu character

WU: ZHOU TAI - HUANG GAI - LU MENG
Complete Musou mode with Sun Jian

SOUND TEST
Complete the game with 1 character from each kingdom to unlock Sound Test in the Option menu

Everybody's Golf

After completing Situation 1, enter the following codes at the title screen.(To unlock Situation 9 you must first unlock Situation 8; and for Situation 10 you must first unlock Situation 9.)

L, R, ←, →, ○, ○, ⊗, △ = Unlock Situation 8

△, ↓, ○, ←, ⊗, ↑, ○, → = Unlock Situation 9

→, ↓, ↑, ←, ○, ⊗, →, L = Unlock Situation 10

Exit

Meet the following criteria in order to unlock new links:

AUTUMN PAGODA COURSE
Get to Beginner level in challenge mode

GOLDEN DESERT COURSE
Get to Senior level in challenge mode

MANUAL REPLAY MODE
Get to Senior level in challenge mode

OLIVE COAST COURSE
Get to Mid-Rank level in challenge mode

OPEN NEW RANKS FOR CHALLENGE MODE (MID-RANK, SENIOR)
Win matches/tornaments with a star. Once you gain enough stars you will unlock the next level

UNLOCK 5TH LOYALTY HEART FOR A CHARACTER
Get a Super Win against them vs a regular win (get a -3 before the match is over)

UNLOCK EASY MODE FOR CHALLENGE MODE
Lose multiple matches/tournaments in a row in challenge mode. There is no negative to this and can be changed under the options menu.

FIFA Soccer

At the Main Menu press the following:

All International teams and cups
Hold triangle then press ○, ⊗, ⊗, ○, △, △

All stadiums from every league
Hold ○ then press △, △, △, ○, ○,←

Argentina league
Hold L then press ○, ○, △

Complete challenge mode
Hold L then press ○, ○, ○, ⊗, ○

Frantix

At the level selection screen, hold L + R. You will get a screen with CODES top-right and space for up to eight characters. Use 3/4 D-pad directions to cycle the letters/numbers (A-Z, 0-9), and 2/1 to select the letter/digit. Press X when done.

LVLANY1 = Turn access to any level on

LVLANYo = Turn access to any level off

INVINC1 = Turn invincibility on

INVINCo = Turn invincibility off

From Russia With Love

Covert Suit
In the room with the final bomb on the Station T level, go to the big safe and a covert suit will be lying on top.

Dinner Jacket
Obtain it from Q's Head Quarters at the second part of the Hedgemaze mission.

Dinner Suit
On the second level, complete the maze and you will be in Moneypenny's office. Search the drawer to find the Formal **Dinner Suit.**

Snow Suit
Get it in the Factory mission.

Gottlieb Pinball Hall of Fame

Enter the following codes in the Enter Code screen:

HOT	Unlock free play on Love Machine
PGA	Unlock free play on Tee'd Off
BIG	Unlock free play on Xolten
UNO	Unlock free play on Aces High
NYC	Unlock free play on Central Park
PBA	Unlock free play on Strikes 'N Spares
HEF	Unlock free play on Playboy
WGR	Unlock Payout mode
CKF	Unlock custom balls in Options
BZZ	Unlock optional tilt in Options

Grand Theft Auto: Liberty City Stories

Enter these during gameplay:

Aggressive Drivers
○, ○, R, ⊗, ⊗, L, ○, ○

All Green Lights
△, △, R, ○, ○, L, ⊗, ⊗

All Vehicles Chrome Plated
△, R, L, ↓, ↓, R, R, △

Black Cars
○, ○, R, △, △, L, ○, ○

Super-Deformed Head Mode
↓, ↓, ↓, ○, ○, ⊗, L, R

Cars Drive On Water
○, ⊗, ↓, ○, ⊗, ↑, L, L

Change Bike Tire Size
○, →, ⊗, ↑, →, ⊗, L, ○

Clear Weather
↑, ↓, ○, ↑, ↓, ○, L, R

Commit Suicide
L, ↓, ←, R, ⊗, ○, ↑, △

Destroy All Cars
L, L, ←, L, L, →, ⊗, ○

Display Game Credits
L, R, L, R, ↑, ↓, L, R

Faster Clock
L, L, ←, L, L, →, ○, ⊗

Faster Gameplay
R, R, L, R, R, L, ↓, ⊗

Foggy Weather
↑, ↓, △, ↑, ↓, ⊗, L, R

Full Armor (Blue Bar)
L, R, ○, L, R, ⊗, L, R

Full Health (Red Bar)
L, R, ⊗, L, R, ○, L, R

Have People Follow You
↓, ↓, ↓, △, △, ○, L, R

Money Cheat ($250,000)
L, R, △, L, R, ○, L, R

Never Wanted
L, L, △, R, R, ⊗, ○, ○

Overcast Weather
↑, ↓, ⊗, ↑, ↓, △, L, R

Pedestrians Attack You
L, L, R, L, L, R, ↑, △

Pedestrianss Have Weapons
R, R, L, R, R, L, →, ○

Pedestrians Riot
L, L, R, L, L, R, ←, ○

Perfect Traction
L, ↑, ←, R, △, ○, ↓, ⊗

Rainy Weather
↑, ↓, ○, ↑, ↓, ○, L, R

Raise Media Attention
L, ↑, →, R, △, ○, ↓, ⊗

Raise Wanted Level
L, R, ○, L, R, △, L, R

Random Pedestrian Outfit
L, L, ←, L, L, →, ○, △

Slower Gameplay
R, △, ⊗, R, ○, ○, ←, →

Spawn Rhino
L, L, ←, L, L, →, △, ○

Spawn Trashmaster
△, ○, ↓, △, ○, ↑, L, L

Sunny Weather
L, L, ○, R, R, ○, △, ⊗

Upside Down Gameplay
↓, ↓, ↓, ⊗, ⊗, ○, R, L

Weapon set 1
△, △, △, ↑, ↑, →, L, R, ↑, ↑, ↑, ○, ○, ↓, ←, ○, ○, →

Weapon set 2
↑, ○, ○, ↓, ←, ○, ○, →

Weapon set 3
↑, ⊗, ⊗, ↓, ←, ⊗, ⊗, →

White Cars
⊗, ⊗, R, ○, ○, L, △, △

Collect hidden packages to get these goodies:

SPAWNS A PISTOL AT ALL SAFE HOUSES
10 Packages

SPAWNS A SHOTGUN AT ALL SAFE HOUSES
20 Packages

SPAWNS BODY ARMOUR AT ALL SAFE HOUSES
30 Packages

SPAWNS AN MP5 AT ALL SAFE HOUSES
40 Packages

SPAWNS A PYTHON AT ALL SAFE HOUSES
50 Packages

SPAWNS AN M4 AT ALL SAFE HOUSES
60 Packages

SPAWNS A SNIPER RIFLE AT ALL SAFE HOUSES
70 Packages

SPAWNS A FLAMETHROWER AT ALL SAFE HOUSES
80 Packages

SPAWNS A ROCKET LAUNCHER AT ALL SAFE HOUSES
90 Packages

GIVES YOU $50,000
100 Packages

Gradius Collection

Pause the game to enter this code, which works on all of the games in the collection on their easier settings.

↑, ↑, ↓, ↓, ←, →, ←, →, ⊗, ○ -ALL WEAPONS & POWER-UPS

Gretzky NHL

Hit Start on the Gretzky Challenge Unlockables screen to make the Cheat Entry menu appear, then enter the appropriate code.

FLYING VEE = Unlock alternate Anaheim Mighty Ducks Uniform

THRASHED TO THE MAX= Unlock alternate Atlanta Thrashers Uniform

NOMAR STILL RULES = Unlock alternate Boston Bruins Uniform

IN THE SNOW BELT = Unlock alternate Buffalo Sabers Uniform

THREE ALARM BLAZE = Unlock alternate Calgary Flames Uniform

WINDY CITY = Unlock alternate Chicago Blackhawks Uniform

SNOW DRIFTS = Unlock alternate Colorado Avalanche Uniform

BLUE SHOES = Unlock alternate Columbus Blue Jackets Uniform

HOCKEY IN TEXAS = Unlock alternate Dallas Stars Uniform

PUMPIN OIL = Unlock alternate Edmonton Oilers Uniform

SOUTH BEACH = Unlock alternate Florida Panthers Uniform

IT IS GOOD TO BE THE KING = Unlock alternate Los Angeles Kings Uniform

COLD AS HECK= Unlock alternate Minnesota Wild Uniform

ALIEN VS NASHVILLE = Unlock alternate Nashville Predators Uniform

LAWNG ISLAND = Unlock alternate New York Islanders Uniform

GREAT WHITE WAY = Unlock alternate New York Rangers Uniform

MAJORITY RULE = Unlock alternate Ottawa Senators Uniform

FANATICAL= Unlock alternate Philadelphia Flyers Uniform

GET A BIGGER BOAT= Unlock alternate San Jose Sharks Uniform

HEY TERRANCE = Unlock alternate Toronto Maple Leafs Uniform

WEST COAST EH = Unlock alternate Vancouver Canucks Uniform

Gretzky NHL 06

At the main menu select Features, then Next, Gretzky Challenge and Unlockables. At the Unlockables screen, press Start to bring up the Cheat Entry menu and enter any of the following passwords to unlock the specified effect.

CULKY NETC = Earn one Gretzky point

NNIADOUAMFM = Unlock all alternate uniforms

DLEONG ARE = Unlock all vintage uniforms

TEH ESATGRTE NOES = Unlock all Wayne Gretzkys

LAL ABRAOD = Unlock big boards checking

ARGLE NI RAGECH = Unlock bigger players

EFDTAFEACIN = Unlock no skater fatigue

TADHRE TEH EDNELE = Unlock perfect aim mode

SAPL TATH CUKP = Unlock perfect slap shots

OBOR SKHECC = Unlock RoboEnforcer Model-44

IGHTMY UOSEM = Unlock smaller players

VINIOS FO LYRGO = Unlock Stanley Cup Championship video

CONHEOSL = Unlock everything

Gripshift

To unlock all levels go to Extras and enter the following code. R, R, R, L, L, L To unlock all levels!

Lumines

Achieve the following criteria and unlock characters:

CHARACTER 23	50 deletes in Time Attack 60
CHARACTER 24	150 deletes in Time Attack 180
CHARACTER 25	250 deletes in Time Attack 300
CHARACTER 38	500 deletes in Time Attack 600
CHARACTER 39	Beat level 1 in VS. CPU
CHARACTER 40	Beat level 2 in VS. CPU
CHARACTER 41	Beat level 3 in VS. CPU
CHARACTER 42	Beat level 4 in VS. CPU
CHARACTER 43	Beat level 5 in VS. CPU
CHARACTER 44	Beat level 6 in VS. CPU
CHARACTER 45	Beat level 7 in VS. CPU
CHARACTER 46	Beat level 8 in VS. CPU
CHARACTER 47	Beat level 9 in VS. CPU
CHARACTER 48	Beat level 10 in VS. CPU

Unlockable Skins

45 DEGREES
Clear all normal puzzles in Puzzle Mode

ABACK
Get to level 40 in Challenge Mode

AUTO MOBILE INDUSTRY
Beat level 2 in VS. CPU

BIG ELPASO
Get to level 70 in Challenge Mode

BRASH
Beat level 8 in VS. CPU

CHINESE RESTAURANT
Beat level 9 in VS. CPU

DA-DI-DO
Get to level 52 in Challenge Mode

DARK SIDE BESIDE THE RIVER
Get to level 36 in Challenge Mode

FLY INTO THE SKY
Get to level 95 in Challenge Mode

GET UP AND GO
Get to level 90 in Challenge Mode

HOLIDAY IN SUMMER
Get to level 60 in Challenge Mode

I HEAR THE MUSIC IN MY SOUL
Get to level 32 in Challenge Mode

JAPANESE FORM
Beat level 1 in VS. CPU

JUST...
Get to level 28 in Challenge Mode

LIGHTS
Get to level 100 in Challenge Mode

MEGURO
Get to level 80 in Challenge Mode

MEKONG
Beat level 5 in VS. CPU

MOON BEAM
Beat level 10 in VS. CPU

MORNING BEATS
Unlocked by 20 hours of play time

MY GENERATION
Get to level 75 in Challenge Mode

PLEASE RETURN MY CD
Beat level 3 in VS. CPU

PRIME FACTOR
Clear all x2 puzzles in Puzzle Mode

RODENT
Unlocked by 10 hours of play time

ROUND ABOUT
Get to level 8 in Challenge Mode

SHAKE YA BODY
Get to level 16 in Challenge Mode

SHININ'
Complete Challenge Level 1

SISTER WALK
Get to level 48 in Challenge Mode

SLIPPING
Get to level 12 in Challenge Mode

SPIRITS
Get to level 85 in Challenge Mode

SQUARE DANCE
Get to level 20 in Challenge Mode

STRANGERS
Get to level 56 in Challenge Mode

TAKE A DOG OUT A WALK
Get to level 65 in Challenge Mode

TALK 2 YOU
Get to level 24 in Challenge Mode

THE BIRD SINGING IN THE NIGHT
Beat level 4 in VS. CPU

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire









To unlock the mini-games:

WIZARD PAIRS
Complete the first level of the game

EXPLODING SNAP
Get 2 Tri-wizard Shields

DUGBOG BULB RAID
Get 5 Tri-wizard Shields

NIFFLER TIME CHALLENGE
Get 8 Tri-wizard Shields

MEGA MAN continued...

THE SPY LOVES ME
Beat level 7 in VS. CPU

TIN TOY
Rewarded after clearing VS. CPU

URBANIZATION
Get to level 4 in Challenge Mode

WATER, FLOWER & LIGHTS
Get 999,999 in Challenge Mode

WHOOP-DE-DO
Beat level 6 in VS. CPU

WORKING IN THE HOLE
Get to level 44 in Challenge Mode

Marvel Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects

By completing the game with certain characters, you can gain access to the following:

BRIGADE
Beat story mode with the Thing

IRON MAN
Beat story mode with Johnny Ohm

SPIDER-MAN
Beat story mode with Venom

VENOM
Beat story mode with Iron Man

Medievil: Resurrection

To access the cheat menu, do the following:
When paused, hold down the right collar button (R) and press ↓, ↑, ○, △, △, ○, ↓, ↑, ○, △

MEGA MAN: Maverick Hunter X

Heart Tank Locations

Throughout the game, both X and Vile can collect heart tanks to upgrade their current hit points. The locations of the tanks for each character are:

Heart Tank Locations (Vile)

Stage Armored: Armadillo
Location: At the end of the stage when you reach the moving platforms, jump from the highest point over to the right. From there you will see a new platform. Jump onto it and ride to the tank.

Stage Boomerang: Kuwanger
Location: Head up the spiky platform, and when it slows down, jump on top of the tiny platform before it breaks and jump to the left to grab the tank.

Stage: Chill Penguin
Location: Once you reach Vile's armour, carry it all the way back along the upper level route and smash the igloo near the beginning of the cave to reveal the tank.

Stage: Flame Mammoth
Location: In the first room with multiple levels of platforms, make your way to the top and jump off to the left onto the ledge, you will see an opening in the wall containing the tank.

Stage: Launch Octopus
Location: When you reach the falling bombs area, ride the funnel of air up to the top of the ship and destroy it. Follow the path and destroy the boss to be rewarded with the vital tank.

Stage: Spark Mandrill
Location: After defeating the mini boss, you will run into Vile's armor. Grab it and ride it until the end of the floor and then jump out. You can also use the boomerang if you prefer.

Stage: Sting Chameleon
Location: Near to the beginning of the level, you will see a lone robot swinging his axe. Jump onto one of his platforms and ride it all the way to the tank.

Stage: Storm Eagle
Location: Ride the moving platforms all the way to the top of the building, holding Vile's armor. Follow the path to find the heart tank.

Heart Tank Locations (X)

Stage: Armoured Armadillo
Location: At the second dozer mechanoid, you have to destroy the dozer itself with either Storm Tornado or Fire Wave. This will allow you to jump up to the small tunnel containing the heart tank.

Stage: Boomerang Kuwanger
Location: After you have scaled the tower and gained Kuwanger's weapon, return to the last area of the tower and use the weapon to retrieve the tank.

Stage: Chill Penguin
Location: Make your way to the top of the cave, to the area with the igloos. Once there, use the Fire Wave to destroy the furthest left igloo to reveal the tank.

Stage: Flame Mammoth
Location: After you have completed Chill Penguin, make your way to the area with the platforms and frozen lava, head to the far right and you will find the tank tucked away under a long platform.

Stage: Launch Octopus
Location: Sink the whale battleship and then break through the shutter. Kill the Utoboros and retrieve the tank from the room on the far right.

Stage: Spark Mandrill
Location: After acquiring the Boomerang Cutter, use it to snag the heart tank from an unreachable platform near the middle of the level in a top right corner.

Stage: Sting Chameleon
Location: You will need to have defeated Launch Octopus before going for this one. Right before you get to the cave, slide down the hole and crush the rocks, then dash over to the platform to pick up the vital tank.

Stage: Storm Eagle
Location: After you have acquired the Leg Parts, ride the lifts up to the very top, then jump off to the left to land on top of the building that contains the heart tank.

Sub-Tank Locations (Vile)

Throughout Megaman X lie Sub-Tanks that save up extra energy so that you can use it in a battle when you are running a little low. Here are Vile's Sub-Tank locations.

Boomerang Kuwanger: You will clearly see the energy tank after climbing the wall outside to the top. Use the Quick Homesick to grab the tank.

Launch Octopus: After the second mini-boss you will see air funnels. Use the third one to get to the boat, jump on the moving platform to the right and grab the tank.

Sting Chameleon: Go to X's miniboss area and take Vile's armour through the cave. After the third hole in the ground, look for a gap in the ceiling and jump out.

Storm Eagle: Go to the room where X's Sub-Tank is, grab Vile's armour and jump on the platforms all the way to the right. Destroy the boxes in the wall.

Sub-Tank Locations (X)

Armoured Armadillo: When you get to the first Spike-Tank, wait for it to pass then enter the room behind its previous location.

Flame Mammoth: In the room with the Heart Tank, go to the top. Once there, go all the way to the left and jump off the edge. Use the head armour part to acquire it.

Spark Mandrill: Go down the first ladder you can, then continue until you reach the pillar. Use your boomerang to grab the Sub-Tank.

Storm Eagle: When you reach the area with the platforms with fire turrets on them, get to the top and enter the building on your left. Here you will find the Sub-Tank.

X's Armour Parts

Body Capsule: Storm Eagle's stage - beyond blocks that need to be broken with the head upgrade. It is after the thin tower you climb.

Buster Capsule: Sting Chameleon's stage - after climbing up a cliff in the beginning of the level. The dash upgrade is needed for this. Just destroy the green robot.

Head Capsule: Chill Penguin's stage - beyond blocks that need to be kicked by using the leg upgrade. The blocks are found on the right side of a wall in the base.

Leg Capsule: Flame Mammoth's stage - in a small room which can be accessed by jumping up the left side of a wall after falling through the first long fall.

MetalGear Acid

From the main menu, select password and enter the non-case-sensitive codes to unlock the following cards:

CARD 173 - VIPER	Viper
CARD 178 - MIKA SLAYTON	Mika
CARD 182 - KAREN HOUJOU	Karen
CARD 184 - JEHUTY	Jehuty
CARD 199 - XM8	XMeight

MetalGear Acid 2

Enter these passwords at the password screen. You'll obtain the cards as you load your saved games.

Ronaldsiu	- Banana Peel Card
Dcy	- Card No. 203 - Decoy Octopus
SONOFSULLY	- Card No. 291 - Jack
Konami	- Card No.119 - Reaction Block
Viper	- Card No.161 - Viper
Mika	- Card No.166 - Mika Slayton
Karen	- Card No.170 - Karen Houjou
Jehuty	- Card No.172 - Jehuty
Xmeight	- Card No.187 - XM8
Signt	- Card No.188 - Mr Sigint
Snake	- Card No.294 - Solid Snake (MGS4)
Otacon	- Card No.295 - Otacon (MGS4)
Ginormousj	- Emma's Parrot card
NEXTGEN	- MGS4 card
Shinta	- Gijin-san card
Nojiri	- Strand card
Mgr	- Ishii Meguru
Aym	- Kinoshita Ayumi
mk2	- Metal Gear MK. II (MGS4) card unlocked
thespaniard	- Possessed arm card
ntm	- Natsume Sano card and Solid Eye video
Hnmt	- Reiko Hinomoto card
Mccy	- Roger McCoy card

Midnight Club 3:DUB Edition

From the options menu, go to the cheat-codes section, and input the following:

BUNNY EARS	getheadl
PUMPKIN HEAD	getheadk
SKULL HEAD	getheadn
SNOWMAN HEAD	getheadm
YELLOW SMILE	getheadj
INDESTRUCTIBLE	ontheroad
UNLOCK ALL CITIES	crosscountry
UNLOCK SPECIAL ZONE	Allin
UNLOCK ATLANTA AND DETROIT	roadtrip
MAX NITROS	fillmeup
UNLOCK SPECIAL ATTACK	Defens

Unlock Vehicles and parts:
CAR RIMS SET 1
Beat Carlos in 3 of 3 Races in San Diego

CAR RIMS SET 4
Beat Lamont in 3 of 3 Races in Atlanta





Need for Speed Underground Rivals

Unlock the four Boss cars by doing the following:



DJ WES: CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z06
Race against this Boss Car in a TROPHY-Level Boss Race using a JAPANESE car

GT KING: NISSAN SKYLINE R34 GTR
Race against this Boss Car in a TROPHY-Level Boss Race using an AMERICAN car

TANK: 1969 DODGE CHARGER
Race against this Boss Car in a CUP-Level Boss Race using a JAPANESE car

TRIPLE DUB: SUBARU IMPREZA WRX STI
Race against this Boss Car in a CUP-Level Boss Race using an AMERICAN car

CAR RIMS SET 5
Beat Roy in 3 of 3 Races in Detriot

CAR RIMS SET 6
Beat Caesar in 3 of 3 Races in Detriot

CAR RIMS SET 7
Beat Caesar the second in 3 of 3 Races in Detriot

CHOPPER RIMS
Beat Naomi in 3 of 3 Races in Atlanta

SPORTBIKE RIMS
Beat Vito in 3 of 3 Races in Atlanta

FLAG VINYLS
Find 12 Rockstar logos in Cruise Mode

ROCKSTAR LICENSE PLATES
Find 24 Rockstar logos in Cruise Mode

RACE STARTERS AS RIDERS
Find 36 Rockstar logos in Cruise Mode

68 CORVETTE
Win all the muscle cars of america races

CADILLAC CIEN
Beat the second tournament in Detroit

CADILLAC ESCALADE EXT
Win the second san diego tournament

CADILLAC ESCALADE EXT DUB EDITION + $10,000
Win hotlanta tournament in Atlanta

CADILLAC SIXTEEN
Get 100% Completion

CHRYSLER 300C DUB EDITION
Win balboa park tournament in san diego

EL DIABLO RIGID
Beat vanessa three times in career mode

FOUR-TWELVE
Complete all 16 Exotic Races

G55 AMG
Win all the truck races

HOTMATCH CUEVITO MOTORCYCLE
Win all of Phil's 4 races in career mode

LAMBOUGINI MERCIALAGO
Complete U.S. Champs Series (After Beating Detroit)

LEXUS 1300
Finish all of Vanessa's 1st 4 Races In Carrer mode

NINJA ZX 12R
Win all the sport bike races

NISSAN SKYLINE
Beat all 13 tuner race tournaments

SKULLY
Beat all the races for the Choppers of America Bike club

Midway Arcade Treasures

Extended Play: Pixel Perfect Mode
To compress your screen and sharpen up your gameplay, pause the game and hold down ↓ and ◎ together and then press ◘

(NOTE: This will only work during single player games and does not work for Cyberball 2072 or the Mortal Kombat games)

MRC: FIA World Rallv Championship

Create a new profile with one of the following names.

DOVECAM	-BIRD CAMERA
MAXPOWER	-ENABLES SUPERCHARGER CHEAT
UGLYMUGS	-EXTRA AVATARS
SPOOKY	-GHOST CAR CHEAT
REVERSE	-REVERSES CONTROLS
AITRIAL	-TIME TRIAL GHOST CARS CHEAT
PADLOCK	-UNLOCK EVERYTHING

MVP Baseball

Unlock All Rewards
In the My MVP menu, Create a player named Dan Carter. If entered correctly, you will receive a congratulations message.

Infinite MVP Points for Buying Secret Players
Save up 5000 MVP Points then save your profile. Buy the secret players you want and put them on a team. Save the rosters and load your profile again to find you still have your original amount of MVP Points and the players you chose still on your team. Repeat as necessary.

NBA Live 06

To unlock skins and teams, achieve the following criteria:

ATLANTIC DIVISION VINTAGE JERSEYS
Get at least silver medal in all of the Tier 1 competitions in Superstar Challenge

1960'S ALL-STAR TEAM
Get all gold medals in all of the Tier 1 competitions in Superstar Challenge

NORTHWEST DIVISION VINTAGE JERSEYS
Get at least silver medal in all of the Tier 2 competitions in Superstar Challenge

1970'S ALL-STAR TEAM
Get all gold medals in all of the Tier 2 competitions in Superstar Challenge

1980'S ALL-STAR TEAM
Get all gold medals in all of the Tier 3 competitions in Superstar Challenge

1990'S ALL-STAR TEAM
Get all gold medals in all of the Tier 4 competitions in Superstar Challenge

MX Vs. ATV: On The Edge

Enter the following codes in the Cheat Codes section of the Options menu.

BROKEASAJOKE	1,000,000 Points
HUCKIT	Unlock all freestyle tacks
WARDROBE	Unlock all gear
LEADFOOT	Unlock all machines
MINIMOTO	Unlock 50cc Bikes
TOOLAZY	Unlock everything

Need for Speed Most Wanted 5-1-0

Create profiles with the following names:

!BACON
Unlocks all police cars in Tuner Takedown mode

!GET-SET
Start the game with an additional $100,000

Neopets Petpet Adventures: The Wand of Wishing

Enter this at the name entry screen.

TREAT4U	FREE CHOCOLATE (HP 100%)

NFL Street 2: Unleashed

Enter the following codes in the Cheat Menu:

EAField	Unlock EA Field
GlueHands	No fumbles
EAASFSCT AFC	East All-Stars team
NAOFRCTH AFC	North All-Stars team
SAOFUCTH AFC	South All-Stars team
WAEFSCT AFC	West All-Stars team
NNOFRCTH NFC	East All-Stars team
SNOFUCTH NFC	South All-Stars team
ENASFSCT NFC	West All-Stars team
NNAS66784 NFC	North All-Stars team
Reebok	Unlock Team Reebok
TeamXzibit	Unlock Team Xzibit
NoChains	No First Downs
NozBoost	Unlimited turbo
MagnetHands	Max out catch ability
GreasedPig	Increase fumbles
BIGSmash	Big players
Andre 3000	Unlock Andre 3000
Ludacris	Unlock Ludacris
GRIDIRONPRK	Unlock Gridiron Field
GottaBdshoes	Max out speed
BlastTackle	Max out tackling
CementShoes	Hard to jump or do O moves
XxGBCraZ	10XGamebreaker multiplier
IIxGBCraZ	1X Gamebreaker multiplier
RuinedPicnic	Ant mode
Trick3dOut	Chain mode

Outrun 2006: Coast to Coast

Enter the following codes as a name when editing a licence. However, you must decline when prompted to confirm the changes.:

ENTIRETY	100% COMPLETION
MILESANDMILES	GET 1,000,000 OUTRUN MILES

Pac Man World 3

All levels and mazes
To gain access to all the levels and mazes in the game simply carry out the following:

At the main menu, quickly press ←, →, ←, →, ◎, ↑

Puyo Pop Fever

It is possible to use any playable character in Single and Endless modes by inputting the following codes into the Single (RunRun, WakuWaku, HaraHara, Free Battle) screen and the Endless (Fever, Mission, Endless) screen.

Ridge Racer



Complete the tours to unlock these goodies:

TOUR 1 (BASIC TOUR)
Class 2 ABEILLE Type-S

TOUR 2 (BASIC TOUR)
Class 2 ESPERANZA Type-S
Ridge City Highway
Sunset Drive Reverse

TOUR 3 (BASIC TOUR)
Class 2 BISONTE Type-S
Crimsonrock Pass Reverse
Lakeside Parkway

TOUR 4 (BASIC TOUR)
Class 3 FATALITA Type-S
Diablo Canyon Road
Seaside Route 765 Reverse

TOUR 5 (BASIC TOUR)
Class 3 EO Type-S
Ridge City Highway Reverse

TOUR 6 (BASIC TOUR)
Class 3 RAGGIO Type-S
Crystal Coast Highway
Diablo Canyon Road Reverse

TOUR 7 (BASIC TOUR)
Class 4 PROPHETE Type-S
Lakeside Parkway Reverse
Midtown Expressway Reverse

TOUR 8 (BASIC TOUR)
Class 4 FIERA Type-S

TOUR 9 (BASIC TOUR)
Class 4 BAYONET Type-S
Greenpeak Highlands Reverse
Union Hill District Reverse

TOUR 10 (PRO TOUR)
Silvercreek Dam

TOUR 11 (PRO TOUR)
Class 5 ESPERANZA Type-S

TOUR 12 (PRO TOUR)
Class 5 BISONTE Type-S
Downtown Rave City

TOUR 13 (PRO TOUR)
Class 6 EO Type-S
Crystal Coast Highway Reverse
Silvercreek Dam Reverse

TOUR 14 (PRO TOUR)
Class 6 FATALITA Type-S

TOUR 15 (PRO TOUR)
Class 6 RAGGIO Type-S

TOUR 16 (PRO TOUR)
ASSOLUTO Type-R tune-up kit for the FATALITA and BISONTE.

TOUR 17 (PRO TOUR)
HIMMEL Type-R tune-up kit for the EO.

TOUR 18 (PRO TOUR)
Ending Movie (under "View Prizes").
SOLDAT Type-R tune-up kit for the RAGGIO.

TOUR 18 (PRO TOUR) AND ACHIEVE A SCORE OF 50,000PTS IN NEW RALLY-X
Special Class New Rally-X Car.

TOUR 19 (PRO TOUR)
Downtown Rave City Reverse
Special Class SOLDAT CRINALE ("Devil")

TOUR 20 (PRO TOUR)
Special Class KAMATA ANGELUS ("Angel")

TOUR 21 (PRO TOUR)
Special Class NAMCO PACMAN ("Pac-Man")

TOUR 22 (PRO TOUR)
KAMATA Type-Z tune-up kit for the FIERA.

TOUR 23 (PRO TOUR)
SOLDAT Type-Z tune-up kit for the RAGGIO.

TOUR 24 (EX TOUR)
GNADE Type-R tune-up kit for the ESPERANZA.

TOUR 25 (EX TOUR)
KAMATA Type-R tune-up kit for the FIERA.

TOUR 26 (EX TOUR)
DANVER Type-R tune-up kit for the BAYONET.

TOUR 27 (EX TOUR)
AGE Type-R tune-up kit for the PROPHETE and ABEILLE.

TOUR 28 (EX TOUR)
AGE Type-Z tune-up kit for the PROPHETE.

TOUR 29 (EX TOUR)
GNADE Type-Z tune-up kit for the ESPERANZA.

TOUR 30 (EX TOUR)
HIMMEL Type-Z tune-up kit for the EO.

TOUR 31 (EX TOUR)
DANVER Type-Z tune-up kit for the BAYONET.

TOUR 32 (EX TOUR)
ASSOLUTO Type-Z tune-up kit for the FATALITA.

The following movies and design work can be found under 'View Prizes':

TOUR 33 (EX TOUR)
Ridge Racer Type-4 Opening Movie.

TOUR 34 (EX TOUR)
Rage Racer Opening Movie

TOUR 35 (EX TOUR)
Ridge Racer 2004 E4 Movie

TOUR 36 (EX TOUR)
Rave Racer Demo Movie

TOUR 37 (EX TOUR)
Machine Design Collection 1

TOUR 38 (EX TOUR)
Machine Design Collection 2

TOUR 39 (EX TOUR)
Machine Design Collection 3

These must be entered fairly quickly. If done right, you will hear the 'All Clear' tone and be brought to the character selection screen.

↑, ↓, △, ○, Start
= Choose any character for Endless Puyo POP mode

↓, ↓, ○, △, Start
= Choose any character for Single Puyo POP mode

Pursuit Force

Laser Law lasers	All police weapons shoot blue
Double Damage damage	Inflict double
Reoffender justice	Double negative
Law Lord times	Full justice at all
Iron Man health	Half
Speed speed	Increase character
Invincibility invincible	Make character
Open Road traffic	No civilian
Wild Water choppy	Water always
Big Wheels propellers	Double size wheels and
Sticky Feet vehicles	Can't get thrown from

Smart Bomb

Unlock all difficulty levels, challenge mode, special mode and all of the bombs:
When the 'press start' button is blinding on the title screen, press ↓, →, ↑, ←, →, ○, ○

SOCOM: U.S. Navy Seals Fireteam Bravo

Using your copy of SOCOM 3 on the PS2, you can unlock bonus items for your PSP by linking the two machines together via the Crosstalk Option. There are certain criteria required to achieve this - in order to aid your vital missions, follow the instructions below:

Unlockable Skins
Once unlocked, these can be used in the Multiplayer mode.

Benito Salazar Zayas:
Complete the Poland missions in SOCOM 3

Colonel Al-Kamil Sarwat:
Complete the South Africa missions in SOCOM 3

Dr. Basia Mironova:
Complete the Poland missions in Socom 3

Gamal Imad:
Complete the Asia missions in Socom 3

Elite Seal:
Complete all Instant Action missions in Socom: FTB

Unlockable Weapons
These can be used in the Single player mode.

9mm SMG:
Complete the North Africa area of operation in SOCOM 3

STG 77:
Complete the Poland area of operation in SOCOM 3

ZX25 Burst:
Complete the South Asia area of operation in SOCOM 3

Spider-Man 2

From the options menu, go to 'special' and then 'cheats menu', and then input the following:

WARPULON	All Levels Unlocked
MYHERO	All Movies Purchased
POPPYCORN	All Movies Unlocked
NERGETS	Indestructible
FILLMEUP	Infinite Webs

Enter these codes in the Cheat section of the Main Menu:

BAHLOONIE	Enemies have big heads and feet
HEAVYHEAD	Spidey has big head and feet
SPIDEYMAN	Tiny Spider-Man
SHUTT	Unlock all production art
FRZFRAME	Unlock storyboard viewer

Level Select
Beat the game and start a new game with the name FLUWDEAR to access a level select option.

Rengoku: Tower of purgatory

In the first room where you are issued with your weapons, turn both weapons into Elixir. Both weapons will re-appear, continue turning them into elixir and you will be able to make your character as powerful as you want before you even start the game.

Star Wars Battlefront II

Pause the single player game and input the following:
INFINITE AMMO

↑, ↓, ←, ↓, ↓, ←, ↓, ↓, ←, ↓, ↓, ↓, ←, →

INVINCIBILITY
↑, ↑, ↑, ←, ↓, ↓, ↓, ←, ↑, ↑, ↑, ←, →

LOW-RES SOLDIERS (SINGLE PLAYER ONLY)
↓, ↓, ↓, ↑, ↑, ←, ↓, ↓, ↓, ↓, ↓, ←, ↑, ↑, ↑, ←

NO HUD (SINGLE OR MULTI-PLAYER)
↑, ↑, ↑, ↑, ←, ↑, ↑, ↓, ←, ↓, ↑, ↑, ←, →

PARTY-TIME JEDI / WAMPA HIT EFFECTS (SINGLE PLAYER ONLY)
↑, ↓, ←, ↓, ←, →

SLOW-MO SOUNDS (SINGLE PLAYER ONLY)
↑, ↑, ↑, ←, ↑, ↓, ↑, ↑, ←, ↓, ↓, ↓, ←, ↑, ↓, ↓, ←, →

Street Fighter Alpha 3 MAX

Beat Arcade Mode once with Evil Ryu. Now you can hold Select on the character select screen and select Gouki. This allows you to play as Shin Gouki.

Play as EX-M Bison and Final Vega

Beat Arcade Mode once, then choose either M Bison or Vega from the Character Select screen while holding the Select button. (NOTE: Final Vega is not available in all game modes)

Bonus Chun-Li Costume

Hold down Select while choosing Chun-Li to play as Chun-Li in her original costume.

Tenchu: Shinobi Taizen

Unlock hidden characters and story modes by doing the following:

BEAR
Beat Onikage story mode

ECHIGOYA
Beat special mission 'Tenchu'

JINNAI
Beat Tesshu story mode

JONOSUKE
Beat Ayame story mode

JUZO
Beat Rin story mode

KENPO BOZO
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

KUNOICHI
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

KUROYA JO-KUNOICHI
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

KUROYA JONI
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

MERCHANT
Beat special mission 'Tenchu'

MIFUYU
Beat Ayame story mode

MONK
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

MR. D
Beat special mission 'Illusion'

NINJA
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

NINJA DOG
Beat Onikage story mode

ONIKAGE
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

POLICEMAN
Beat special mission 'Illusion'

RANZO
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

RONIN
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

SALARY-MAN SAMURAI
Beat special mission 'Illusion'

SAMURAI
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

SHIMATSUYA DOCTOR
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

SHIMATSUYA FEMALE
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

SHIMATSUYA SAMURAI
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

SHIMATSUYA VILLAGER
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

SHINOGI
Beat Tesshu story mode

SHO
Beat Rikimaru, Ayame, Rin and Tesshu story modes

TAJIMA EIGORO
Beat Rin story mode

TATSUMARU
Beat Rikimaru story mode

Hidden Levels

SPECIAL MISSION 'ILLUSION'
Beat Onikage story mode, under Gallery mode

SPECIAL MISSION 'TENCHU'
Beat special mission 'Illusion', under Gallery mode

Twisted Metal: Head-On

Input the following during single-player gameplay:

LETHAL WEAPONS
⊗, ⊗, ↑, ↑, then both collar buttons simultaneously (L and R)

INVULNERABILITY
→, ←, ↓, ↑, then both collar buttons simultaneously (L and R)

INFINITE AMMO
△, △, ↓, ↓, then both collar buttons simultaneously (L and R)

TRACKING MGS
Hold both collar buttons simultaenously (L and R) while pressing ⊗, △, ⊗, △

HEALTH RECHARGE
Hold both collar buttons simultaenously (L and R) while pressing △, ⊗, ○, ○

Unlockables

EGYPT DEATHMATCH LEVEL
Complete the Egypt mini level

GREECE DEATH MATCH LEVEL
Beat the Greece mini game

PARIS DEATHMATCH LEVEL
Complete the Paris mini level

ROSE DEATHMATCH LEVEL
Complete the Rome mini level

TOKYO STREETS DEATHMATCH LEVEL
Complete the Tokyo Streets mini level

UNLOCK TOWER TOOTH CHALLENGE LEVEL
Beat the game with five characters on any difficulty and you will unlock the Tower Tooth Challenge level in Challenge Mode. You play as Tower Tooth and fight against 5 opponents in the Colliseum

ATV
Beat L.A. - Cousin Eddy stage in Story mode

AXEL
Beat Russia Mini Level

COUSIN EDDY
Beat L.A. - Cousin Eddy stage in Story mode

CRIMSON FURY
Complete the Monaco mini level

DARK TOOTH
Complete Story mode with any character

HAMMERHEAD
Beat Tokyo Rooftop mini level

MR. SLAM
Beat L.A. mini level

Virtua Tennis: World Tour

On the main menu, hold the left collar button (L) and input the following to toggle the cheats:

$1,000,000 IN WORLD TOUR MODE
↑, ↓, ←, ↓, △, △, △

£2,000 PER WEEK IN WORLD TOUR MODE
↑, ↓, →, ↓, △, ○, △

SEPIA MODE
↑, ↓, ←, →, ○, ○, ○

UNLOCK KING & QUEEN
↑, ↓, ↑, ↓, ○, △, ○

Unlock all equipment
→, ←, →, →, ↑, ↑, ↑

Unlock all stadiums
↑, ↓, ←, →, ○, ○, ○

Rengoku: Tower of Purgatory

To get the hidden artwork, you need to:

A.D.A.M
Save at least once

ALKMAION
Defeat Alkmaion and save (level 6 Boss fight)

BRIAREOS
defeat Briareos and save (level 4 Boss fight)

DEUCALION-A
Finish the game twice

DEUCALION-B
Finish the game twice

GRYPHUS
Defeat in level 8 Boss fight

LYCAON
Beat Lycaon in the Tower

MARS
Beat Mars in the Tower

MINOS
defeat Minos and save (level 3 Boss fight)

OTHERS-A
save at least once

OTHERS-B
save at least once

SPHINX
defeat Sphinx and save (level 5 Boss fight)

STATIUS
Defeat in level 7 Boss fight

TYPEo1
Save at least once

Tiger Woods PGA Tour 06

You cheat! Enter these cheat codes.

Adraina Dolce	SOSWEET
Alastair McFadden	NICESOCKS
All Accessories	TIGERMOBILE
All Adidas items	91treSTR
All Calloway items	cgTR78qw
All Cleaveland items	CL45etUB
All Courses	THEWORLDISYOURS
All Courses and Golfers	THEGIANTOYSTER
All in Skill Section	NIGHTGOLFER
All Maxfli items	FDGH597i
All Nike items	YJHk342B
All Odyssey items	kjnMR3qv
All Ping items	R453DrTe
All Precept items	BRi3498Z
All Tag items	cDsa2fgY
All Tour Stage items	TS345329
Aphrodite Papadapolus	TEMPTING
Arnold Palmer	THEKING
Ben Hogan	THEHAWK
Bev Bouchier	THEBEEHIVE
Billy Hightower	TOOTALL
Bunjiro Tanaka	INTHEFAMILY
Ceasor Rosado	LANDOWNER
Dion Douglas	DDDouglas
Gary Player	BLACKKNIGHT
Hunter Elmore	GREENCOLLAR
Jack Nicklaus	GOLDENBEAR
Jeb McGraw	SIXSHOOTER
Justin Timberlake	THETENNESSEKID
Kendra Lovette	ENGLISHPUNK
Raquel Rockers	DOUBLER
Reginald Withers	REGGIE
Seve Ballesteros	THEMAGICIAN
Sunday Tiger Woods	NEWLEGEND
Tiffany Williams	RICHGIRL

Unlock bonus courses by achieving the following:

EA SPORTS FAVOURITES
Earn $5 Million

EMERALD DRAGON
Earn $1 Million

FANTASY SPECIALS
Earn $15 Million

GREEK ISLES
Earn $1.5 Million

LEGEND COMPILATION #1
Defeat Ben Hogan in legend tour mode

LEGEND COMPILATION#2
Defeat Gary Player in legend tour mode

LEGEND COMPILATION#3
Defeat Seve Ballesteros in legend tour mode.

LEGEND COMPILATION#4
Defeat Arnold Palmer in legend tour mode.

LEGEND COMPILATION#5
Defeat Jack Nicklaus in legend tour mode.

MEAN8TEEN
Earn $10 Million

PARADISE COVER
Earn $2 Million

THE HUSTLER'S DREAM 18
Defeat The Hustler in the Legend Tour

TIGER'S DREAM 18
Defeat Tiger Woods in the Legend Tour

Unlock Justin Rose

JUSTIN ROSE
Beat Justin Rose in Legend Mode

Tony Hawk's Underground 2 Remix

From the menu, select cheats and input the following:

PERFECT RAIL BALANCE	tightrope
PRO-SKATER 1 TONY	birdman

Unlockables:

ALIEN DOCTOR-CHARACTER
Beat Normal Story Mode

AUSTRALIAN COP
Beat Every Classic Mode Goal on Sick Difficulty

BOAT CAPTAIN-CHARACTER
Beat Normal Story Mode

BRATWURST VENDOR
Beat Every Classic Mode Goal on Sick Difficulty

CANADA-THPS 3 LEVEL
Beat Normal Story Mode

CORN VENDOR
Beat Every Classic Mode Goal on Sick Difficulty

GERMAN COP
Beat Every Classic Mode Goal on Sick Difficulty

GERMAN DRUNK 3
Beat Every Classic Mode Goal on Sick Difficulty

HORN PLAYER
Beat Every Classic Mode Goal on Sick Difficulty

LOST SOUL 1-CHARACTER
Beat Normal Story Mode

LOST SOUL 2
Beat Every Classic Mode Goal on Sick Difficulty

METAL DETECTOR GUY
Beat Every Classic Mode Goal on Sick Difficulty

NEVERSOFT VIDEO
Beat Every Classic Mode Goal on Any Difficulty

PAULIE RYAN-CHARACTER
Beat Normal Story Mode

PIRATE
Beat Every Classic Mode Goal on Sick Difficulty

PRO SKATER-SOME SORT OF ALIEN LEVEL IN STORY MODE
Beat Normal Story Mode

SCHOOL-THPS 1 LEVEL
Beat Normal Story Mode

SHREK CHARACTER
Beat Easy Story Mode

SKATOPIA PUNK
Beat Every Classic Mode Goal on Sick Difficulty

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Beat Easy Story Mode

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WipEout Pure

Medals needed to unlock rank

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TRAINEE	12 GOLDS
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GEEK	36 golds
ENTHUSIAST	48 golds
ADDICT	60 golds
VETERAN	72 golds
MASTER	84 golds
ACE	96 golds
GURU	108 golds
JUNKIE	120 golds
LEGEND	132 golds
PURIST	144 golds

Unlocking the 'Zone' team

Get a gold medal on all four Zone tracks (Score at least 25 on Pro Tozo and Mallavol. Score at least 30 on Coridon 12 and Syncopia.)

Livery Mode

To unlock Livery mode, you have to beat Ascension Tournament with the Flash Class. This re-skins the ships

Unlocking Tracks

MANOR TOP CLASSIC TRACK

To unlock this classic track gain 40 Gold Medals

MANDARSHEE CLASSIC TRACK

To unlock this classic track earn 60 Gold Medals

World Tour Soccer

Unlock classic cup-winners by achieving the following tasks:

AFRICAN SUPER TEAM
Defeat Africa cup

ASIA & OCEANIA SUPER TEAM
Defeat Asia & Oceania Cup

BRAZIL 1970
Defeat all cups in cups mode

EURO SUPER TEAM
Defeat Euro Cup

NORTH AMERICAN SUPER TEAM
Defeat Americas Cup

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPER TEAM
Defeat South Americas Cup

WORLD SUPER TEAM
Defeat World Tournament

WWE Smackdown VS Raw 2006

Unlimited experience for created character

Create a new character and begin Story Mode. Win the first match, then exit and add your gained experience to your created character and copy it. Lower the copied character's weight class and delete it. You will now receive the experience back from the created character you deleted. Repeat as many times as desired using multiple characters to add lots of experience to your chosen character.

X-Men Legends II: Rise of Apocalypse

While in the Pause Menu enter the following:
←, ←, →, ←, →, ↑, and hit start
1-hit kills with punches.

↓, ↑, ↓, ↑, →, ↓, →, ←, and push start
God Mode

↑, ↑, ↑, ↓, ↑, ↓, Start
Super Speed

←, ↓, →, ↓, ↑, ↑, ↓, ↑ Start
Unlimited XTreme Power

At forge or beast's equipment screen enter the following ↑, ↑, ↑, ↓, →, →, Start
100,000 techbits

Character selection at Xtraction point input the following: ←, →, ←, →, ↓, ↑, and Start A skill point added to abilities without points already on it.

At team management screen enter the following:
→, ←, ←, →, ↑, ↑, ↑, Start All Characters

↑, ↓, ↑, ↓, ←, ↑, ←, →, Start
Level 99 Characters

←, →, ←, →, ↓, ↑, Start Unlock all skills

In the Review Menu enter the following.
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All comic books.

←, →, →, ←, ↓, ↓, ←, Start
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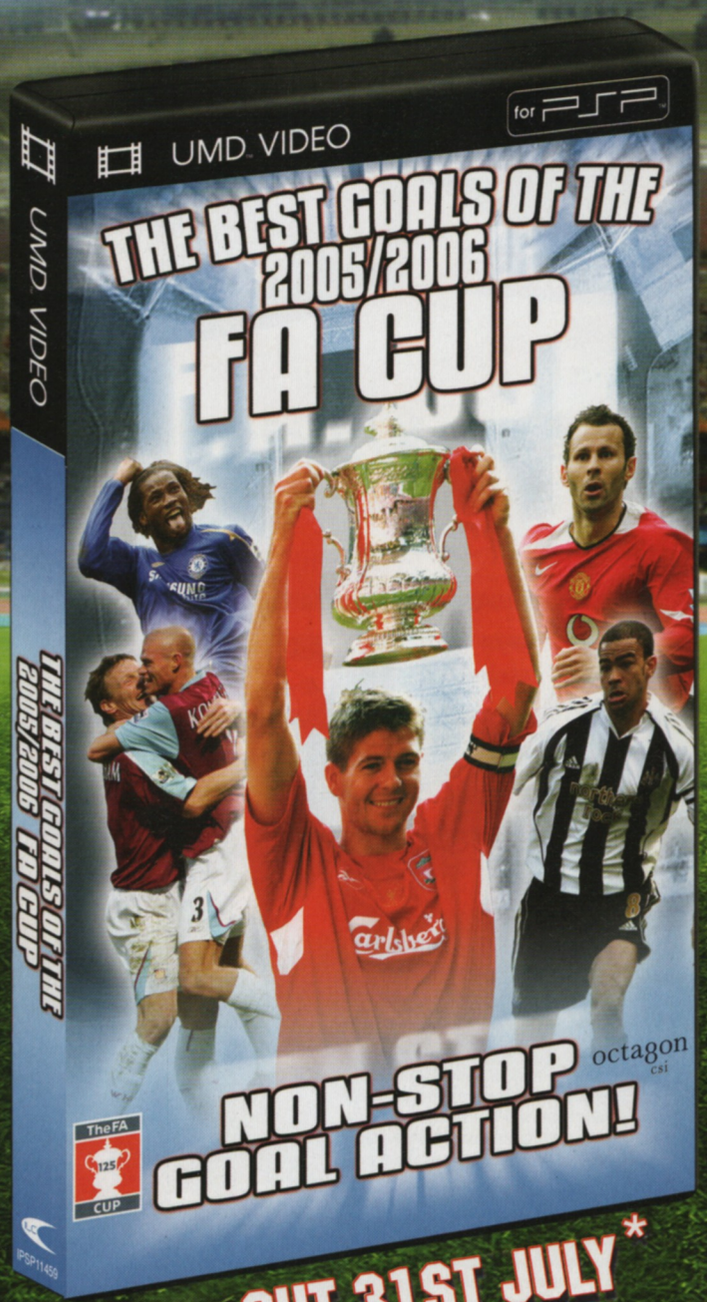
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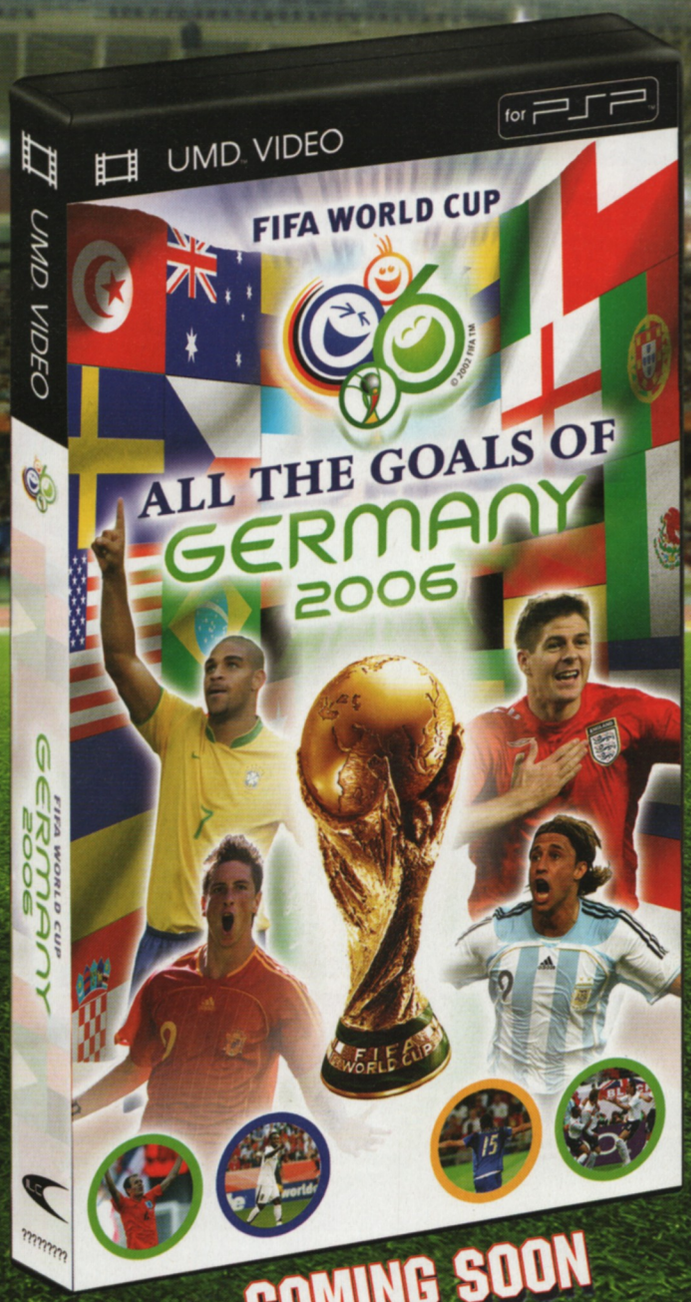
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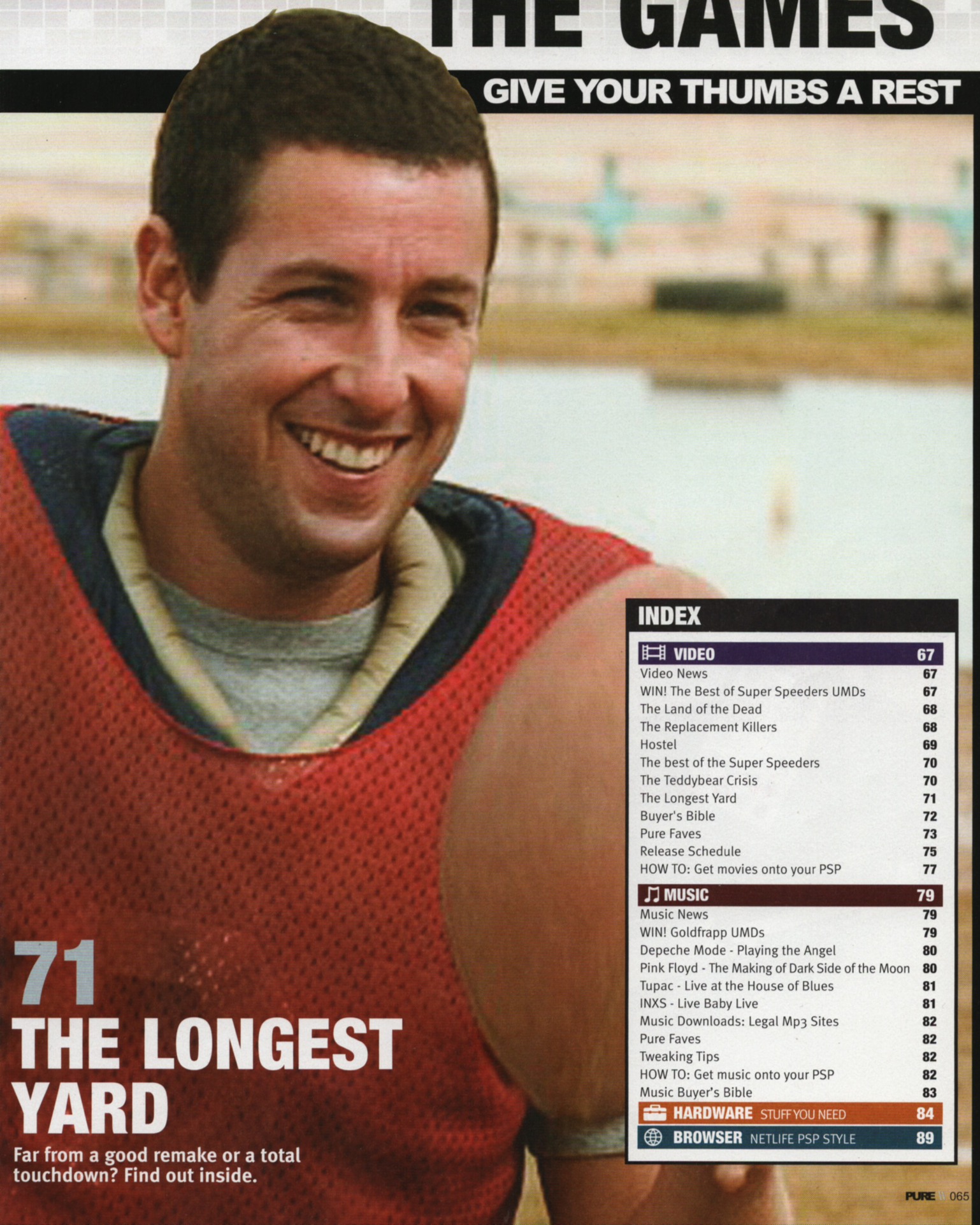
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Far from a good remake or a total touchdown? Find out inside.

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WIN! PSP Sound Station and MP4 recorder!

Wouldn't it be great to record direct to your memory stick and take it on the road with you? Or how about putting your favourite soap onto your stick to watch at your leisure through a 2.1 sound system while your PSP happily recharges itself at the same time?

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VIDEO

Is that a cinema in your pocket? Or are you just pleased to see me?

Regardless of which side of the fence you're on when it comes to the 'are UMDs doomed?' debate, the PSP has managed to revolutionise viewing. Various members of the PURE team have noticed people watching movies on their PSP rather than a bulky laptop during long train journeys.

Whether this happens to be via UMD or from the Memory Stick is beside the point, it's great to see people enjoying the other aspects of what many still see as a games console. Okay, so the small screen might bug some people but you have to admit it's a lot clearer than many portable DVD players, and a lot sexier too.

PSP owners in Japan have actually had to start buying special attachments that will prevent people seeing what movie they're watching on the subway. Granted this could just be because of the excessive amount of UMD porn that's available over there, but that's not the point!

We have some great movies to keep you entertained on that tedious commute or Sunday afternoon drive. Horror fans will love Eli Roth's disgustingly violent shocker *Hostel* and there's something for zombie fans in the form of the Director's Cut of *Land of the Dead*

Not up for horror? Well why not try *The Replacement Killers* or *The Longest Yard*? Sports fans, we've not forgotten you either. Check out our reviews of the strangely named *Teddybear Crisis* and *The Best of Super Speed*.

Noel Monk





NEW LINE BUYS REMAKE RIGHTS TO BATTLE ROYALE

Controversial movie gets remake

Battle Royale, the controversial movie directed by the late Kinji Fukasaku, is getting an American remake by New Line Cinema. Based on the bestselling book by Koushun Takami, the film shocked audiences across the world for its brutal depiction of violence.

Set in a dystopian future where children and adults are at loggerheads, *Battle Royale* is named after a law enacted by the Japanese government. Each year, a class of teenage schoolchildren are forced to fight to the death on an isolated island whilst wearing exploding collars. The film followed the gory demise of each of the students and protagonists Shuya Nanahara and Noriko Nakagawa as they struggled to survive the game.

The original film also spawned a sequel, *Battle Royale II: Requiem*, which took inspiration from numerous real-life events including 9/11 and the War on Terror. Rather than kill each other, the sequel has the students turn assault team. They are forced to pair up and go after wanted terrorist and hero of the original movie, Shuya Nanahara, and Wild Seven, his group of Battle Royale survivors.

The American remake currently has Roy Lee, who has been involved in the production of every single Asian movie remake since *The Ring*, on board and Neal Moritz of Original Film is in line to produce. There's no word on a director or script at the moment but we'll be sure to let you know as soon as it's announced.

WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN

SPEED DEMON



Starring some of the fastest and shiniest cars ever produced, this is a top insight into the world of street racing at its most powerful. Forget *The Fast and the Furious*, this is real-life street racing on American highways. *The best of Super Speeders* is out to buy on UMD Video and is well worth a viewing. We have five copies of the UMD to give away, thanks to Silver Platter.

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SOMETHING WICKER THIS WAY COMES

The Wicker Man, the classic Seventies musical/horror film starring Christopher Lee, is getting an American remake. This time Nicolas Cage takes the role of the hapless policeman who finds himself on an island whose secretive inhabitants practise strange customs and rituals.

Edward Woodward, who played policeman in the original 1973 version, recently turned down a cameo in the remake which is due for release in September.



24 MOVIE GETS SCRIPT

After the success of Jack Bauer's exploits on the small screen, 20th Century Fox has announced plans to commission a script from the show's creators for a movie based on the award-winning series, *24*.

We at *PURE* aren't quite sure how the movie would work given the real-time nature of the series. But if the script is approved, Jack Bauer's first theatrical outing is sure to be as action packed as previous days.



AVP 2 DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED

Despite questionable reviews, 20th Century Fox will be making an *Alien vs Predator* sequel and Greg and Colin Strause are taking over as directors from Paul WS Anderson. The Strause Brothers are known for their special effects work on recent blockbusters like *Mission: Impossible III*, *Poseidon* and *X-Men: The Last Stand* but have never actually directed a movie. Details are sketchy on the plot of *AVP2* but the release date has been confirmed as 10 August 2007.







Every filn needs a lovely lady, especially one this nice.

THE REPLACEMENT KILLERS 18

The wonderful world of the underground

Starring: Mira Sorvino, Chow Yun-Fat, Jurgen Prochnow, Danny Trejo, Michael Rooker



Although not his first film shot in America, The Replacement Killers was Chow Yun-Fat's first 'American' movie using an American production crew and director. The film is based around Chinese immigrant John Lee (Yun-Fat) and his life as a professional killer for powerful underworld figure and businessman Mr Wei. Lee only wants one thing and that is for his family to join him in America, and to achieve this all he has to do is complete one more hit to be free from the reigns of Mr Wei. The only problem is that this time it's not a criminal he has to assassinate but a cop.

> WHAT FOLLOWS IS A PLETHORA OF VIOLENCE, DEAD PEOPLE AND MARTIAL-ARTS MANOEUVRES

Not being a cold-blooded killer like most hired hitmen, Lee decides not to carry out the orders after he sees that the cop is a family man like himself. Instead he decides to take his chances with Wei and his mini-army of mercenaries, killers and assassins. However, once Wei realises that the job hasn't been completed, he predictably makes John Lee his number-one priority. What follows is a plethora of violence, dead people and martial-arts manoeuvres.

The Replacement Killers is a brilliant fast-paced action/martial-arts movie that has everything, from a sexy leading lady to the trigger-happy, shoot-anywhere killers. If you love a good movie that isn't big on gripping storyline but has plenty of action, this is definitely one for you. **Pete Darke**



INFORMATION



Release Date: Out Now
Director: Antoine Fuqua
Distributor: Sony Pictures
Original Release: 1998
Running Time: 84 mins

SCORE 8/10



The JJB Sports sale got a little out of control.

THE LAND OF THE DEAD: DIRECTOR'S CUT 18

Zombies zombies everywhere!

Starring: Simon Baker, John Leguizamo, Dennis Hopper, Eugene Clark, Simon Pegg



George A Romero has a thing for zombies, and *Land of the Dead* – the fourth film in the series – is his darkest yet. The film is set in a dystopian future where zombies vastly outnumber the human race. Outside the walls of the last human stronghold, something is changing: the zombies are becoming smarter and one, known as Big Daddy, begins to organise the ranks.

As with most post-apocalyptic films, *Land of the Dead* is a dark scenario focusing on the struggle to survive in a changed world. Romero also examines the evolution of the zombie race and that the living and undead could one day co-exist. Packed with gore, the film provides nods to previous *Dead* films and even includes cameos by Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright (*Shaun of the Dead*) as two of the zombies!

> THERE'S PLENTY OF GORE AND VIOLENCE TO BE HAD AND LAND OF THE DEAD IS A WORTHY SEQUEL

As this is a Romero movie, there's plenty of gore and violence to be had and *Land of the Dead* is a worthy sequel from the master of the genre. While perhaps not as high budget as *Resident Evil* or possessing a star-studded cast, it's an entertaining horror movie that looks excellent on the PSP. **Lesley Smith**

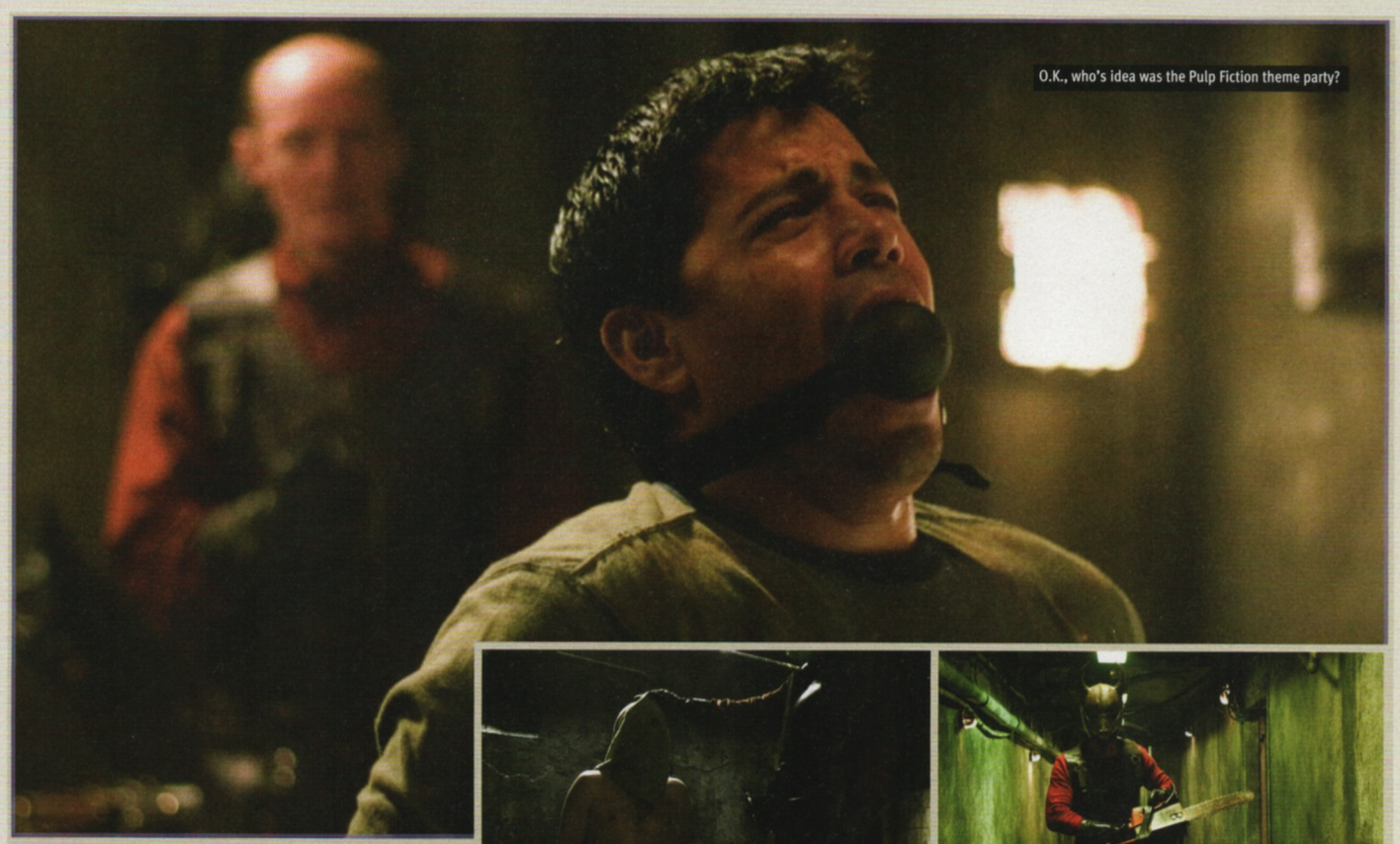


INFORMATION



Release Date: Out Now
Director: George A Romero
Distributor: Universal Pictures
Original Release: 2005
Running Time: 93 mins

SCORE 6/10


O.K., who's idea was the Pulp Fiction theme party?

Harry Potter took a darker turn nobody was expecting.

HOSTEL 18

Payback for backpackers.

Starring: Jay Hernandez, Derek Richardson, Eypór Gudjónsson, Barbara Nedeljáková, Jana Kaderábková

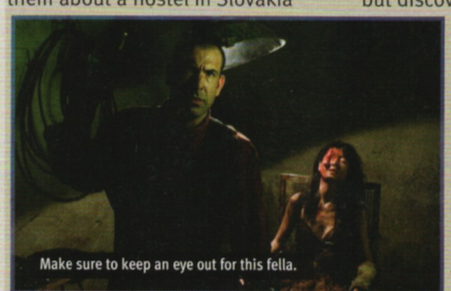


Considering Eli Roth's last movie was *Cabin Fever*, it's no surprise his latest offering is also a gore fest, particularly when Quentin Tarantino is involved. Part horror, part cautionary tale, *Hostel* takes the genre to a new low of gratuitous sex, blood and unadulterated violence. Don't get us wrong though, we're not complaining.

The story follows a bunch of backpackers exploring Europe. Free-spirit Oli is from Iceland while Josh and Paxton take the role of the token Americans. The trio begin in Amsterdam where a local lad tells them about a hostel in Slovakia where they can get laid for pennies (or whatever the local equivalent is). While the hostel does indeed have plenty of local women, the town has a dark, disgusting underbelly where it is possible to buy anything for a price.

// DURING HIS RESEARCH, ELI ROTH ACTUALLY DISCOVERED A WEBSITE WHICH OFFERS A HUMAN HUNT //

Picked off, one by one, the young men are lulled into a sense of security by a pair of lovely ladies but discover things are not all they seem when they end up in a hellish factory turned business where clients can pay to molest and murder people. The most shocking thing is not just the depravity but the fact that normal people, including a German, an American and a rather scary failed surgeon, will pay good money to cause another human being such unrelenting torment.


Make sure to keep an eye out for this fella.

Even then it's hard to care about the fate of the backpackers as they simply don't seem particularly three-dimensional, but that's part of the point: *Hostel* is a cautionary tale of what could happen to any of the legions of backpacking teens wandering around obscure parts of the world. The fact the film is set in some Eastern European backwater makes it that bit more believable and that bit more terrifying. During his research, Eli Roth actually discovered a website which offers a human hunt, hence the reason for the 'inspired by true events' tagline.

The first half of the film easily lulls you into the sense that it's just about sex but, like all good horror movies, there's a sting in the tail. The scenes in the torture centre are graphic and disgustingly realistic and involve drills, chainsaws and numerous other frightening implements. The screams of pain – some of them real – may give even the most hardened horror fan nightmares. **Lesley Smith**


The new Hide and Seek game had an element of risk.

INFORMATION



Release Date: 2006
Director: Eli Roth
Distributor: Sony Pictures
Original Release: 2006
Running Time: 94 mins

SCORE 8/10

THE BEST OF SUPER SPEEDERS E

Buckle up!

Starring: Various



Sitting through *Super Speeders* is like tuning into a real-life *Fast and the Furious*. With a selection of some of the most dangerous driving ever recorded on public highways, this video shows just how much today's street-racing circuit has stepped up a level in recent years, becoming a global phenomenon.

There is something undeniably riveting about watching Lamborghinis, Ferraris and a variety of pimped-out motors burning rubber and revving through the streets of Las Vegas, New York and Los Angeles... and getting away with it! These street-racing match-ups feature some of the fastest on-road cars ever produced. It's hard to know whether to be impressed or horrified at some of the risks taken by the speed junkies behind the steering wheels; you'd certainly have to be the craziest hitchhiker in the world to accept a lift from any of them.

Now, if like most people, you're a law-abiding citizen and you think this kind of recklessness on the public roads is just plain wrong, then console yourself with the thought that at least it's only those mad Americans up to no good as usual. On the other hand, if you're into speed and modified cars, the fact that what they're doing is illegal only makes it all the more entertaining. **Noel Monk**

// IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHETHER TO BE IMPRESSED OR HORRIFIED AT SOME OF THE RISKS TAKEN //



Pension day at the shops was always dangerous on the roads.

INFORMATION



Release Date: Out Now
Director: Rob I. Ferretti
Distributor: Silver Platter
Original Release: 2006
Running Time: 50 mins

SCORE 8/10



See, now that's just lazy. Get off and walk young man.

TEDDYBEAR CRISIS E

It makes Eddy the Eagle look sensible

Starring: Various



When it comes to crazy stunts and brilliant moves, you have to say that newly formed Teddybear Crisis is going to be somewhere near the summit. With renowned film-maker Kris Ostness and new kid on the block Henrik Rostrup teaming up to create this new label, things have gotten off to a pretty good start. Visiting some of the most remote and gnarly locations in the world, such as Scandinavia, Utah, California and Alaska, the crew film a host of the best ski jumpers outside of the professional circuit.

Seeing Tanner Hall, Mike Wilson and many more taking on some of the most dangerous jumps ever filmed is nothing short of heart stopping, especially when you see them clearing such feared jumps as the 120ft Chad's Gap while skiing backwards at 53mph. I mean come on, would you?

Even after watching them take on what many people would call deadly jumps, it's still just as good seeing them risking their manhood by skiing down railings, with that little part of you thinking 'go on, do the splits'. *['Little part'? Speak for yourself – Ed]*

// CLEARING SUCH FEARED JUMPS AS THE 120FT CHAD'S GAP WHILE SKIING BACKWARDS AT 53MPH //

With a whole host of different skiers and locations to choose from, there is always something here to capture your imagination. We were very impressed with the quality of the action contained on this disc and would highly recommend it. You don't even have to like skiing to appreciate the skill and risk involved in what they're doing. **Noel Monk**

INFORMATION



Release Date: Out Now
Director: Kris Ostness, Henrik Rostrup
Distributor: Silver Platter
Original Release: 2006
Running Time: 50 mins

SCORE 8/10


Now that is one ugly bunch of cheerleaders.

THE LONGEST YARD 12+

Slant left, break right on three... break!

Starring: Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds, Nelly, Michael Irvin, Walter Williamson, Bill Goldberg, Rob Schneider, Steve Austin

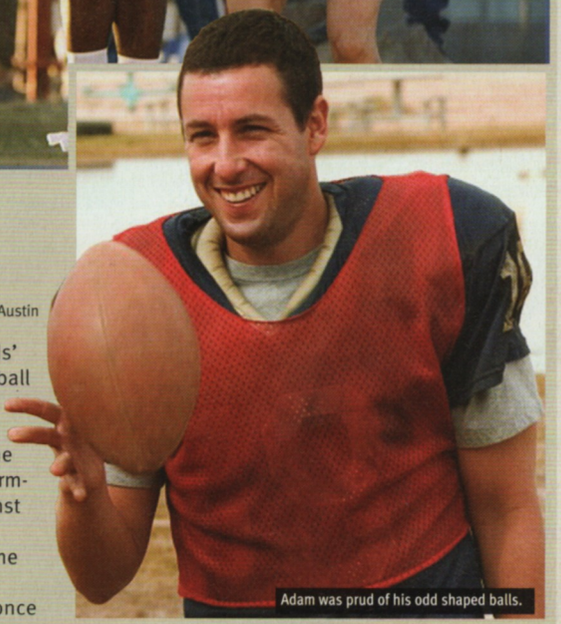


Originally made in 1974 and featuring an athletic pre-wig Burt Reynolds in its central role, *The Longest Yard* was renamed *Mean Machine* when it was eventually released in this country. In 2001 it also inspired an awful Vinnie Jones soccer-based remake. Now, some four years later, the Americans seem to have decided that enough is enough and have reclaimed both the movie and its original title with yet another remake, this time starring the diminutive Adam Sandler as a far from believable gridiron superstar.

Based around the fallen figure of Paul 'Wrecking' Crewe (Sandler), *The Longest Yard* tells the story an ex-professional footballer whose career has ended with allegations of match fixing. One evening, after deciding that he's had enough, Crewe decides to steal his wife's car and is involved in a multi-car pile-up while under the influence.

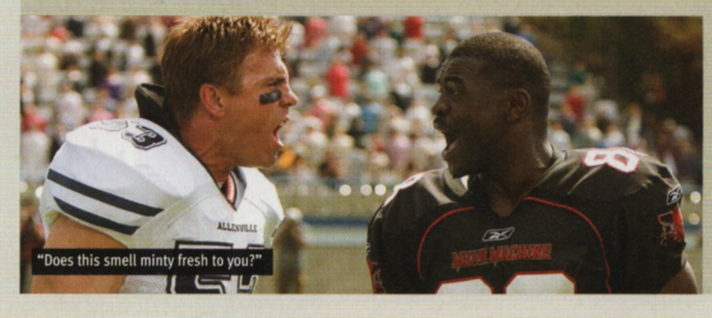
Needless to say, this incident lands the former golden boy in a Texas state prison where he soon realises that the only way he is going to survive his stretch is to lead the guards' American football team. But before he takes charge he suggests a warm-up game against some lower opposition... the inmates.

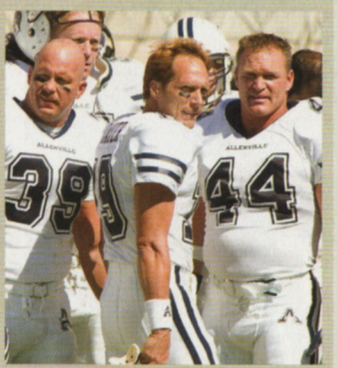
// WHEN THE OTHER PRISONERS HEAR WHO THEY ARE TO PLAY, THEY SEE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO EXACT REVENGE //


Adam was prud of his odd shaped balls.

Of course, once the other prisoners hear who they are to play, they understandably see a perfect opportunity to exact revenge on the very people who keep them banged up. And so, along with Nate Scarborough (Reynolds), they have to select a team and get themselves into shape for the big match.

With a host of big-name extras that include retired NFL superstars, WWE wrestlers and kick boxing champions it soon becomes clear that it doesn't really matter whether you like American football or not. *The Longest Yard* is an entertaining comedy with something for everybody... even if it isn't a patch on the original. **Pete Darke**


"Does this smell minty fresh to you?"



INFORMATION



Release Date: Out Now
Director: Peter Segal
Distributor: Paramount
Original Release: 2005
Running Time: 108 mins

SCORE 7/10

BUNCH OF FIVES

SCIENCE FACT OR FICTION

Explore the realms of possibility in these sci-fi romps

STARSHIP TROOPERS



In the future democracy has collapsed and military service is the only way to become a citizen, but humans are at war and a bunch of teens must fight hordes of vicious alien bugs.

SCORE 7/10

EQUILIBRIUM



Christian Bale stars as Cleric John Preston in this *Brave New World* clone. Set in a future where emotion is outlawed, is it possible for one man to change the world?

SCORE 8/10

THE ISLAND



When Ewan McGregor discovers the fabled Island is a lie and the world has not been decimated, he and Scarlett Johansson go on the run to discover their true selves in this engaging sci-fi romp.

SCORE 8/10

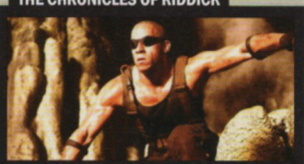
THE CELL



Bubble Butt singer turned actress J-Lo must explore the depths of a serial killer's twisted mind and find his last victim before it's too late in this dark and disturbing thriller.

SCORE 6/10

THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK



After the success of *Pitch Black*, Vin Diesel reprises his role as wanted criminal Richard B Riddick to discover his destiny and save the universe from the Necromongers.

SCORE 5/10

UMD VIDEO BUYER'S BIBLE

One of the biggest success stories for the PSP has been the huge response to movies on UMD format. With so many titles out there, making a wrong buy is easy. Our Buyer's Bible helps you get only the best.

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13 Going On 30	7
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28 Days Later	8
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Akira	10
Ali	7
Alien	10
Alien Vs. Predator	7
American History X	9
Amityville Horror, The (2005)	6
Anacondas 2: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid	7
Anger Management	**6**
Count to ten before watching this predictable UMD or you may need a course of anger management.	
Animal, The	6
Appleseed	8
Armageddon	8
Around the World in 80 Days	5
Assault on Precinct 13 (2005)	6
Austin Powers 2: The Spy Who Shagged Me	8
Austin Powers 3: Goldmember	7
Bad Boys	7
Bad Santa	7
Batman	8
Be Cool	6
Beauty Shop	6
Bewitched	**8**
Nicole Kidman reprises Elizabeth Montgomery'switchy nose-wiggle in this revisited 60s sitcom	
BFG, The	8
Black Hawk Down	8
Blade	10
Blade 2: Bloodhunt	8
Blade Trinity	6
Blue Velvet – Special Edition	**8**
Dark, unnerving and perversely sexy, this is a truly impressive film from modern master David Lynch	
Boogeyman	6
Bourne Identity, The	9
Bourne Supremacy, The	8
Boys From Brazil, The	7
Brokeback Mountain	7
Bugsy Malone	7
Cave, The	5
Cell, The	6
Cellular	6
Chain Reaction	6
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	**8**
Johnny Depp steals the show in this children's story turned morality fable.	
Charlie's Angels	9
Cheaper by the Dozen	6
Children of the Corn	7
Chopper	8
Cruel Intentions	**8**
An engrossing story that's deliciously dark and looks great onthe PSP.	
Christmas with the Kranks	3
Chronicles of Narnia, The: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	8
Chronicles of Riddick, The	5
Company of Wolves, The	7
Constantine	**7**
Keanu Reeves stars as demon-basher John Constantine in this fairly decent adaptation of the Hellblazer comics	
Cowboy Bebop: The Movie	6
Crow, The	9
Cry Wolf	4
Cursed	5
Daredevil	7
Dark Crystal, The	**9**
This fantasy adventure from muppet creator Jim Henson hasn't lost any of its appeal after two and a half decades. A timeless classic to please all ages	
Dark Star	7
Dawn of the Dead: Director's Cut (2004)	6
Day After Tomorrow, The	7
Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo	5
Descent, The	**8**
Tense horror from the director of *Dog Soldiers* about a caving expedition going horribly wrong	
Desperado	**8**
A compelling tale of a Mariachi guitar player's quest for revenge.	
Devil's Rejects, The	5
Dirty	**7**
An edgy thriller that shows the dirtier side of LA where cops are just as corrupt as the gangs. Engrossing stuff!	
Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story	8
Domino	6
Donnie Brasco	9
Donnie Darko	9
Doom	6
Dreamer	6
Dukes of Hazzard	7
Dumb and Dumber (Uncut)	8
Dune	6
Elf	4
Elektra	**5**
A dismal spin-off which didn't quite live up to the hype.	
Equilibrium	8
Evil Dead, The	8
Evolution	6
Exorcism of Emily Rose, The	6
Family Guy Presents: Stewie Griffin	8
Fantastic Four	6
Fast and The Furious, The	9
Fifth Element	9
Final Destination	7
Final Destination 2	**6**
A predictably cheesy sequel with a plot to match.	
Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children	**10**
A stunning sequel that seamlessly blends CGI with an engaging story that takes inspiration from the classic PSOne RPG.	
Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within	**8**
This bombed at the box office, but it's worth seeing just for the groundbreaking photorealistic animation	

BUNCH OF FIVES

MARTIAL ARTS MAYHEM

Indulge your inner warrior with these martial arts epics

KILL BILL VOL. 1



Revenge is a dish served cold and the Bride, who has recently awoken from a coma, is out to slaughter her fellow assassins in this exciting homage to the martial arts genre.

SCORE 8/10

THE HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS



Very different from the other movies on our list, the plot contains more romance and amazing special effects, as in keeping with this *wu xia* classic. A must-see for all martial arts fans.

SCORE 8/10

KILL BILL VOL. 2



The second half of Quentin Tarantino's masterpiece. After killing two of the people on her Death List Five, The Bride learns from the master Pai Mei before confronting and killing Bill himself.

SCORE 8/10

ONG BAK



Packed with all manner of jaw-dropping, breath-taking stunts created without any wires or camera trickery. This is an absolute must-see for any martial arts fan.

SCORE 9/10

KUNG FU HUSTLE



Hong Kong action meets cartoonish slapstick in a movie that's as silly as it is violent, thanks to the chorography of Woo-ping Yuen. Highly entertaining stuff.

SCORE 7/10

BUNCH OF FIVES

ADAPTATIONS

They used to be books once, y'know

CONSTANTINE



Keanu Reeves stars as demon-basher John Constantine in this fairly decent adaptation of the Hellblazer comics. Keep an eye out for scourge of Narnia, Tilda Swinton, as the Angel Gabriel.

SCORE 7/10

SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION, THE



That rarest of beasts, this Frank Darabont film manages to be better than the Stephen King book on which it's based. Totally captivating 1940s prison drama.

SCORE 10/10

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE



Harry's back for more magical mayhem. Not only does he find himself an unwilling competitor in the legendary Triwizard Tournament, he also has to deal with the traumas of dancing.

SCORE 9/10

THE HITCH-HIKERS GUIDE TO THE GALAXY



It's been on the radio, the TV and a multitude of bookshelves, and now Douglas Adams' much-loved classic finally gets the big screen treatment, albeit with some plot alterations.

SCORE 8/10

SIN CITY



Not for the faint-hearted, this fantastically faithful adaptation of Frank Miller's graphic novels makes an impression with its comic-book visual style, not to mention Jessica Alba at her lassoing finest!

SCORE 9/10



Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children 8
Flightplan 6

Football Factory, The 8
A violent and action-packed journey into the terrifying depths of football hooliganism.

Freddy Vs. Jason 6
Friday 5
Galerions: Rion 6
Gangs of New York 7
Garfield: The Movie 6
Ghost in the Shell 8
Glengarry Glen Ross 8
Ghostbusters 9
Godzilla 8
Gone in 60 Seconds 8
Goonies, The 8
Gothika 6
Grand Theft Auto: The Movie 6
Green Street 7
The Grudge 6
Hackers 5
Halloween 7
Heathers 8
Heavy Metal 6
Hellboy 8
Hellraiser 9
Herbie: Fully Loaded 7
Hitch 6

Grand Theft Auto 3
Laughable dialogue and dated cinematography but, on the plus side, there are lot of smashed-up cars.

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, The 8
Douglas Adams' classic finally gets the big screen treatment, but with some plot alterations

Hollow Man 7
Horror Asylum Box Set 7
Hostage 6
Hotel Rwanda 8
House of Flying Daggers 8
Hulk, The 4
I Spit On Your Grave 6
I, Robot 6

Ice Age 6
Tries a bit too hard to be funny and lacks depth as a result, but kids will love the cute characters.

Independence Day 7
Summer blockbuster that offers plenty of action, just don't expect too much in the way of plot.

Into the Blue 8
Jessica Alba. In a bikini. What more do you need to know?

Ipcress File, The 8

Island, The 8
Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Johansson make the unwelcome discovery that they are in fact clones

Incredible Hulk Returns, The 7

Jackass The Movie 8
Every bit as crude as fans will be hoping for – just don't try any of this at home.

Jarhead 5
Jerry Maguire 8
Jumanji 7
Kalifornia 6
Keeping Mum 7

Kill Bill: Vol. 1 8
Uma Thurman plays former assassin The Bride, who's out for a nice cold dish of revenge.

Kill Bill: Vol. 2 8
The second part of Tarantino's martial arts extravaganza sees The Bride determined to finish what she's started.

King Arthur: Director's Cut *(Extended Version)* 7

King Kong 9
Peter Jackson's remake of the 1933 classic may get off to a slow start, but the stunning visuals combined with the tender bond between Kong and Ann Darrow make for a cinematic feast.

Kingdom of Heaven 7
Historical epic starring Orlando Bloom, set during the Crusades of the 12th century.

Kiss of the Dragon: Jet Li 7
Kung Fu Hustle 7

LA Blue Girl Returns: Demon Seed & Shikima Lust 8
A double helping of hentai, with a silly plot that revolves around sex ninjas.

Labyrinth 8
Lassie 7
Layer Cake 8
League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, The 7

League of Gentlemen's Apocalypse, The 8
More gleefully grotesque comedy, with the inhabitants of Royston Vasey hunting down their creators.

Legend of Zorro, The 6
Lizzie McGuire: When Mom Attacks 6
Long Good Friday, The 6

Lord of War 7
An ambitious attempt to examine the issue of arms dealing, but it's a bit too heavy-handed.

Lords of Dogtown 7
A fictionalised take on the story of a group of LA skateboarders who revolutionised the sport.

Mask of Zorro 7
Mask, The 8

Master and Commander 8
Russell Crowe goes nautical in this epic maritime adventure.

Matrix, The 10
Matrix Reloaded, The 4
Matrix Revolutions, The 5
Metropolis (2001) 7
Mike Bassett: England Manager 5
Million Dollar Baby 8
Monty Python and the Holy Grail 9

Mr and Mrs Smith 8
Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie play a married couple who discover they are both assassins.

Mummy, The 8
Mummy Returns, The 8
National Treasure 7
Next Friday 5

PURE FAVES

The PURE team select their favourite videos this month

HOSTEL



Okay, so the ending isn't that great but the story premise of people paying to hunt humans appeals to the sick horror movie fan in me. A return to form for the horror film genre that has become so watered down recently.

MARC

COMMANDO



Arnie may have given it all up to be some governor type person but in my opinion this was his greatest moment. A classic from yesteryear that no matter how much you watch it never gets old or boring.

DAN

THE REPLACEMENT KILLERS



This is what some people might describe as a typical American film: lots of action, fight scenes and a less than brilliant plot. Even so, I think it's a good film with plenty going on and doesn't try to be the blockbuster it isn't.

PETE

NIGHT WATCH



After much nagging I finally watched this Russian gem and have to say, if you haven't seen it you don't know what you are missing. An epic storyline that just leaves you wanting more, I can't wait for the next one.

Kelly

CONTINUED

Is that a cinema in your pocket? Or are you just pleased to see me?

BUNCH OF FIVES

SUSPENSE

Hide behind your sofa with this scary UMDs

WHITE NOISE



Death is not the end in this slick flick staring Michael Keaton. When his wife dies Jonathan Rivers becomes obsessed by Electronic Voice Phenomenen, which leads him on a quest to find her murderer.

SCORE 6/10

SKELETON KEY, THE



Voodoo and black magic meets modern horror when Kate Hudson moves to an isolated Louisiana House with a dark history. A decidedly average shocker.

SCORE 6/10

SE7EN



Morgan Freeman and Brad Pitt star in this violent thriller about a serial killer who is murdering people using the Seven Deadly Sins as a motive. Scary stuff and not for the faint-hearted!

SCORE 7/10

GOTHIKA



Bond Girl Halle Berry stars in this chilling horror tale as a doctor at an asylum who begins to realise a spirit is haunting her and becomes an inmate when her husband is brutally murdered.

SCORE 6/10

GRUDGE, THE



Chilling Japanese horror for revisited for Americans starring Sarah Michelle Gellar in this scary adaptation of the classic Takashi Shimizu shocker, *Juon: The Grudge*.

SCORE 6/10



Nightmare Before Christmas, The	10
Nine Songs	6
Ocean's 11	5
Old Boy	7
Once Upon a Time in Mexico	8
One, The	7
Ong-Bak	9
Phantom of the Opera, The	7
Pink Panther	5
Pirates of the Caribbean	9
Predator	9
Pride and Prejudice (2005)	7
Pulp Fiction	9
Punisher, The	5
Reservoir Dogs	10
Resident Evil	7
Resident Evil Apocalypse	6
Ringers: Lord of the Fans	6

Night Watch 9
The final battle between Good and Evil was never so engrossing, making *Night Watch* a must-see for all fans of horror.

Robocop 8
Admittedly dated, but still a classic, this is violent and poignant in equal measures.

Robots	7
R-Point	6
Rush Hour	8
Rush Hour 2	8
S.W.A.T.	8
Saw: Uncut Version	8

Saw II 8
It doesn't manage to outdo the first film, but the Jigsaw Killer's return is still worth a watch.

Scum	7
Secondhand Lions	7
Se7en	9

Second in Command 6
It might be second rate compared with Van Damme's other movies but *Second in Command's* still got lots of action.

Serenity 8
Joss Whedon's axed series *Firefly* finally gets its first bite of the big screen.

Shawshank Redemption, The	10
Sin City	9
Skeleton Key, The	6
Sky Blue	6

Sky High 8
Hogwarts meets *The Incredibles* for a fresh and fun take on the teen movie genre.

Snatch	7
Species	7
Spider-Man 2	6

Spongebob Squarepants Movie, The 7
Silly humour from the yellow fella that you'll either love or loathe.

Starship Troopers	7
Stealth	6

Steamboy 6
Eight years in the making doesn't mean the plot will bowl you over.

Straw Dogs 8
A brutal thriller that contains graphic rape scenes, this is well-acted but very disturbing.

Stuart Little	7
Stuart Little 2	6
Stuart Little 3	6
Suspect Zero	5

Team America World Police 8
The creators of *South Park* provide controversy, satire and childishness of the cleverest kind.

Terminator, The	9
Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines	7

The BFG 5
An enthralling tale based on the Roald Dahl classics that will delight children young and old.

The Bone Collector 9
An engrossing thriller packed full of twists and turns, if you can get past Angelina Jolie as a police officer.

The Fog 5
A depressing remake of the classic horror movie that just doesn't have the chills and thrills of the original.

The Perfect Punch 9
Someone being pulverised may not be everyone's cup of tea but well worth watching.

The Silent Hill Experience 4
Silent Hill goes portable in this blatant movie tie-in; definitely one for the fans.

Three Lions Roared: The History of England	7
Thir13en Ghosts	7

Tim Burton's Corpse Bride 8
Not quite *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, but still gorgeously grotesque fairytale fun.

Top Gun	10
Training Day	6

Transformers the Movie 9
With a great cast and soundtrack, it's only the lack of extras that stopped this from being a 10.

Transporter 2 6
The plot is completely ridiculous, but this silly sequel makes for entertaining popcorn fodder.

Trial of the Incredible Hulk	7

True Romance 8
Tarantino returns with an unlikely love story that, despite a predicable plot, will still manage to keep you hooked.

Underworld: Evolution 8
Lycans and vampires are at each others throats again in this engaging sequel choc-full of blood and gore.

Unlocking Da Vinci's Code 4
Despite being an interesting documentary, it really is cashing in on the Code.

BUNCH OF FIVES

ZOMBIES

UMDs featuring the walking undead.

RESIDENT EVIL



Based on the best selling game franchise, Milla Jovovich stars as Alice, an Umbrella employee, who is forced to confront legions of zombies when the T Virus is let loose in the Hive.

SCORE 7/10

RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE



Following on from the chaos at the Hive, zombies invade Racoon City and Alice and a small band of survivors must escape the city alive. Not as good as the original but still well worth watching.

SCORE 6/10

28 DAYS LATER



After a dangerous virus is unleashed from a lab, Rage turns the entire population into flesh-hungry zombies in this movie staring *Doctor Who's* Christopher Eccleston.

SCORE 8/10

THE EVIL DEAD



Bruce Campbell stars in the original and controversial horror classic, a bunch of school kids mess with an ancient tome which leads to death, chaos and zombies galore. A classic.

SCORE 8/10

LAND OF THE DEAD



George A Romero, famous for prequels *Dawn of the Dead* and *Day of the Dead*, this is the most recent addition to the *Dead* series where zombies have taken over the planet and are evolving ...

SCORE 6/10

Underworld: Special Extended Edition 6
Valiant 6
Van Helsing 5

Warriors, The: Ultimate Director's Cut 7
This cult classic may be somewhat dated, but that just adds to its enduring appeal.

Wedding Crashers 8
The frat pack crashes weddings in order to seduce women, with amusing consequences.

Wedding Singer, The 8
Welcome to the Jungle 6
White Chicks 5
White Noise 6
Wolf Creek 7

X-Men 10
Proving that comic-book movies can actually be good, the first big-screen appearance of the X-Men comes to the little screen.

X-Men 2 10
The stunning sequel that took comic-book movies to a new level; perfect to whet your appetite in time for X-Men 3.

xXx 8
xXx2 6
You Got Served 5
Yours, Mine and Ours 5

Zathura 3
'Jumanji in space' says it all in this predictable sci-fi sequel.

Television

A.T.O.M – Feel the Paine: Volume 1 7
CSI: Grave Danger – The Tarantino Episodes 7
Dirty Sanchez: Series 1 8

Doctor Who (New) Vol. 1 8
Britain's favourite Doctor regenerates in the form of Christopher Eccleston, with Billie Piper as sidekick Rose.

Doctor Who (New) Vol. 4 7
Christopher Eccleston's final episodes as the ninth Doctor. The meaning of 'Bad Wolf' is finally revealed.

Dungeons and Dragons: Volume 1 7
Extras: Series 1 7

Fawlty Towers 10
John Cleese's priceless performance as hotel manager Basil Fawlty in this send-up of British. boarding houses makes for one of the best comedy series of all time - unmissable.

He-Man and the Masters of the Universe Vol 1 8

Little Britain: Series 1 8
David Walliams and Matt Lucas introduce their roster of irreverent hilarious characters.

Little Britain: Series 2 8
Lou, Andy and Vicky Pollard found more fans than ever in what may prove to be their peak.

Men Behaving Badly – Last Orders 6
Men in Black 9
Mighty Boosh 9
Mr Bean: Vol. 2 7
Pink Panther Cartoon Collection, The 8
Royle Family: Series 1 7
Smoking Room, The: Series 1 8
Spider-Man: The New Animated Series 7
Steve O: Greatest Hits 8
Smoking Room, The - Series 1 9
Ultimate Force: Series 1 5

Comedy

Austin Powers 2: The Spy Who Shagged 8
The world's other most famous spy returns for a hilarious sequel.

Jamie Foxx: I Might Need Security 7

Fawlty Towers: Series 1 9
John Cleese's finest moments as hotelier Basil Fawlty in the first series of the classic comedy. Don't mention the war!

Fun With Dick And Jane 6
Remaking the 1977 comedy, this movie wasn't as fun as the title made out.

Peter Kay: Driven to Distraction 7
It's not up to his later standards, but this early piece is still worth watching.

Producers, The 6
Musical turned movie madness for this show-stopping comedy.

Peter Kay: Live at the Manchester Arena 6

Sport

250 Great Premiership Goals 2

Community Project, The 8
See some of snowboarding's biggest names busting a move, with game trailers to boot.

Destination Germany 8
DC Project, The 9

Endless Summer, The 8
Two surfers travel the world in this cheesy but brilliant insight into 60s surfing.

Greatest FA Cup Goals Ever!, The 7
Liverpool: UEFA Champions League Final 2005 8
Magic of Flight, The 7
Soccer AM 2: Top Goals of All Time 8
Super Speedway 8
Teddybear Crisis 8
WWE: From the Vault: Shawn Michaels 7
WWE: Hard Knocks: The Chris Benoit Story 8
WWE: Jake the Snake Roberts: Pick Your Poison 7
WWE: Rob Van Dam: One of a Kind 8
WWE: Self Destruction of the Ultimate Warrior, The 8
WWE: The Monday Night War 7
WWE: Tombstone: The History of the Undertaker 8

Adult

Desperately Sexy Housewives 3
Portable pornography may have its advantages, but this is a poor effort.

Dirty Mature Women 6
Naughty Stewardesses 6

Pink Paradise: Strip-Tease & Table Dance 6
Semi-undressed shenanigans from a bevy of beauties, with lessons and everything.

EVENT HORIZON Movies you may just want to pre-order



MAN ON FIRE
Denzel Washington stars as John Creasy, a burnt out CIA assassin who believe he's dead inside. Assigned to guard Pita Ramos during a wave of kidnappings. Badly injured when the girl is kidnapped. Gripping stuff!



BLADE: TRINITY
The Daywalker makes his third and final outing for the franchise. it's Blade versus dracula in this action packed supernatural romp.

UMD VIDEO RELEASE SCHEDULE

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If you can't see what you'd like to watch on the shelves of your local emporium, there's every chance that it may well be on the way to a store near you soon...

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Hoosiers (US)	04/07/2006
Karas: The Prophecy (US)	11/07/2006
The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl (Japan)	12/07/2006
Syriana (Japan)	14/07/2006
Pink Panther (UK)	17/07/2006
Cruel Intentions (UK)	19/07/2006
AUGUST	
Yours, Mine and Ours	31/07/2006
Hostel	07/08/2006
Road House	14/08/2006
Man on Fire	14/08/2006
Not Another Teen Movie	28/08/2006
OCTOBER	
Blade: Trinity (UK)	02/10/2006

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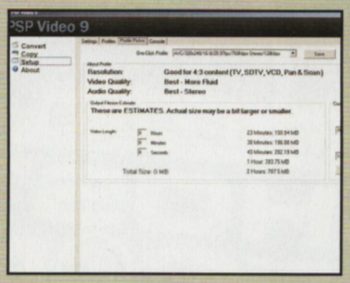


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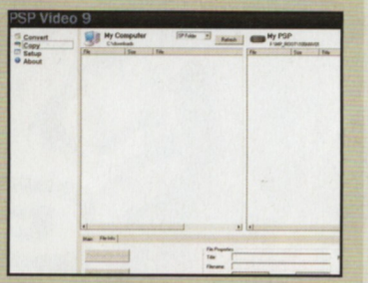
How to convert video to your PSP

Want to get your favourite video clips, trailers and home movies onto your portable pal who's fun to be with? The simplest to use piece of kit out there is a handy program known as *PSP Video 9* that will convert, rename and transfer your video for you in a few simple steps.

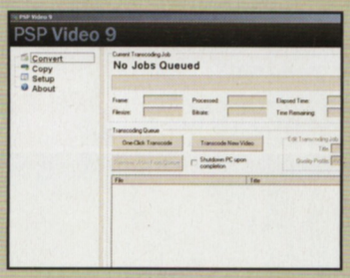
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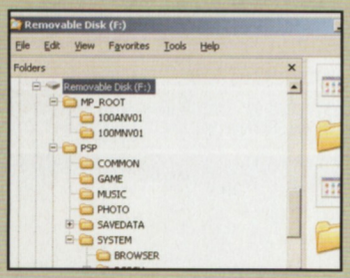
Step 1: After choosing 'Convert' from the menu on the left hand side you will be presented with a new screen. Select the 'Transcode New Video' button from the upper portion of this new window. This will bring prompt you to select the source file. Select your chosen file from your PC.



Step 2: With your source clip loaded, you will need to enter a file name in the 'Title' box below the 'Edit Transcoding Job' on the right hand side of your screen. Be aware that this is the title that the file will be known as in your PSP and cannot be changed once the file is complete.



Step 3: Use the box below the 'Title' you just completed to select your video quality see main feature to decide the quality you require. Once you have set your quality its time to click 'Start' and sit back and let the program do its job. NOTE: Don't be alarmed if the progress bar appears to do nothing, this is normal.



Step 4: Once the conversion is complete, select 'Copy' from the left hand menu. The program will now copy your video to the correct location on your PSP via your USB connection. Go to the PSP home menu and the file will be available for viewing through the 'Video' menu. And that's it!

NOTE: The PSP Video 9 Program will only read the following files types, so make sure your source video is in one of these formats. File Types Used: AVI, MPEG, WMV, Quick Time, VOB, TivoToGo

QUALITY PROFILE

More bang for your buck

The quality of the video you see is roughly proportional to the size of the file in question, which is determined by a number of factors. For example, the more frames per second, the more data needs to be stored. PSP9 comes with several preset profiles to choose from, and these will suffice for most users.

Firmware 2.00 and higher

If you have a Firmware version that starts with the prefix 2.-, you will want to select 'AVC/320x240/ 29.97fps/ QB30 Stereo/128kbps' which will produce files that are about 1 MB in size for two minutes of play time.

If free space on your memory stick is not an issue, you can use the better quality 'AVC/320x240/ 29.97fps/QB23 Stereo/128kbps' setting, which is about 1.5 MB for every minute.

For Widescreen Material:

'AVC/368x208/29.97fps/256kbps Stereo/96kbps' will give 2.5 MB per minute.

'AVC/368x208/29.97fps/384kbps Stereo/96kbps'' will give better quality at 3.5 MB.

Less than Firmware 2.00

People with an older firmware than version 2.00 can only use SP (Simple Profile) encoding, which is more flexible, but offers a poorer compromise between quality and file size than the AVC profiles. 'SP/320*240/29.97fps /QB4 Stereo/96kbp' is the recommended setting, giving in the region of 1.2 MB per minute.

For widescreen material:

The 'SP/Anime (0 -2h)' profile is best suited for TV shows, and will use about 3.5 MB per minute, although the (2.5-3h) profile will only use 2.5 MB. For movies, the 'SP/Movie (0 - 2h)' profile uses 3.7MB per minute.

As 4:3 ratio images can be automatically scaled to 16:9 using the video playback system on the PSP, using native widescreen transcoding is not usually necessary.

If you check the Profile Picker tab in PSP Video 9's setup menu, there is a tool for working out the memory size required by each profile.

Under the 'Profiles' tab, you can manually configure a custom profile. It gives you a whole heap of options to choose from, including AVC or SP encoding, Continuous or Variable bit rates, frame rate, audio bitrate, etc.

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MUSIC

Give your thumbs a rest and listen up

As noted in last issue's feature about the decline of the UMD format, the supply of new movie and music releases has recently been reduced to a trickle. So much so that this month we have only one new music UMD, Depeche Mode's *Playing the Angel*, to review. However, upon searching through the PURE archives, we discovered that there were a few music UMDs that had somehow slipped through our net. So this month we're taking a look at some of these, including the excellent INXS *Live Baby Live* containing the band's classic 1991 concert at Wembley stadium. We've also introduced the UMD music buyer's bible, with scores for all the music UMDs we've reviewed previously.

One thing we've noticed from it is the lack of variety in music genres on UMD. Certain bands, such as Goldfrapp and Depeche Mode, have really embraced the format, but there's still some way to go until the UMD range represents the diversity of music tastes covered on DVD.

The good news is that more new UMD music releases are due later this year. And why not? Thinking about it, the UMD format is more suited to music than movies, since most PSP owners on the move will want to dip in and out of UMDs for a few minutes at a time rather than watch a two-hour-long film. At the right price point, music UMDs should prove very popular. So come on record companies: all we are saying is give UMDs a chance.

Phil King



MUSIC FANS CAN COPY OWN TRACKS

BPI okays personal use

UK music fans who copy their own CD tracks to PCs or MP3 players no longer face the threat of prosecution. Peter Jamieson, Chairman of the British Phonographic Industry, has stated that consumers will only be breaking the law if they make copies of songs for other people.

Although the music industry has previously turned a blind eye to home copying and concentrated on commercial piracy, currently anyone copying music to portable devices, including the PSP, is breaking the copyright laws.

Addressing the House of Commons select committee for culture, media and sport, Mr Jamieson said he wanted to "make it unequivocally clear to the consumer that if they copy their CDs for their own private use in order to move the music from format to format, we will not pursue them."

He also called for Apple to open up iTunes to make it compatible with the technology of other manufacturers rather than just the iPod. The DRM protection on downloaded iTunes files makes them incompatible with standard MP3 players, including the PSP. Apart from using special conversion software, the only way round this is to burn the songs to a CD, then reimport them as MP3 files.

WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN WIN

GLITTERS LIKE GOLDFRAPP

Wonderful Electric is a must for Goldfrapp fans as it contains two concerts showcasing some of the band's best songs crammed onto a single UMD. Thanks to our friends at EMI, we have five copies of the UMD to give away to our lucky readers.



To be in with a chance of winning, simply answer the following question:

Where does one of the concerts in *Wonderful Electric* take place?

A: Essex House
B: Middlesex House
C: Somerset House

Put your answer on a postcard or sealed down envelope, along with your name, address and telephone number, and send it to the following address, to reach us no later than the 15 August 2006:
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EMBRACE REVEAL UK TOUR

Embrace have revealed the details of a UK tour later this year. The band will play 17 shows, kicking off in Hull on 21 September and ending at Doncaster Dome on 23 October. This follows a more unconventional tour in June when Embrace played outdoor concerts in seven different forests..

The band's latest album, *This New Day*, was released in April. Embrace's previous album, *Out Of Nothing*, spawned four top 20 singles and sold over 500,000 copies in the UK.



CERYS RETURNS

Former Catatonia singer Cerys Matthews has revealed details of her forthcoming second solo album. Due for release later this year, *Never Say Goodbye* follows her 2003 solo debut *Cockahoop* which was recorded in Nashville. This time the feisty Welsh songstress has co-produced the 11-track album with Ben Elkins and White Stripes associate Stuart Sikes.

Never Say Goodbye will be preceded by the release of a single, 'Open Roads'. Cerys will also embark on her first UK tour for three years in July and August.



MISSY MOVIE ANNOUNCED

Hip hop superstar Missy Elliott is to release a movie based on her life story, following in the footsteps on fellow rappers 50 Cent and Eminem. Currently in development by Universal Studios, the as yet untitled project will be produced by Robert De Niro and Jane Rosenthal through their New York-based Tribeca Films.The 34-year-old rapper is working with her manager Mona Scott and screenwriter Dianne Huston to create the script. No announcements have yet been made about the cast or director.



DEPECHE MODE - PLAYING THE ANGEL E

Not quite as angelic as other UMDs

Starring: Martin Gore, Dave Gahan, Andy Fletcher



The Mode's latest UMD comes from their current tour, Touring the Angel, which began in 2005. *Playing the Angel* was originally released as a CD/DVD set last year and the UMD release incorporates all of the material onto one handy PSP-sized disc for your enjoyment.

While *Playing the Angel* does contain 12 excellent tracks including 'Precious', 'The Sinner in Me' and 'The Darkest Star', unfortunately they're UMD audio so you just get to listen to them while the menu screen stares back at you. This is a shame as a slideshow – especially considering the disc also contains a photo gallery – would have been much nicer than looking at a static track list.

Fortunately the UMD also contains some visual content including a making-of documentary imaginatively titled 'Making the Angel', the video for 'Precious', a photo gallery and a video of a studio performance of 'Clean'. This final video is shot in black and white and is a nice contrast to the rest of the UMD.

> *PLAYING THE ANGEL* SHOWCASES SOME OF THE MODE'S BEST SONGS TO DATE

Overall *Playing the Angel* is a nice UMD. It showcases some of the Mode's best songs to date, albeit as UMD audio. The extra features make up for the lack of live footage and *Playing the Angel* is still a must-buy for fans. **Lesley Smith**



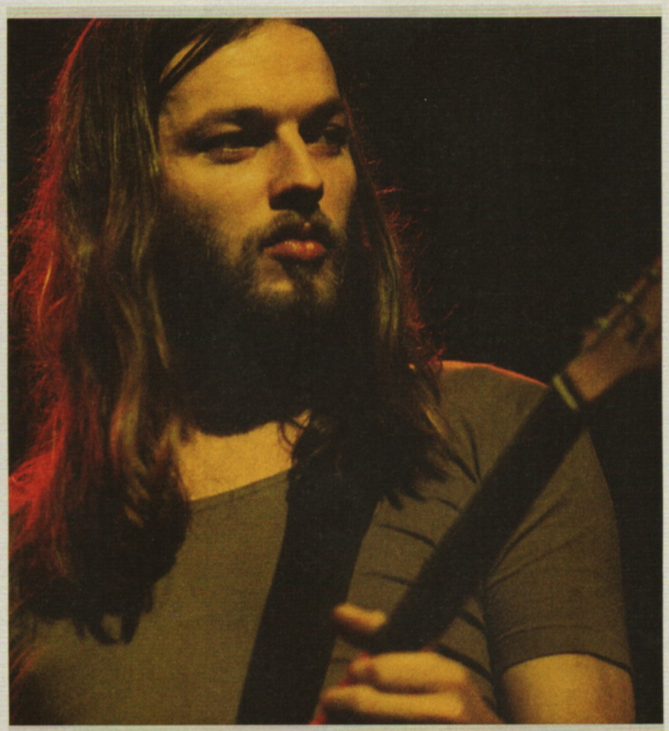


INFORMATION



Release Date: Out Now
Director: Anton Corbijn
Distributor: Mute
Original Release: 2005
Running Time: 70 mins

SCORE 5/10



PINK FLOYD - THE MAKING OF DARK SIDE OF THE MOON E

An illuminating total eclipse

Starring: David Gilmour, Roger Waters, Richard Wright, Nick Mason



Part of the Classic Albums series, this documentary details how Pink Floyd's *Dark Side Of The Moon* was made back in 1973. Clearly ahead of its time, this bestselling concept album involved the seminal use of tape loops and synthesizers to create a hypnotic soundtrack based on the themes of madness, alienation and death.

Key songs such as 'Time', 'Money' and 'The Great Gig In The Sky' are the basis for the chapters on the UMD, as the creation of each track is explored in detail. Naturally there are excerpts from the songs, including live footage, but it's the in-depth interviews with all four band members that are the main attraction, revealing some amazing insights. For instance, did you know that the chord structure for 'Breathe' was inspired by a Miles Davis jazz record?

> THE IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS WITH ALL FOUR BAND MEMBERS ARE THE MAIN ATTRACTION

One of the most fascinating aspects is Floyd's pioneering use of technology to create the album's amazing soundscape. There were no samplers or sequencers in those days, so they had to record sound effects on quarter-inch tape and use hand signals to trigger these at the right time in the performance.

As with the other Classic Album UMDs, repeat viewings may have limited appeal, but it's a top-notch documentary. The icing on the cake is the bonus material including solo acoustic performances by the band members to illustrate how various songs and sounds originated. **Phil King**

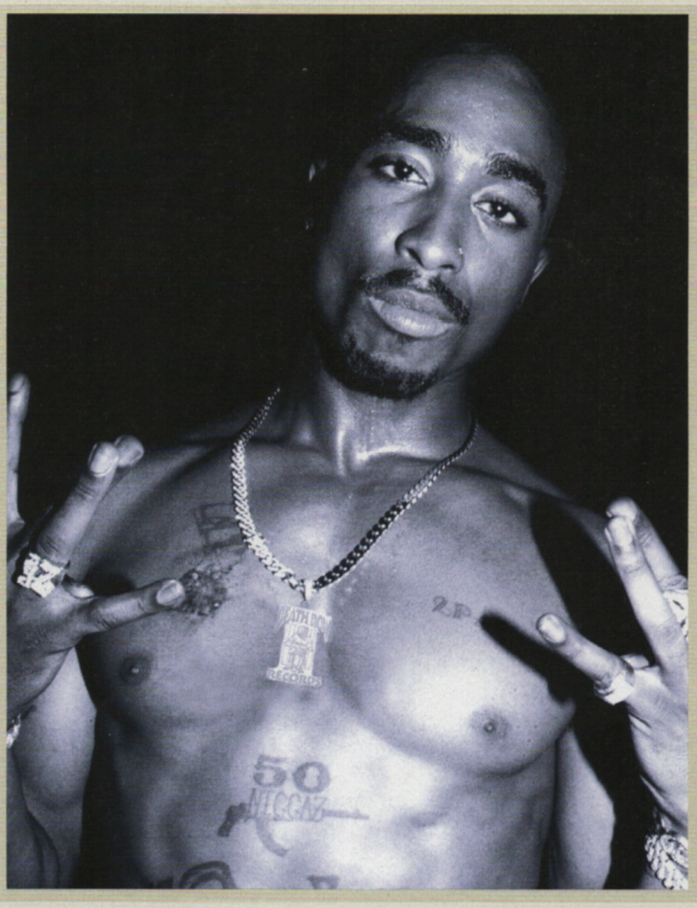


INFORMATION



Release Date: Out Now
Director: Matthew Longfellow
Distributor: Eagle Rock
Original Release: 2003
Running Time: 84 mins

SCORE 8/10



TUPAC - LIVE AT THE HOUSE OF BLUES 18

Gone but not forgotten

Starring: Tupac Shakur, Snoop Dogg, Nate Dogg, Tha Dogg Pound, Outlawz, K-Ci & JoJo



You may have watched the fascinating UMD documentary *Tupac–Thug Angel*, now it's time to see the late West Coast rapper performing live in concert. Filmed on 4 July 1996 at the House of Blues on Sunset Strip, this is particularly poignant as it's his final recorded performance.

With his Outlawz, Tupac gives an electric performance on the opening nine tracks including 'Hit 'Em Up', 'So Many Tears' and 'Never Call U Bitch Again'. For the last two songs of the set, 'Freek'n You' and 'How Do You Want It', he's joined on stage by K-Ci and JoJo from Jodeci.

Despite the disc title, the bulk of the concert is actually performed by Tha Dogg Pound. As the headline act, they run through 14 tracks including 'Murder Was The Case', 'Who Am I (What's My Name)', 'Doggfather' and 'Gin and Juice'. Finally, Tupac returns to join them in a rendition of '2 of Amerikaz Most Wanted' and seriously diss Biggie and the East Coast rappers.

// THE BULK OF THE CONCERT IS ACTUALLY PERFORMED BY THA DOGG POUND //

Considering the low number of Tupac tracks in the concert, a major bonus is the inclusion of the music videos for 'California Live' (Remix), 'To Live and Die in LA', 'Hit 'Em Up', 'How Do You Want It' (Concert Version) and 'I Ain't Mad At Cha'. **Noel Monk**

INFORMATION



Release Date: Out Now
Director: J Kevin Swain
Distributor: Eagle Rock
Original Release: 2005
Running Time: 118 mins

SCORE 8/10

INXS - LIVE BABY LIVE E

An excess of musical energy

StarringMichael Hutchence, Tim Farriss, Andy Farriss, Jon Farriss, Kirk Pengilly, Garry Gary Beers



Starting out as a pub band in Sydney, Australia, INXS enjoyed a meteoric rise to global stardom in the late Eighties. Originally released on VHS back in 1991, and more recently on DVD, *Live Baby Live* captures the band at their peak, entertaining a sell-out crowd of 72,000 screaming fans at Wembley stadium on 13 July 1991.

The late great Michael Hutchence, surely one of the most charismatic frontmen of all time, struts around the stage and delivers a superb performance, as do his bandmates. In fact, it may be something of a revelation to non-fans just how good a live band INXS actually were. They sound rockier than their funk-pop studio sound as they reel through an adrenaline-pumping set of no less than 21 hits including 'New Sensations', 'Disappear', 'Mystify', 'Suicide Blonde', 'Need You Tonight' and 'Devil Inside'. A songs menu enables you to instantly select any track, but the vibe of the concert is so good that you'll want to watch the whole thing every time.

// HUTCHENCE STRUTS AROUND THE STAGE AND DELIVERS A SUPERB PERFORMANCE //

INXS have continued to make music since the tragic death of Hutchence in 1997, and even recruited a new singer via a reality TV show, but this UMD captures them in their glorious heyday and is a must-buy for fans. Only the lack of extras lets it down slightly: just a photo gallery containing a mere five stills. **Phil King**

INFORMATION



Release Date: Out Now
Director: David Mallet
Distributor: Sanctuary
Original Release: 1991
Running Time: 92 mins

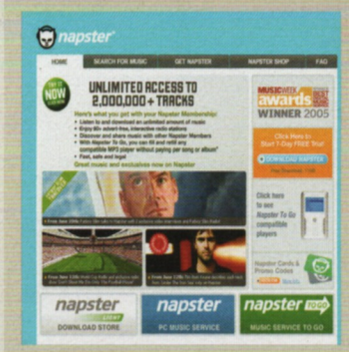
SCORE 8/10



MUSIC DOWNLOADS

Legal MP3 sites

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NAPSTER

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Offering a huge range of over two million tracks, this is one of the biggest and best download sites around. Formerly the home of illegal downloading, it is now fully legal. You have the option of paying 79p per song or paying a monthly subscription of £14.95 for unlimited downloads to listen to as long as you subscribe. Trouble is, Napster's list of compatible MP3 players doesn't yet include the PSP, as the latter's WMA player doesn't yet support DRM files; so, as with iTunes, you'll have to do some jiggery pokery to convert your songs.

Score ★★★★



INTOMUSIC

www.intomusic.com

While not offering the huge range of the major download sites, Intomusic focuses on the independent music scene and does contain material from major artists such as Stereophonics, Elbow and Paul Weller, along with lesser known bands. Some artists also offer free downloadable songs, while bought tracks cost 59p or 79p - although you have to buy at least two at a time. Alternatively you can subscribe to get 25 tracks for £7.69 per month. An added bonus for PSP owners is that all files are in standard MP3 format.

Score ★★★½



PEOPLESOUND

www.peoplesound.com

If the internet has been hailed as the great leveler between record companies and your Regular Joe with his garage band, then it's sites like Peoplesound that will make this a reality. One of the long-standing ambassadors of internet equality for all, the site features unknown nobody's right next to household names including James Blunt, Faithless, Soulfly and The Strokes. The site claims to offer "the latest in new music from established and emerging talent," and pretty much does exactly that.

Score ★★★★½

PURE FAVES What's on the team's PSPs this month?

Dan



Massive Attack - Collected

Covering all four albums, from 1991's Blue Lines to 2003's 100th Window, this album is definitely going into my all-time favourites list. But best of all, they are planning to perform some live dates, so I guess I'll see you there.

Phil



Morrissey - Ringleader of the Tormentors

It took a few listens to really appreciate Mozza's latest album, but now I can't help humming along to the catchy songs and enjoying the black humour of the lyrics. Really, it's not at all depressing.

Marc



Pink Floyd: The Making of Dark Side of the Moon

A classic album from a classic band and a fascinating documentary on the creation process. Now if only they would get back in the studio and out on tour, just one more time please lads.

Pete



Tupac - Live at the House of Blues

I've always been a big fan of Tupac and even though this disc is not all him (part Snoop Dogg), it's a classic performance from one of the masters of hip hop, with the bonus of some of his videos.



TWEAKING TIPS

Vital tools for your musical enjoyment

Fancy a bit of DJing? MR1200 is an MP3 player for the PC with a virtual deck that lets you scratch and fade MP3 files just like vinyl records. The on-screen platter behaves just like a real record deck, with nudging and twisting emulation, cueing, pitch control and reverse play. And if you have two soundcards in your PC, you can run double decks. Unlike other virtual DJing software, MR1200 enables you to use your own separate mixer and headphones, so you can still look the part and do proper prefading. Get it for free at www.mono211.com/monoraveik/mr1200.html



With the PSP already living in your pocket, it would be a criminal waste not to cram your memory stick with MP3s when it's so easy. Here's how:

To get your CDs converted to mp3 tunes, we recommend you use your PC to download the iTunes software from www.apple.com/itunes/download/ to your PC or Apple Mac.

Run the file from the folder you downloaded it to, and proceed with the installation process as advised onscreen.

Once the software is installed and running, go to 'Edit' then 'Preferences'. From there, go to the 'Advanced' tab, then the 'Importing' sub-tab.

Set 'Import using' to 'MP3 Encoder' and 'Setting' to 'Good Quality (128 kbps)'. If you find the music sounds a bit flat or tinny, you can set it to 'Higher Quality (192 kbps)' instead. Click 'OK' to save your preferences.

Under the 'Source menu', select your album. You can then right-click the track you desire, and choose 'Convert selection to MP3'.

Alternatively, you can tick any combination of tracks, and click Import CD to convert them as a batch. They are now ready to be copied to your memory stick.

The Transfer Market

To transfer MP3s from your PC to your PSP, hook them up using a USB Mini-B cable. Once they are plugged in, start the PSP and go to 'USB Connection' from the 'Settings' menu. Your PSP will then appear as a removable drive on your PC.

You can now drag and drop files directly to the MUSIC folder on the memory stick. There is also support for one more level of sub-folders under MUSIC, but you cannot have folders within these. So you could have 'X:\PSP\MUSIC\ROCK\' or 'X:\PSP\MUSIC\METALLICA\' but you could not have 'X:\PSP\MUSIC\ROCK\METALLICA\'

Also, if you select 'shuffle', your PSP will only play random tunes from the current 'group' folder. If you separate songs by artist, you'll only be able to play that artist's song in a random order.

MUSIC UMD BUYER'S BIBLE

Give your ears and speakers the treat they've been waiting for. Our Buyer's Bible helps you bag the best beats.

Artist	Title	Score
50 Cent	The Massacre (Special Edition)	8
50 Cent	Refuse 2 Die	4
Audioslave	Live In Cuba	6
Beck	Guero	6
Black Label Society	Boozed, Broozed & Broken Boned	8
Blink 182	Greatest Hits	7
The Bloodhound Gang	One Fierce Beer Run	6
Bob Marley	Legend - The Best Of	8
Bob Marley	The Legend Live	6
Coldplay	**Live 2003**	**9**
Great concert footage with multi-angle options, plus a behind-the scenes documentary		
Daft Punk	Interstella 5555	8
Deftones	Live In Hawaii	6
Depeche Mode	101	6
Depeche Mode	Devotional	8
Depeche Mode	One Night In Paris	7
Eminem	The Anger Management Tour	6
Godsmack	Live	8
Goldfrapp	Supernature	6
Goldfrapp	Wonderful Electric: Live in London	7
Goo Goo Dolls	Live In Alaska	7
Green Day	**Bullet In A Bible**	**9**
A great mix of live footage (from the Milton Keynes Bowl) and candid band interviews		
Iron Maiden	Rock In Rio	8
Jack Johnson	A Weekend At The Greek	7
Jack Johnson	Live In Japan	7
Kylie Minogue	**Showgirl**	**9**
No less than 27 hits in a flamboyant two-hour show, plus a documentary and more		
Limp Bizkit	Greatest Videoz	6
Marilyn Manson	Guns, God And Government World Tour	8
Metallica	Classic Albums: Metallica	8
Morrissey	Who Put The 'M' In Manchester?	8
My Chemical Romance	Life On The Murder Scene	8
Nirvana	Classic Albums: Nevermind	8
The Offspring	**Complete Music Video Collection**	**9**
Not only 17 videos, but extras including 11 live performances and two bonus videos		
Outkast	The Videos	6
Placebo	**Soulmates Never Die: Live In Paris 2003**	**9**
A fantastic live performance featuring most of their hits, plus a tour documentary		
The Police	Synchronicity	6
Prince	Live At The Aladdin Las Vegas	8
Queen	**The Making Of A Night At The Opera**	**9**
An excellent documentary about the making of the classic album, including live footage		
Red Hot Chili Peppers	Live At Slane Castle	8
Rob Zombie	Hellbilly Deluxe	7
The Rolling Stones	Rock And Roll Circus	8
Scissor Sisters	**We Are And So Are You**	**9**
14 live tracks plus loads of extras including five videos and the 'Return To Oz' documentary		
Tupac Shakur	**Thug Angel**	**9**
A fascinating documentary about the late great rapper, including rare childhood footage		
U2	Rattle And Hum	7
Various	Beef II	7
Various	Freshest Kids: A History of the B-Boy	6
Various	**Hot Joints**	**9**
Top-notch compilation of the best rap tracks, including 50 Cent, Snoop Dogg and Dr Dre		
Various	The MC - Why We Do It	7
Various	Now 2006	7
Various	Punk: Attitude	7
Various	Rhyme & Reason	8
Various	The Up In Smoke Tour	7
Various	Vans Warped Tour 2003	8
The Who	The Kids Are Alright	8
Yellowcard	Beyond Ocean Avenue	8



BUNCH OF FIVES

LIVE AT FIVE

Five live sets from around the world

AUDIOSLAVE: LIVE IN CUBA



Making history as the first American rock band to perform a live outdoor set in Cuba is no mean feet. However, the performance itself is nothing more than average.

SCORE 6/10

GODSMACK: LIVE



Multi-platinum rock/metal band Godsmack show eveyone that even a performance in their home town of Worcester, Massachusetts can be a sold out event.

SCORE 8/10

PRINCE: LIVE AT THE ALADDIN LAS VEGAS



The artist formally known as Prince puts on a top class live performance. Including a host of special guest duets, this is truly a brilliant display of his musical talents.

SCORE 8/10

JACK JOHNSON: LIVE IN JAPAN



A host of live performances from a variety of locations is just the start of this great UMD. With backstage and video footage including 'a making of' featurette it's more than just music.

SCORE 7/10

COLDPLAY: LIVE 2003



Performing a rocking, everything they've got performance, Coldplay are proof that you don't need loads of technical stuff. A good old fashioned live performance that almost gives you everything is good enough.

SCORE 9/10

HARDWARE

Enhance your gaming experience with these components

MAD CATZ TRAVEL PAK

Manufacturer: Mad Catz **Price:** £29.99

Features: Lightweight, Well made, Plenty of storage space





When looking at this, some people might think there's no way I'm wearing that, and that's fair enough. We at PURE would say give it a chance because when you actually get hold of it and have a look at what's inside, you may be surprised.

The bag contains spacing for near enough everything PSP, with UMD cases, USB transfer and power cable, car adaptor and even a mini slip cover for your PSP. It's an ideal case for when travelling with your portable pal, as a simple way to keep everything you need for your trip at hand without the need for multiple cases. Well made and well worth the money.

Score ★★★★☆

THE BAG CONTAINS SPACING FOR NEAR ENOUGH EVERYTHING PSP

SOUND CASE

Manufacturer: Gamexpert **Price:** £24:99

Features: NXT speaker technology, Battery powered

Unlike the Blaze offering featured here, this sound case from Gamexpert has gone for a softer-style case with NXT flat-panel speaker technology providing the sound duties. Unfortunately, the case's lack of bulkiness is to the detriment of not only the sound quality but also the usability of the unit. The PSP doesn't sit very comfortably in the case and the lid containing the speaker has a tendency to flop down and close the case; this makes it almost unusable for gaming. Soundwise the NXT unit gives a decent quality with plenty of punch but goes completely dead if even touched by a finger, with sound becoming almost silent with the case closed. A cheaper but not necessarily better option.

Score ★★★☆☆





2.1 SPEAKER DOCKING STATION

Manufacturer: Gamexpert **Price:** £39.99

Features: Built-in woofer, Recharging dock, Remote control

There are a lot of movie-viewing and charging docks out there and at first glance this one looks to be just like the rest, if a little bulkier. That bulkiness hides a built-in woofer, giving you a 2.1 sound system that delivers when it comes to bass (a feature that is sorely lacking on the PSP's own speakers). Simple to connect, the unit also boasts a line input for connection of iPod, CD Player etc, making it a true multi-function unit. Chuck in a pair of headphone ports and one of the smallest remote controls you are ever likely to see and you end up with a unit that delivers the goods and looks the part into the bargain.

Score ★★★★☆

DETAILS

UMD CLEANING KIT

Manufacturer: Mad Catz **Price:** £12.99

Features: Cleaning fluid, Replacement cleaning head, Battery/mains power

After your investment, the last thing you want is a dirty, unplayable UMD. This handy little gadget from Mad Catz not only polishes your discs like new, but also lets you look cool while doing it. The automated cycle means you can pop a disc in, hit the button and let it do its thing. Powered by either battery or your PSP power lead, we consider this a must-have device to help keep your games in tip-top condition. Simple to use and well designed, what more could you ask for?



Score ★★★★★



DETAILS

KOSS PORTA PRO STEREOPHONES

Manufacturer: Koss **Price:** £44.99

Features: Good sound response, Lightweight, Carry case supplied

Now if you want a pair of headphones that amplify the base and block out any noise from the outside world then these are perfect. The only thing you will hear when you wear these is what you have playing. The only complaints would be the very retro styling and the fact that sliding the headband to fit your head will result in hair being yanked from your scalp as it becomes trapped in the sliding mechanism - for this price you would expect a much better design quality. These letdowns are unfortunate, as apart from those little quibbles they are a well-made, well-performing set of headphones

Score ★★★★★

DETAILS

PRO AUDIO SYSTEM AND PROTECTOR

Manufacturer: Blaze **Price:** £39.99

Features: Battery/mains power, Bass boost, Music Studio software included

What at first appears to be a rather chunky rubber-coated case soon reveals that it hides a secret: a pair of built-in speakers that throw out a really thumping sound with plenty of bass and good mid-range definition. Even with the case closed, the sound is pretty amazing and the volume and power controls placed on the outside of the case are a real bonus. With a built-in stand, this case is ideal for not only protecting your PSP but a real joy to watch movies on and listen to music too. A multi-function unit that does all of its jobs well. If you get the chance, give it a listen: you won't be disappointed.

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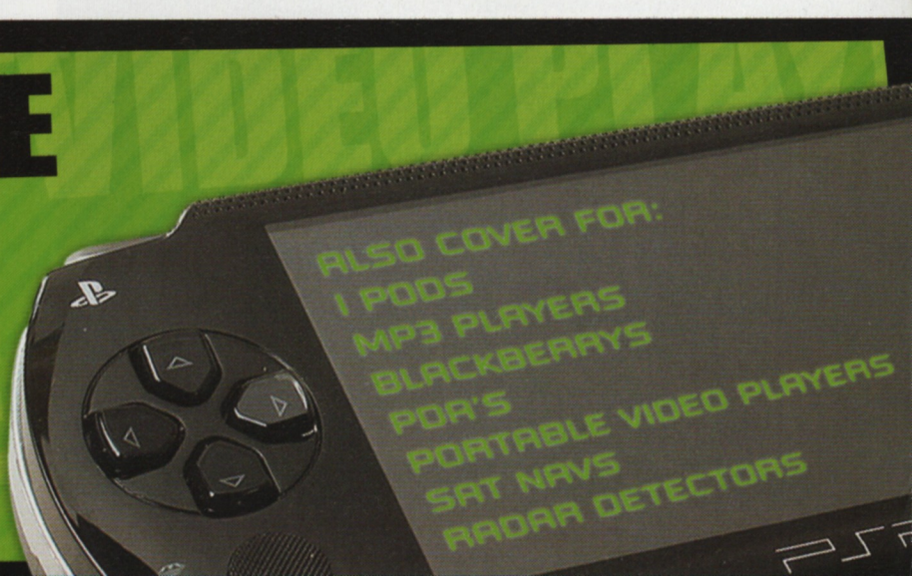
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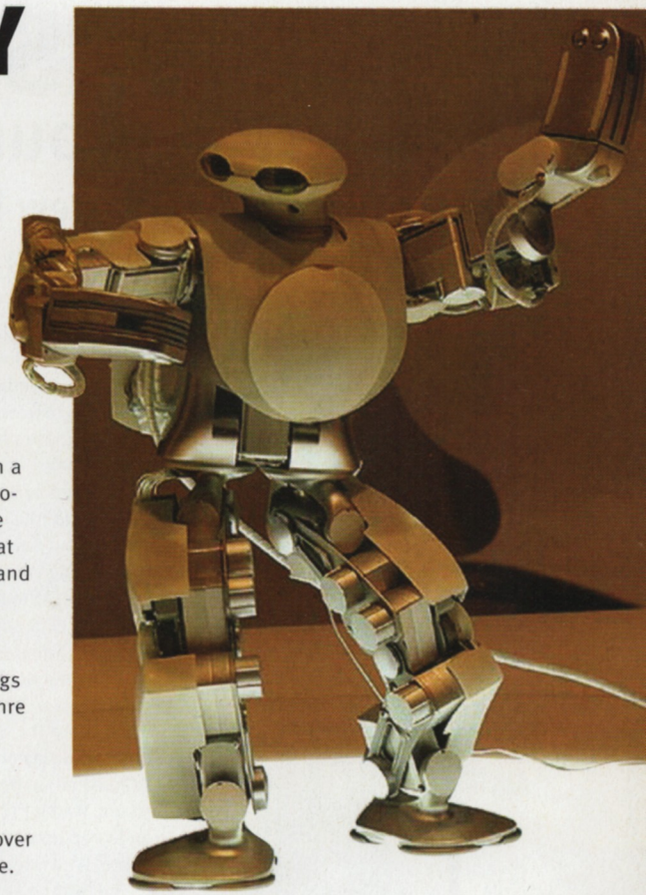
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It was always going to be only a matter of time before technology started dictating what music we should be listening to and now it looks like it has finally happened, with a program that compares old hit songs to new tunes and tells the record execs whether their latest boy band concoction will be a hit. I guess the world of the creative musician could be entering its final phase as we prepapre to get battered by a relentless tide of computer-dictated tunes that the record company execs know will make them money instead of artists with a message and even possibly some talent spilling their hearts out across CD's and MP3's for the world to enjoy. Oh well, I guess it can't be all bad: how long before we get to hear 'Hit Me Baby One More Time Version 2.5' topping the charts? And let us pray they are also working on a Crazy Frog filter program, if not for our sanity then at least think about the children. You may laugh now but don't come crying to me when the Westlife bots are running the U.N.

Marc Powell

GET READY FOR THE BRITNEY BOTS

Computer program predicts hits.



It appears a piece of software has been created that can identify a hit song from a mere 20 second sample. The software co-created by Platinum Blue Music Intelligence analyses 30 preset criteria ranging from beat and tempo through to melody progression and cadence. It then cross-references them to a database of three million songs, assigning them a score out of 1,000. It analyses mathematical similarities, even though songs don't sound the same, and also crosses genre boundaries. The software has already been used by a number of labels including EMI, Capitol Records, Universal Music Group and Disney's Hollywood Records. So prepare yourself for cynical one-hit wonders to take over your listening pleasure in the very near future.

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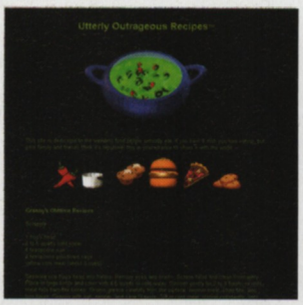
MySpace Clamp Down

Assault leads to changes



After a court filing in which a 14-year-old girl claims to have been assaulted by a 19-year-old MySpace user, the company is set to introduce new restrictions on how younger users are contacted through the site. The site already prohibits kids of 13 and under from setting up accounts and displays only partial profiles for those registered as 14 or 15 years old unless the person viewing the profile is already on the teen's list of friends.

The changes will see users over 18 no longer being able to request to be on a 14- to 15-year-old's friends list unless they already know either the youth's email address or full name. Whether this will help curb further problems, only time will tell as MySpace currently has no age verification when signing up.



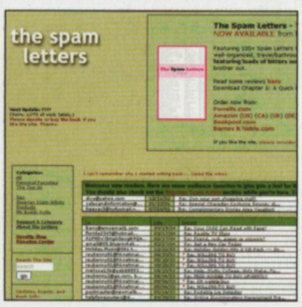
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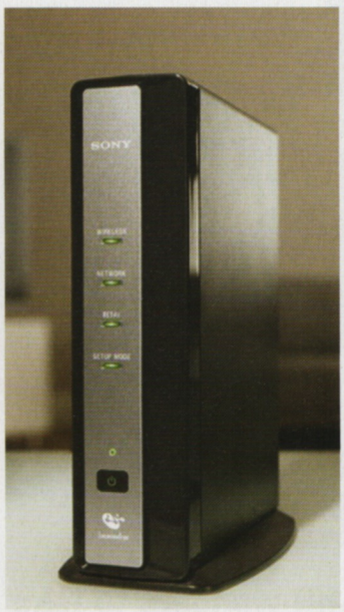
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SET YOURSELF LOCATIONFREE

Watch TV on your PSP Anywhere in the World

PURE tests out Sony's new LocationFree TV system and provides a step-by-step guide to setting it up to watch TV on your PSP, at home and away.

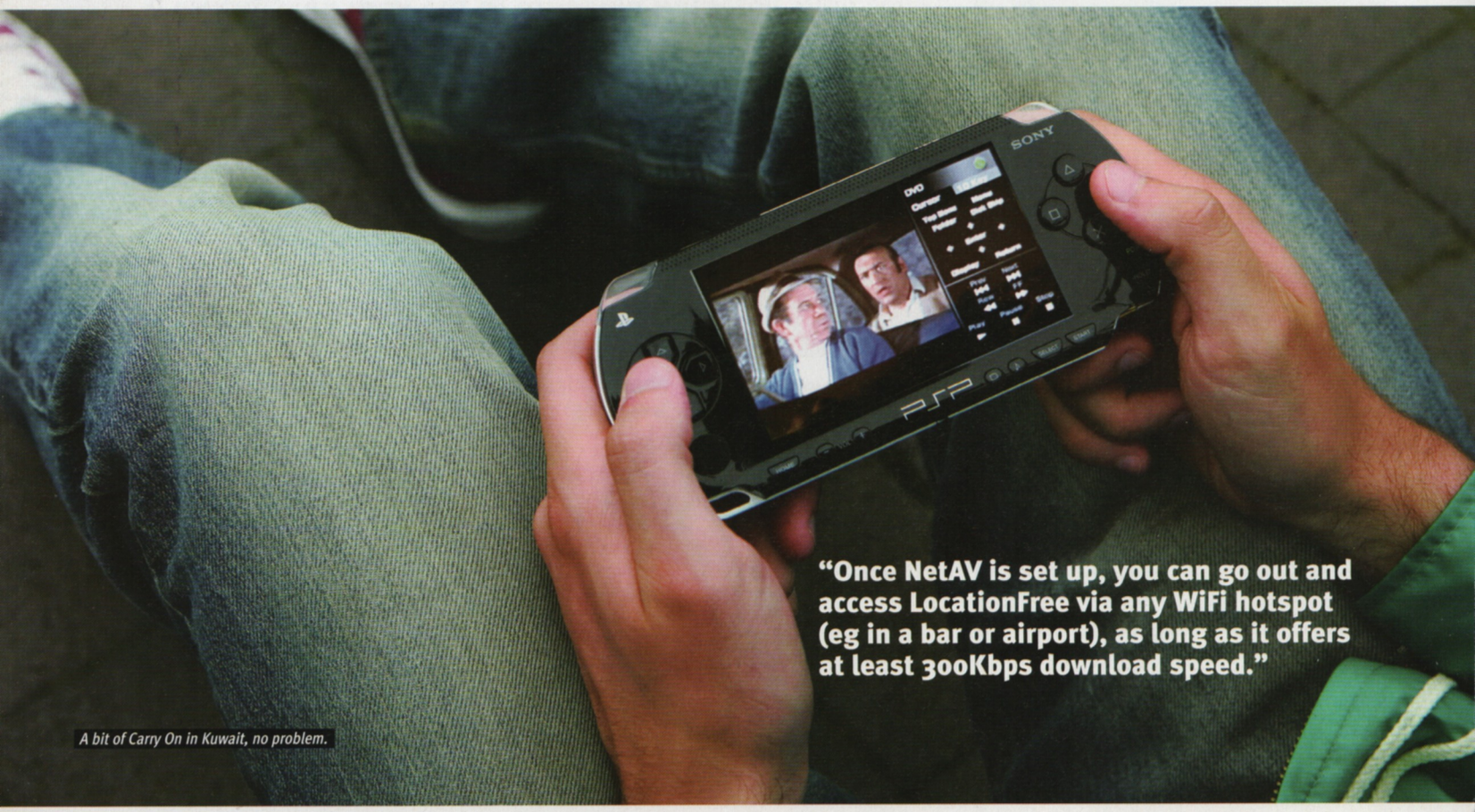


We all know that the PSP is a superb portable device to take on holidays and other trips. No matter how dull the surroundings, you can keep yourself entertained by playing games, listening to music and watching movies. But say you're in a foreign country and you'd like to watch a bit of telly. Yes, the local TV can be quite a novelty with some weird shows (for example, Italian *Deal Or No Deal* with a piglet as a booby prize), but you probably won't be able to understand the lingo. If only there was some way of tuning into British TV to catch up on your favourite soaps, watch Premier League footy and keep up with all the news back home. Well now there is.

The boffins at Sony Electronics have come up with an ingenious box of tricks called LocationFree. This clever little device can be connected to two video sources (set-top box, DVD player, HDD recorder etc) and will stream the video signal to the internet where, via a WiFi hotspot, you can then watch it on either a PSP or laptop PC. You can also use LocationFree to transmit video to your PSP or PC wirelessly in the home – great for watching TV or DVDs in bed or in the garden.

All sounds a bit complicated? Well worry not, as the compact LocationFree Base Station takes care of all the technical nitty gritty for you. It really is incredibly easy to set up. First, connect one or two video sources via the standard composite video and audio inputs on the Base Station's rear – unlike the North American version, the European model doesn't have an RF input for analogue TV signals. Then you just need to register your PSP or laptop PC with the Base Station: a quick an easy process via wireless connection. For the PSP, this involves starting its LocationFree Player (you'll need firmware v2.70 or later) and pressing a button on the back of the Base Station. A few seconds later and your wireless network connection will have been automatically set up and you can watch streamed video on your PSP all around the home.

The picture quality on the PSP is pretty good, although it can suffer from pixellation if you're too far away from the Base Station (the range is around 100 feet) or there's interference from another wireless signal. As with UMD movies, you can alter the PSP picture setting to normal, zoom or full screen. You can also switch between your two video sources. Best of all, thanks to the



"Once NetAV is set up, you can go out and access LocationFree via any WiFi hotspot (eg in a bar or airport), as long as it offers at least 300Kbps download speed."

A bit of Carry On in Kuwait, no problem.

Base Station's IR Blaster, you can control your video sources from the PSP via the on-screen remote. To set this up, just download the remote settings file via the PSP browser and select the relevant manufacturer and model type (eg Samsung DVD player). When activated, the remote control appears on the right of the screen, enabling you to change TV channels or navigate DVD menus etc. The great thing about this is that if you have an HDD or DVD recorder connected, you can set up recordings of programmes remotely – even from the other side of the world.

Using LocationFree via the internet, known as NetAV, is just as simple. If your broadband router has UPnP (Universal Plug and Play), the setup process is automatic: all you have to do is click on a few on-screen browser buttons. By the way, you *will* need a router – a standard modem won't do unless it also has router functionality. You'll also need a high-speed broadband connection: a minimum 300Kbps upload speed is recommended. Note that upload speed is usually a fraction of the download speed quoted for broadband connections; for example, Telewest's 4Mb service has an upload speed of 384Kbps. So you may need to check with your ISP to ensure it's fast enough.

Once NetAV is set up, you can go out and access LocationFree via any WiFi hotspot (eg in a bar or airport), as long as it offers at least 300Kbps download speed. Note that you may have to pay a fee or subscription to use hotspots. LocationFree will automatically adjust the video bit rate according to available bandwidth to ensure optimum picture quality. It also does clever behind-the-scenes stuff such as using a free Dynamic DNS (Domain Name Server) service to ensure that changes to your global IP don't prevent connection to the Base Station.

Overall, LocationFree is an easy-to-use system that is sure to appeal to frequent travellers. The original intended price of £350 was a bit steep, but thankfully Sony has reduced it to a more reasonable £230 – and we've already seen it on sale for a penny under £200. That's still a bit more expensive than the rival Slingbox system, but then that won't work with the PSP, nor does it offer wireless viewing within the home. So if you want to watch TV on your PSP, LocationFree is the way to go.

Step-By-Step LocationFree Guide

What You'll Need



PSP with 2.70 firmware or later
LocationFree LF-PK1 Base Station
Video source(s) (eg set-top box, DVD player, HDD recorder)
Broadband internet connection with upload speed of at least 300Kbps*
Broadband router (or modem with router functionality) and LAN cable* (*To watch video on the go)

Setting Up & Watching Video At Home



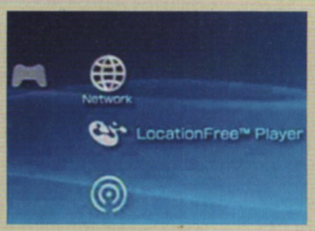
1. Using the cables provided connect one or two video sources (eg set-top box) to the video and audio inputs on the back of the Base Station.



2. Connect the IR Blaster so it faces the remote sensor(s) on the video source(s).



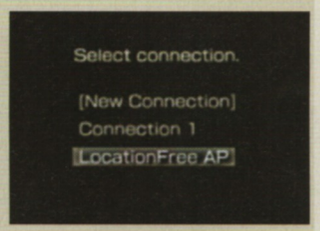
3. Connect the LAN cable to your broadband router (not needed for LocationFree use in the home).



4. You now need to register your PSP with the Base Station. Checking that your WLAN switch is on, select the LocationFree Player from the Network menu, go to the next screen and click on 'Start'.



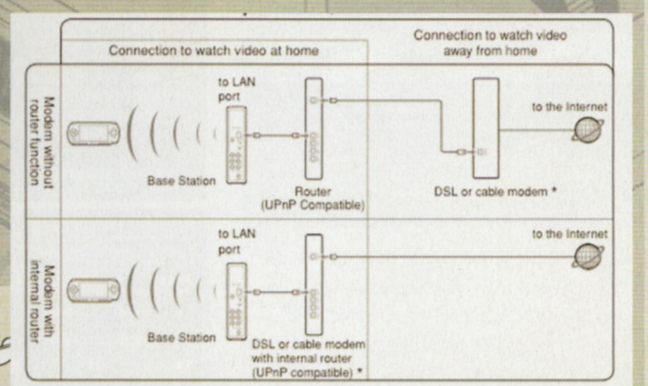
5. Now hold the Setup Mode button on the back of the Base Station until the Setup Mode orange LED starts blinking on the front. After a little while it should be registered.

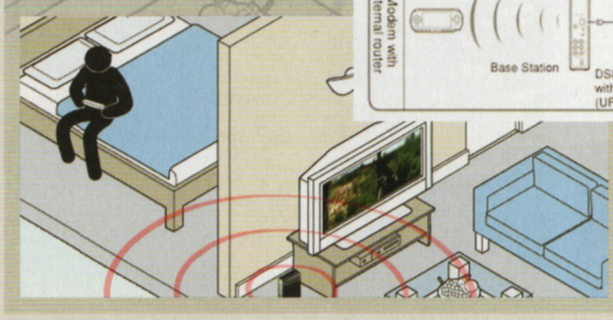


6. Your connection to the Base Station has been automatically set up, so just choose 'LocationFree AP' on the Network Connection screen that appears.



7. After taking a few moments to connect to the Base Station, the PSP will display the video from the first video source. You can now watch video on your PSP in the home.



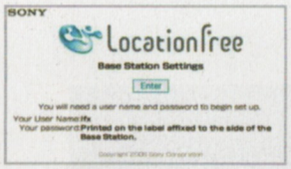


Whichever your connection option make sure your firewall allows the outgoing signal on the selected port.

Watching Video On The Go



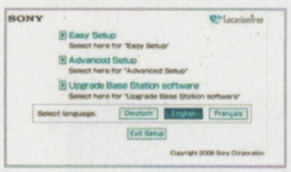
1. To set up the LocationFree system for viewing at another location via a WiFi hotspot, you need to set up the internet connection. With video playing on the PSP, press the Triangle button to bring up the menu.



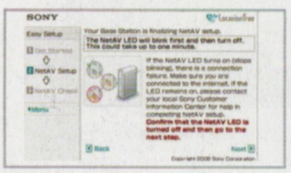
2. Select Settings, followed by Base Station Settings to bring up the browser screen. Now click on 'Enter' to get started.



3. Enter the user name (Ifx) and the password (this can be found printed on the side of the Base Station itself).



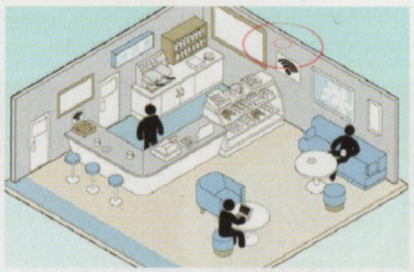
4. Now select Easy Setup and follow the on-screen instructions to confirm that the Base Station's Network LED is on.



5. Read and accept the Dynamic DNS Terms Of Use Agreement. Wait for the Network LED to stop blinking – this should take about a minute. A test page will appear; click on 'Check' to test the connection. If successful, Exit Setup and press O to close the browser.



6. Before leaving the house, ensure that your Base Station and your all of your input video devices are turned on, along with the broadband router, and that everything is connected.

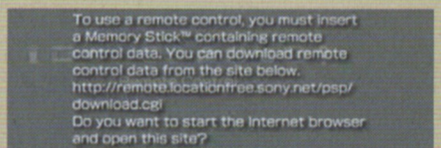


7. Go to another location with a WiFi hotspot (with minimum 300Kbps download speed), such as a bar, café or airport – or someone else's home. Start the LocationFree Player and it should connect to your Base Station just as it would at home.



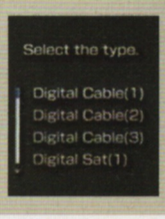
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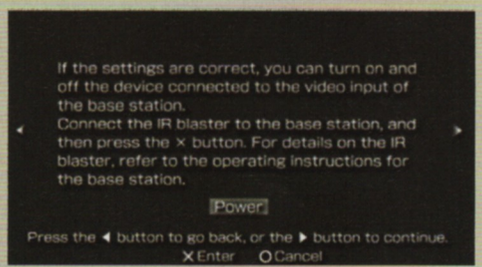
1. As well as watching your video sources in another room or location, you can also control them via the Base Station's IR Blaster. First, make sure it is facing the remote sensor(s) of your video source(s).



2. On the PSP, press Triangle to bring up the menu and select Remote Control. A screen will tell you that you need to download the remote settings via the browser, so do this and save it on the Memory Stick in PSP/SYSTEM/LF PLAYER.

3. Close the browser and bring up the video menu again. Select Settings, then Remote Control Settings. Select Video 1 or Video 2, then the manufacturer and model type (eg DVD Player).







4. Test that the remote is working by clicking on 'Power' – if successful, this should turn the device off via the IR Blaster.

5. You can now use the on-screen remote to control your device. In addition, pressing Up and Down on the D-pad will change channel on a set-top box.

LocationFree FAQ

Q: I have LocationFree Player on my v2.50 firmware. Will this work?
A: No, that version isn't compatible with the European LocationFree system, so you'll need to update your firmware to 2.70 or later.

Q: What's the wireless range for LocationFree in the home?
A: It's around 100 feet, depending on obstructions such as walls. For optimum range, try placing the Base Station high up on a shelf.

Q: Can I use more than one device to play LocationFree TV?
A: You can register up to eight PSPs or PCs. However, you can only play back LocationFree TV on one device at a time.

Q: What if I can't find my video source in the list of remote control settings?
A: First of all, try using another setting from the same manufacturer – sometimes they use the same ones for different models. If it still doesn't work, you'll just have to wait for Sony to make an update, which they are promising to do periodically to support new devices.

Q: Can I change channels without bringing up the on-screen remote control?
A: Yes, you can press Up/Down on the D-pad to change channels; and Select to switch video sources.

Q: My internet connection is in a different room to the Base Station. What can I do?
A: Unless you want to run a long cable around the house, you can use a wireless connection. Plug a wireless adapter into the Base Station and it will be able to connect to a compatible wireless router.

Q: Do I need a router to connect LocationFree to the internet?
A: Yes, it won't work with a standard modem unless the latter has built-in router functionality.

Q: My router doesn't have UPnP. Can I still use it?
A: Yes, but you'll have to use the Base Station's Advanced Settings to set up your internet connection. You may have to use port forwarding to get past a firewall.

Q: What happens if you use a broadband connection with an upload speed of less than 300Kbps?
A: It may not work at all, or the picture will probably suffer from freezing and poor quality.

Q: Can anyone else hijack my internet connection via LocationFree or watch my video sources?
A: No, LocationFree offers WEP encryption, along with the even more secure WPA system.



Tech Specs

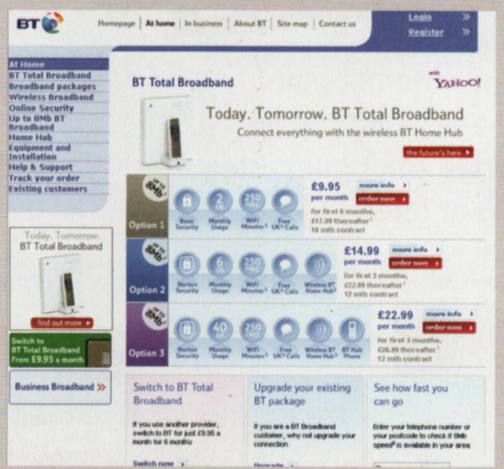


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Weight: 482g (1 lb 1 oz)
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Automatic Bit Rate Control
Secure 1 to 1 video streaming
Colour system: PAL/ SECAM / PAL60 / NTSC
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2 x Video/Audio inputs
1 x IR Blaster
DC in (12V)
1 x SCART to A/V cable included
1 x A/V cable (RCA pin cable)

Are You Up To Speed?

An upload speed of at least 300Kbs is recommended to use LocationFree remotely via the internet, yet even many of the faster download broadband packages don't yet offer this – for instance, BT has a maximum upload speed of 256Kbps at the time of writing. Also, watch out for any monthly usage limit: for instance, if you upload at 300Kbps, you'll use up 1GB in around 7 hours 46 minutes. Going over the limit may incur a charge, or a warning, from your ISP. Here's a handy guide to the upload speeds and usage limits for some suitable broadband packages...





Service	Upload Speed	Monthly Usage Limit
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Telewest 10Mb Broadband Complete	384Kbps	–
Be Lite 24Mb Broadband	400Kbps	1GB
Bulldog 8Mb Broadband Pay As You Go	500Kbps	–
Bulldog 8Mb Broadband Anytime	500Kbps	1GB
Bulldog 8Mb Broadband Unlimited	500Kbps	–
UK Online Unlimited 8Mb Broadband	786Kbps	–
UK Online Unlimited 22Mb Broadband	786Kbps	–
Bulldog 16Mb Broadband	1Mbps	1GB
Bulldog 16Mb Broadband Unlimited Plus	1Mbps	–
Be Unlimited 24Mb Broadband	1.3Mbps	–

Note: Speeds and limits are accurate at the time of writing but are subject to change. NTL has recently been increasing the speed of its packages; for instance, the old 2Mb service should now offer 4Mbps download and 400Kbps upload.

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You'll need a correctly configured Wireless Access Point, or a wireless router that is connected to the internet and is enabled as a Wireless Access Point, or alternatively one of the useful WiFi Max add-ons from Datel. Make sure the PSP's WiFi switch (left side of unit, directly above the Memory Stick port) is set to the active (up) position.

STEP 1
From the PSP's main menu, go to 'Settings' and scroll down to 'Network Settings'; go to 'Infrastructure Mode'.

STEP 2
Select 'New Connection' and give it any name you choose.

STEP 3
Choose 'Scan' and hit right on the D-pad, then select the appropriate wireless access point from the list.
OR:
3b. If you'd like to enter the info manually, choose that option and you'll be prompted for the SSID (Secure Session Identification) name of the server and the type of encryption it is using. This information is configurable in your router's configuration menu.

STEP 4
Having accepted the SSID (do not rename it) and the encryption type, hit right on the D-pad and enter the encryption key if applicable. Remember that the WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) key is a 'hash' made up of the pass-phrase you give the router, not the pass-phrase itself.

STEP 5
Select Easy address settings if your router has DHCP and its DNS correctly configured.
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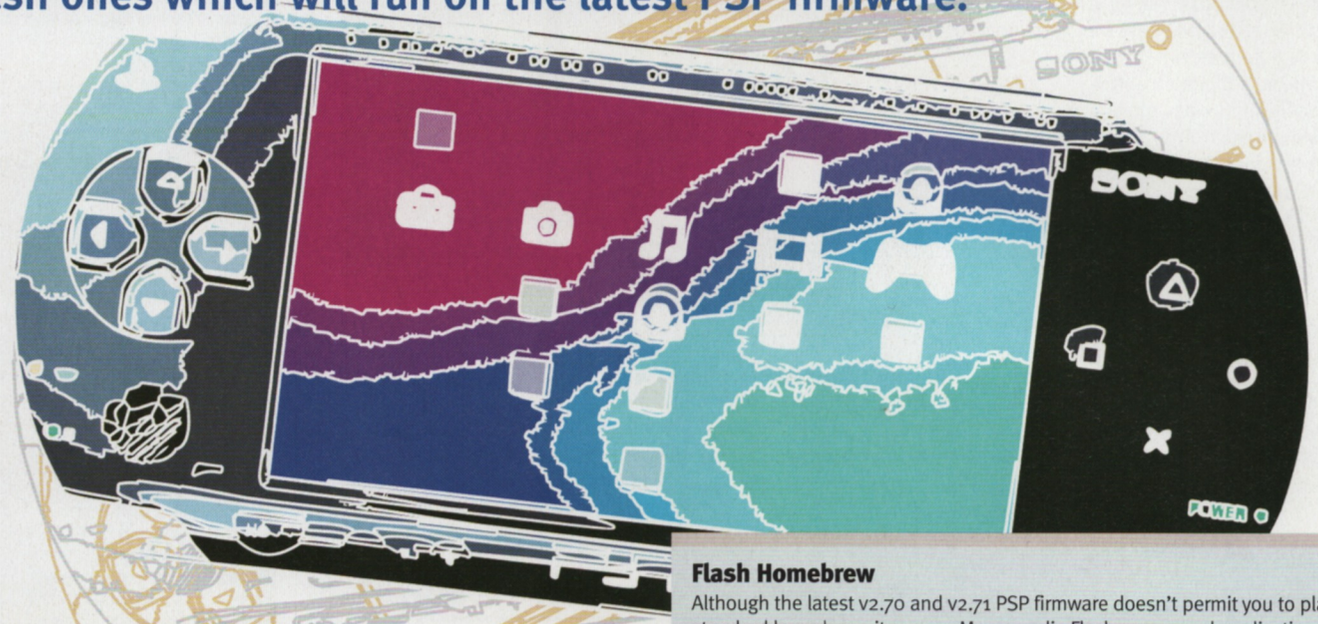
5b. If you are unable to have the Wireless Access Point configure your connection correctly, choose 'Custom.' From that menu, pick 'automatic' IP Address Setting if your router correctly assigns an IP from DHCP.
Choose 'PPPoE' if you have a Wireless Access Point but no router; it will ask you for your ISP's user and login details.
Choose 'manual' to enter the details yourself if your router is not correctly assigning an IP address.

5c. Select the Automatic DNS Setting if your router correctly forwards DNS information. Otherwise, choose manual and enter the gateway's (router's) IP address as the primary DNS server. Choose your ISP's DNS server as the secondary address (either contact them, or take the information from your router's configuration screen).

5d. Choose 'Do Not Use' unless you need to access the Internet via a Proxy Server. Otherwise, select that and enter details.
5e. Choose 'Do Not Start' the Internet Browser, unless your ISP has a post-connection login requirement.

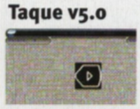
WHO'S FOR A BREW?

PURE takes a look at the latest home-made games and applications, including Flash ones which will run on the latest PSP firmware.



Here are some the hottest new homebrew games around. Note that these won't run on v2.70 firmware or later, and we can't guarantee that they'll all work on v2.01 or later.

Taque v5.0



Button and direction symbols appear on screen and one player has to hit the right buttons while the other presses the D-pad. The author made the game so he and his girlfriend could both play on one PSP, but the latest version adds a single-player mode.

Formido



Available on other platforms for some time, this no-nonsense shoot-'em-up is now on PSP. The simple objective is to blast as many alien insects as you can, with the aid of power-ups, before they eventually overwhelm you.

PSP Football



No, this isn't soccer but American football – or rather a simple game based on it. You have to avoid being tackled by the four defenders and try to go on the longest run possible. There are ten skill levels, each with its own high score.

Alchemist



The aim of this puzzle game is to cover the board with symbol tiles. However, to successfully place a tile, it must match the colour or shape of an adjacent tile symbol. It's an addictive puzzler and has the bonus of showing your PSP battery level.

Callisto v0.2



A new version of this great side-scrolling shoot-'em-up has just been released. It now features a new planet to raid, complete with new enemies, power-ups and weapons. The graphics and sound have also been upgraded.

Slime Volleyball



This is a clone of the simple Java game of the same name. It's still a work in progress (an AI bot is yet to be added) and not totally playable, but check it out and keep looking on the usual websites for updates.

Flash Homebrew

Although the latest v2.70 and v2.71 PSP firmware doesn't permit you to play standard homebrew, it can run Macromedia Flash games and applications. Lack of speed and internal memory mean these are unlikely to rival some of the more complex traditional homebrew games and emulators, but you can still have some fun.

As well as playing Flash games on websites via the Web Browser, you can install most of them on your memory stick for offline play. To do this, just put the game file (or folder) to the root of your memory stick and then direct the PSP's Web browser to it (ie file://gamename.swf). Alternatively, you can use a special PC or Mac auto-installer program available from homebrew sites.

Here are just a few of the best Flash applications available for the PSP...

Creatures



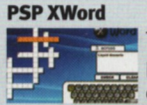
This is a clone of the classic C64 platform-puzzler where you have to rescue your furry creature buddies from horrible deaths (such as being chainsawed). So far it's just a playable demo, but retro fans should enjoy it.

PSP Paint



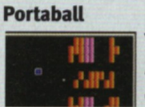
Another painting program for the PSP, but this one runs in Flash. It's a bit primitive, but fine for doodling with four drawing tools, RGB colour selector, opacity level and the ability to manipulate your last draw.

PSP XWord



This is a crossword program that runs online. There are 436 clues to solve, arranged randomly into a grid each time you play. It's not exactly easy though. We were scratching our heads until we dug out the thesaurus.

Portaball



Yet another homebrew *Breakout* clone, this displays sideways on the screen, so you need to rotate your PSP 90 degrees to play. It's a bit on the slow side, but there are power-ups to collect and some nice laidback music.

Switch



This is a clone of the classic puzzler *Bejeweled* where you switch pairs of coloured shapes in order to create adjoining blocks of the same shape which then disappear. It's very addictive trying to clear each level within the time limit.

Tetris



Now you can play a clone of the classic puzzler in PSP Flash. It's a shame there's no background music nor sound effects, but the coloured blocks have a nice 3-D sheen to them and the game is as addictive as ever.

Jargon Buster

EBOOT: The main compiled program file for a homebrew application, this is placed inside its own folder in the PSP/GAMES/ directory on the memory stick.

eLoader: A simple menu program created by hackers Fanjita and Ditlew, enabling homebrew to run on firmware v2.00 and later.

Emulator: A program that emulates another console or computer, enabling the running of its games and applications on a different system.

Firmware: The operating system for the PSP, which has been updated regularly by Sony. You can find out which version you have by selecting System Settings then System Information.

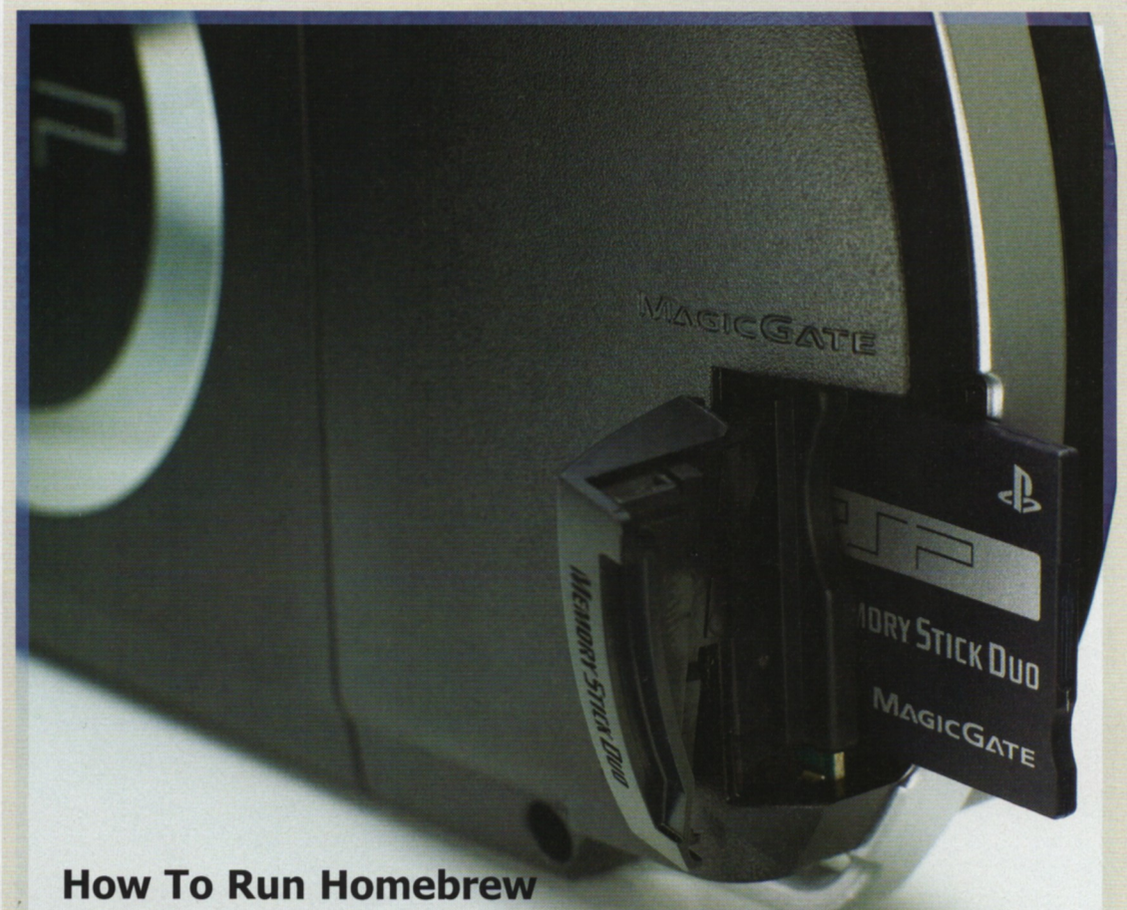
GTA Exploit: A loophole that enables homebrew to run on v2.01 and later firmware via the *GTA Liberty City Stories* saved game menu.

Homebrew: Games and applications that are produced on formats that are not typically user-programmable (ie most videogames consoles).

LUA Player: No, not the guy who does all the somersaults at Portsmouth FC but a program that plays applications created in LUA script, including many homebrew games.

ROM: A dump of a cartridge or disc game from another console that can be run by the appropriate emulator. You need the original game to be able to download legally.

TIFF Exploit: A loophole that enables homebrew to run on firmware v2.00 via the Photo menu.



How To Run Homebrew

Unless you've got an early Japanese or US PSP with v1.00 or v1.50 firmware, you'll need to use a special exploit to get homebrew applications to run. For v2.00 you can use a TIFF exploit via the Photo menu, while for later firmware (up to v2.60) you can use the *GTA: Liberty City Stories* exploit. The latter involves the required eLoader homebrew menu program masquerading as a saved game file on the memory stick (as long as there's already a proper *GTA* save present). The eLoader can then be run by selecting it from the Load Game screen in *GTA*, bringing up a simple menu of all the homebrew programs on the memory stick.

Note: As yet, there is no known exploit for the new v2.70 PSP firmware, so it's impossible to get homebrew to run on it.

Homebrew News

Final Fantasy Pool

A new mod pack has just been released for PSPool, containing pool tables based on Final Fantasy. Other themes now available include 007, NFL, Thundercats and Space Invaders. Let's just hope they don't put you off your game.



New Boxy

The latest version of the Boxy II puzzler has just been released. Version 0.3 includes three new skins for the *Lumines* clone, now lets you rotate the blocks the other way and allows MP3 playback. Author Ghoti is still working on the game and is promising more play modes and animated backgrounds in future versions.



Star Wars Rocks

Dragula96 has released an updated version of his Star Wars homebrew game. Star Wars: Rocks 1.02 features a *Gradius*-style power-up engine among other improvements. In this shoot-'em-up, you take control of the Millennium Falcon with the aim of shooting as many TIE Fighters as possible.



LAST WRITES

★ LETTER OF THE MONTH

PSP FANTASY

First off, congrats on another great issue! I loved the features on Japanese gaming and homebrew, which I knew nothing about before picking up issue 6!

I was hoping you might have heard something on the *Final Fantasy VII* PSP title Crisis Core as no-one seems to be mentioning it. I'm a big Final Fantasy fan but everyone seems to be concentrating on *Final Fantasy XIII* for the PS3. I hope *Crisis Core* hasn't been cancelled. Can you guys shed any light on a release date?

Richard Miller, Stoke on Trent

We're glad you like our homebrew feature and don't forget to check in every month for the latest in homebrew news. After a chat to the folks over at Square, we are happy to tell you that *Final Fantasy VII: Crisis Core* has not been cancelled and is currently still in production. A possible Japanese release late this year and a tentative release for the rest of the world has been mentioned for early next year. Although bear in mind these can slip if production runs into any snags.

PERIPHERALS, PERIPHERALS EVERYWHERE

Reading earlier issues of PURE, there were a lot of references to cool PSP add-ons like the mysterious keyboard and I'm sure, during E3, I came across mention of a PSP EyeToy. I also found mention of an FM tuner on the internet as well. Now *Talkman*'s finally being released here with its snazzy microphone, do you think more companies will release peripherals for the PSP and do you have any idea what's on the horizon?

William Davis, via email.

As we mentioned in a earlier issue, the keyboard was a third-party peripheral that has currently been put on hold for the foreseeable future due to technical issues. The FM tuner is known as the iFM and is available from a company called Griffin Technology. As far as official extra peripherals from Sony, they are keeping very quiet, although there are strong noises being made about a possible GPS add-on - and expect more details on the EyeToy around PS3 launch time. It would be nice to see games designers taking advantage of the *Talkman* microphone in much the same way as the DS's built-in model. PSPDogs anyone?

CONSOLE WARS

I've been watching the battle between the DS and the PSP since last year and, after many hours of loitering in GAME, I've have decided to spend my hard-earned on a classy white PSP. I keep hearing rumours

After a long delay it finally looks like *Pilot Academy* will finally get clearance for take off very soon.



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about a new version of the PSP and that Sony were going to scrap the hard drive and finally add on a second analogue stick. With the DS Lite about to hit shops, do you think redesigning consoles is going to become the norm?

Anya Winters, Aberdeen

Rumours about the PSP2 are as common as a chav outside JJB Sports. We've heard everything from hard drives to touch screens to fluid interaction systems (whatever they may be). We would take anything about the PSP2 with a huge sack of salt at the moment until Sony makes an official announcement. As to your redesign question, all electronic equipment undergoes redesigns due to cheaper, smaller faster parts becoming available so consoles are no different. We think if you are happy with the one you have, why worry?



PSP USA

I live in Atlanta and came across PURE by chance and wanted to email you guys to say how amazing the magazine is. I was hoping you might be able to tell me why it takes longer for certain games to be released. For example, you are getting *LocoRoco* in June but for some mysterious reason here in the US, we have to wait until September! Why is that?

Alex Roberts, via email

It's all down to market forces I'm afraid, Alex. The different arms of companies have planned release strategies. When a title is coming from Japan this can be down to translation issues. However, we sometimes throw our hands up in despair like yourself on the US/UK release policy. *Syphon Filter* was a prime example, released in the US months before the UK release, for exactly the same game. Worldwide release policies are a dark and mysterious art to be sure.

PLANE SPEAKING

In your first issue you said that *Pilot Academy* would be released in the UK in April 2006 but it doesn't seem to be out yet. Are there any other release dates for it?

Henry de Viell, via email

We feel your pain, Henry, as this is a title we've been gagging to get our hands on here at PURE. A few setbacks in production have meant a slippage of release dates, but we are glad to confirm that after a chat with Rising Star Games it now has a firm release set for the end of September. Check out next month's issue for a hands-on preview of this ambitious title.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I SAID THAT!

The most PURiLE things we said in the office this month...

"Forget everything you've ever learnt and try to remember how it used to be done. *Marc*"

"Why did Arnie's enemy in Commando have such a gay vest? *Dan*"

"You stole my idea, it's not fair! *Pete*"

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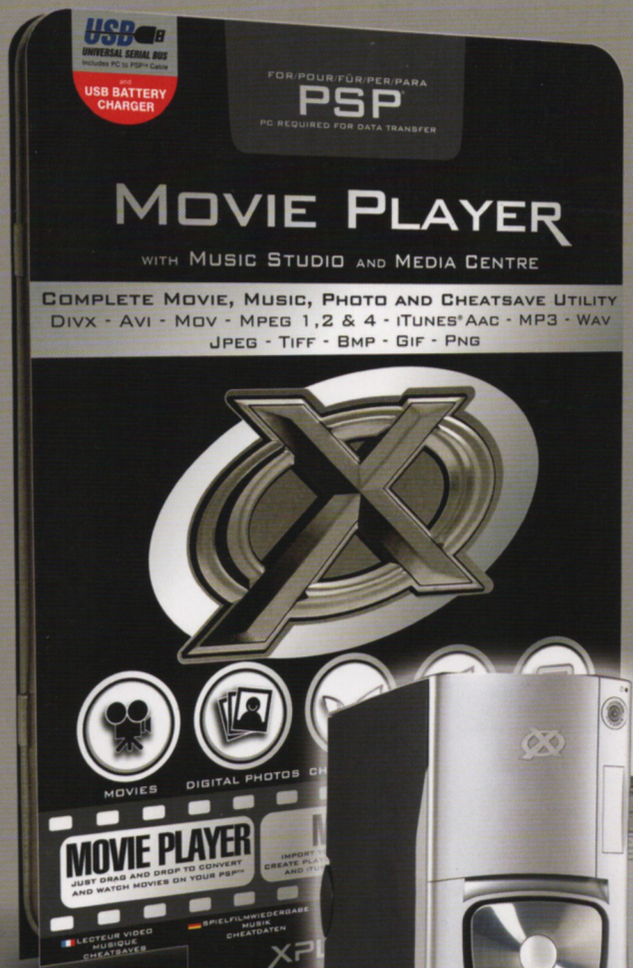
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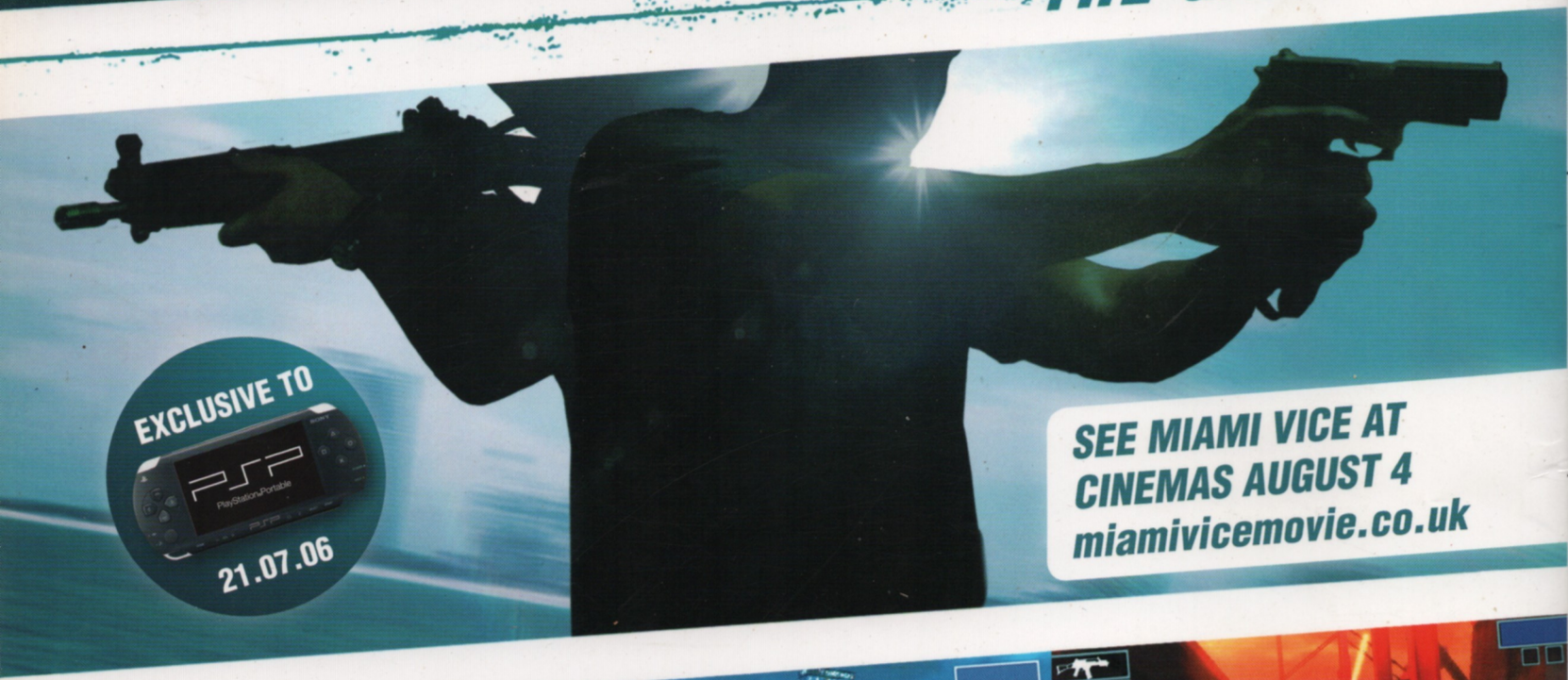
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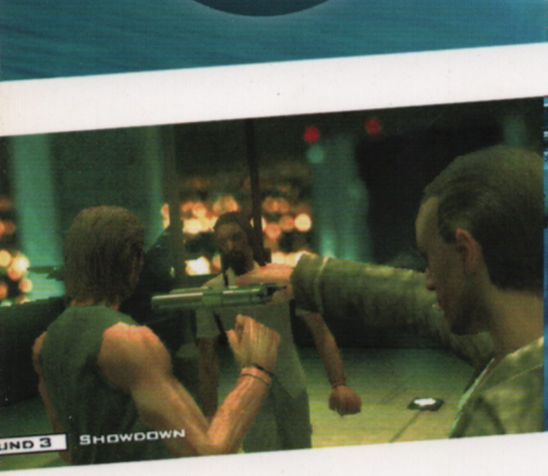
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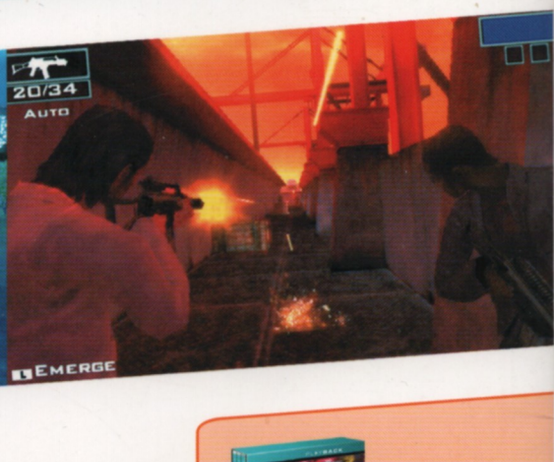
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