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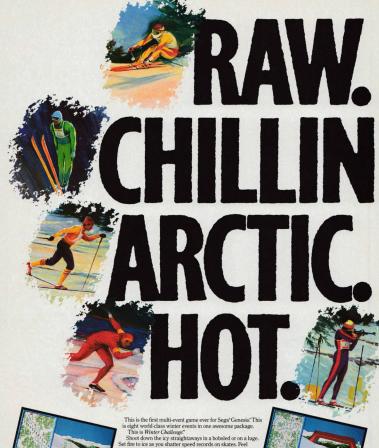














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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

Well, it's that time of year again!

The silly season has died down, the Vegas CES is just around the corner, and it's a perfect time to gauge where we're going and where we've been.

This year, more than any before, showed the greatest change in the electronic entertainment industry. Not only did we witness the introduction of new game machines like the Super NES, but other systems like the Sega Genesis finally came into their own. Prices on several formats came down, with the NEC TurboGratx-16 finally reaching below 100 bucks. And don't forget the leaps in software production that mini-machines like the Lynx and Game Gear made in '91.

For all the truly incredible movement forward, however, the game industry has also started to experience some downscaling. The Nintendo 8-Bit NES, long the staple of the gamer's diet, has been eclipsed by the more powerful 16-Bitters, no matter what Nintendo says. The hobby is definitely becoming more upscale, which will have some negative effects in the short term but should balance out over the long haul.

1991 saw a number of other events occur that will have a significant impact on the market as a whole in 1992. Although originating from a competitor, a tip of the hat goes to the first real television program to cover our hobby. The point isn't whether it's good or bad, but that it's on at all is a testament to its creators and the gaming public. Will we see more television programming covering our favorite hobby? You betcha - and in a way unlike anything you've ever seen before!

Aside from all the giant steps forward video gaming has made since its rebirth in 1985, the question we have to ask ourselves is where are we going to?

The Winter Consumer Electronic Show in Las Vegas will likely be the place where the future balance of power within the video game industry will play itself out. Sega, coming off of a banner year (complete with a holiday season that saw sell-outs across the board) will enter this show, for the first time, on top. Although Nintendo may claim superiority, the truth of the here and now is that Sega leveled their arch-nemesis with a lower-priced left and a Sonic right. Being in the leading position will feel good to everyone at Sega and they should enjoy it and work hard to continue their progress.

Nintendo, however, cannot be counted out or even down for that matter. If Sega does not come up with some equally stunning softs to follow-up Sonic (a sequel to which will be available mid-year), they will be eclipsed by Nintendo, who's legion of third-party producers will net us Street Fighter 2, Contra 3 and a plethora of other stunning titles throughout 1992. Sure, quantity favors Sega, but with the knowledge of what Nintendo will produce in 1992, the quality factor will tip to the big 'N's' camp without further forward action from Sega.

Ultimately, the big winner will be us, the game playing enthusiasts who relish each new hardware introduction (which there are sure to be in '92) and marvel at the incredible steps the game developers make with each new game program. The 16-Bit competition will necessitate better softs from both Nintendo and Sega which, as the leading magazine of honest game reviews, will make our job all the more fun.

Lastly, to respond to the growing change within the video game field, you'll see additional changes to the magazine in this and coming months. While these alterations will make the magazine more informative and easier to read, we still would like to get your feedback as well as your recommendations for future issues. This your magazine, help us make it the best it can be by sending in your comments.

Steve Harris

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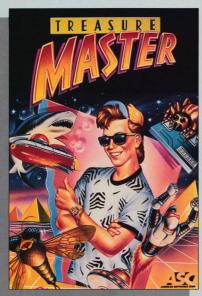
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MEGA CD COMPATIBILITY

I've heard that the Japanese Mega CD-ROM will work with the U.S. Genesis system. I want to get one but I don't want to get it home and then find out that it doesn't work. What's the story?

Mark Kauffman Los Angeles, CA

I have seen the Mega CD-ROM advertised in several mail order ads. I think Sega now has the product that will blow away anything that the Super-NES can ever hope to do. I want one and plan on ordering it, but will it be compatible with the U.S. CD's when they come out? You are the ones who always get the info first. Should I buy the Japanese Mega CD? **Bill Laporte**

Houston, TX



Sega says the Japanese Mega CD-ROM will NOT play U.S. CD games!!

(Ed. Sorry guys. We have just found out, and Sega of America has confirmed it, that only the U.S. Genesis/U.S. Mega CD-ROM systems will play the U.S. CD games. While some of the U.S. Genesis systems (the old

'Altered Beast' systems) when combined with the Japanese Mega CD-ROM systems will play Japanese CD's, this combination will not work with American CD' games when they come out. Sega has built in a double protection system that recognizes both the software and the hardware. Save your money for the U.S. Mega CD-ROM. For all the details see the EGM Express and the special 5 page Mega CD section in this issue!)

MORE ZELDA 3...!

I can't believe it! I've been combing every magazine looking for anything new on Zelda 3, and every month nothing. That is until I saw your January issue. Awesome! I want that game even more than ever! By the way how did you get the info before THEY published it? Print more!

Adam Wilson Atlanta, GA

The new Link game looks fantastic on the Super NES. I didn't know it was so close to production until I read your article. That is the reason why I buy your magazine. While other magazines are getting excited about the 5 year old Zelda 1 you are out there telling us about Zelda 3.

Lyle Stevens Chapel Hill, NC

A Link to the Past looks like it is going to be awesome! These are the games which will put the Super NES into the lead in the 16 bit race! Keep up the great S-NES coverage!

John Banes Denver, CO

(Ed. We are as excited about Zelda 3 as you are and that is why we are giving it four more pages in this issue. You can always count on seeing only the newest games here in EGM.)



Zelda 3 should be one of the hottest S-NES carts this winter!

SYSTEM WARS..PART 2!

Give it up Genesis players! The S-NES has it all over the puny Genesis. Not only do we have all the great companies like Konami, Capcom and Acclaim to make the new carts, but just compare the specs of the two systems. Where is your Mode 7? Then should we compare colors? 64 on the Genesis to the 32,000 for the S-NES! There is only one system and you'll see that in 1992 when there are twice as many S-NES as Genesis'.

Trevor Paton Nashville, TN

Genesis is number one! The Mode 7 in the S-NES is a joke. Most games aren't even using it. For get all the overhyped specs and compare games. Name your sport and it's there for the Genesis. Action, adventure and RPG are in the stores NOW! If S-NES players want to talk about the future we can only say to vou...where is your CD-ROM?

Mark Peters Phoenix, AZ

(Ed. Sales figures aren't in yet, but Nintendo has already started to lower the price of the S-NES. Hmmm --nice marketing strategy! Also, the S-NES can only display 256 colors on the screen at once. What do you think? Which system is better?)

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TREASURE MASTER TIPS?

I plan to enter the Treasure Master contest. I have just bought the cart and it is tough! Your tips in the December issue got me through the first level. Will you continue to print tips for the other levels? These prizes are big and the best thing in a long time for the NES.

Gerald Koeppler Pierre, ND

The Treasure Master contest is awesome! I want to win the Fantasy Game Room and I appreciate all the attention that you're giving it! Did you know your tips are a month ahead of the other mags. I have completely mastered the first three levels and can get through them perfectly. How about tips on the last two levels?

Jason Breese San Leandro, CA

(Ed. This is a good example of what we can do by working on a very short lead time. Others which require 3 to 4 months between writing and publishing can't get the tips to you in a timely manner. Tips on levels 4 and 5 are on page 164!

We also believe that this is a phenomenal contest and have been working with American Softworks to make this the best contest ever! Check out the special contest on pages 126/27. When you call in the contest results just say EGM and if you're in the first 100 to say it, you'll get a free one year subscription to EGM!)

MORE SEGA LICENSEES...

I have heard that some of the longstanding Nintendo licensees are now starting to make cartridges for the Genesis. Does that mean that we will soon see Street Fighter 2 (Capcom) and Castlevania (Konami) for the Genesis?

> Robert Sorensen Cedar Park, TX

(Ed. You are partly right Bob. Many of the Nintendo licensees like Acclaim, Vic Tokai, Koei and Data East are going to be bringing out Genesis and Game Gear products in 1992. And rumors are circulating that even Konami is working on Gradius for the Mega CD in Japan. Capcom, either in the U.S. or Japan has not announced any intentions of producing a Sega game.)

LOWER MEGA CD PRICES

I don't understand why we have to pas on much for the CD games. Cartridges must be much more expensive to manufacture because of the chip costs. However, we haven't seen any decrease in the game prices for the TurboGrafx CD-ROM. Why is this? Is NEC just trying to make a lot of money off of us? Will Sega then take the same approach and charge us much more than it costs to make the disc?

Geoff Oster Mesa, AZ



The Sega Mega CD's like Sol-Feace cost as much as cartridge games!

(Ed. You are partly correct. While it does cost less to manufacture a CD disc, there is much more development costs to create the game program which could be several times as large as a cartridge program. Also, with the capability of running high quality audio, many game companies incur larger costs in creating full length soundtracks. So far, in Japan, the Sega Mega CD-ROM discs are selling for as much as the 8 megabit cartridges.)

SUPER FAMI GAMES ON S-NES

I've owned a Super Nintendo since they first came out on August 23, 1991. I have purchased almost all of the cartridges available, but when it comes to sports games there are a lot missing. I have heard that there is an adapter which will let me play the

Japanese Super Famicom games on my Super NES. There are a lot more great games out in Japan than here and I just don't want to wait for the games to come out over here. Is there such a device as there is for the Genesis/Mega Drive and PC Engine/TurboGrafx?

Alex Kreit Oakland, CA.



The Bridge is one of the many devices which allow Super Famicom games to be played on the Super NES.

(Ed. There are many such adapters on the market. One is called the Bridge and another is the Kuma Konnector. Any mail order store can get them for you and, depending if they are made of metal or plastic, they could cost from \$20 to \$40. Basically what they do is extend the cartridge input strip from inside the S-NES to above the system.)

MEGA CD-ROM PRICE..

I was so excited about the CD-ROM from Sega that I called a mail order store to see if I could order one and he said it was \$499. I was very mad! I thought it would be \$370 (not to blame you at all). I love your magazine but you have to get your prices straight. Is there any way I can get one cheaper?

Matt Hoff Marinette, WI

(Ed. You are right there is a large difterence in the prices. If you lived in Japan you could buy a Mega CD-ROM for \$370. The mail order stores here in the U.S. have to pay shipping, customs etc. and that is why they charge more. Also what if they buy 100 Japanese Mega CD-ROM drives and then find out that they won't play the U.S. discs (as is the case!)

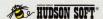
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Super Nintendo.



"And it isn't Toto, either, you fool," I snarled at the science officer. But I had this sinking feeling. We'd just completed planetary mining

operations. Time to return to base









and trade for weapons and some equipment (hmmm, maybe better shields?). I was half

musing about the mission to save the universe. Half thinking about 8 Ultra-Compre







Darlene-ß, a Denebian clone I'd met last run in. We'd been out for days, exploring 270 star sys-

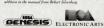
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jungles to deserts, oceans to icescapes. And weather that went from awful to worse. We'd met seven of the galaxy's sentient species but these guys were different. They had to be one of the other two. Of course, I'd never finish the mission unless I parleyed. But I had only seconds to decide. Besides, I've always had an itchy trigger finger.

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This month's Game of the Month easily goes to that blue, spike haired hedgehog with an attitude, Sonic! Yes. Sonic the Hedgehog on the Game Gear is the proud recipient of our Game of the Month! Not only is it faithfully reproduced on the Game Gear, but improves on the theme by having more levels and being portable! So, if you own a Game Gear, or are thinking about buying one, you will definitely want to check out Sonic the Hedgehog!



Steve (Mr. Numero Uno) Harris thinks he's got it made now that the Mega CD is here. How about that cool full motion video!



Ed (Soon, Guy) Semrad is gearing up his camera to give you the complete scoop behind the scenes at the CES! I'm excited.



Martin (Dude) Alessi is still waiting by the mailbox for his SNES speed-up board to arrive! He'll finish Zelda 3 before that!



Sushi (No Nickname) X is sharpening his blades for the CES. His sabres will get a workout, especially in the 8-Bit section!

SMASH T.V.

Theme: Action Available: Feb. No. of Levels: 5 Megabits: 8



Yes game show fans, Smash T.V. is on the air! Game shows have taken to the more violent side of man! Your human warrior has only his skill and vast amounts of firepower at his disposal! As you fight, you can collect big money and big prizes to increase your winnings! If the action gets too rough, bring in a friend for some awesome two player action! Then prepare to fight the bosses, if you can make it!

This is without a doubt the best arcade to home translation I've ever played on a video game system. The graphics, sound effects and especially the bosses are all there! Sure, there are some changes, but the overall look, feel and control of the game is top notch! A winning effort that fans of the coin-op should not miss!

Wow! Great job Acclaim! This is the best game you have ever done! Everything about this game says perfect - graphics, sound, game play! Why don't you tell the whole S-NES industry how you beat the flicker and slow-down problem? While as hard as the arcade version, this still is the best production cart on the S-NES vet!

Smash TV is one of the best arcade to home translations that I've ever seen. The graphics are almost pixel for pixel and the sounds are digitized straight out of the coin-op. The music is all new with some of the original tunes still in tact and the game play is super intense and non-stop. Awesome arcade action!!!

This is definitely one of the most impressive Super NES games available! As a near carbon copy of the coin-op, Smash TV has all of the flair and action of a platinum game. The only thing I miss is the gore from the coin-op. Stepping on a mine just isn't as fun! Never mind, this is a must for fans of the arcade smash!

Super NES - Interplay R.P.M. RACING

Theme: Racing Available: Feb. No. of Levels: NA Megabits: 8



R.P.M. Racing (Radical Psycho Machines), is a new racing game along the lines of R.C. Pro-Am for the NES. You race a monster truck against three others in a battle to reign supreme! Enter shops after each race to improve your truck with many new items, such as sticky tires, super charged engines, and ultra strong suspension! After finishing a series of races, you move up to a tougher level!

While I give this game high marks for its original execution of the "racing" theme, it just doesn't have the play mechanics nor the visual pizzazz needed to make it a winner. This type of game needs an all-out intensity that unfortunately is missing from RPM Racing. Even though the music kicks, the graphics just chop.

While this racing game doesn't have all the special effects the an F-Zero has it still does things that make it a very enjoyable cart. Racing head-to-head on a split screen is a blast! The competition is intense and even though it is set for the vounger player old veteran racers can still have some fun.

Rotation Pleases Martin. Well if you are going to make a game for the Super NES why don't you use the special graphics modes? The game play is difficult and the car is hard to control. I believe that RPM could have been a much better with some scaling and rotation built in to give it the needed special effects.

This is definitely NOT one of the most impressive Super NES games available! RPM Racing never struck me as an awesome game to begin with, so don't go looking for high praise on this one. Very few of the Super NES special effects are utilized. It seems F-Zero is the only really cool racing game out there.

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Nintendo - Capcom MEGA MAN 4 Theme: Action Available: Feb. No. of Levels: 18 Megabits: 4



The adventures of Mega Man continue with another exciting sequel, Mega Man 4. However, you will learn much of the Mega Man story in this episode. Mega Man must once again stop the eight evil robots of the maniacal Dr. Wilv. After defeating these robots, you must journey through two castles to eventually reach Dr. Wily. Great graphics and a wide assortment of power-ups make Mega Man 4 a terrific sequel!

While you could say that this game is just another Mega Man adventure, the attention to detail that Capcom is pumping into ing better. There this series just keeps are new surprises ar the graphics have reached a new high. This title is an 8-Bit safe bet that should appeal to both old and new Mega Man fans.

Mega Man just keeps on getting better and better. While each version is virtually identical to the previous, somehow the There are a few game never gets borin new twists but it is still more of the same. Like the old adage - If it ain't broke, don't fix it. For some reason, seeing Dr. Wiley again wasn't a surprise!

Our favorite 8-Bit hero is back for another adventure in Nintendo-land. The graphics are typical Mega Man style and aren't anything spectacular. The music is good but gets repetitive rather quickly. I love the new power-ups like the wire arm. However, the game is still fun to play, and in the end that's what counts.

Capcom definitely has a winner in the Mega man series After three titles, I would think that they would move on to the Super NES, but they took a bold step and created another great NES title! The worst problem with Mega Man 4 is that some of the weapons and bosses are recycled from the previous games.

Nintendo - Konami T.M.N.T. 3 Theme: Action Available: Feb. No. of Levels: 8 Megabits: 4

Once again, the Turtles have another big mission before them! Manhattan Island has been stolen by the Shredder! To top it off, he has even kidnapped April O'Neil as well! Pick from the famous four and set out to kick some tail! All new moves are here, including some ultra-powerful special attacks! If you are having trouble, invite a friend over to help out! This offers loads of fun in another T.M.N.T. adventure!

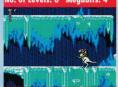
This latest Turtles' title does pack a punch, but there are some shortcomings. The flicker problem that plagued the second adventure turns up again in part three. Overall, hower like in this game, which retains the action approach of part two and combines it with the adventure of the original

Each version of the Turtles, like Mega Man, seems to get better and better. Until some phenomenal breakthrough comes along, the games have reached the limits of the old NES and fil is a way of life in 2 player games, Better, and more moves, more variety and better control help make this the best turtles yet!

The Turtles are back for their third NES cart. Graphics and sounds are improved a bit and the game play has a few new techniques, like the special attack and ability to throw the enemies over your shoulder. The game play is extremely repetitive and really has nothing innovative. I'm not too thrilled with this cart.

Turtles 3 is certainly the best Turtles adventure ever! The graphics are better, the control is light years ahead of Turtles 2, and the game is huge! Wait until you meet up with Super Shredder! The two weaknesses that still exist are the excessive repetition and poor techniques found in Turtles 2. I want to see Super Turtles 4!

Nintendo - Lucasfilm THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK Theme: Action Available: Mar. No. of Levels: 6 Megabits: 4



Live the adventure of the Jedi Knights once again with The Empire Strikes Back from Lucasfilm, You have many missions to accomplish, like destroying Darth Vader's probes, destroying At-At's, talking to Yoda, and even facing Darth with only a light saber and your wits to help you! Many animated cinema displays relate the story as you progress. The Empire Strikes Back, appearing in a store not so far away!

While this game does manage to capture the feel and continuity of the movie on which it is based, many of the set-ups are too complicated or too laborious for their own good. Instead of appreciating the fine graphics and general game play, the action gets bogged down in specific areas and doesn't ever quite get up to speed.

One would expect that these games would have tons of action and fight scenes. They don't nis cart is more of a maze/puzzle game. Your progress in spots is dependent on how well you can jump from block to b ock and it can get repetitious until you do everything correctly. Still doesn't have the Lucas touch

This cart has a few new features that show an improvement from the first. The digitized sound effects are really cool and there are a variety of different game play scenes. The Snowspeeder scene is my favorite part of the game. Hey, the people at Cloud City were friendly weren't they? Hopefully they'll do Jedi for SNES

Take a moment to visualize this game. It never really takes the form of a high action video game or a rock steady RPG. It gets buried somewhere in between and slows down right in the middle. While the graphics are excellent for 8-bit, and the story line is great, the game play leaves something to be desired... fun!

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Nintendo - Jaleco RAMPART Theme: Strat. Available: Feb. No. of Levels: 6 Megabits: 2



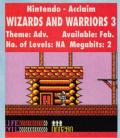
appreciate Rampart from Jaleco. Originally in the arcades, it has now been translated for the NES. Your objective is to build your castle and fortify it with cannons. After fortification, you will be attacked by enemy ships. Destroy them, and you can expand or rebuild your castle with assorted pieces, but do it before time runs out! Rampart is definitely a welcome change to NES!

Rampart, based on the cult coin-op, is a cool combination of Tours Missile Command and your run of the mill strategy contests. The garing ready heated up in the arcades, when several people played in tandem. Unfortunately, what was fun to drop a few quarters in accomes repetitive and uninteresting quite quickly.

Rampart is not a game for the action oriented player even the dust there is action on the screen. Rather, it is a strategy game, with each succeeding level becoming more difficult or mantain your strength and position. The is one which makes me think, but it does need more variety to keep you going.

Surprisingly Rampart is one of the most fun to play NES carts that I've run into in a long time. The propries are very good for an 8-Bit conversion and the sounds actually have digitated obless that rival the Genesis version. The game is just really fun to play and must addicting quality to it. Repetition was never this fun.

I'm not impressed with this game. It starts as a really cool game with plenty of strategy but then each succeeding level becomes repetitious. Nothing seems to change, and the same become easy to master in no time. What if needs is more variety with different types of enemies or something.



The evil Malkil has returned in Acclaim's Wizards and Warriors 3. Malkil's power has increased dramatically since he now controls not only the Royal Palace, but the citizens in the quiet town of Piedup. Kuros must find the sacred Mega Gems, as they are his only hope of reaching the Palace. This time, Kuros can even change his disguise to sneak past guards and possible foes!

Although the adventure aspects of this series have been explored more thoroughly in part three, the agtion is still pret ty much the same. I'm not a big Wizards and Warriors fan, but for those of you who are, you will appropriate the extra detail in graphics and animation that the latest title has picked up in its evolution.

The Wizards series continues to get longer and harder with each new game. Those who liked the older versions may not like the PGish direction that this cart is going in but games evolve and with very few fun quesiFPGs ground Wizards may have just found a new niche to expand into.

Sequels that don't improve on their predecessors have a history of not doing well. The graphics aren't as good as in 2, and the sounds are ngling to jam through a stereo. The game play is OK but doesn't keep my interest for long. RPG's with Mario style game play just don't seem to make an outstanding cart.

Wizard and Warriors III could use a little innovative thought. This ten't a sequel, it's a rehash of the same game! A real sequel should incorporate so many new techniques and levels that it blows the last one away. W&WHI uses the same repetitive action and sgarphos as the previous two, with not enough improvements.





The once famous toy line now has its very own NES game! Choose to play the part of a Vampire or Monster and set out to stop the fiends that Warlock sent after you! You must journey through the house and find your way to Warlock's lair before he manages to destroy you first! However, you aren't helpless. You can perform a double jump over enemies, and you have a flaming punch to blow away your foes!

Strip away the license and the overgrown background graphics and you've sesentially got your standard Castleve essentially got your standard Castlevenia game. The action and overall challenge are not quite as intense nowever which is a disappointment for me, but younger players should have a decent time with this well executed title.

Konami is going after the younger audience with this game. Packing a unique monster, not available in stores, in the box is a good marketing approach, but the older player wonif get too excited about it. Definitely for the beginner and as such it is easy anough with enough variety to keep their interest.

Dumb name, great game. I really like the game play and the graphics are excellent for an 8-Bit game. There is rots of parallax scrolling and the boss characters take up the entire screen. The game is bit too easy but is well excepted and fun all the way through. A great original title that could make a really cool SNESC art.

The name monster in my pocket is not the best choice. Even though the game is a little above average, it stim is too easy for the serious player. The game is really about a six, but they could have made it more interesting for a broader audience. Not much of a obtainage for me as I blew through it in no time.

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Genesis - Sega WONDERBOY 5 Theme: Action Available: Feb. No. of Levels: NA Megabits: 4



Monster World needs you once again! WonderBoy V continues where the first few left off! The land is being overrun with beasts! Journey through your town and pick up clues from everyone you meet, but some won't be willing to reveal much unless you offer something! Many different magic spells are available touse, as are a wide array of new and powerful weapons to purchase with gold.

Most of you should be familiar with the Wonderboy theme, willch's essentially an action variant of Mario and countless other side-scrollers. There's a higher emphasis placed on the battle action and some may think it is everdone, but despite the repetitious nature of play, I was enterlained through the early rounds.

The Wonder Boy series always combined the right amount of action in a quest game making it easy enough for a beginner to get interested yet difficult in the later levels for the more experienced player. Now, spruced up with 16 bit graphics this version is the best in the series. Quite a challenging quest!

I'm not into Wonderboy games and this cart is not that exciting to me. The graphics are cool and the sound's good but the game play is kind of boring and offers very little action. Fjust didn't find this cart exciting enough and I would rather play Super Adventure Island for the SNES. The weapons are neat thouse.

I really liked Wonder Boy VI It reminds me of games like Ys III, though targeted at kids. The music is excellent, and the graphics are really orisp and clear. The cartonish characters are vibrant and colorful, adding more spiendor to the Wonder Boy series, It may not be the best RPG or action title, but it is consistent.

Genesis - Arena BACK TO THE FUTURE 3 Theme: Action Available: Now No. of Levels: 4 Megabits: 4



Marty McFly is on a mission to save Doc from the evil bad guy Bulord "Mad Dog" Tannen. When Doc arrived in 1885, Mad Dog has been gunning to get Doc. Marty must set out and save Doc before it's too late. There are four different scenes to accomplish: The Buckboard Chase, Shooting Gallery, Pie Throwing and a final pie throwing stage to finally overthrow Mad Dog. Relive the excitement with Arenal

This game tries to capture the "magic" of the movie, while delivering solid action. In the end, it fails at both, Although the pace of play does match the film, the execution of the different scenes is so poor that I really found little interest in continuing my quest. Nice graphics in some levels, but much too little overall.

This cart needs work. There isn't enough action and the game play leaves a lot to be desired. The game doesn't seem to be directed at a specific are group so I can't say it would be better br the younger players. While It does resemble the movie, and some of the graphics are very well done, it doesn't come through.

Back to the Future 3 should go back to programmers. The graphics look good but that's only when the gene is paused. The animation is choppy and the sounds are definitely substandad. This is one cart which is missing the boat entirely. There was no fun at all when I played through it.

Back to the Future 3 is a disappointment from start to finish 1 mic character control is so homible, scenes that should be simple become overly frustrating! The graphics are good in certain areas, poor in others. What I really want is a RPG encompassing all 3 moves, including cool driving sequences where you travel in time.

Genesis - Arena **BATTLEMASTER**

Theme: RPG Available: Now No. of Levels: NA Megabits: 4



Battlemaster is a fantasy arcade adventure set in a world of myth and feudal strife. The land is in ruins, and isolated villages, towns and castles are divided by areas of chaotic monster-infested wilderness. Your task is to restore order by conquering the four kingdoms and handing their crowns to the Watcher. Battlemaster features an overhead display, many monsters to attack and a long quest to keep you involved!

I guess I'm out of touch with whatever this cart is trying to be White I think it is a strategy-oriented RHE, the overwhelming number of tasks that must be attended to does little more than slow the pace of the "action" to a crawl. Instead of finding fun in the interaction and pay, all I discovered was boredom. Nice try.

Granted RPG's tend to move slower and die-hard players say if Gives them time to think out the next move. Unfortunately I couldn't find the speed adjustment and I could just barely move along. I normally like a good challenge but this was one of the first games that I gave up on. While the challenge is there, it moves to slow.

If I had actually bought this cart with hard earned money I would really feel disappointed. A I 5-Bit game snould have good graphics and interceting music but this cart can't keep up with an 8-Bit game. It looks like they've speat more time on the art then on the game. Battle Master loses in my book.

Another disappointment from the programmers at Arena. This bould be a great game, but I become extremely disgrunnted when my party falls to keep up with me and get lost. The game play is merely average, as well as the music, but the fun meter just about visib bettom. This game needs more consistency and excitement.



It's the 18th hole - Hal Open Tournament. Sixty of the best golfers in the country are gathered in one place to decide who will walk away with the Grand Prize trophy. You're 7 under par, tied for first. This 22-foot put is all that stands between you and glory. A hush falls over the gallery...you check the lie of the green...measure your stroke...address the ball....

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Genesis - Sega CALIFORNIA GAMES Theme: Sports Available: Feb. No. of Levels: 5 Megabits: 4



The popular cult classic, California Games, has found a new home on the Genesis. Originally released on the C64 and Atari Lyrx, it has been enhanced for the Genesis. Play through five of the best events oftered: BMX Racing, Footbag, Surfing, Halfpipe and Skating, Up to four players can compete alternately in the games for added enjoyment! Great graphics and sound make Calif. Games a cart to check out!

Very rarely do multi-event games work for me and this is a printe example. Although the individual events are entertaining, the cohesive threads had could have made this play like a real game are missing. Basically you play addh event until you get tired of it. While that may appeal to some, I like more depth in my game.

This game is OK for somebody who has never played a version of this. Unfortunately, it's been around as long, and no company has bothered to change or at least, enhance the cart, that it still looks like the ancient computer game. I would have hoped for somebing fresh, with new ideas to some old sports.

This is what happens when you try to take a computer game and put it on a video game system. The graphics are very good but the game fate is extremely choppy and difficult to control. The games may look a little better but they aren't any fun because you can play them.

Hey! If you really want to play California Games and have tim. I suggest you go out and get the Atari Lymx version! This game just doesn't franslate well on the big machines. It refinds me of the vain attempt to put Boxafe on the Gameboy. It is only average here.

TurboGrafx-16 - NEC DARKWING DUCK

Theme: Action Available: Feb. No. of Levels: 5 Megabits: 4



Darkwing Duck, Disney's newest hero, is here, and he is out to stop the forces of F.O.W.L., a newly organized crime outfit. Take on the leaders: Tuskerinni, Megavolt, Moliarity and Steelbeak in each of their homelands. Darkwing must collect puzzle pieces to solve the F.O.W.L. mystery. Collect powerups and eggs to replenish you r strength. Darkwing Duck will be available in February.

Darkwing Duck brings together most of the elements that we've seen before in popular action/advantures like Mario and Sonic. But instead of preparing an atmosphere of intensity and building upon the options to enhance the play mechanics, Darkwing Duck put me to sleep with a lack of interaction and challence.

Perhaps the younger age group mike like this game but it is unlikely because the player control is not practise and leads to a lot of mistakes that should have not happened. A bit more sycting action would go a long ways to make this an enjoyable cart. The contept is good, it's just that it never got off the ground.

This game is missing a lot. This goose was cooked before he came to the Turbo. The coolest thing in the game is the magnifying glass on the stage select. The graphics are choppy-and the play control really needs worke. If you are going to make a game based on a popular character at least make it playable.

I think Darkwing Duck should stick to cartoons. This game is 100 blow! The game play offers no existement, no ingenuity, and no fun. Struggling through Darkwing Duck was good for one thing, however, I managed to break my fustration time record of all time. This game is not very well done.

GameBoy - Jaleco O-BERT

Theme: Action Available: Feb. No. of Levels: NA Megabits: 1



Q-Bert is back and he's straight from the arcades to the portable screen. That pyramid hopper has got his job cut out for him! Jump from cube to cube and change each top to all the same color. Even Q-Bert's arch enemy, Colly, is back for his sweet revenge. Of course, if things get out of control, Q-Bert can always jump on a saucer and be returned to the top! For great fun, try Q-Bert on your CameBoy.

As a fan of the classic coin-op, I was pleasantly surprised by the incredible rendering of O'Bert. Instead of simply recreating the original pixel for pixel, they've added new characters and new patterns to O'Bert's block recids. There are problems with identifying characters as well as difficulty in higher levels, but it's still solid.

Now this is a game that is fun! Jaleco has really got the on-spreant character control down perfect. In other versions I would find myself making tumps that I didn't want to do because of the necessary diagonal movements. In this copy the control is perfect allowing me to concentrate on the game.

I liked the coin-op alot when it came out but that was then and this is black and white. The game pay is OK but gets kind of difficult when you have multiple shades of grey to change. Same of the characters are too similar and its hard to determine the enemies from the good guys. Old games should be better in 1992.

Remember when O-Bert was a Saturday morning cartoon? These of us from that era remember the excitement O-Bert raised at the arcade as well. Let's face it. This guy is just plain cute. The play mechanics are simple grough to learn, and the level of chainings is ever-increasing. Too bad it resides on the Game Boy.

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GameBoy - Mindscape PAPERBOY 2

Theme: Action Available: Feb. No. of Levels: 7 Megabits: 1



The average paperboy never had it so tough! Paperboy 2 from Mindscape is now available for your GameBoy! Choose from either a paperboy or papergif and deliver your papers! Watch out for the various obstacles along the way, like tires, cars, gargoyles, and dogs. Pick up more papers to finish your route and then head into the obstacle course to rack up more points in this great arcade translation!

Although this game is not as ambitious as the expanded Super NES version, I think it works better because of its simplicity. Don't get me wrong, it is a good representation of Paperbay, but there are a few drawbacks that unforturately can't be avoided on the small GameBoy screen. A nice game that should appeal to fans.

Paperboy is a great game for the younger player. Breaking windows and other nasty deeds are always fury things to do, as long as it's on a video game. Decent control, and just a let of fun. It's a great no-brainer cart for those days when you want to play games bundon want to think. Better than average.

I never liked PaperBoy much but it's not the worst game around. The graphics are good and the game plays is decent. The black and white graphics don't do anything for me. The screen is too small and the game is just a liftle repetitive for a portable cart. It you like Paperboy and have a GameBoy it is a good translation.

Paperboy is one of those arcade classics that never seems to translate very well. Game Boy Paperboy 2 expands on the original, but bombs on the graphics. The blurring effect of the Game Boy destroys the game play, though it has good control. If it were the same game on the NES, it would rate a 7. Petire the BAW, 'big NII'.

Game Gear - Sega SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Theme: Action Available: Feb. No. of Levels: 15+ Megabits: 2



Sonic the Hedgehog is great on the Genesis, but now he's portable. Sonic for your Game Gear includes all of the original levels, plus some new ones thrown in to make it more challenging! Gather rings and power ups on your quest to defeat the evil Dr. Robotnik, and free your captured forest buddies! Journey through a lush jungle, a bridge zone, and even a warship! Sonic for Game Gear is a game to look for!

This is probably one of the best Game Gear games to date. It is very similar to the 8-Bit version of Sonic which is very similar to the 16-Bit version of Sonic. But many Sonic fans may find the new dangers and overall adventures a refreshing change of pace and a welcome semi-sequel to the Genesis original.

Game gear cartridges don't come any better! Sonic for the 8 bit, is every bit as much fun as it's 6ig brother. The levels are challenging and if you thought Sonic moved fast on the Genesis, wait till you see him on the GG! One item of special note...listen to the, Segá' intro. The voice is better than most Genesis carts!

Sonic is the best Game Gear game that I've ever seen. The graphics are spectacular with vivid colors and great animation. The sounds are equally impressive and they've even kept the "SEGA" voice at the intro. The game play is excellent and there are many improvements and game play techniques.

This is an awesome translation to the 8-bit Sega machine! It would appear this will go the same road as Castle of illusion, adding new levels and challenges to the original 16-bit smash! Even if you own the 16-bit version, I recommend the 8-bit wonder wholeheard of 1 can't wait to see an 8-bit ToeJam & Earl!

Lynx - Atari XYBOTS

Theme: Action Available: Feb. No. of Levels: NA Megabits: 2



Destroy and armada of alien intruders in Xybots for the Atari Lynx. These aliens have taken over a space station and it's up to you to clean up! Travel around and waste anything that moves! Find coins to purchase better weapons and equipment from the vending machines. If you find the mission is too difficult alone, hook up the ComLynx for some interstellar two player fun. Xybots will arrive in February!

This is a very good version of Xybots, but I have to start this review by saying I was never really impressed by Xybots in the arcade. As far as the Lynx translation goes, the graphics are ctsp, the interaction is good and the overall scope has been captured well. But a good copy of a bad game just doesn't cut if for me.

Xybots is one of those OK type games. There is nothing spectardiar about it, but on the other hand finer is nothing bad about it either. With somewhat better than average graphics this is a good cart to buy especially considering the other Lynx games out there. Paces good solid action for decent entertainment.

Sorry, but I don't like Xybots for any system. The game has interesting aspects to it but I get tired of running around in a maze and shooting rather quickly. The graphics are good and the sounds is better than average but the game play is far too repetitive to keep my interest long. Not one of my favorite Lynx carts.

I must give credit where credit is due. Unlike my peers, I thoroughly enjoyed the coin-op and had a biast playing with a friend! This is not just your typical run-and-shoot. You must use caution and strategy to continue on to the next level. Anyway, the translation is nearly perfect except for the non-rotational joystick.

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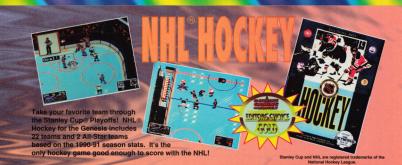
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BAHIHS SOSSIP

...Atari Jaguar Transforms Into A Bird...Sega Rides High On The 16-Bit Wave...Game Gear Master Converter. ...Contra 4 Is Actually Contra 3 For The SNES...Sega Mega CD Support...New Nintendo Mario Adventure..

... Jam your joysticks and blow your bombs, Quatermann hath returned with a bucketful of gaming nasties from around the world. This is top-notch goop my Quarter-friends, so sit back and bring your beady little eyes into focus... Let's talk to the hardware heads first - especially you guys and gals who have been following the progress (and lack thereof) of the Atari Panther turned Jaguar. Latest news from behind the closed doors of Atari has the machine christened with a new name: the Sparrow! Going from a cathouse to a birdhouse? Maybe. Yours truly has been told by sources in the know that the Sparrow is somehow related to the Jaguar, but whether or not it is in fact a replacement for the Jaguar has yet to be seen. Atari appears to be taking the machine in a hundred different directions, from multimedia uses to computer to video games. Also, the latest rumors have the Jaguar/Sparrow super system possibly using floppy discs as the main soft delivery system! Hooray! Copy protection heaven! I can't wait to play with a little spinning wheel and match up words before the game will boot! Nice try Hans...

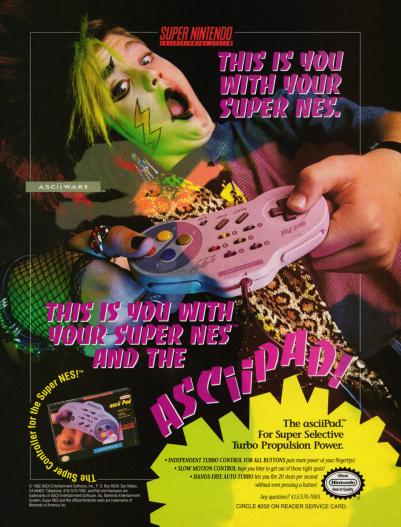
... Moving over to the Sega camp, where truly marauding Christmas sales have enabled the "We're close but always second" gaming corp. to pull ahead and absolutely demolish Nintendo - even with no Pepsi cola tie-insl The Quartermann gives Sega a big thumbs up for the steps they've taken to become the leaders of 16-Bit as well as... introduce their own Master System to Game Gear convertor. These cool little items have been floating around the mail order houses for the past couple of months. Now Sega themselves will let you take the existing library of 8-Bit titles and pug'em into your GG... The incredible new Contra 4 for the Super NES is really not going to be Contra 4 at all! That's because Contra 4 is now Contra 3, even though with the release of Contra Force it should be Contra 5. Anyway, the sub-title on this one is Contra 3: Alien Wars... Beware of imported Mega CD's! Those rascally folk at Sega are rumored to have a secret plan that will encode each CD disc, making machines from different countries unable to read the discs from another. Tricky, tricky Sega...

... In other Mega CD news, a flurry of American companies seem to be making moves to join their Japanese cousins in the support and development of softs for the new Sega super system. Some of these names are rumored to include ICOM Simulations, Reactor, Sierra and more! The Q-Mann would have to say that it's still early to see who will rise to the occasion on this new Mega platform, but with some of the full-screen, full-motion video that the one and only has already seen, I'd say the chances for some top-noths softs are great indeed... One of the bigger names that's rumored to be getting into the Mega CD, at least in Japan, is none other than Konami! Their first entry is rumored to be Gradius, but whether or not the game makes it to American shores is still up in the air...

...Here's the rumor of the new year: Nintendo is rumored to be working on yet another Mario adventure. The specifics of this Mario title, however, are different since it will also mark the return of one of the little carpentertype dude's oldest enemies - Donkey Kongl A 16-Bit update of the original quarter chomper, replete with new scenes and better graphics is rumored to be on the way for release sometime in 1992. Sounds like the type of game the Super NES was designed to make famous... Could Sega be working on a Super Game Module that allow the Genesis to do even more incredible things? I'll tell you first...

...That wraps it up for this thrilling installment of the Quatermann show. I'll be waiting for the Mac-Man's letters to reinforce my inflated ego as well as provide you with the total behind the scenes scoops of the 1992 Consumer Electronics Show in the next issue! Until that time, remember that old pizza is bad for the health and I am the walrus...

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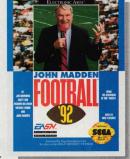
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SEGA ADDS PROTECTION CIRCUITRY TO GENESIS AND U.S. MEGA CD-ROM

Without a lot of fanfare and press announcements (none, in fact), Sega has very quietly changed the circuitry of the motherboard in it's new Genesis systems.

The editors at EGM noted this change when the new systems came out late last summer. These systems are easily identified because the change occurred when Sega switched the pack-in cartridge from the old Altered Beast game to the newer, more popular, Sonic the Heddehoo soft.

At that time, when questioned, sources at Sega stated that the change was made as a cost saving procedure. By reducing the circuitry on the motherboard, production costs would be less. That sounded good, and Sega then passed the cost savings on to the game players by reducing the price of the system to \$149.

A few weeks passed and letters and calls started coming in to EGM from players complaining that some of the unlicensed Sega games would not play on the new 'Sonic' Genesis systems. The game Onslaught by Accolade (a company not licensed by Sega) along with a few other very old cartridges, were the ones that readers stated wouldn't work. In addition, now, whenever a game was inserted in the 'Sonic'

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If you get this screen when you turn on your Genesis system, it has the protection circuitry built in.

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The motherboard of the new 'Sonic' Genesis' (top) has been condensed from the older 'Altered Beast' Genesis (bottom) but it now includes protection circuitry.

Genesis systems a new screen would appear before the familiar Sega logo screen. This screen says "Produced by or under license from Sega Enterprises Ltd."

The plot thickens. In November, Sega filled a trademark lawsuit against Accolade, and in December Accolade filed a counter-suit. In this lawsuit, the fact came out that Sega did more than consolidate the circuitry when they made the motherboard change.

Sega, of course has the right to do whatever it deems necessary to maintain the integrity and high quality of the products which use it's system, and this circuitry change is a wise move on Sega's part. But, even with this change, the new Accolade games, as well as the Japanese carts still work on the new 'Sonic' Genesis systems, and all is well...Or is it?? Now it's late December and the Mega Drive Mega CD-ROM is out in the stores in Japan. World Net** sources have sent us a Japanese production Mega CD-ROM so we could see how different the final version is from the prototype. To our surprise, the new 'Sonic' Genesis system, when connected to the Japanese Mega CD-ROM, wouldn't work! The old 'Altered Beast' Genesis worked fine (no protection circuitry), as did, of course, the Mega Drive.

Next EGM contacted Sega of America and spokesperson, Mr. Al Nilsen, confirmed that the U.S. Mega CD-ROM discs will NOT play in either the Japanese or European Mega CD-ROM systems.

World Net™ sources close to Sega of Europe and Sega of Japan have confirmed that Sega has a double system of hardware/hardware and software/hardware protection circuitry built into the Mega CD-ROM operating system chips. In addition, every game CD will also have a special program encoded on them to recognize and lock out CD-ROM systems from other countries! While the 'Altered Beast' Genesis/-Japanese Mega CD combo bypasses the hardware copy protection, it will not get past the software/hardware protection coming on the U.S. discs.

Bottom line, don't buy the Japanese Mega CD-ROM as it will NOT play the upcoming U.S. CDs..



When the U.S. Mega CD-ROM comes out, there will be protection circuitry built in the operating system chip!



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It had to happen. With Camerica and Galoob beating Nintendo in court to make the Game Genie legal in North America, the doors were thrown wide open to all types of new program altering accessories. It didn't take the code-crackers long either, as the first Game Genie clone is now available through mail order companies.

This accessory is called the Action Replay from Datel Electronics in England (Note: this product should not to be confused with the Game Action Replay from STD Entertainment here in the U.S.).

The AR works in a similar manner to the Game Genie. Shaped exactly like a Genesis cartridge, the AR plugs into the cartridge slot of the Genesis. The game you want to play then plugs into the AR. When you turn on the system you get a new screen where you enter the passwords. This is done by using the control pad to cycle through the letters. When done you flip the switch on the left of the AR, and then start the game.

The instruction book list passwords for 30 popular Japanese, European and U.S. Genesis/Mega Drive games. Included are ToeJam and Earl. Sonic the Hedgehog. Moonwalker, Batman and Road Rash. In England the AR sells for about \$60. Unfortunately, at the present time, getting code updates is difficult. Bottom line...save your money for the Genesis Game Genie.



Type in the various passwords on this screen then flip the switch to modify the game program!



Called the Action Replay, this Genesis 'Game Genie' clone allows you to type in passcodes that make you invincible, start at any level or do new tricks!

At the Winter Consumer Electronics Show NEC Technologies announced that they have entered into a joint venture with Hudson Soft Co., Ltd. The new company name is Turbo Technologies and effective April 1, 1992 all TurboGrafx-16 video game products will be developed and marketed by the new Los Angeles-based corporation.

NEC has been running third in the 16 bit game machine race and never could recover from problems that date back to it's original marketing strategy. While the reduction of the game system's price to \$99 last summer sparked some new interest, analysts state that it was just too late to significantly impact on the Genesis sales and it wasn't enough incentive to convert the players who were waiting for the Super NES. Now, with software giant Hudson calling the shots, perhaps the new Turbo will succeed.



The TurboGrafx Duo will be coming to the U.S. in August with the 4 TV Sports games as the pack-in disc.

EGM has learned that a new company - Multix Inc. of Dallas TX. has just created a game card that plugs into any empty slot on any IBM computer. This game card allows one person to play Nintendo games on a TV while another person runs application programs on the computer.



The Multix Game Card will duplicate the functions of the NES. NES disks will sell for \$5.

The game card performs the same functions as the NES but the major difference is that the NES games will be on floppy disk. Multix will transfer the games to disk thereby assuring that the copy will maintain the same high quality as the original cart. By being on floppy disk, Multix states that the games could sell in the \$5 to \$15 range.

The Multix Game Card will cost about \$90 and it will plug into any IBM computer. It will hold programs up to 2 megabits and can be upgraded to handle the new 4 megabit games. Multix is negotiating rights to use some of the older NES titles from companies such as Sony Imagesoft, Acclaim and Asmik.

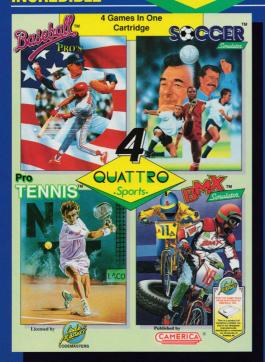


EGM spy photos show NES games being played from floppy discs through an IBM computer!

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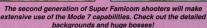




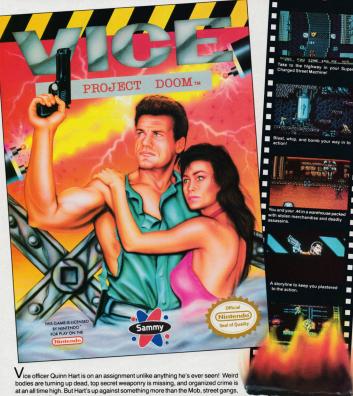








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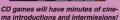
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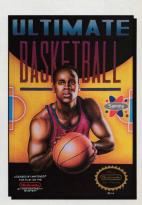
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STG is another vertical scrolling, overhead view addition

to the growing ranks of Super Famicom shooters. As done in the Gradius series, from the opening screen, you choose which weapons you would like to purchase. After that, head out to some serious battles for humanity. Fly you r souped-up fighter through the scenarios and blast away all who oppose you! Team up with a buddy for some great 2 player cooperative action! Available in May for the Super Famicom!

Jaleco / Super Famicom RUSHING BEAT



Check out these fighting moves! Only SF 2 has more punches and kicks!





Athena / Super Famicom S.T.G.







The popular arcade game, Mercs, was translated for the Genesis. Now, there is a version in the works for the Master System. Unfortunately, it is being done in Europe and probably won't make it over here. All the action and intensity has remained true to the arcade original with little compromise in the scaling down to the 8 bitter. Blow away your captors, powerup your weapons to enormous proportions, and defeat the marauding enemy army. Mercs will be available in July for Master System owners.

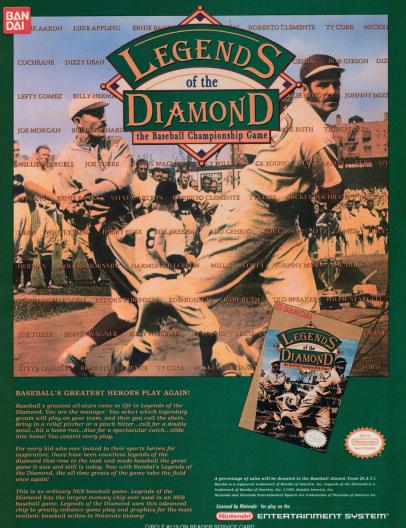
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Sega / Mega Drive **TURBO OUTRUN**

Yes racing fans. Turbo Outrun is now available for the Mega Drive! In this exact arcade translation, you must race across the country in a Ferrari Testarossa and attempt to place first! But watch out for the cops, they rarely like high speed racers and are waiting for you. For some added speed, hit your turbo to launch you to maximum speed. Turbo Outrun is available now in Japan and will arrive in the





Capcom / Super Famicom FINAL FIGHT GUY

U.S. later this year.

Welcome fighting fans to another edition of Final Fight! This time, Guy has joined the party, but Cody decided to take a little breather! In Final Fight -'Guy, the levels that were left out of the original are now in this outrageous Super Famicom cart. It isn't scheduled to come to the U.S.









Cody's OK but due to the outcry of thousands of players, Capcom of Japan will bring out a limited production, special edition of



Play the part of the infamous ruler, Nobunaga, in Nobunaga's Ambition for the Mega Drive. This version returns you to 16th century Japan to fulfill the great emperor's dream - to stop the bloody conflict between the warring states of his country. Now that it is 16-bit, everything has been enhanced. A great RPG for the Mega Drive!

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Telenet / PC Engine CD-ROM² PSYCHIC STORM









Take on this hideous thing at the end of Stage 1



GPX is a new racing game from the folks at Takara. You are a race driver in the future piloting a futuristic race car. There are many different tracks to choose from, as well as different drivers. GPX will arrive in mid May!

Takara / Super Famicom GPX







In this epic role-playing adventure, you play the part of a lone warrior sent by his King to rid the neighboring kingdoms of their evil ruler. This RPG features superb detail in the graphics, and an excellent sound-track to add to the overall feeling of the game. Similar in concept to Dungeon Master with it's first person perspective view of a never ending maze of dungeons! This new adventure will reach the American public later in 1992!

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Lord of the Rising Sun is a new CD-ROM RPG that players will be wishing for. Not only does this game have a huge quest to solve, but each mission has several lengthy intermission to boot. These give a feeling for what lies ahead! Your objective is to take over and rule all provinces of Japan. This is not an easy task, but it is your mission! A musical score that sounds

like true oriental music really adds to this fan-

tastic RPG. Watch for a near simultaneous release here in the States by NEC for our TurboGrafx CD-ROM system.

Victor Musical Ind. / PC Engine CD-ROM LORD OF THE RISING SUN









Since this is a CD game the music is rich and there are numerous soundtracks throughout the quest. The voices will be done by actors and should sound real!







Similar in play to Devil's Crush, this new pinball game for the Super Famicom is a feast for the eyes! The board actually comes alive to wreak havoc on your playing ball. But this is more than a pinball game. You must actually fight bosses to go to the next round. Intense action and a rockin' soundtrack compliment this fantastic game!

Yutaka / Super Famicom SUPER PINBALL







The GameBoy could certainly stick around for awhile with great action games like this. Become a commando and wipe out an alien task force before they control the Earth. Many intense weapons are available to use. The bosses are tough, but you must take them out if want to succeed. It still is not determined whether or not this game will make it to the shores, but it would make a great addition to anyone's GameBoy library!

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NEW SOFT NEWS

It's show time! By the time you read this the Winter Consumer Electronics Show will be history. Over the past few months we have given you a preview of some of the great softs we were able to uncover. Of course there will be many more surprises as a lot of companies keep their best offerings under wraps till the show but that's no problem as our staff will be there in force with our cameras to shoot everything in sight for the March issue!

Just in, Sega has slipped a couple of new carts into their winter line up including a new baseball seguel and a new action game called Kid Chameleon. Konami gave EGM a peek at Turtles 4 for the Super NES and they have a new game in the works that will be based on the new Batman movie. They have it for the S-NES, NES and Game-Boy. Sega has it locked up for the Genesis. Accolade is moving into the S-NES arena with a second Turrican game and a conversion of the popular computer game Test Drive 2. For the Genesis they snatched up Double Dragon and Super Off Road! Absolute has been burning the midnight oil with Super Battletank and Tennis will be out for the Super NES. Also on Absolute's calender are Race America and Battletank 2 for the 8-Bit machines. Computer player Spectrum Holobyte is set to enter the 16-Bit wars with Star Trek: The Next Generation for S-NES. Watch for pictures of these and many more surprises in the next issue of EGM!

NCAA BASKETBALI

Hal America / Super NES

Basketball games have typically not been too exciting, but Hal America has the perfect solution; NCAA Basketball! Not only does this have intense basketball action, but it fully utilizes the scaling and rotation found in the Super NES!

For example, when the players run around, the court rotates with you for a really dizzying effect. Also, when the ball is passed, the court scales to keep up with the ball! Hopefully NCAA Basketball will make it out this Spring!

















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SPANKY'S OUEST

Spanky's Quest is a new adventure game for the Super NES. Spanky must travel through many stages collecting keys to travel further into the journey! Along the way. Spanky can destroy enemies by using his bubble attack that has five stages of power. There is a total of 5 different stages for Spanky to conquer, with many smaller levels in between! Spanky's Quest may look like a kiddie game, but it will challenge even the most demanding players! Spanky's Quest is more fun than a barrel of monkeys!



Meet Spanky's first boss, a killer Apple!











After collecting enough keys, you exit to the next level!



doors.



help Spanky!









DUNGEON MASTER

One of the most popular games in Japan is going to be brought over to the States by JVC. In Dungeon Master you must make your way through endless hallways. packed with some of the most hideous monsters ever conceived. The game is set in a first-person 'through your eyes' perspective and the mazes of dungeon corridors are huge! In concept, DM is similar to many of the other dungeon type games but by being an 8 meg S-NES super cart it has superb graphics and smooth enemy animation.



The inventory screen shows all items that vou have in your possession!



Beyond these doors lies your first boss. If you didn't find the key earlier, you won't get in!



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NOLAN RYAN BASEBALL

Nolan Ryan Baseball is making a hit wherever it goes! While it may look like a standard fare baseball game, it definitely is not! You may watch a series of cinema displays before the game, and while the graphics throughout the game look cartoony, it's game play is top notch!















spective! You are treated to cinema displays before the game!

The view is from a









KINGS QUEST V Konami / Nintendo

There is an evil wizard, Mordack, that vaporized your castle for no apparent reason. You, King Graham, must find Mordack and retrieve your castle and family. For help you have Cedric, a wise owl, to give assistance, as well as Crispin, a wizard who can help you in tough situations. Kings Quest V will keep you busy for guite a while, and a battery back up will definitely help. Look for it to come out this Spring.



The evil wizard, Mordack, vaporized your castle!















CAPTAIN AMERICA Data East / Nintendo

Everyone's favorite comic book hero is now a video game. Captain America is here and he is better than ever! You control Captain America on a mission to stop The Mandarin and his reign of terror. With many offensive weapons to use, such as your shield and your punches you bravely take on the enemy. A very nice feature is the ability to have a two-player simultaneous battle with a friend! Captain America should make it to the stores this Spring







A nice feature is the two player simultaneous mode!





hold many items!





The map charts your progress



ATOMIC RUNNER Data East / Genesis

Data Fast has created Atomic Runner for the Genesis. You play a cyborg that constantly runs! Your only protection is your blaster and your powerful jumping ability. Take on huge bosses at the end of each stage and continue you journey until you have defeated the ultimate boss! Look familiar, it was Chelnov in the arcades!



You receive power ups from these spiders!



You can fire in eiaht directions while jumping!

STAGE 1



STAGE 2





You have the option of flipping over an





One of your power ups is this strong boomerang weapon!

The view is

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get stunned!

enemy, or you'll

STAGE 1 MINI-BOSS



STAGE 1 BOSS







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SUPER MONACO GP II Sega / Genesis











Highly detailed digitized graphics fill the screen throughout the game









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- 1 or 2-Player blockbusting action!
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ALISIA DRAGOON

Sega / Genesis

Alisia Dragoon is Sega's newest action game available for the Genesis! You play the part of Alisia and you must destroy the evil beings infesting your land. Shoot lasers from your hands to wipe them out! Featuring some of the best graphics and animation yet, this 8 meg wonder is on it's way from Sega!



























WARRIOR OF ROME II

Bignet / Genesis

Continuing in the great tradition of Warrior of Rome, this second part is even better with spectacular 3-D graphics and more detailed battle scenes! You are Julius Caesar and you must protect your land from the invading armies. Use all of your resources as a commander to stop them while helping your lands to prosper! A long and involved military simulation for the Genesis!







The entire overview of Caesar's lands. You must maintain control at all costs!



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Julius Caesar



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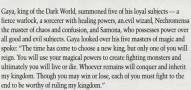












After Gaya spoke, he pointed to a door behind the five masters of magic.
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Monsters," roared King Gaya. "Go and fight to your victory!"



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SOL-FEACE Renovation / Genesis

The great shooter, Sol-feace, for the Mega CD-ROM is now being converted to a cartridge! All of the great action is here, but the great sounding CD music had to go. Many power ups are available and the levels will challenge any shooter fan! Sol-feace will arrive in May!















The action is as intense as any Genesis shooter to date! The bosses are huge, merciless and well animated Find their weak point and you will be victorious!





STAGE 1 BOSS!

NIGHT CREATURES NEC / TurboGrafx-16

What do you do when a bat slashes your neck, you become a night creature! However, since you are still half human, all the monsters are trying to kill you. Pick up an axe to chop your opponents, or simply run away from them! Night Creatures is a terrific action game for the TurboGrafx!



Use the hatchet to chop the enemies!





A vampire bat swoops down and slashes your neck, causing you to become a night creature!





The disastrous results when you lose your life in your quest!

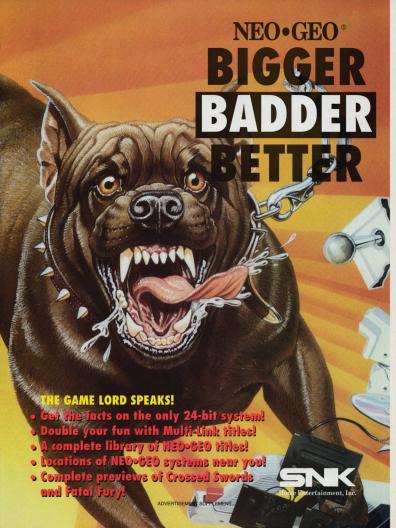




Pick up the stars to replenish your health!



This werewolf is a deadly foe!



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The ultimate question for any megagamer... "what is the most advanced home system on the market?" I would like to settle this once and for all! Take a look at the facts...

Everyone seems to be talking about the new 32-bit processors and the 64-bit system. The 32-bit processor is not exactly new and the 64-bit system is yet to be seen. It has been said many times that to release a true blue 32-bit processor to a NTSC standard television (regular television) would be a waste of time and a waste of money. They would literally have to include a special monitor

with all 32-bit and 64-bit systems (ie. FM-Towns 32-bit system with VGA monitor). To show all of you who doubt SNK HOME ENTER-TAINMENT, INC. and NEO-GEO, the single 32-bit processor would cost more than the NEO-GEO system. A processor can process information all day long but without the proper chips to assist it, it is not going to look any better than an 8-bit or 16-bit processor. The costs of making the system, the support chips, the design and cost of the circuit boards, plus a special monitor, is higher than the nations trade-deficit!

CD-ROM is the "wave of the future."
Although this technology may be something to get excited about, it has yet to be perfected for video game use. The access time or lag time is the downfall of the CD games.

Nintendo and Sega are both currentby in the process of developing CD-ROM for the their 16-bit systems. Nintendo will have two different CD-ROM systems and they won't even be compatible with one another. The Sega CD-ROM is planned for release sometime in the future. Even with the new 16-bit processor, the hardware design hampers the CDhardware design hampers the CD-

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Speed	12.5 mHz	7.6 mHz	3.58 mHz	12.5 mHz	32-bit
Sound					
Channels	15	10	8	18 (10 + 8)	Computer
Colors					
Displayed	4096	64	256	64	Systems
Colors					
Available	65,536	512	32,768	512	
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Sprites	380	80	128	80	
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ROM. Sega enthusiasts boast the CD memory capabilities. WOW! **INCREDIBLE! BIG DEAL?! It takes** them close to a year to program a 4megabit game. How long will it take them to program anything with memory that even resembles that of the NEO•GEO? Keep in mind that CD is capable of vast storage capacity and both Sega and Nintendo will only be utilizing approximately 20% of its full memory capability. It still doesn't compare to the NEO•GEO's 4,096 simultaneously displayed colors, 380 Anyone who knows CD-ROM knows that any access time (time it takes

while loading) is like an eternity of waiting compared with NEO-GEO's zero access time. Unlike Sega and Nintendo, we don't make you buy add-ons to get quality games. They have come to the edge of their limit and to try and compete with NEO-GEO would mean buying yet another add-on!

65,536 colors, 4,096 simultaneously displayed at one time, 15 steres sound tracks, 380 sprites and multi-layer screens that fill the entire screen. All this, instantaneous memory access, omin-directional scrolling and rotation, enlarging shrinking,

fade and scaling! This entire 330 MEG package of power comes in one complete set and you will never have to buy add-ons or a monitor compete with the other guys. For the record, 'what is the most advanced video game system in the world?" NEO-GEO, a professional arcade system with the same hardware found in our No. 1 selling Multi-Video System is the only answer for any megagamer. A friend of mine once said, 'NEO-GEO is bigger, badder, better,' and I say, NEO-GEO is the Real Deal.



HEGAME LORD SPEAKS

To put it in words... to write it down... that is walking on hallowed ground, but it is my duty. I am the Game Lord and one of my specialities is to say things that cause havoc, debates, and arguments. In the last episode of TGLS. I made a statement about our memory capability and it has gotten blown way out of proportion! Michael Baldeon informed me that people on Worldnet and Prodigy were debating that issue, and I can honestly say that half of them didn't believe the Immortal Game Lord. It's really quite shocking, but it doesn't matter because NEO•GEO obviously has the best graphics and sound of all systems. Crossed Swords (50 MEGs) is visually one of the strongest games around.

Any computer artist or programmer can tell you we don't cut any corner when it comes down to it.



One question that many people ask me. "Will NEO•GEO come out with a Handheld?" SNK will not release a portable system like NEO•GEO Advanced Home Entertainment System. You see, when a video game company starts making handhelds. that means they have to split up the work force. Instead of having the whole Research and Development staff working just on their home system and developing more games for it, some of the programmers have to develop handheld software. When our competitors release an 8-bit system, 16-bit system, CD-ROM, and a handheld, and have to write software for each system, it could get ugly. This is not the style of NEO•GEO. therefore, we will not release a handheld. Our 12 third party companies and SNK's 300 programmers strong Research and Development staff will never worry about handhelds and can concentrate on the only professional video game system on Earth.

How many times do you hear Nintendo or Sega claiming arcade quality graphics? What happens when you buy their game and the graphics (the sound is even worse) are not even close to arcade games? Aren't you tired of it all? Finally, one system with everything you want from a video game system. When NEO-GEO is here. The only true professional arcade hardware and software. Sounds like it could be an advertisement, don't you think?

People think that Chad and I downplay the Sega and Nintendo, but don't get us wrong, we like Sega and Nintendo. See for yourselves, though, because when you want the best game system in the world, Quality is what you expect... and get from SNK, Home Entertainment, Inc.

CROSSED SWORDS



MAGICIAN LORD



FATAL FURY





THE MULTI-LINK FEATURE

One thing that the Handhelds have that most home video game systems lack is what we call the Multi-link feature. A feature first seen on computers and in arcades. The Multi-link is the ability to connect two or more complete NEO•GEO systems together. Both systems run parallel and each player is playing interactively in the game. NEO•GEO Multi-link cartridges have a port where the Multi-link cable is plugged into and instead of making you buy a special cable from SNK, you can use a

RIDING HERO



42 MEGs



NO MATTER HOW YOU ADD IT UP.



TWICE THE FUN!

standard phono-jack to phonojack connection cable for the Multi-link cable.

Multi-link will add new dimensions to gaming and bring a whole new meaning to the words, "2-player simultaneous game play." In the arcades. games like Cyberball 2072, Final Lap, Cadash, Steel Talons, and Chicago's battletech center have incorporated the Multi-link feature into their games. Cyberball 2072 shows how we can make a football game (vertical scrolling) that hides plays, always gives us a good perspective (I hate playing defense going down the screen), and is the best four player football game ever. The other games show that simulator racing, helicopter, Mechwarrior, and jet plane games can only be played (more than 1 player simultaneous) with a Multi-link action. Our Riding Hero (42 MEGs) is a great example of this. Although League Bowling's (26 MEGs) Multi-link is purely used for 4-player simultaneous play, at least everyone knows that we have that capability.

The NEO•GEO Advanced Home Entertainment System has 330 MEG capability, 380 sprites (16x512), and the processor speed of 12.5 megahertz. This means that because of our huge memory capacity, we will have Multi-link games with play fields as large as life, You can also be sure that because of our processor speed and number of sprites, our 4-player simultaneous games won't flicker and slow down as much as the other guys. All in all, with the power of the NEO-GEO and Multi-link capability, the future can only look bright for the only true professional video game system. NEO-GEO is the Real Deal.

LEAGUE BOWLING



26 MEGs



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TOP PLAYER'S GOLF
Scan the course in any direction, then drive the ball to your specifications using one of more than 4 professional



LEAGUE BOWLING
More challenging than the real lanes with two lanes bowling at the one tim Put down the hot dog and test your pin-



MINJA COMBAT
You'll need sharper reflexes than a samurai warrior to survive relentless attacks from friend and foe NEO-GEO



2 PLAYER

Treacherous mountain curves and ocean straight-aways dare you to bet your straight-aways date you to ber your money on either the GrandPrix, Role-Playing or Multi-Link modes.



Punch, kick, and stab your way through terrorists who have taken over a high rise and threaten to destroy your city. Real in-your-face action.



55 MEG 2 PLAYER SIMUL

You're a flying ace on a secret mission. The skies and are filled with enemies. The skies and ale filed warrenernes. Keep your finger on the trigger because the action gets pretty fierce.



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CROSSED SWORDS

One thousand years ago, the evil of the man Nausizz devastated the land of Belcana, but fell into a deep, dark, sleep. During his timely slumber, the mage Katasis built a powerful kngdom by unitling several countries in the near vicinity.

Suddenly, a huge castle rose in the Krugia Mountain after only one night. Nausizz had awakened, and his appetite for evil was large. The valiant knights of Angster had no special skills with which to battle against the magical evil of Nausizz and his enthralls.

Eventually, two brave knights, Edmond and Richard stepped forward and set out to destroy Nausizz once and for all. These two herces have special magic and attacks that match their pure intentions and good will. When Nausizz kidnaps the fair princess Clore, their hearts are filled with a rage that cannot be denied. Help them banish the evil in Belcanat



In the first area, you learn of the treacherous wrong-doings of the Nausizz armies.



Journey to the Tower of Matius to thwart the demons flocking there. Your task becomes much harder now, but the rewards are great!



Buy new weaponry from Raoster. The elusive Scarecrow sword holds a mystery.



Traveling in the forest, it is best to bring a friend! Dab Gobrins are around every turn.



Many of your enemies reappear in stronger, faster, more intelligent versions. You will need to use all of your skills to survive.



Each new weapon has a better magical power and more attack strength. Some magics are defensive, while other are offense.



PUTTER RAT

This is the weakest enemy you'll face in the battlefield.



PUTTER RAT II Putter Rat II is far more powerful than it's cousin.



DAB GOBRIN **Dab Gobrins infest** Belkana with their



DAB GOBRIN II Dab Gobrin II is a faster version of evil and chaos.



GREEN KNIGHT

The Green Knight is strong, but slow enough to spar with.



RED KNIGHT The Red Knight is faster than his evil



green cousin. GREEN FLYER



He is a winged version of the Green Knight, and little faster.





DRAGON WORM Use vour Berserker

Rage against this fiery demon.



RED WORM

The Red Worm has even worse breath than its brother.



DEMON GOAT The Demon Goat

cannot be hurt while he spins.



DRAGON FLY The sting of the Dragon Fly is deadly. Block low.











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IIP+A+B

The first special attack consists of mystical charging of your life force, which is then transferred into your weapon and released toward your opponent. Since this attack shoots at enemies in the background as well as in the foreground, it can provide a powerful ace in the hole against certain area bosses. This uses life points, unfortunately.

A+B

The second special attack is certainly the most devestating! In certain cases, you can wipe out the entire life bar of your opponent! When you press A and B simultaneously, you will use your fierce training as a knight and slice your opponent to ribbons in a flurry of slash-attacks. This wears you out a little, but it can prove invaluable in battle.

DOWN+A+B

The last special attack is a powerful burst of purity that comes straight from your soul. This flash of goodness weakens evil creatures, and in some cases, destroys them entirely. This special attack can be vital in close one-on-one encounters with the enemy. It will not damage far away enemies, but it will knock back even the strongest foe.



In any sport or competitive event, being the best is the highest honor to achieve. But, the road to being the best can be "Fatal." Jeff Bogard was the reputed best in street fighting and was a threat to evil men like Geese Howard. To control Southtown, Geese kills Jeff and no one was left to oppose him. Ten years later, Jeff's sons, Terry and Andy Bogard set out to avenge their father's death. Howard's control has grown so big that the only way to get to Geese is to compete in the King of Fighters Tournament.

Choose between three characters on your way to Geese. Joe Higashi uses Taiboxing martial arts and is fast with his kick. Terry Bogard trained on the streets and developed his own street fighting style. Andy Bogard, younger brother of Terry, uses karate and has the easiest special attacks. Each character has more than 4 special moves each included with the standard kicking and punching attacks. Play against a friend or play 2 against the computer and fight each other.

Fatal Fury: King of Fighters is one-on-one competition fighting at its best. Superb graphics, fluid animation, and a NEO-GEO quality soundtrack make this the greatest home game ever! This game will definitely be talked about for years, and because of the two player competition, I don't think your friends will ever let you put this in the closet. Only games of this magnitude get dubbed, "The Game Lord's Pick of the Month!"





Pao Pao Cafe Take on Richard Myer, whose fast feet will keep you on your toes.



Sound Beach Michael Max is ready and waiting with his deadly Tornado Punch!



Howard Arena Tung Fu Rue is not all he appears to be. Prepare for quite a surprise!



West Subway
Duck King has a
ball attack that can
send you flying! He
is easy to throw.



The Happy Park Hwa Jai is a Tai boxer with an awesome Rocket Kick. Hit him high.



Amusement Park Raiden is as big as a tank! If he gets close, you won't last a second.



South Town Village Billy Kane carrys a mean stick, and he knows how to use it! Low kicks work.



Geese Howard
Here's your chance!
Geese is waiting.
Time to unleash



Bonus Rounds
Test your finger
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vour Fatal Fury!

TERRY BOGARD

Terry Bogard, oldest son of champion street fighter Jeff Bogard, took to the streets after his father's murder. There.



LIGHTNING FIST



SCREWDRIVER

J A A

The Screwdriver works wonders on a stunned opponent. It is powerful, but has little reach

NAPALM PUNCH $V \rightarrow A$



This punch lines the ground with fire to toast your foe.

FLASH KICK J L L K B



The Flash Kick does incredible damage to anyone foolish enough to iump into it.

The

Wave

ANDY BOGARD

Andy Bogart was very voung at the time of his father's death, but he began to study the martial arts immedi-

ately. fueled by revenge. He met up with a small Japanese martial artist who defeated him in competition. He learned that size is not important and began training with his new instructor.

ACROBAT KICK

B Andy's Acrobat Kick is easy to execute and does tons of damage.

ELBOW SMASH

K A A

The Elbow Smash works well against many enemies who bat vou away.

FORCE WAVE



WINDMILL PUNCH AKEK

Like Terry's Flash Kick, the Windmill Punch is powerful, but has a small range.

JOE HIGASHI

Joe Higashi knows the brothers' pain, and as their best friend, he is determined to put an end to the mad-

ness once and for all. He has trained his mind and spirit feverishly for the upcoming war, and nothing will stand in his way. He fights for the honor of avenging Jeff Bogard's needless mur-

ROCKET KICK $\searrow \rightarrow \nearrow B$

The Rocket Kick is a devestating blow to your opponents.

DRAGON PUNCH

A rapidly

This is a multiple punch combo that destroys enemies who like to block punches.

CYCLONE PUNCH



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FLAME KICK

The Flame works just like Terry's Lightning Fist, but does more damage to the enemies.

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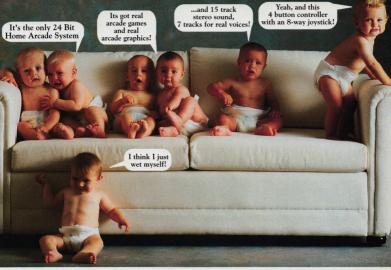


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TINY TOONS Konami / GameBoy

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TOP GUN Konami / GameBoy

Take to the skies in an F-14 Tomcat in Top Gun for the GameBoy. Blow the enemy planes out of the air with your heat seeking missiles and machine guns. Top Gun will be available in April for your GameBoy.







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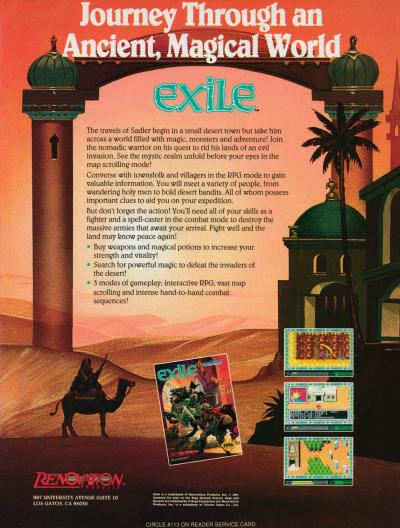












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TOP SECRET VIDEO GAME TRICKS, CODES AND STRATEGIES

CASTLEVANIA 4

(Konami/Super NES)

Secret Passcodes - These are Be sure you do NOT enter a

best for reaching all of the levels and for the final boss, Dracula! Be sure you do NOT enter any name on the password screen. The symbols go in the boxes in the following order.
Whip your way through all of the levels in this intense game

and for the final	boss, Dracula!	The symbols go	in the boxes in	the levels in thi	is intense game!
2ND QUEST LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 6
LEVEL 7	LEVEL 8	LEVEL 9	LEVEL A	LEVEL B	LAST LEVEL

LEMMINGS

(Sunsoft/Super NES)
option and put in these codes
so you can advance to higher

levels. More to come next

Awesome Passwords - Here are quite a few codes to keep you busy with this addicting game! Go to the password

	FUN	THICKY
LEVEL 1.	HCNUPDR	KORIHCI
LEVEL 2.	AOBYEKU	IHCAHOG
LEVEL 3.	TERUKAY	UKORADE
LEVEL 4.	HADONUR	MUKASSI
LEVEL 5.	USIAZNO	AYSUUYN
LEVEL 6.	SINEMAT	URIAGNU
LEVEL 7.	URERUZU	KOABENA
LEVEL 8.	KAHUKAK	HINEUON
LEVEL 9.	IEKOZIO	EUKUTAD
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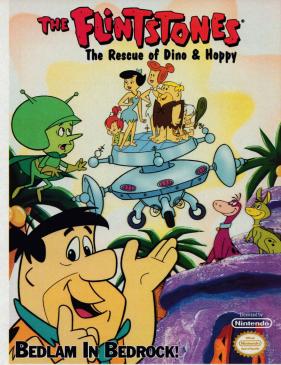












Turn your watch back a few million years and join the whole Flintstone family in prehistoric pandemonium. A visitor from the future has taken Dino and Hoppy, Fred and Barney's pets, for his prehistoric zoo. You have to help Fred get them back and restore happiness to Bedrock.

You must journey through Bedrock collecting pieces to build a time machine. Watch out though, primitive foes will cause many woes! Bikeman, Frankenstone, King Snake, and Saber Tiger are just a few of the unfriendly obstacles you and Fred will have to outsmart and outwit. Take advice from

your friends in Bedrock too! They can provide helpful hints and key clues.

Well, you'd better get moving. You still have to figure out how you're gonna use Fred's one-on-one basketball skills, build that darn time machine, rescue your beloved pets, and much,

much more! Wow! You're gonna be

gonna be awfully busy.
Don't worry though; this comical adventure and Fred's encouraging "YABBA DABBA DOO!" will leave you in stone-age stitches.

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VIKING CHILD

(Atari/Lynx)

Level Codes - If you are having a difficult time with the levels in this adventure, these codes will allow you to begin deeper into the game. Choose the option that says, "Enter Code" and put in the

password that corresponds to the level where you would like to begin.

> Dan Gilardoni San Jose, CA













Level 3 **OMEGAMAN**

Level 5 **PATRICIA**

Level 7 REDDWARF

RVGAR

(Atari/Lynx)

Floating Shield Trick - At any point in the game, throw the shield, and while it is moving, press Option 1 and Pause at the same time to restart the game. When you start the next game, the shield will float in midair and stay in front of you. After you fire the shield again, it will return to normal. Although this cannot be used as a method of attack, it is a cool glitch to see.

> **Aaron Epstien** Rochester, NY



BATMAN: RETURN OF THE JOKER

(Sunsoft/Nintendo)

Level Codes - Are you having trouble getting past the Joker's minions? Here are all of the level codes to make things guite a bit easier. Just choose the password option and enter these codes.











Dale R. Beebe

Regina, Canada



Level 4-1

GNXF

MDRR



Level 5-1

QGVN

NWKL

WBZT



FFHG

Level 6-2



CKQG

Level 7-**GPZT**

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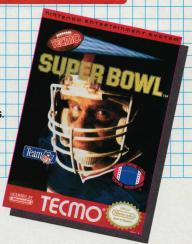


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JOHN MADDEN '92

(Electronic Arts/Genesis)

Final Game Code - Here is a code to get you past the season and playoff games and go right to the final game. With this code you will play as Chicago against Buffalo. Put in this code on the password screen when you continue the playoffs.

> Phillip Kondos Chicago, IL

SUPER E.D.F. (Jaleco/Super NES)

Weird Scrolling Title - Plug in the second controller. Before you turn on your Super NES, hold the second control pad in the UP position and hold START at the same time. You will see the title scroll in a different manner than normal.



B3FM8FB5





CASTLEVANIA 4

(Konami/Super NES)

taken to a section that has a massive amount of power-ups. The pictures below show the sections and how to get to them.



LEVEL 6-2



Break this block in the floor and climb down the stairs.

Get powered up in these secret rooms of fortune!





As you step on the block, you will be taken to this screen.

Hidden Rooms - There are three hidden rooms within the fourth Castlevania adventure. Once you



LEVEL 3-1



Whip these sets of blocks and vou will be able to enter here.

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SUPER MARIO BROS.

(Nintendo/NES)

Game Genie Codes - Here are some great codes that will bring new life to your old Super Mario Brothers game. You must have a Game Genie unit to make these codes work. Enter the following

TELLEY - Mario falls up. PGAETT - Shadow Mario . GGAEXP - Striped board.

Here are some strange levels!

PGAOKK,SGAOKK, SAGOOK.TAKOKK, AGIOPK



passcodes and get ready to try some crazy levels! Practice with different letter combinations as you may stumble onto a new code!





Send it in and get a free game!

Reynard Moore Duluth, MN





SUPER MARIO BROS.

(Nintendo/NES)

Game Genie Code - Here is another code specifically for Game Genie owners. Enter the password: POEISA. Now, when Mario runs into enemies, he will be powered-up and get 1000 pts. per enemy hitl.

Brett Logsdon

Eureka, IL



NINJA GAIDEN

(Nintendo/NES)

Game Genie Password - Start off with 13 men in this classic game. You must have a Game Genie for this trick to work. Enter the code: IAUVLIZE

Now, you have a good head start on the enemy!

Reynard Moore Duluth, MN



SUPER MARIO BROS. 3

(Nintendo/NES)

Game Genie Code - Have you ever seen floating goombas? Well, this code, specifically for the Game Genie, makes your enemies appear at least one inch off of the ground. Just enter six I's on the screen.

Password: IIIIII



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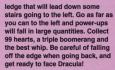




CASTLEVANIA 4

(Konami/Super NES)

Invisible Staircase - On the level right before Dracula, there is a staircase leading into his domain. There is also a massive drop from the platform into the depths of the unknown. Luckily, things are not what they seem. If you take a large jump off the edge of the platform (shown in the pictures), you will find yourself on an invisible



Richard A. Piwowar Villa Park, IL







SUPER E.D.F.

(Jaleco/Super NES)

Invincibility Code - Now there is a way to become invulnerable to enemy fire in this hot shooter. At any point during game play, put the game on pause by pressing START. Now press these buttons in this order: A, B, X, Y, L, R, UP, DOWN, LEFT and RIGHT. Now, when you begin playing again, your ship will be invincible.

Note: You will have to put this code in each time you start a new level.



Pause the game at any point.



Enter the code and the game will start again.



This time you will be immune to all enemy firepower!

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OVERVIEW

COLOR PORTABLE VIDEO GAME SYSTEM

BATTER UP Namco

Batter Up has proven itself to be a worthy baseball game. Pick your team and field, then play ball!





BERLIN WALL Kaneko

In Berlin Wall, you must dig holes to capture your enemies. Similar in play to Lode Runner.





CHESSMASTER Sega

Now you can play chess anytime with Chessmaster for your Game Gear. A great game for thinkers!





CLUTCH HITTER Sega

Clutch Hitter is another great baseball game for the Game Gear. Lots of action and great graphics!





DEVILISH Sage's Creation

Similar to Breakout. Bash through the different lavers of walls before time runs out!





HALLEY WARS Sega

Blast through the galaxy to defeat the forces of evil. A great vertical shooter for the Game Gear.





JOE MONTANA FOOTBALL Sega

Take Joe on the go with your Game Gear. Pick your play and head onto the field for some great football action with Joe Montanal





JUNCTION **Bignet**

In this brain teaser, you must move the pieces of the puzzle around to create a safe pathway for your sphere to travel on.





LEADERBOARD GOLF Sega

LeaderBoard Golf has a new home in the Game Gear. Choose from a wide array of clubs and courses to play on in this latest golf game for the Game Gear!





SHINOBI Sega

Play the part of Shinobi and rid your town of evil forces. Travel through four areas to defeat the rulers of the land!





NINJA GAIDEN Sega

Take your trusty Dragon Sword and rid the land of evil ninjas. Great action that's faithful to the original.





PACMAN Namco

Pacman is once again on the go. Your yellow dot gobbler has all the great cation of the arcade.





POPILS Tengen

The beautiful princess has been kidnapped by the sorcerer Popils. Rescue her by punches blocks!





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG Sega

Sonic's back for more fun on the GG. All the same levels are here, as well as a few new ones!





SPACE HARRIER Sega

As a Space Harrier, you must rid evil in a 3-D fast paced world. Exciting graphics and game play!





GAME GEAR CLASSICS

With all of these new releases appearing in the stores, let's not forget some of the original titles that made the Game Gear so popular. We like to call these carts, Game Gear Classics. These softs are available in the stores now, so check 'em out and see why they're so great!

Castle of Illusion - Sega Columns - Sega Dragon Crystal - Sega G-Loc - Sega Psychic World - Sega

Putt and Putter - Sega

Revenge of Drancon - Sega Slider - Sega Solitaire Poker - Sega Super Monaco GP - Sega Woody Pop - Sega

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Joe Montana quarterbacked his San Francisco team to 4 Super Bowl titles. Now, Joe Montana Football leads the Game Gear line of super video games. Game Gear's newest addition lets you call plays, scramble, pass and score just like Joe

Montana, pro football's "Athlete of The

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Simulated television picture. your intelligence, stamina, and reflexes.

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GAME GEAR





TV Tuner







PREVIEWS

COLOR PORTABLE VIDEO GAME SYSTEM

PREVIEWS

AERIAL ASSAULT Sega

In this shooter, you must set out to stop the wave of attackers threatening to destroy the world!









AX BATTLER Sega

Ax Battler is an action and role playing adventure in one! Sure looks a lot like Golden Axe in the action scenes!









CHASE HQ Taito

Race your police car through traffic to nab the bad guys by blowing up their car. Great arcade adaptation.









CRYSTAL WARRIORS

Sega

Crystal Warriors is a new RPG for the Game Gear. Gather up your party, equip them and head out!









FANTASY ZONE

Sega

Retrieve your galaxy's fortune that was stolen from the Menon Empire. Buy new weapons with accumulated money.









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Six lucky winners will SECOND PROZE receive a Super Nintendo Bill Laimbeer game cartridge.

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To enter the contest, just do the following:

1) Name three teams that appear in any of the four leagues from the Bill Laimbeer game for the Super Nintendo Entertainment System or call the Hudson Soft Hotline to get the team names.

2) Write them down on a postcard.

Send us your answers along with your name, address, and age to: **Hudson Soft Bill Laimbeer Contest**

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BATTER UP!!

The bases are loaded and it is the top of the ninth. You are down by three runs, and a grand slam here would win the game and get you in the World Series. All of the pressure is on you. If you hit this ball out of the park, you can be the hero of the whole town (and maybe star in a few commercials), but if you mess it up, you may find yourself traded to a new team. Do not let the pressure get to you! Another good thing, since you will be playing this game on the Game Gear, you will be able to take



all of this great action anywhere!

In this game, you can be any team you want from the 26 professional baseball teams in existence. Once you have picked your team, you play the role of the manager. Therefore, you can pick who your starting pitcher will be, and, if he starts to lose his edge as the game progresses, you can go to the bullpen for a relief pitcher.

When you are pitching, you can



put in pinch hitters for your weak batters, especially when it is the last inning and your pitcher is at bat. Learn how to make the appropriate substitutions, and you will be unbeatable.

Unlike most baseball games, you do not have to play a full 9 inning regulation game every time you play. In Clutch Hitter you have the option of playing either a five, seven or nine inning game. This will be helpful because you can finish a game even during short trips.

The game play is similar to most other baseball games, but there are a few new twists. When you pitch



the ball, you pitch away from you (into the screen), but when you hit the ball, the ball comes towards you (out of the screen) like RBI Baseball. When pitching, you can choose from four different pitches. You can throw a fastball, slowball or a curveball to either the right or the left. Make sure not to curve the ball too much, as you may hit the batter and give him a free trip to first.

Keep the pitches low and leave the other team swinging!!!



If you hit the batter, you will get to watch him limp around a bit, but vou will also give him a free stroll to first!



It is not a great sight but if you don't play your best, you might be the manager of the team who goes crying into the locker room when the game is over, and you have lost!

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Junction is an action game
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TRY TO FIND THE LUCKY

The DIMES! dessert The unspeakable terrain holds ter-

has happened! Magica Dispell has taken Uncle Scrooge's four lucky dimes and Donald's Nephews! Now you must try to get them

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Tread careful-

ly in this land.

HUEY'S JAIL

THE BURNING LANDS

a boulder tossing



Run though the forest but watch out for the animals. Search through the trees for the hidden 1-ups!





LOUIE'S STOCKADE

MAGICA'S CASTLE





You have reached the palace! You will find new enemies but watch out for the ghosts!

THE ARCTIC WASTES







will be blown by winds, be attacked by snow men, and even slip and slide on the ice blocks! You must auide Donald through swamps and under water to fight a giant lion.

will find Magica's friends who would love to have a nice duck dinner! Grab the gems and look for his nephews!

Along the way, you





DEWEY'S PRISON

THE BROILING DESERT







Quicksand and flying harpoons are vour main problems. Be sure to find the hidden 1-ups!

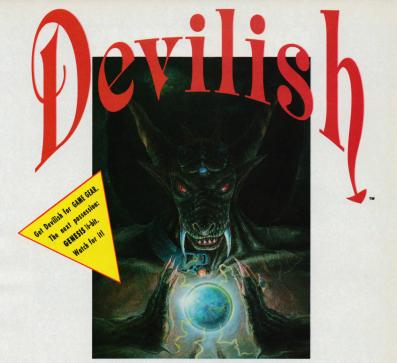


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THE DISK!









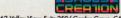


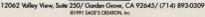


Breaking Up Is Hard To Do.

Especially when you're playing this game. If you think you've seen this one before, you're right. And wrong. You see, our game is much, much, more complicated, with monstrous enemies, high-tech UFO's, and walls and walls of blockades. So we gave you two paddles, offensive and defensive, just to even up the odds. But don't get us wrong. You'll like this game. You'll just have a devilish of a time getting through it alive.











COLOR PORTABLE VIDEO GAME SYSTEM

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY PACK



If you're tired of buying batteries to power your Game Gear. why not try the portable battery pack. It has built in recharging capabilities and attaches to the rear of your Game Gear.

MASTER GEAR CONVERTOR



With this exciting new peripheral, you can now play all of the existing Master System carts! This is one of the most asked for Game Gear accessory and now it's available from Sega!

CARRYING CASE



This lightweight case has two separate pockets. One is padded for the Game Gear, and the other holds 8 to 10 of your favorite cartridges!

DELUXE CARRYING CASE



This deluxe case holds your Game Gear, 10 carts, batteries, manuals, and even has a shoulder strap to ease carrying! It is made of durable nylon and has a zippered pocket!

AC ADAPTER



Why not save your batteries for when you are on the go? With an AC adapter for the Game Gear, you can play all your favorite titles without using batteries. Just plug it in to a wall and start playing!

GEAR-TO-GEAR CABLE



With more and more multi-player games making their debut, the only way to access this great capability is with a Gear-to-Gear cable! You and a friend can go head-to-head for some serious gaming action!

CIGARETTE ADAPTER



If you are going on a long road trip. this cigarette lighter adapter will become a must have item. When plugged into a lighter outlet, you will have endless hours of video gaming to keep you busy!

WIDE GEAR



To see even more detail in the Game Gear's screen, check out the Wide Gear. This unit attaches to the bottom of the Game Gear and really brings out the action of your carts!



Opt for the TV Tuner for your Game Gear, and you can watch your favorite shows on the Game Gear's high resolution color screen. This unit is available now!

Hit the Links at Lunch GAME GEAR UP FOR 18 HOLES



Super Golf for Game Gear. A full color golf simulation with the slice of life. Spin it, draw it, hook it, fade it, cut it, give it a little left to right, punch and run, or crack a slice 0.8. This game plays real.

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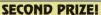
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Official NFL Football personally signed by Joe Montana, a Joe Montana T-Shirt, and 1992 Video Game Buyer's Guide.



FOURTH PRIZE! An Official NFL Football

n Official NFL Football personally signed by Joe Montana.

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BUMP AND GRIND! GHASE H. Q.



Welcome to the force kid. I'm sure you're aware that the CHASE task force is a high risk unit. We handle all of the high-speed, car chase operations. Crime is at an all-time high and it seems like the scum keeps gettin' cars that are better and better. So, our outfit is equipped with specially armored and supercharged models. These puppies

can flat out fly!
Speed's the name of the game, kid. If you've got a feather-foot, you're in the wrong department. You'll be goin' 180, hit the special nitro, and WEEE-HAAA! Believe me, your hair will be standin' at attention. If you think those

punk crooks are just gonna pull right of or ya, think again! You'il actually have ram 'em right off the road. You gotta careful of civilians too, otherwise the captain will fly off the handle. He'll be the least GAWIE GEAR

These criminals are bad news and havi a habit of chewin' preckless rookies likyourself. You've gotta be bold and use your brain. Bad decisions will just make, you a dented tin can that's slowin'-up traffic. This isn't a nice game of bumber cars, Rookie. In this game, nice gly's finish tast! Buckle-up! It's the Law!

Increased Speed Zone Ahead

No Insurance Necessary

Crusty Crooks and Cool Cars



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GENESIS MEGA-CD

THE FIRST HANDS-ON TEST OF THE U.S. SYSTEM!!

The long awaited Mega CD-ROM went on sale in Japan on December 12. 1991. Lines of players started to form hours before the Japanese game stores opened and when they did, the entire shipment of systems sold out within the first hour!

Why all the excitement? Let's tear apart the system and dive into the first batch of games to find out!

EGM has been able to get from a Sega licenssee a prototype U.S. Mega CD-ROM system. We will compare the not only the U.S. and Japanese systems but also the European and Southeast Asian Mega CD-ROM drives!

SEGA U.S.A. MEGA CD GOALS

Mr. Al Nilsen, Director of Marketing: "Our goal is to make the Mega CD format the standard of the industry for CD-ROM gaming. We want to become the VHS of CD-ROM. This actually fits in very nicely because JVC, which developed VHS, adapted Sega's Mega CD standard"... "Our software will clearly show people things that you can't do on a cartridge based system."



EGM gets the first 'hands-on' test of the prototype U.S. Genesis Mega CD-ROM system!







The Mega CD-ROM has been designed to be easy to connect and easy to operate!

The basic system retains the same shape as we described in the August 1991 issue. The front of the system is plain with only two lights - the first is the green PLAY

light (A) which is illuminated when the system is playing a disc. The second is the red ACCESS light (B) which shows when the unit is getting more data. Because of the large amount of RAM in the system, and because it can do parallel processing with the CPU in the Genesis, both lights will be lit at the same

time, meaning that there is no 'black screen' while it gathers more datal

On the left side of the unit there is a sliding plate (D). This holds the Stereo Audio cable (the one which plugs into the front of the Genesis (I)) off to the side so that the CD tray (C) does not pinch the cable when it retracts back into the unit

The back of the CD-ROM has the plug for the AC power supply (F); an input jack (G) for mixing (bringing in) another audio source (like the stereo sound from the Genesis when you are playing a cartridge); and two audio output ports to send the CD-ROM audio (and Genesis if using the mixing port) to an external stereo system. You should note that all of the video and audio from the CD-ROM are internally































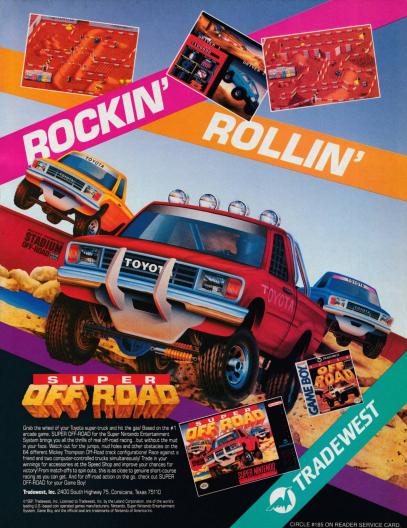




























through the Genesis so that, other than the power supply, no connections are needed to be made to the CD-ROM. The Genesis plugs into the CD-ROM through the external port on the lower right side of the Genesis. After removing the external port door and the protective red plastic



the plate, slide into the slots on the top of the Mega CD-ROM. The Genesis external port board locks into the CD-ROM arm (E) making the vital electrical connection. Plug in the Mega CD





ly fastened with the screw (orange).

the Japanese Mega CD-CD-ROM has to be slipped into the notch- ROM system! es on the Genesis (red), and then secure-SEGA U.S.A. **CD COMPATIBILITY GENESIS MEGA CD-ROM** Mr. Al Nilsen, Director of

The brains of the Mega CD-ROM

power supply and the installation is complete. Internally, the circuitry is more complicated. After removing all the metal shielding you see that the CD-ROM drive (N) takes up most of the space. Numerous boards are packed around the drive,

SPECIFICATIONS: Memory RAM 6 Mbit 512 kbit PCM 128 kbit Data Cache 64 kbit Backup Boot ROM 1 Mbit Bios 8 channel Stereo Sampling un to32 KHz 16 bit D/A Compatible 8 times oversampling Frequency Response 20Hz to 20KHz Dynamic range Greater than 90 db Channel Separation Greater than 90 db CD Access Time Maximum 1.4 secs. Minimum 0.8 sec. Colors, pallet, sprites Same as Genesis.

with the main 'motherboard' on the top right. Right in the middle of the motherboard is the operating system chip(M). This chip will be reprogrammed for each of the four world regions. They include Japan, North America. Europe and Southeast Asia.

tem will be completely

compatible with a Gene-

sis/Mega drive unit from

another region. In addi-

tion, the software will be

encrypted with an identifi-

cation code that will also

prevent use with a Mega CD from a different

region. This we were able

to verify with our proto-

type U.S. Mega CD and

the new software. While

Genesis systems and the

Japanese Mega CD-ROM will play the Japanese

CDs, this combo will not play the U.S. CDs when they come out. Bottom line...if you want to play the U.S. CD's don't buy

Marketing: "We are

telling players, up front,

right now: when you buy

the Japanese unit all you

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The system is hooked

up and ready to go! You

flip the power switch on

game isn't in the Gene-

sis, the Mega CD logo

zooms around a cloud

small pix you see sur-

rounding each page!

Press Start on the con-

trol panel and the main

CD menu screen comes

up. From this screen you

can select from various

options including the

new CD+G audio disc.

Of course you want to

load up a CD so the first

pointer (using the control

pad on the Genesis con-

troller) to open, and

press button A or C. A

motor kicks in and the

front loading drawer

comes out. You put a

disc in, and press A or C to

close the drawer. After a

couple of seconds, you're

watching and watching! Min-

watching the intro to the game! And watching, and

utes pass and we're still

watching! Then it hits us.

there was no down time for

disc access or data loading,

but all through the intro the

come on. Just an subtle indi-

cation of what tons of memo-

ry and dual processors can

A couple of minutes of

game play then it's time for

the next disc. The intros are

red light (access) would

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background like the

the Genesis and, if a









better than the game!

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Most of the opening min-



































attacking another. It last-

ed for a full three min-

second of down time.

The access light was

was video (although

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constantly blinking but it

through a reduced color

Mr. Al Nilsen, Director of Marketing: "The bulk of the software for the U.S. market is being developed here in the U.S. Much of it is based on movies and TV shows utilizing footage which is very American in nature. That's why we are developing so much here. And when vou get into multi-media it becomes even more important. Right now we have 29 third party companies developing software for the U.S.,







With no buttons on the unit, all control is done through the main menu.



Like the Turbo CD-ROM, the Mega CD-ROM will play the new CD +G discs!



Sega has plans for the future. Although the system has 64 kbits of internal backup RAM, Sega has built in a screen to access the upcoming RAM backup cart!

do!









Full motion video...no problem!! Tenkafubu has 3 minutes of video with no disc access breaks!

Here's one RPG game where you can dive right in. And you know what you must do. Only you can save Lakeland from the dark forces that possess Lagoon. Instantly you'll be submerged in your quest. Wade through complex labyrinths, battling evil at every twist and turn. Whether you're an experienced RPG player or just looking for hours of Super NES' adventure, its time to test the waters.





dazzling spells will leave you spellbound.

ur creatures are meaner, scarier and uglier in 3-D.

COME ON IN, THE WATER'S FINE.





THE YEAR OF THE DRAKKHEN.

This is the year of Super NES. The year some of the best RPG players may go down in flames. Because this year

you will enter the world of Drakkhen.

You've confronted many monsters before. But never fire-breathing beasts of such scorching realism. Over 50 giants and winged beasts in spellbinding 3-D. You've journeyed in other mystical lands. But none with scrolling.

360° landscapes with panoramic views. Horizons change from day to night before your very eyes. In your quest to restore world peace,

you will learn many powerful spells. Prepare for battle by collecting weapons and magical objects. But nothing will prepare you for the special effects, the eye-popping

graphics, the stereo digital sound experience.
Drakkhen. It's the Super NES game of the
year. The role playing challenge of a lifetime.





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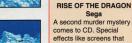














PRINCE OF PERSIA

Sega Companies will get titles out quickly by porting over computer games with a new CD soundtrack.



SEGA U.S.A.

Almost all titles will be certainly kept under wraps until June CES...It is way, way to early to talk about specific

titles...There will be titles

based on movies...We've

just formed a major multi-

U.S. dedicated to CD soft-

ware... It is called the Sega

media studio here in the

MEGA CD SOFTWARE Mr. Al Nilsen, Director of Marketing: "We're not going to talk specifics about the software until we can show something., Oh, OK.,,Sonic, In addition to Sonic 2 [cartridge], there is a Sonic CD game being planned...

















will be heavy on the cinemas and full screen visuals. Large animated players.



WING COMMANDER Sega

The popular U.S. computer game will first make it's way to Japanese players then to the U.S. in fall.















Mega Man 4... Like Hothing Before



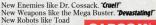
Crash the party at Dr Cossack's citadel.



Toad Man will have you hopping.



ise to new heights with the Balloon adapter.



Man and Skull Man.
"Gnarly!" Devices like
Balloon adapters and
Grappling hooks. "Handy!"
Get Mega Man 4—
The rest were just

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All of the excitement of the famous Marvel Comics team comes to the arcade with Captain America and the Avengers, Cap and three of his teammates. Vision. Iron Man and Hawkeye are out to



Captain America and Iron Man take to the skies in this intense action game from Data East!

do battle with the Red Skull and his minions in this action game. You'll need all of your arcade skills to make it through this one! To get by the enemies on some levels, you have to fight it out with them on the ground, while in others, you'll shoot it out in intense horizontally scrolling action! You'll even take this battle under water for some of the levels!

Two players can battle the Red Skull at a time. Each of the characters has his own special abilities and weapons. Cap is a strong street fighter with his shield, while



Hawkeve and Vision take the action to the streets with these Red Skull minions!

Hawkeve and his arrows are deadly from a distance. Iron Man and the Vision give you the best of both worlds with their strong combat abilities and powerful distance weapons.

Pick your favorite Marvel Comics character from the Avengers and get set for some wild action from Data East. Captain America and his friends are counting on you to get them through to the Red Skull. Don't miss out on this one!



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SNK's latest quarter muncher is King of the Fighters. You've got the choice of three fighters to take to



This whirlwind attack really knocks this guy over! Use your special attacks whenever you get the chance.

the streets and compete for the crown of king of the fighters. Each of the fighters has wild special moves to use on the enemies. Don't think you've got



Double team your opponents for double the fun!



it easy, though. The guys you'll be fighting have their own special moves to use on you! Don't wait for these guvs to get the upper hand, or you won't make it to the next round!

powerful attack on the huge bosses that try to crush you at the end of each wave.

Instead of the normal horizontal screen, this shooter's monitor is



In two-player mode, get your opponent in between you and knock him back and forth to finish him off with style.

You and a friend can get together and double team the guys you'll face. Hit him high and low, or, get on both sides of him and attack from two directions at once! He won't stand up for long under an onslaught like that!

This game takes technique to master. Fans of Street Fighter II can take heart! More fighting action is on the way!

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THUNDER BLASTER

The latest shooter from the people that brought you the intensity of R-



Thunder Blaster has intense bosses!

Type is called Thunder Blaster, This time, the action scrolls vertically as you take your ship out against a horde of invading aliens. Two-

players can take this one on simultaneously for a

positioned vertically to go along with the way your ship is flying. You'll need all of the space you've got, too. The enemies will come after you until they wipe you out, so grab some power-ups and blast your way to the end! Get ready for the fight of vour life!



Team up on the bosses and you'll blast them away!

HOT TITLES COMING SOON TO AN ARCADE **NEAR YOU!**

One of the hottest games that will hit the arcades soon is the awesome X-Men from Konami. This mega title is based on the popular X-Men comic book series, and will have arcade players thinking twice about other multi-player games. Up to SIX, yes, SIX players can rock on this one at the same time! The game includes your favorite X-Men as they go after their comic book enemies. Play as Wolverine, Nightcrawler, Cyclops, or three other X-Men in their first arcade adventure. This game is so big, it takes two screens to show all the action!

The game play in this coin-eater is similar to that in the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles coin-op. Each player has a jump move, an attack, and a special attack that really takes out the enemies. You've only got a limited number of times that you can use it, however, so only go for the special move when you're really desperate. Get a roll of quarters ready for this one, because you'll need them to make it through to the end!

Another hot title that will be surfacing at an arcade near you any day now is Battletoads. The NES smash is being converted to coin-op status by Leland Corporation. The same people that brought you Dragon's Lair and its new killer sequel are getting amphibious this time.

Game play and levels have stayed the same from the NES title, but the graphics have been totally revamped! Better yet, this version of the Toad's battle lets you take up to three players! Rash, Pimple, and Zitz are all here and ready to kick some major tail. If you've played the NES title, you know how hard this game is, so get ready to fight for your life and get ready to keep feeding those guarters into this one. The Toads are going to need you to guide them on their way.



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YOU ARE NOT A WARRIOR, YOU'RE A BEGINNER.

Okay, World Warriors, enough is enough! Word of mouth is certainly not the best way to get the inside scoop on the hottest games, but it thrives nonetheless! We at EGM have received hundreds of letters speaking of the numerous rumors surrounding the best coin-op ever! First and foremost, Sheng Long exists only in the minds of the most imaginative gamers! Many gamers explain that Sheng Long is an old man that only Ryu can face after defeating Balrog, Vega, Sagat, and M. Bison perfectly. He apparently has a cane and appears on the same screen as M. Bison. This reminds me of the ultra-powerful flaming jump kick rumor from Street Fighter I. Anyway, when Ryu says you must defeat "Sheng Long" to stand a



SHENG LONG

Here's the scoop! Sheng Long, the Dragon Punch, is performed easily! Press forward, then quickly perform a fireball motion. It's that simple!



chance, he his referring to the fact that the Dragon Punch (Sheng Long) is the most powerful technique, and it can counter anything (which it can!). Sorry, wishful warriors! The only thing you get from a perfect game is a special ending showing the credits while the World Warriors clash onscreen.

Some other excellent rumors include Chun Li throwing her bracelets (false), Guile throwing his comb (actually the Sonic Boom), Blanka's spinning electric ball (false). Ken's or Ryu's more powerful red fireball (it's a random color glitch and no stronger than the blue one), Dhalsim's heat-seeking fireball (false), are among many - whew! While many of these rumors have specific reasons for being, ie., the red fireball, most are completely unfounded. Out of all the hundreds of letters making these claims, not one could prove it! If you or a friend can come up with valid proof for any of your

local rumors. EGM would love to print it! Other points of interest: in order to follow the joystick motions explained in the the past issues of EGM, take into account that any movement from up or down to left or right must be circular. In other words, for Dhalsim's Yoga Fire, the joystick motion is D, R, P (facing the right). This means pull down, circle the joystick to the lower right, then move to the right, and press any punch button. The joystick motions and button selection printed in EGM come straight from Capcom, so don't argue!! Now sit back and enjoy this secret edition of the best Street Fighter II coverage! We've uncovered some interesting new techniques. as well as a couple of super tips and strategies you will be sure to appreciate!



SCREWDRIVER

Zangief's power spinning piledriver, the Screwdriver, isn't easy. Start at the top, perform a reverse circular motion back to the top, and press punch! Ugh!



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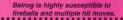
Balrog is the first of the final four boss characters. His strong blows can be felt even when blocked! Beware his devastating uppercut.











This testy Spaniard is as agile as his pet cougar. He believes beauty and power are the same.

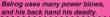
VEGA

Vega likes to cling to the fence and jump from high above at you. If your

timing is good you can knock him for

a loop. You can break his claw, also,











Vega is the most vulnerable when he lands from a wall kick.

Vega uses his agility well, especially in close quarters.

SAGAT



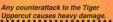
Sagat is the only warrior to return from Street Fighter I. and he bears a scar revealing his first defeat.

Even after the Dragon Punch burned a scar in Sagat's chest, he suffered to learn the powerful Tiger Uppercut, which has a tragic weakness











While Sagat's fireballs are a threat, beware of his quick blows.



M. Bison is both vulnerable and deadly in his flaming torpedo.









M. Bison can quickly make you dizzy with his multiple combos.

M. BISON

M. Bison is the total embodiment of evil and oppression. He has the fastest blows that can knock you dizzy.



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Kuros the Knight Warrior wields his mighty Silver-Sword in the face of danger.



To give Malkil a taste of his own medicine, Kuros must master the craft of wizardry.



Kuros, disguised as a thief, moves secretly through Piedup.



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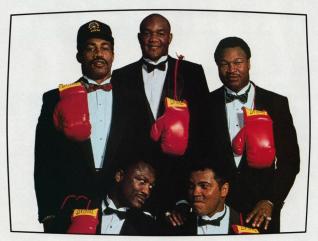
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Years ago, when the Atari 2600 was state of the art, one of the biggest video game companies around was Activision, and two of the best designers for Activision were Garry Kitchen and David Crane. Since 1978, Kitchen, Crane and the rest of the current Imagineering staff have developed over 75 games for over a dozen companies.

Absolute and Imagineering were formed in 1986, and since then, they have been putting out some of the most exciting games for home video game systems ever released. These have ranged from sports to arcade action to simulations, creating a game for every game player and every style of play. Fifteen years later. Absolute Entertainment and Imagineering are still going strong with titles like Turn and Burn, an F-14 flight simulator for the GameBoy, Space Shuttle Project for the NES and Super Battletank: War in the Gulf for the Super NES. EGM takes a look at the past, present and future of one of the most innovative companies producing games for Nintendo systems.

WAY BACK WHEN ...

In the early days of home video game playing, the Atarl 2600 was the major game system. The system had only 128 bytes of RAM, which presented all programmers, Kitchen and Crane included, with unique problems. The computer was relatively slow, and you had to write the programs in such a way that they synced with every scan line of the television screen, so it had to be very critically timed," said Absolute



The crack staff at Absolute Entertainment

president Kitchen. "It was really difficult stuff."

Kitchen was in on the development of Donkey Kong for the 2600 when he started out programming, and the project is still one of his favorites. Among the games that can be credited to the Imagineering and Absolute Entertainment staff are such classics as Pitfall, Freeway, Ikari Warriors and Double Dragon for the Atari 2600.

When Absolute started producing games for the NES, it made A Boy and His Blob. This was an innovative adventure game that won several awards including a Parent's Choice award for the non-violent theme and innovative game play. The game's follow-up, Rescue Princess Bolbette on the GameBoy

had the same style of play. PRESENT DAY!

Speed continues to be the major stumbling block for programmers. Kitchen said, "I think you're always



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busting the door down on the limitations. The biggest limitation is still the speed of the computer. On very sophisticated applications, you tend to run into problems where you can't keep the game running smoothly at 60 frames per second." Program-



Jim Charne, Absolute's vice president of legal and business affairs. takes his turn in a simulator chair at NASA.

mers are always trying to overcome the speed problem, and Absolute's staff has been successful at beating slowdown on its latest games for the NES and Super NES.

One of Absolute's latest projects is Space Shuttle Project for the NES.



You only have seconds to prepare the Shuttle for launch, so act quickly and decisively.

The game gives you the chance to pilot the Space Shuttle through a series of missions. The people at Space Camp were so impressed with this Absolute title that they have endorsed it. The action is arcade oriented, but the various missions take

some thinking to make it through. To design the game and make it as accurate as possible. Absolute's designers spent some time working with NASA. Real experience in shuttle simulations went into producing the game. The missions included feature many variations, but before you can even try them, you have got to get into the shuttle and get it out into space! That can be a lot harder than it sounds

Currently, Absolute Entertainment is working on an updated version of their NES Battletank. This game is called Super Battletank: War in the Gulf, and it will be for the Super



Awesome first-person perspectives bring the Gulf War into your living room with Super Battletank for the Super NES.

NES. It is a first person tank simulation that puts you in the middle of the recent conflict in the Persian Gulf. Acting out real Desert Storm maneuvers in your M1A1 tank, will have mastering the different controls and weapons at your command. "The best thing you've worked on is usually the latest thing you've done because you feel that you're always getting better." said Kitchen. "I think that the best work I've done with the people I'm working with is Super Battletank for the Super NES. It's the best work we've done as far as really showing off the machine early in the development cycle. I think this game is a level above most of what's out there."

COMING SOON . . .

Along with Super Battletank, which should be available in March, is a new sports game for the Super NES. It does not have a final title yet, but its current working title is Tennis.

Absolute designer David Crane is working on this one, and it should be out around June.

Another hot title that will be coming soon from Absolute is Turn and Burn for the GameBoy. This is a real flight simulator for the portable machine, something that has not been done for the GameBoy before. The title is very revolutionary which is one of Absolute's and Imagineering's trademarks.

THE FUTURE AND BEYOND ...

The big question right now in the video gaming world is CD-ROM and CD-I. Will Absolute Entertainment move into this realm when it becomes reality for the Super NES? Kitchen says yes. "We've been talking recently with all of the CD-ROM manufacturers. We expect that we'll be deep in CD-ROM very soon."

Absolute, at this time, does not want to choose between going with



Get ready for intense tank action with Absolute's Super Battletank!

the Sony Play Station or Nintendo's CD-ROM system when they become available. "I think development-wise, we'll go with both," said Kitchen. "We usually develop for all of the commercially successful platforms, so I would expect that we will support both Sony's system as well as Nintendo's."

As Absolute continues to hit all of the major Nintendo machines with the high quality titles it has been putting out, Absolute Entertainment and Imagineering will be making the games you will want to play for vears to come!

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LEVEL TWO

In the second level, the action really starts to heat up. You will confront flying orbs that shoot beams of electricity, and stampeding herds of robot buffalo. The second Boss, known as ScarFace, will definitely give you a run for your money.

Think you can make it to level 3?



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MARDION

SAVE THE ALPHA 1 SOLAR SYSTEM!!

The Alpha 1 Solar System contains three planets. The inhabitants of these planets have been at war for seven months. Invaders from the distant star NGC 1511 are in position to take over all three planets. Representatives of Alpha 1 dispatched their most advanced cyborgs to NGC 1511. They must eliminate the enemy's power source. Communication with the cyborgs has been terminated.

the Alpha 1 Solar System.
Xardion, by Asmik Corporation, presents a new type of adventure for game players. Xardion is a combination of action, adventure and role play combined into one cart. One of its great features is the user's ability to change into any one of the three cyborgs, at any time! You may choose from the ultra-tough Triton, the staff wielding Alcedes or the extremely mobile Panthera.

It is now up to you to save





Avoid the claws of the Stage 1 boss.

The mission begins in the enemy's first base. Then, head underwater to disable the enemy's naval fleet.



In Stage 3, You find an underground cavern. Along the way, you will



encounter the boss for this stage. Watch its arms and keep blasting at



The Stage 3 boss stretches his arms and tries to knock you off your pedestal.

the eyes to defeat it!

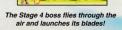
Stage 4 begins in a once bustling town! Watch out for sand traps and other hazards. Look up in the sky!



Here comes the boss, but watch out for his arms.



The stage 2 boss is easy because you cannot destroy it yet!





AWESOME CYBORGS



TRITON

Has the ability to shoot upward and has the second strongest firepower.



ALCEDES

Can only shoot straight ahead, but his shots are the most powerful.



PANTHERA

Can squeeze through small spaces and can use double shots.

it! Upon entering the life core, you will be attacked by roaming cells and antibodies. Dodge their attacks and head into the chamber.

In Stage 7, you enter a crystalline chamber. Be careful of falling shards of crystal and the disappear-





In Stage 5, you encounter this hopping mad boss!

Stage 5 is a long corridor which eventually leads to a boss that kills itself!



Stage 6 is a planet that is truly alive. The trees uproot and attack, while the grass rolls and tries to smash you. Find a hole in the planet, seek out its life core and destroy.





The Stage 6 boss is a series of faces that you must destroy to continue onward!





The Stage 7 boss can only be hit from the back. Jump over it and attack from the rear!

ing floors!

Xardion is an adventure that will keep you on your toes. It provides thrills, surprises and some rude bosses to challenge and entertain the player. With its great graphics and sound effects, the game will definitely appeal to all different types of gamers!

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NINTENDO SUPER NES



SAVE THE HOT CAVE BABES!

Prepare to get down and dirty with two of the hottest cave dudes ever seen! Also known as Caveman Ninja in the arcades, the Super NES version will be called Joe and Mac. The game itself however, will be exactly the same.

Way back in the past, when men could hardly start fires and women were dragged around by their hair, there lived two extremely cool

dudes, named Joe and Mac.
They are enjoying their days of
dinosaur demolition derby, hang gliding on pterodactyls, making stick figures on cave walls and playing tag
with Tyranosauruses, when their
enjoyment is halted by a wild bunch
of neanderthal nerds who suddenly
march into their camp. There is one
slioth problem with these nerds:

THEIR BREATHS STINK. This odorous problem makes every cavewomen in the camp leave, despite the many dangers and dinosaurs that lurk about the land.

As there are no cavewomen left in the camp, Joe and Mac get bored with their games and decide to look for them. There is only one way to get them back, though. You must go out, find them and drag them home.

When you start the game you are armed with only the power of the large club which you possess. However, this club is very weak, and its reach is short. Therefore, you have to get close to the enemies if you want to hit them. Then, after you hit them, they usually hit you back because in that age, the men were men and could take a lot of punishment.

Do not worry, though, all hope is not lost. You will find many power-

strance. You will find them in many strange places that require you to stand on top of pterodactyls, or on the heads of neanderthal nerds.

In the game, four main weapons exist. These weapons are fire, bones, boomerangs and wheels. The power-ups and the weapons are found in eggs that are located along the way. If you destroy the red egg with no one on the screen, a bird will come and carry you away.





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Use team work!



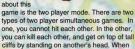
Make sure you get the kiss!





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The best part



you fight the boss, there are two things that you can gain. One involves beating the boss and getting to the next level, and the other is getting kisses from the beautiful cavewomen in bikinis. In order to get a kiss, you need to kill a boss and win an X. The player who hits the most bosses, earns the kisses,

CET DOWN AND DIRTY WITH THE DINOSHI

The levels in this game are filled with a variety of colors and multi-lavered scrolling. There are two specific types of levels, though. The

first type uses horizontal side scrolling, while the other uses vertical up and down scrolling. In the vertical levels, there is not

much you can do other than keep flipping up. Yet, for the side scrolling levels, there are many obstacles that you must get past such as: dropoffs that you have to jump over, flames that unpredictably shoot out of the ground, icy paths which mak stopping difficult, small platforms that require precise jumps, gruesome enemies that try to make a quick meal out of you and pesky dinosaur end bosses. These bosses are huge critters as they take up most of the screen, and require tons of hits to defeat. As

you can see from the photos, your journey will take you over many weird types of terrain, one of which puts you inside a dinosaur!



Watch out for the baby dinosaurs!





Not all the dinos

are bad. Some will help you out!



NINTENDO SUPER NES

THEY'RE CREEPY AND THEY'RE KOOKY...

You know them as the ever-popular Addams Family, and now, the kooky family has their very own video game for the Super NES.

Uncle Fester has been placed under a spell by Abigail Craven, a conniving character anxious to get her hands on the Addams Family fortune. Having recruited a misled Uncle Fester, and assisted by her cohorts, Tully and The Judge, she manages to capture the other members of the Addams Family

Only Gomez can save the day by freeing Pugsley, Wednesday, Granny, and restoring Uncle Fester's memory. Gomez must then set out to find The Judge and free Morticia.

The Addams Family is a long, RPG-type of adventure. This game will not be beaten in a day! You play Gomez Addams who must search each room of the Addams' household in order to find clues where the family members are being held! Each room holds many surprises to be found!

Door 1 leads to the outside of the mansion. There is not much to be found outside, but it is a good place to get a feel for the game.

Door 2 leads to the Old Oak Tree. Be sure to look carefully because there is another heart located here. Hint: Always look a gift tree in the mouth!

Door 3 leads to the Conservatory, This is where Gomez likes to relax, but not today! Many hazards await Gomez here, like the birds and the spiked beetles. Make it to the end and great rewards await you! First, though, you must locate the on/off switch!

Door 4 leads to the Music Room. Here you will see Lurch playing his harpsichord. However, he will not



let you past unless you rescue the family first.

Door 5 leads to the Portrait Gallery. Do not let the beautiful artwork distract you, you have work to do. Be sure to look for the Dark Room within this level, you just may become richer!

Door 6 leads to the Kitchen. Your success will be decided at this point, depending on which way you take here. Choose wisely!

Finally, Door 7 leads to Pugsley's favorite place, The Game Room. In here, you need to watch out for the swinging pendulums and the guillotine. There are also some special

holding your family members, return to the Music Room where the family awaits you. There, the family gives Lurch a part of a tune that Lurch will play to reveal a secret passage.

This sector is where you must fight the final boss. The Judge!

The first part of this second quest involves travelling through the infamous Chain Room. As you pass





surprises that await you! After defeating each of the captors through, you must watch what chains you grab onto, as some of them will disappear!

Then, make your way through the Addams Vault. All you need to do in this section is simply collect money. Then, you go through the door to meet with your next major test - The Judge!

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THE JUDGE!!









THE DOORWAYS TO FREEDOM!



POWER-UP ICONS SHOES

SWORD



Allows

vou to

run

faster.



Fills up one of vour hearts.



The Addams Family is the perfect blend of role playing and adventure game. The various levels, while looking deceptively easy, are challenging and cleverly done. Unlike many of the new S-NES games which are way too easy, the Addams Family will not be a game which you'll beat in one sitting, even with the maps provided here. Coming in March! Look for it!

jab enemies. **GOLF BALL**

balls at your

enemies.

Allows

you to





screen.

FEZ HAT

come to a huge room which contains seven doors. You must proceed through each to find and rescue all of the family members. Then go back to door 4 to meet up with "The Judge".

In the beginning of the game you











NINTENDO SUPER NES

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FINALLY, THE MOMENT OF TRUTH HAS COME...

Now, the mega blockbuster of the arcades will be hitting the Super NES very soon! Like the coin-op version before it, a huge invasion force of intergalactic conquerors has landed and the warriors are ready to take on the world! Armed with your supersonic attack vessel, you are ready to take care of busi-

To accomplish your task, you have many different weapons available. Some examples are spread shots, mega beams, missiles and even a tactical mega bomb for total on-screen devastation! Be wary, though, these guys are tough! Your screens are about to explode with action - be prepared!



STAGE ONE

In stage one, you will fly over some farmland and will meet with some basic enemy firepower!



STAGE TWO

Stage two has a ground defense force in a midsized base. Look for the combined plane!







STAGE THREE

Soar over a huge harbor as gun boats are in your way. Try to reach the super qunboat!







STAGE FOUR

In this level, you are shot at by a horde of small. blue turrets. Keep your distance from them!





STAGE FIVE

This is he final battle on Earth! Here is the railroad supply base. Watch for track terrors!





STAGE SIX

Soar into space to the final battlefield. Avoid asteroids and take on the boss!





STAGE SEVEN

In the outskirts of the home base. keep watch for several pipecrawling robotic insects!





STAGE EIGHT

The action gets really intense at home plant as vou are met with wave after wave of ships!













These items will let you powerup quickly, and will also give you a better chance of survival against the enemy!

RAIDEN

AWESOME SUPER BOMB!



MEGA BOMBS Use this doomsday

weapon to blow away everything on the screen!

LOCK ON TARGET WITH YOUR MISSILES!





Collect these icons for a big spread pack of the forward attacking missiles. Best for attacking bosses.

HOMING SPREAD



The screen is getting a bit cluttered? Nab this power-up to home in on the enemy!

USE ALL YOUR WEAPONS TO THE MAX!

SPREAD SHOT



Collect this power-up to increase vour firepower to a five-directional frontal assault attack!

MEGA BEAM



You can fight the invaders with a powerful 1-directional mega blast of fire-

power!

HERE IS ONE OF THE BASE LEVELS!













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NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM





USE THE POWER OF THE FORCE!!

Contra is coming to both the Super Nintendo and the Nintendo Entertainment System. This 8 bit version continues the same tradition set by the previous Contras. However, it is not just another sequel as Konami has made some changes. The biggest difference in this game is that there now are four players instead of two to choose from. In the beginning of the game, you can pick which of the four characters you want to use. Another difference is that you don't find your weapon, as each character has their own specialized weapons at the start of the game. This game is still like Contra though, because there is still plenty of action, and you have to fight your way through the various areas, then destroy the end boss in each level of the game. Finally, like the original Contra, the levels in this version alternate game play from side scrolling to overhead views. What's nice about the overhead screens is the fact that you don't just charge straight head, rather you can move

-	MANUFACTURER	MACHINE	DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
5 4	KONAMI	NES	MODERATE	MARCH
4 =	CART SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS	THEME	% COMPLETE
T I	4 MEG	5	ACTION	92%

around almost everywhere giving you the chance to explore the whole level. You have to remember to do this as you will find power-ups hid-



Like the previous Contras, the 2 player version is best! Of course, this game is two player

den in strange places.

simultaneous (if it wasn't it wouldn't be Contra), but in this game it can be two player with only one person playing! Like the arcades Konami built in the 'ioin in' feature. At anytime during the game the second player can come in, and help you out. With two players though, it makes the game very easy to beat because you do not have to worry about killing everything yourself. But, if you are playing alone and there is no one to come and play the second player, all hope is not lost. You can have one of the other four

can have him cover your back or front, cover all around you, or you can set it so he is behind or in front of you and he will imitate everything that you do. When the player comes in, he will be fully powered.

If you are playing the game and are about to lose your last life, you can switch your player to one of the other three. This will give you two additional men because each of the four players has three lives, but, if you lose all three lives of any one player your game will be over, even if any of the other four characters still have lives left so stay alert!.



The character in red is controlled by the computer, but he will help you out for five seconds. He is

fully powered, so he can do some serious damage to the enemies. the







At the beginning of the game there is an option screen where you can choose which player you want to

CHOOSE YOUR PLAYER!!!!

start the game as. There are four characters that you can choose from. and each character has his own

unique abilities. In addition, each one has a different arsenal of weapons. so choose your player carefully!





Each character has two moves that are the same. One is a invisible flip, and the other just powers-up your normal shots, but it

does make them faster!!



When you pick the boxes up they will allow you to switch your weapon. If you get four of them you will be able to use your most powerful weapon!



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BEANS

LEVEL 2

This level is overhead, and your battle takes place on the docks. Here you will have to run over many different docks, and you will need to get onto a boat to continue. Be careful, because the enemies on this level are on two planes, there are some that are above you and some below you.





LEVEL 3

This level is another side scroller. but in this one you will have to fight from left to right then from right to left. Somewhat like a maze, you will have to ride in elevators, climb chains, swing on hooks and use a catapult to get through this one. To beat the boss, you must shoot off all of his guns.





LEVEL 4

Your battle has moved back to the overhead perspective, but this time you are fighting on a plane. You will have it walk on the wings, find the hidden door, and blow your way inside in order to get to the other wing. Once at the other wing you have to jump to the next plane that flies by.





NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM

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	2 MEG	N/A	RPG	100%



You will need this special piece of machinery to format each planet that you plan to take over.



It is critical to buy a farming station. Without it, your people will starve to death on the planets!



This Battle Cruiser will carry your military equipment. You will need one of these in case of attack from planets controlled by your enemy!

LEADERSHIP IS NEEDED!

One universe with many planets is at your fingertips. Working from a single starbase, your job is to format barren planets and colonize them. At the same time, an evil dictator is trying to do the same, but his intentions are to conquer and destroy anyone who gets in his way. With this in mind, you need to set up an army. In addition, cargo ships, satellites, farming and mining stations, atmosphere processors need to be built to sustain life on the various planets.

In Overlord, most of the playing time will take place on a control screen in which you may use icons to perform specific functions. From here, you can monitor the status of your people, food, energy and fuel. First, you must buy the ships that are needed to transport materials from your starbase. Then, buy all of the necessary equipment for the starbase and send a planet formatter to the other planets, so you can initiate life and rule over them. Quick decisions have to be made when reports indicate that food, fuel and population levels are critical on a certain planet's surface. Tax your civilians to get you money to buy



machines that will create the necessary resources for the survival of your people. Not only will you have to be wary of these things, but you will also have to take into consideration the threat of war from your enemy's planets. To be prepared for an invasion you should set up military installations on the surface of your worlds. Buy missiles, hover tanks, bases, battle cruisers and more to defend your planet. When attacked, go to the combat screen, and monitor your progress in battle. Prepare ships to send cargo from planet to planet and scrap the

> ones that are not in use. The more planets you rule, the more money you receive, but your responsibility increases as you have quite a bit to watch over. The most used icons appear on your screen. This allows for quick and easy access to the basic functions. You may get advice to attack a certain enemy planet and these hints are always something you should look for before performing any major action. A battery backup save feature is built in to allow you to save your game - a good feature as this is one long quest!



Once you buy a Planet Formatter, you should choose an empty planet and let it go to work. Once it is ready, you can populate your new planet!



After you buy a ship, prepare it for launching to any one of your planets. Don't forget, you should plan to have fuel and food for your crew that will be aboard.



You have now prepared your ship for its journey. Next you will go to the Navigation Screen and launch your craft to the planets that need them.



In the Government Screen, you may access economic and resource levels on your planets. Set your tax rates and review the status of your ships and strength.



To defend your planets, be sure to buy a battle cruiser. Then, equip the cruiser with hovertanks, ballistic missiles and homing missiles.



When you have an army, you can go into battle and either defend your own planet or attack an opposing planet. Here, you can monitor the progress of a battle.

IMPORTANT CONTROL ICONS



Planet Formatter



Cargo Bay Screen



Navigation Screen



Government Screen



Spying



Combat Screen



Platoon Management



Buy Screen

TREASURE STEUR CONTEST TER TEREST PARTS

It is the biggest contest ever to hit the NES! To help you beat the game, we will be giving tips for the last two

levels of this puzzling game. There is one major trick to this level. In the beginning of the level, you will come across a blue mushroom on the ground. If you push up when you are standing over the mushroom, you will find a secret room. In here, you will find a construction potion. Next, go into the doors as you reach them. In one door, you will find a 1-up, and in the other, a drop off. Fall down, and go immediately to the left in order to get the key. Then, go back to the right and a path will lead to a locked door. You should use the key, and then keep going right, until you cannot go any further. Once there use your construction potion to get an apple. In the next level, the cav-

LEVEL 4 -FANTASY FOREST

ern, go to the right until you arrive at the barrel. Utilize your apple and you can get into the barrel.





Once you reach the blue mushroom, push up on it and you will find a construction potion.







When you get to this point, do not turn around because using your construction potion here creates a path leading to the apple.







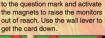
Use the apple to knock the barrel into the water. Then, climb into the barrel for a safe ride down the waterfall.

LEVEL 5 - INSIDE YOUR NES

The battle has moved to inside your NES and the puzzle is getting more and more complex. The first thing to do is to collect the four mutation credits. Start by going up the rope and get the bomb. Then, blow up the wall to the left of the bomb. Next, go to the left (you will find a key on the way). and you will come to a transporter booth. Go in here, and you will be able to get two more coins. From here, take the platform down that is to the right of the second coin. Then, start making your way to the right. Once at the door, use the key. Keep following the path, and you will find another bomb. Take this bomb up and to the left, then get another and take it to the right. If you did this right, you should have two entry cards.

the left. Continue in this fashion, until you reach two monitors with magnets above them (pick up a magnet control box on the way). Go







Activate the magnets to raise the monitors. Then, use the lever on the wall to get the card down.







With all three cards, find the room with the three question marks. Use the cards and the door will open. Now, your quest is done until april.

From the second card, go up and to



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II II	2 MEG	N/A	RPG/SIM	100%

IT IS TIME TO RETRIEVE THE GEMFIRE!

A long time ago, in the land of Ishmeria, there was a magical crown of magnificent power. One day, a woman, Princess Robyn, came to realize that the crown was being misused for vile acts and unsavory greed! She stole the crown and cast a spell that sent the seven gems affixed to the crown across the land. Now, after many years have passed, your family seeks to restore the crown to its former glory! First, however, you must capture the seven pieces, which are now formed into six sorcerers and a dragon!

You need to build up your funds, your army, your province's strength and stop various natural disasters from reeking havoc on your people. Good luck, brave leader!

ISHMERIA



Behold, the land of Ishmerial Here is where the seven pieces are hidden. You need to defeat each family power before you can restore the Gemfire!

GEMIDIRE





One of the best ways to obtain land is to take another's! You must fight in close-up scenes!



Need some extra cash? About to fight a country?Then use this option to help both problems!





You definitely need food and protection, so use this option to help your people!

BEHOLD - THE MAGIC OF GEMFIRE!

THE DISQUISED GEMS SCYLLA CHYLLA SKULRYK ZEDNOR











are born from the power of the above crown gems. After obtaining these, you will need to find the central stone - a dragon!

EMPYRON

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Morticia has been kidnapped!

Kidnappers have hidden Morticia somewhere in the stary Addams Mansien. You and Gomez have to escape hidden traps, and battle scary ghouls and goblins on your search to find her. Collect the million dollar ransom, find Wednesday, Pugdey and the rest of the family in your attempt to rescue the heloved Morticia.









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WITNESS THE TRUE SKILLS OF A WARRIOR!

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THE MAGICAL WEAPONS OF THE MYSTICAL FIGHTER



With a boost of sushi, you can take on the largest of demons.



Call upon the sun spirits to let you use the stun ray.



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Call upon the gods of the skies to unleash the powers of the lightning!

AREA 1-1 -- THE TRAINING GROUNDS



AREA 1-2 -- THE MYSTICAL TEAHOUSES OF THE ANCIENTS

This page features pictures of some of the levels of Kabuki. The first two are easy and allow you to learn your martial arts moves. The next level features some fairly dangerous pitfalls, and you have really got to watch your step. Once you get past this, it is on to the third level, where you have to take on various dangerous ninia warriors. Continue on your trek towards the arena for the final show-



down with the grand Kabukimaster. You must face many deadly bosses to reach your goal. Practice on easy mode first because you are not allowed into the arena until you master the difficult level and all of the bosses. Be wary, some of the bosses, when standing, extend from the top of the screen to the bottom. Save your magic powers for the huge bosses who would otherwise take a large number of normal hits!

AREA 2-1

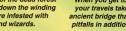


PRESS ON TO THE MORE ADVANCED LEVELS!

AREA 2-2



In the eerie land of the dead forest you must travel down the winding paths which are infested with demons and wizards.



AREA 4-1



Should you live long enough to see the fourth level, you will journev high into the clouds where your vision is severely limited.

AREA 3-1



When you get to the third level your travels take you along an ancient bridge that has numerous pitfalls in addition to the enemy.

AREA 4-2



Survive the lofty cloud stage and move out along the path of the warriors. Stav clear of their swords and use your magic!

AREA 3-2



Next, you must travel down the corridors of the ancient pagodas. There you will meet beings with powers as strong as yours!

AREA 5-1



The fifth level is on the border of Hades. Hot, scorching flames surround you as you take on the strongest of the evil sorcerers! Electronic Gaming Monthly

E	MANUFACTURER	MACHINE	DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
5 🖫	DATA EAST	GENESIS	EASY	FEBRUARY
4 =	CART SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS	THEME	% COMPLETE
	8 MEG	6	ACTION	100%

YO, DUDES!

Far into the future, the fate of New York is quite grim. Nuclear radiation has leaked out, wiping out a majority of the city. The charred remains of the metropolis is mostly made up of self-serving gangs and disgusting mutants of magnificent proportions! Unfortunately, one of the gangs has acquired the assistance of a great scientific mind to help the members in their evil endeavors. This being has also managed to evolutionize the mutants and mechanical terrors that haunt the city streets.

Being the all-around good samaritan dudes who you are, you must use your brutal strength to hack your way through. Even a friend can join in!

NEW YORK STREETS





This is not a very friendly neighborhood. Thugs attack you swiftly and in gangs! Watch out for the boss's whip!

GOON'S PLAYGROUND





Travel deeper into the city and sniff out the crime bosses. Two huge wrestlers await you at the end of the level.

THE BACK ALEY





Is this snow? No it's radioactive fallout! Grab one of the enemy and throw him at his fellow gang members!

THE SUBWAY



You're real close to the lair. Play catch with a few boulders! Grab anything and use it as a weapon!

ABANDONED WAREHOUSE



ed goons even hide in the walls! Punch and kick your way to a clear spot then finish them off. Crouch down to take out the first wave of dogs!

Proceed slow-

ly as the mutat-

ENEMY HEADQUARTERS



They have tanks for security in the base! Grab one of the thugs and throw him at the tanks. Watch out for the rabid dogs as they case some heavy

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II II	4 Meg	6	Racing	100%



JUST A ROLLIN' ALONG...

Attention computer buffs, classic arcade and NES fans - the most unique race game of the past is heading towards 16-bit!

It is your job to guide a marble through six perilous races before the time runs out. Be careful out there, as many different dangers lie ahead!

PRACTICE RACE

Here, all you will need to do is

find the exit before the time

runs out. This zone is just for

These dangers include absorbing acid slime, leaping Marble Munchers and endless heights of unprotected ground.

The object of the game is to reach the goal marker with as much time as possible. You have an unlimited number of balls, so if you fall off an edge and smash into a pile of rubble or get inhaled by a Vaccuum, you will just lose time.

BEGINNER RACE





During this stage, you will run into tube-like creatures, your own clone and other traps that will have to be avoided.

DANGERS GALORE!



The Acid Slime will dissolve your marble if you touch it.



The Marble Munchers will devour your marble.



Vaccuums appear and pull you off the edge.



The Hammers hide and try to squash you. The Bumper Ballis



Terror-dactiles will try to lance you into oblivion!

try to knock you off the track.

The terrain is tough, the challenge is difficult, but it is your job to make it through! If not, then either you will be swept up by a dust broom, smashed into little pieces, or knocked senseless. Take care, this is going to be one heck of a race!

NTERMEDIATE RACE





During this race, you must roll through a walled maze, avoid acid slime and take a ride on a huge wave machine.

practice - no major threats. AERIAL RACE





SILLY RACE





It is time for a reverse flight, as you travel upwards instead of downwards. Keep an eye out for flying birds for bonus time!

ULTIMATE RACE





This zone is tough! You will need to keep up your speed as the pathways will dissolve before your eyes!

New

Electronic Gaming Monthly, December 1991

"... GAME ACTION REPLAY... Unbelievable!

...players can save where they are in any game on the GAR, shut the NES off and come back to that position at a later date. Cool!" -Electronic Gaming Montbly

ust save the place where you usually lose a life. Resume : game play and when you lose a life, go back to the saved section and try again. This can be done as often as you like without losing any lives! You'll be able to get to levels that only a handful of players have ever gotten to!

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Mastering the curves on the bobsled run will not be easy, especially when going against the clock.



Cross country skiing looks easy, but it can be a pain if you do not watch where you are going.



The luge can be as tough as the bobsled. Try to get on the curves to boost up your speed.



The realistic feel of the downhill is impressive. One wrong turn and vou will get snow in the face!

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WINTER CHALLENGE

The biathlon requires good aim as well as skiing skills. After skiing to the target, you must shoot for the bullseye with your rifle.

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Feel the cold steel of your skates on ice as the fast paced speed skating competition takes place.



Watch the position of your skis as you jump, or you will land and fall.

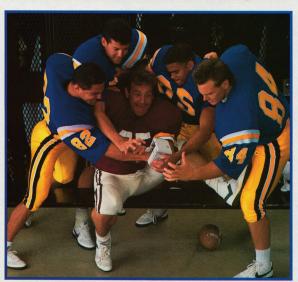


The giant slalom is the ultimate skill test. Do not miss the gates!

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ı	BALLISTIC	GENESIS	AVERAGE	MARCH
ı	CARTRIDGE SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS	THEME	% COMPLETE
	4 MEG	N/A	SPORTS	90%

Light Boy is Bound to Attract Attention!



I can't take my Light Boy any place without making a commotion. All I wanted was a few private moments on the Game Boy before the offense got off the field; but now I've got these rookies

from the other team in here. They like the way Light Boy makes the Game Boy screen light up in the dark. The 11/2 times magnification is great, too. Light Boy is bound to attract attention.

Now, how do I get rid of these guys?

■ Bilateral lighting ■ 1.5 magnification Batteries included

■ Replaceable light bulbs

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II. III.	8 MEG	7	SHOOTER	100%



PERIL IN THE SKY...

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STAGE ONE





Here, you will soar above a city backdrop and have to contend with flying airships as well as a giant boss train!

STAGE THREE





above the clouds! Here, you will encounter some old mini-bosses and a gigantic battle cruiser!

Be prepared to fight

STAGE TWO





Journey through a deep mine shaft filled with dark passages and falling rocks. Take on the excavating machine at the end of the level!

STAGE FOUR





Now, go to the ocean to battle some giant cannons. under-sea turrets and a giant attack submarine with flight capa-

bility!

THREE MORE LEVELS TO GO!!

You're on your own for the last three levels. Just to clue you in, Stage 5 has you trapped between two battling star ships. Also, the bosses from Stage 3 will be back! Stage 6 is the last before the final battle. Sail over the main base, then take on the enemy.

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PLAYER 2

New surprises! Use the black ball. Defend your goal!

SPECIAL ICONS CHANGE THE GAME!











Other player no score







Balls to Player 2

Other player no firina

















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8 ball split 16 ball split COLLECT ICONS FOR BONUS POINTS



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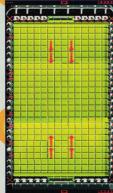




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Dangers lurk in the levels. such as falling balls, creatures running along the field and Coiley! Also, Slick and Sam change the colors of blocks!

LEAP FOR **YOUR LIFE!**

Get ready to latch onto your portables as the leapin' critter from the arcade classic, bearing the same name, has now entered the Game-Boy arena via Jaleco!

You are cast as a two-legged, little, fur-ball who has the guts needed to complete several levels of blocks that need a serious color change. To do this, simply leap from one block to the next. Yet, during the later levels, you will need to change them more than once! You will also be encountering many different creatures that will hound your progress. Some of which include little wall-running creeps, dropping balls, or even the infamous snake - Coiley. Also, keep an eve out for Slick and Sam they will change the color of your blocks!

Do not worry, there are all kinds of fruits that you can get to increase vour score substantially! An entire leaping experience is in your hands!

GOOD ITEMS









Keep a sharp eve out for the many goods to come your way! With items like pellets, apples, Slick and Sam your points will rack up! Also, get disks to escape from danger!

CHANGE COLORS



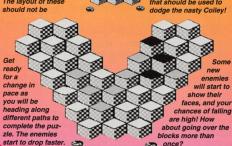
The only way to defeat a stage is to change all of the block colors. To do this, just leap upon each individual block.

CHECK OUT THESE AMAZING LEVELS!

During the early rounds. vou will encounter simple level designs. Some are in the shape of triangles, while others, like this one, are in the shape of hexagons. The layout of these

difficult to master. All you need to do is land on the individual squares to change their color (once through the early rounds). Also. usually located near the bottom are disks that should be used to dodge the nasty Coiley!

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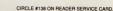
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	CART SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS	THEME	% COMPLETE
	1 MEG	70+	ACTION	100%

HAVE A NICE DAY!

Welcome to the year 2000 AD. Where YOU are the prime contestant of the most popular blast-away game of the future - CyberScape!

You are in control of a highly sophisticated Smiloid. There is only one purpose for this mission, find all the other enemy Smiloids and wipe them out of existence! To do this, you will need to sail through the 70+ mazes that exist throughout the entire complex of CyberScape! As you cruise along through the intricately laid out halls, corridors and

blocked off rooms, you will need to keep the cross-hairs of your weapon trained on every corner, doorway and intersection. Who knows what might be lurking on the other side?

This is only half of the fun, though. There is also a fantastic option that allows 4-player blasting action! Now. you and three other friends can take on the CyberScape challenge against on another! Each player will have his own perspective and his own individual shape on the other player's screen! This allows for a great deal of variety! Now, this is multi-player FUN!

FIRST PERSON PERSPECTIVE



The entire game is set in the first person perspective! Just like a rat in a maze you must maneuver through the seeming endless maze of walls searching for the exit while avoiding the other Faceballs who are out after you!



JUST ONE OF THE LEVELS!



At any point in the game, you can select an overhead map of where all the other Smiloids are situated in the halls!

COLLECT POWER-UPS!



Search in the different corridors for these flashing globes for power-ups like force-field smashers and 1-ups!

THE FIRST SMILOID!



The main round Smiloid can take a lot of brutality and is able to move at high speeds. This is best for beginners!

THE SECOND SMILOID!



As opposed to the round one, this is quite slow and weak, so it is easy to knock out of the game!

THE THIRD SMILOID!



Similar to the second one, this one is just a little faster than the second one. This one is average at best!

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MANUFACTURER	MACHINE	DIFFICULTY	AVAILABLE
CAPCOM	NINTENDO	MODERATE	NOW
CART SIZE	NUMBER OF LEVELS	THEME	% COMPLETE
4 MEG	18	ACTION	100%

MORE MEGA **ACTION!**

Get ready for the continuation of the the Mega Man 4 Super Play! When we last left our hero, Rock, the

coura-

castle is up to you to survive. Okay, here is an overview.

It was the year A.D. 200X, and Dr. Light, a master robot designer, created robots to do household chores. Then, one day, the robots started to turn on their owners. The entire city was in chaos. After some deliberation. Dr. Light came to the conclusion that the evil Dr. Wily was the culprit behind it all.

Dr. Light created a a new robot to combat this evil. However, in order to keep this robot from turning to Dr.

geous lad who had volunteered to

become Mega Man, just defeated Dust Man. These pages will take you through the rest of the

Wily's side, he did not create a whole robot. He only created the shell of one to be worn by a human, thereby converting the wearer into our savior robot. Rock volunteered to wear the shell, so he became MEGA MAN!





When you climb up this ladder, go to the left. You can get a 1up and an energy tank. The best way to get to these items is to

.....

go on the top, so you

can jump over the enemies.

MAN

Before you battle with Skull Man. you should beat Ring Man and



then Dust Man. When you enter the room you want to have your Mega Buster fully powered, and as soon as Skull Man appears, shoot! Once you shoot him with a blast from the Mega Buster, switch weapons, and use Dust. This weapon will destroy Skull Man with only a few hits: thus, it is important to have beaten Dust Man. This may not be as easy as you think. When Skull Man comes out he has already started firing. Dodge the shots, and then try to hit him with shots of your own. Next. Skull Man will either charge at you, or put up his Skull Shield. If he

charges you, try to jump over him. Once his shield is up, there is nothing vou can do.



You cannot beat this enemy with vour normal shots. You

must utilize your Mega Buster at full power to do away with him.



DRILL MAN!

Although you might be thinking that you want to use Skull on Drill Man, you should not. You want to use Dust again. When you enter the room, Drill Man will not appear from the right side of the screen, as other enemies do. Instead, he will rise from the floor. The best way to avoid getting hit when he comes up is to not stand in one place. Once he is up, hit him with Dust.









There is a part in this level where you have to get under falling rocks. They fall too fast to run under, so you need to have your Skull Shield on. The rocks will destroy your shield, but not you!

You will find spots where there is no land, and they will appear insurmountable. Yet, just hit the switch and land will appear.





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THE BEGINNING OF A WHOLE NEW LEGEND

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Back in time, there was a land surrounded by mountains and forests. This land was known as Hyrule. There was a mysterious type of gold hidden there which had great power and wisdom. One day, people found the entrance to the sacred lands and fought their way through, Unfortunately, these sacred lands were deceptive, and the evil beyond overcame them. The king of Hyrule ordered that seven people would close the gate to the other world and never open it again.

After many years of peace, there appeared someone who tried to open the seal. The evil wizard, known as Agnon, went against the king and took control of the guards. He kidnapped the daughters of the seven protectors and took the beautiful Princess Zelda captive. The time was approaching when Zelda would be sacrificed and the gate to both worlds would forever be opened. This is where you come in.

You are the valiant warrior known as Link. You are looked upon as a mere boy, but you are actually from a race of royal people. More importantly, you are the chosen one to rid Hyrule of the evil Agnon.

The U.S. National Video Game Team has blown through this fantastic game and is ready to share with you the secrets and mysteries of the land of Hyrule. Get ready for maps, strategies, hot tips and techniques that will get you to the end of this excellent cart. You saw it here first!

DUB SEVOM WEN YNEM SEK YNLL techniques that you must master.



defend you.

BUMP

Run into trees

to find items.













PUSH Push blocks to find things



THROW Throw an item









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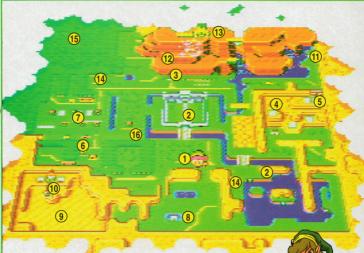








TE LAND OF HYRUE



IMPORTANT PLACES TO GO.

- Link's House There are always hearts waiting for you here.
- 2 King's Castle Rescue Princess Zelda from here to start your quest.
- 3 Church Get a heart container and info about Agnon's weaknesses.
- Old Man's House He gives you
- the boots and valuable information.

 East Dungeon You can get the
- Bow and the Warriors Medal here.

 Book Store You can find the
- Book of Ancient Writings here.

 7 Town There are many things
- that you can get here, so be alert.

 Hyrule Dam If you drain the lake you'll find Heart Container piece.

- Desert You can get the Fire Magic if you have the Mirror.
- Desert Dungeon Get the Power Glove and the Power Medal here.
- Waterfalls You can get the Flippers from the Giant Zola.
- Death Cave Look for the Warp
- to the Dark World here.

 Tower Dungeon You'll find the Moon
- Crystal and the Medal of Wisdom here.

 Gypsy's House She can tell
- you where to go next.

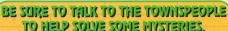
 5) Forest of Master Sword Look for
- the Master Sword and a mushroom.

 Swordsmith He can help you if you find his partner in the Dark World.



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- This is the thieves den. In the basement, you will find a variety of treasure chests filled with valuable items and money.
- This is the wife of the old man a descendant of the seven protectors. She will tell you valuable info about the Master Sword.
 - If you have the magic whistle, stand in front of the windmill and blow. You will be very happy with the results.
- The young man in this house is ill and cannot get out of bed. He will give you the Bug Net which allows you to catch fairies.
- f you talk to the man in this house, he will give you important clues about the Big Zola by the waterfall.
- 6 Use a bomb to open the shed. Inside you find four bombs, a cluster of five arrows and some mice.
- This is the town pub. If you talk to the men inside, you will learn about the large fairy and the boy with the flute.



GETTING THROUGH THE FIRST WORLD

The following tells how to negotiate the first world. (Just so you know, the second world has seven dungeons and even more mysteries). You should look around the overworld for as many secrets as possible. When you get the Boots of Pegasus, you can

Pegasus, you can charge into objects to find items and hidden passages (try running into clumps of mushrooms and and trees). You

rooms and and trees). You can also find holes in the walls by tapping on them with your sword.

The hollow walls will make a different sound and they can be opened with a bomb. Once you have obtained the three

medals and retrieved the Master Sword, go to the King's castle and cut down the magic barrier to the castle tower. If you find the top of the tower, be sure to have at least one jar of medicine.

The fight against Agnon is not that intense, but you must remember to

propel his shots back at him to defeat him. If you strike him with your sword, you will be hurt considerably. Once you have defeated him, you

will be transported to the Dark World. Use the Magic Mirror to go back and forth between the Dark World and

the Dark World and Hyrule. You will be able to get to places that you once could not reach. If you go to the lower left section of the map while in the Dark World and



use the Magic Mirror to go back to Hyrule, you should be able to find the second magic icon. For the third, go to the waterfall area and throw a

skull into the ring of rocks. A giant fish will spit out the icon. There are even more mysteries in this incredible game. Stay tuned for more help in the next issue.

EAST DUNGEON



Be sure to visit the old man after getting the medal and he will give you the boots.

This dungeon only has two floors. The Boss is on the lower level. Find the Bow in a treasure chest on the first floor. Use the Bow against the Boss for best results.







DESEKT DANGEON



You must have the Book of Ancient Writings in order to get into the dungeon. This dungeon has three floors. You must find the Power Glove to get to the entrance of the second floor. The Boss can easily be defeated by using







LOMEK DANGEON



With the third medal, go to the Forest of Master Sword and get this weapon. This dungeon has a whopping six levels. The Moon Crystal is somewhere on the fourth level. Watch out, the Boss will knock you over the edge to the bottom.









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