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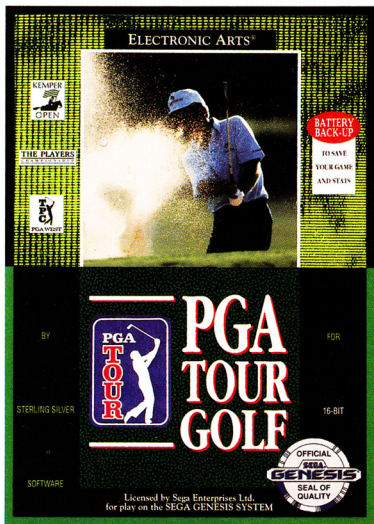
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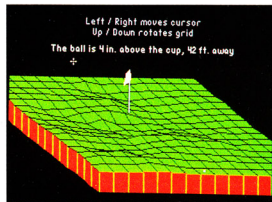


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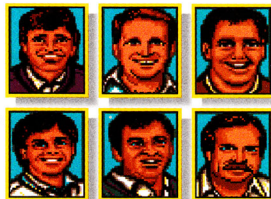


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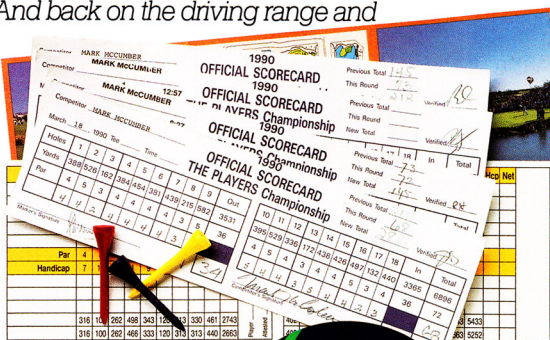
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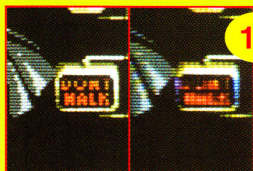



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Bart outdoes himself this time with the ending to VALIS 3.

"These Guys Think Gaiares Is Awesome."



Jamie Bunker
Professional Gamer

"I Happen To Agree."

There you have it. The critics agree that Gaiares is one of the hottest games around. In fact, once Dr. Dave of GAMEPRO Magazine got his hands on the 8 meg fighting power of Gaiares, he gave it a perfect  score, and stated, "Novice space jockey's need not apply". Then came Electronic gaming Monthly magazine.

They were so impressed with Gaiares, they couldn't put it down. They said "Games just don't get any better than this. Gaiares is Phenomenal! 8 Meg of incredible graphics put it in a league all its own. If you thought the lava in the TF-3 was intense, wait till you see the hyperspace scene!"

So now that you know what the pro's think, go experience the awesome Gaiares for yourself. And watch out for the bosses.



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Christmas 1991...Boom or Bust?

It's time to pull out the crystal ball and take a look into the future. Many Sega players have voiced concern about the new competition from the big N. Some envision doom, some expect software companies to defect while others just expect a slowdown. Is all this fear warranted? Granted the big N will throw hundreds of millions in advertising for it's new S-NES. And, even the most conservative estimate of system sales (one million) will equal in three months, what Sega and NEC haven't been able to do in two years!

But does this mean the end of a whole game system? For the best guess, we can look to Japan. The Super Famicom came out in November 1990 and since then our sources indicate that Mega Drive sales have not decreased. Sales are flat but there was no crash. However price plays a very important part in the battle of the systems. Unlike the U.S., the Mega Drive in Japan costs about \$90 at the discount stores. The Super Famicom with cables and power supply tops out at over \$200. Software companies haven't switched allegiance, but the giants - Konami and Capcom haven't expanded their lineup to include the Mega Drive as rumors predicted. The games themselves, have improved in both quality and variety. Eight megabit carts are becoming more common and the new generation of softs are starting to experiment with scaling and rotation. Price again plays an important part. Stores in Japan immediately take a third off the list price and the big 8 meg carts seldom sell for more than \$40.

So how does that compare to the U.S.? The Genesis sells for about \$160+. Perhaps less when they're running a promo. The S-NES is expected to sell for \$199 with a game. The softs are anywhere from \$50 to \$80. Probably the same for the S-NES carts. NEC has just dropped their system to \$99. Genesis has to either go head-to-head with the S-NES or drop the price. We predict another promo deal (free game) later this year.

On the negative side, the long awaited CD-ROM will not appear here this Christmas to boost sales and all that leaves is games. Sega tells us that its programmers are learning new tricks as the second generation of softs start to appear. Sonic and Fantasia are good examples of this.

We believe that Sega has learned from the old Master System vs. NES battle of a few years back and that this war will be much different. The end result? A great season for software. The games will be the best ever seen on any system. System sales will be flat through the holidays until the CD-ROM comes out next spring when they will increase.

Sega has a solid position in the 16 bit market and this will not dramatically change when the S-NES appears. Prices will have to change, but how much has yet to be determined. While there is more competition, we expect that the Genesis will do well through the Christmas season.

ED SEMRAD
Editor





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R-360..WHEN?

I really want to know when the Sega Tera" is going to come out in the U.S. and when and where the R-360 will be in the arcades? Me and my friends think you are the most radical, awesome and gnarly mag around!

Enrique Escobar
Los Angeles, CA



The ultimate simulator Sega's R-360!

(Ed. Sorry Enrique. When we were in Japan last month we asked those same questions to the people at SOJ. The Tera Drive (as it's officially known) is not scheduled to be coming to the U.S. in the near future. The R-360, because of it's 'radical' treatment of the player - flips, rolls etc., will probably remain as a Japan Only product. Japanese Sega arcades have a special maintenance agreement and if the R-360 would ever freeze-up, service people would be there within minutes. That type of service isn't available here in the U.S. and may prevent this super simulator from ever appearing here.)

WHITE GAME GEAR?

Whoa dude! What's with the white Game Gear you showed in your last issue of Mega Play? I called Sega and they don't know anything about this system. They say you just doctored the picture to sell magazines. What gives? Tell me more. I want to buy a Game Gear but the white one looks cooler than the ugly black one.

The limited production White Game Gear!

GAIARES HELP...

I own Gaiare for the Genesis and am pleased to say this is graphically the best game on the system and the challenge and game addiction is astounding. Please help me! I'm

If this is a special unit I'll wait till I see it in the stores.

John Hahn
Longwood, FL

I really liked your Game Gear coverage in the last issue. Being able to turn the GG into a TV is a nice feature but I don't want to wait until winter to get one. If I buy the Japanese one from a mail order store will it work in my American Game Gear?

Ryan Adams
Niagara Falls, Can.

(Ed. John there really is a White Game Gear! But only in Japan for now. I'm sure Sega of America is watching the sales of this special item very closely! As the picture shows, it's quite a package too! Costly also, as it will run about \$260. But for that money you get a white tuner and a custom made metal carrying case (also in white!). It is a limited production run and generating some excitement among the Japanese players.

There is good and bad news about using the Japanese tuner in the U.S. GG. We've researched the specs. on the foreign tuner. The good news is that it works in the U.S. unit. Unfortunately it will not tune in all of the US TV channels. If you can do without our channels 2-4 go for it. Channel 1 in Japan is in the vicinity of our channel 5.)



stuck! I only got to Stage 5 and can't get any further. Any codes like unlimited men, unlimited continues or stage select to help me through?

Chris White
New Rochelle, NY

(Ed. You bring up a question regarding a subject that is difficult to handle on our part. On one side we have all these great codes that we are just itching to publish. Unfortunately, some, like invincibilities, literally destroy a game and the game companies ask us not to publish them. On the other hand we get letters like yours where you have gotten as far into the game as you can, and the game is now frustrating.

The solution to the whole problem is very easy, but few, if any, companies do it. When the game comes from Japan (as most do) all the U.S. company has to do is to request that the company who programmed the game pull out all 'destructive' tricks.

As part of our policy we will publish all 'nondestructive' tricks - level selects, continues and the like. Invincibilities will be held back for one month after the game is in the stores. Regarding your Gaiare's level select, check our tricks starting on page 12.)

WHERE ARE??

What ever happened to the game Sorcerian for the Mega Drive? It looked like it would be a great quest game.

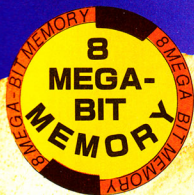
Brad Spencer
Las Vegas, NV

I am looking for a game called Cross Fire. You ran pictures in Mega Play 2. Has it come out yet?

Allen Powell
Philadelphia, PA

(Ed. Sorcerian did come out for the Mega Drive last year. Massive amounts of language translation would be needed in this average quality soft and therefore nobody picked it up. Crossfire (Super Airwolf) came out last month in Japan.)

WRESTLEWAR UPDATE: EGM has learned that Sega will release this spectacular 'large figure' wrestling game in Japan next month! See page 34 for details and pictures!



A NEW DOOR OPENS THE WORLD OF REAL-TIME COMBAT.

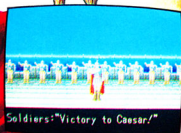
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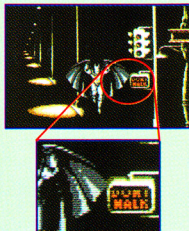
RGB for the Genesis. How good is it? That's one of the most frequently asked questions we get. And while we say that it is better, now you can, once and for all, see the difference for yourself!

We have taken two Genesis games and one Master System cart and shot identical pictures in two modes - RGB and composite Audio/Video. While here at EGM we use \$4000 broadcast monitors, you can expect similar results from other monitors such as the Commodore 1084.

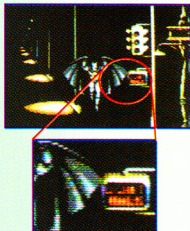
The main advantage to playing games in the RGB mode is the increase in clarity and definition. Absolute resolution will not increase, but it will look like it has. This is because each pixel is now sharply defined with absolutely no color 'spill-over' into the adjacent pixels. You can see this in the extreme close-up of the Don't Walk sign in Batman. The A/V ver-

GENESIS

RGB



COMPOSITE



In the RGB mode you can read the Don't Walk sign in Genesis Batman!

MASTER SYSTEM

RGB



COMPOSITE



RGB offers sharper, clearer details in M.S. Strider!

PIN CONFIGURATION*



* As viewed looking at the cable.

sion is less clear due to this color spill-over. Expect even more 'blurring' if your system is being played through the RF output (channel 3).

OK, so it didn't take much to convince you that this is the way to go. Now what?

First you must find a monitor that has an analog (not digital) RGB input. We highly recommend the Commodore 1084 as you can manually adjust nearly every video parameter - even for over-scan.

Next you will need to have a custom cable made. Take the pin configuration below along with your monitor instruction book to a computer service center. These shops usually will have personnel who will know what you want. Shielded cables are recommended, but not necessary for each wire. Make sure to specify that they use a DIN connector to the Genesis end. Then plug it in and enjoy!

RGB SONIC



COMPOSITE SONIC

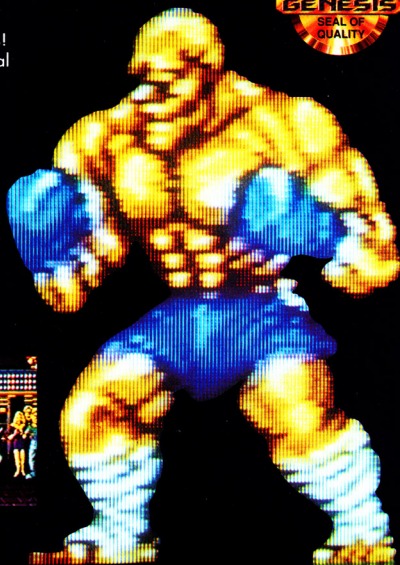


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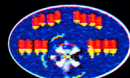


TWIN COBRA (Sega/Genesis)

Stage Select - If you're having problems with this tough shooter there is a way to select any level you want to start on.. At the title screen, press START to get the green options screen. Now press UP, DOWN, RIGHT, LEFT, and then hit START. You will see the words stage select and then you'll be able to select any of the game's 10 challenging levels.

TWIN COBRA (Sega/Genesis)

Full powered up shots - You can start the game off with a fully powered up weapon. To do this simply start the game and then PAUSE. Now press UP, DOWN, RIGHT, LEFT. Hold BUTTON A and unpause the game and you will have incredible firepower. Any special weapons you collect will be fully powered up as well.



AWESOME FIREPOWER!



GAIARES

(Renovation/Genesis)

Stage Select - You can select any stage of this amazing 8 Meg shooting extravaganza. To do this first go to the configuration mode by holding A, B, C, and pressing START. While in the Configuration Mode put the sound test on 18. Hold BUTTON A on controller 2 and EXIT. Now when you press START at the title screen you will go to the Stage Select screen.



HOLD A, B, C, AND PRESS START TO ENTER THE CONFIGURATION MODE.

PUT THE BGM TEST ON 18, HOLD A ON CONTROLLER 2 AND EXIT.

Configuration mode
Difficulty Normal
▶ B.G.M. test 18
S.E. test 00
Language English
Exit



WHEN YOU HIT START YOU WILL GO TO THE STAGE SELECT MODE.

WASTE THE GULFER LEADER AND SAVE THE PLANET EARTH!



GAIARES

(Renovation/Genesis)

Weapon Select - Now you can select any weapon in this phenomenal shooter. First enter the Stage Select mode. Pause the game and hold UP and press BUTTON A to select your weapon. The F-Formation and T-Braster are highly recommended.



Each hit of BUTTON A will give you a new weapon. There are 13 different weapons to choose from.

NORMAL
LV-1

SEARCH
LV-1

S-LASER
LV-1



GAIARES

(Renovation/Genesis)

Weapon Power Up - There is a way to power up any weapon instantly. First you must enter the Stage Select mode. Once your playing the game hit START to pause and hold UP and press BUTTON A twice. Unpause the game and shoot your TOZ out for full power.



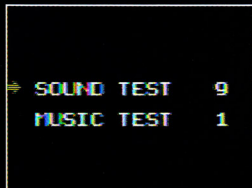
Instantly power up any weapon for increased destruction and a better chance at saving the earth.



POWERBALL

(Namco/Genesis)

Sound Test - You can listen to all of the great music tracks or sound effects. Just go to the League Continue Mode and pick China. When the password screen appears put in KWGEN. Hit START and you'll enter the Sound Test.



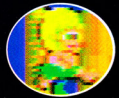
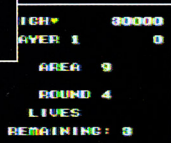
REVENGE OF DRANCON

(Sega/Game Gear)

Level Select - There is a way to select any level you want. At the title screen hold DOWN and press START. When at the Level Select screen press UP to choose which level you want and press a button to begin.



Hold DOWN and press START. Then press UP to select the level.



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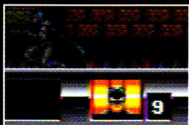
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BATMAN
(Sunsoft/Genesis)



PSYCHIC WORLD
(Sega/Game Gear)

Sound Test and Stage Select - You can listen to the sounds in this game or start on any level you wish. To do this, at the title screen, hold UP & LEFT and BUTTONS 1 & 2 all at the same time and press START. Now you'll be able to select the sounds or the levels.



SOUND TEST ED
SPECIAL MODE
ESP FULL
ROUND SELECT
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**VALIS 3**

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MEGA-FILE

Manufacturer: Sega
Sega System: Genesis
Cartridge Size: 4 Meg
Number of Levels: 13
Theme: Action
Difficulty: Moderate
Number of Players: 1
Available: July 1991

Fantasia

ROCK WITH BACH AND MICKEY TOO!

The masterminds at Sega and Infogames have brought the magic of classical music and Disney animation to life on the Genesis. Mickey's back in an all new adventure based on the classic Disney film *Fantasia*. This time Mickey must find out who has captured the Apprentice Sorcerer's music. He must recover the lost notes so the music can play once again. The game play is similar to *Castle of Illusion* in that Mickey must jump on most of his enemies to defeat them. Mickey also has magic and few other tricks up his sleeve. Spectacular animation and phenomenal musical score make *Fantasia* a fantastic sequel to *Castle of Illusion*.

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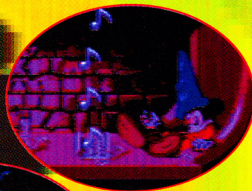


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AMAZING ANIMATION!!!



Mickey has an astounding number of animations!



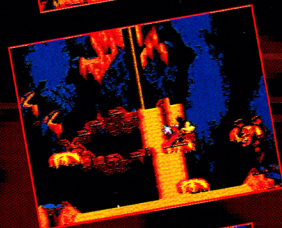
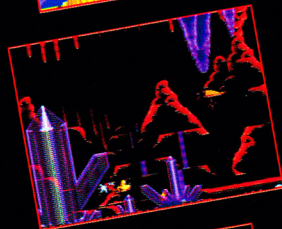
Jump on the enemies to defeat them and earn bonus points.



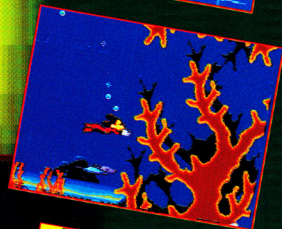
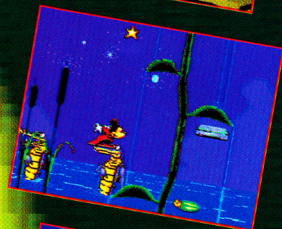
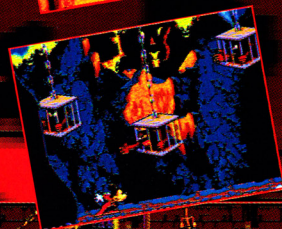
Mickey will face a whole new world of adventure with lots of magical creatures taken straight out of the movie. Many familiar characters will appear on the various levels.



There are a variety of new and exciting levels to explore. Mickey will traverse through dungeons, swamps, lakes, deserts, caves, and many other dangerous and mysterious places.



After Mickey goes through the amazing worlds of cartoon-like graphics, his final confrontation takes place deep in the caverns of Hades. Will Mickey be able to let the music play again?



MEGA-FILE

Manufacturer: Sega
Sega System: Genesis
Cartridge Size: 4 Meg
Number of Levels: 8
Theme: Action
Difficulty: Easy
Number of Players: 1 or 2
Available: June 1991

OPERATION: ALIEN STORM

Prepare yourself for the most horrendous invasion of aliens ever to terrorize the earth. They're tearing apart our cities, mutating our people and just plain unwellcome. It's time for a little planet cleaning and three of the toughest warriors in the galaxy are here to do it. Alien Storm features two-player simultaneous action that is extremely similar to Golden Axe. You can pick from three different characters, each with their own methods of attack. Each character also has a special weapon that will destroy everything on the screen. Along with the side scrolling action scenes there are also first person shooting scenes similar to Dynamite Duke. You must fight your way through 8 exciting levels of action before boarding the mothership and exterminating the Mother Brain. Good luck and may the force be with you.



THREE OF THE TOUGHEST WARRIORS IN THE GALAXY!



Each warrior has a unique special weapon that can be used to destroy everything on the screen!

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FIRING RANGES!

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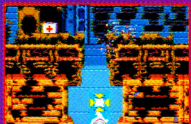


ENERGY

Makes your gun more powerful.

HEALTH

Adds to your life.



By totally destroying the area you will uncover many special items.

MISSION 1



BOSS 1



MISSION 2



BOSS 2



MISSION 3



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MISSION 5



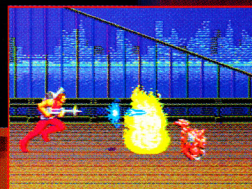
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BOSS 6



MISSION 7



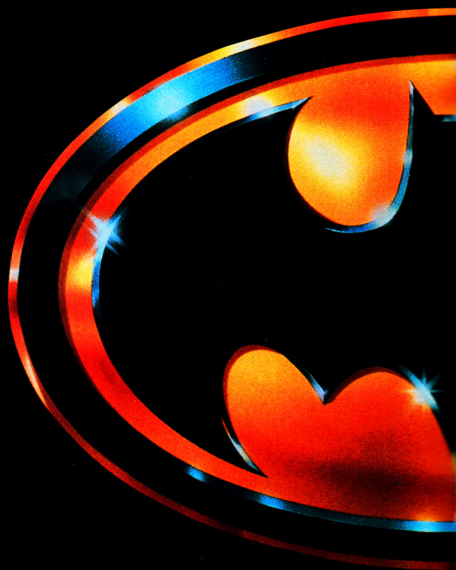
MISSION 8



You must choose the correct path in order to get to the last boss.



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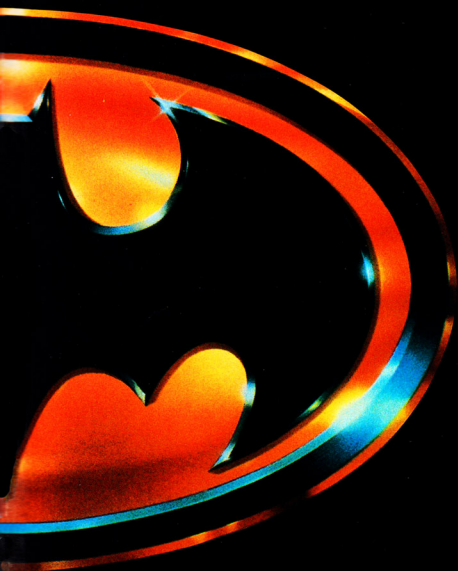
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MEGA-FILE

Manufacturer: Treco
Sega System: Genesis
Cartridge Size: 4 Meg
Number of Levels: 9
Theme: Action
Difficulty: Moderate
Number of Players: 1
Available: June



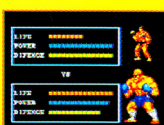
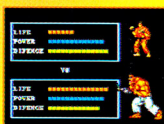
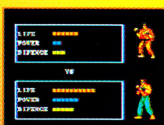
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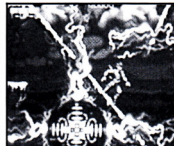
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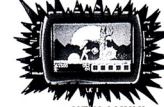


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MEGA-FILE

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Sega System: Master
Cartridge Size: 4 Meg
Number of Levels: 5
Theme: Action
Difficulty: Average
Number of Players: 1
Available: August 1991



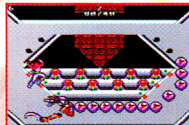
STRIDER GOES 8-BIT!

Late last year Sega successfully converted Strider, Capcom's mega-hot arcade game, to their 16-bit Genesis system. The game proved to be a remarkable translation, capturing the look and feel of the coin-op almost perfectly. Now Sega is bringing out a version of Strider for their 8-bit Master System and although it is toned down from its 16-bit cousin, it still manages to give the same action and thrills of the more sophisticated machines. All five levels are present although somewhat sparser in detail. One impressive feature is that some of the larger enemies found in the Genesis version, such as the giant mechanized gorilla on level two, are also present in this version. All of your character's animations are there as well including the deadly slide kick, and the aerial cartwheel. Master System fans rejoice, Sega has not forgotten you.

AWESOME CINEMAS!



LEVEL 1 - KAZAFU



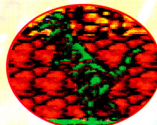
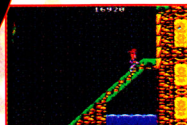
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LEVEL 3 - BALLOG

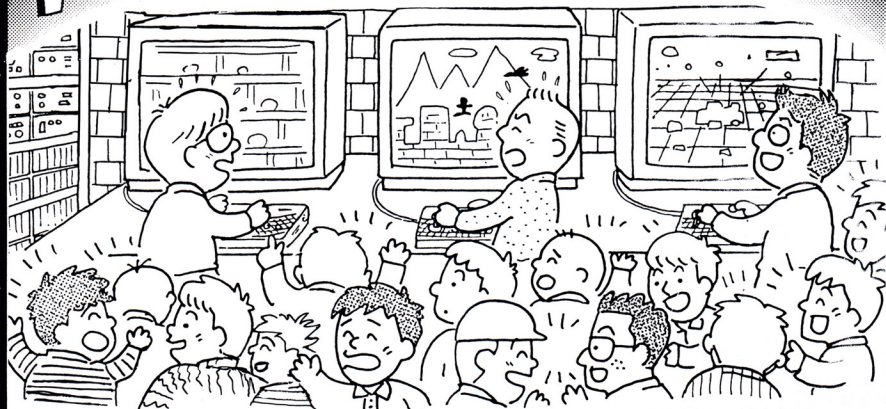


LEVEL 4 - THE AMAZON



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MEGA-FILE

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Sega System: Game Gear
Cartridge Size: 2 Meg
Number of Levels: 10+
Theme: Action
Difficulty: Moderate
Number of Players: 1
Available: July

SHINOBI ON THE GOBI!!!

Shinobi's back, and this time he'll go any where you go. Shinobi blends all of the action of the original and Revenge of Shinobi in a whole new adventure. This time you must rescue your fellow ninja comrades, who have been kidnapped by an unknown enemy. Once you have reunited your band of five warriors, go after the villain who is trying to take over the world. Each section is split into two levels and an end boss. After defeating the boss of a certain section you will rescue one of your friends. When you do this, you will get the option of becoming him and using his special abilities. Great ninja action on the go!

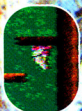


MANY WAYS TO ATTACK!



RESCUE THE NINJAS AND ASSUME THEIR IDENTITIES!

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YELLOW



PINK



Pink
walk can
walk
upside
down!

GREEN

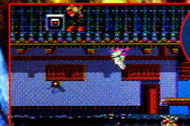


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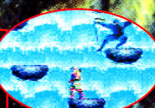
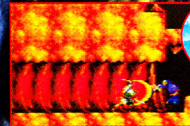
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WOODLAND LEVEL



BOSS 2

VALLEY LEVEL



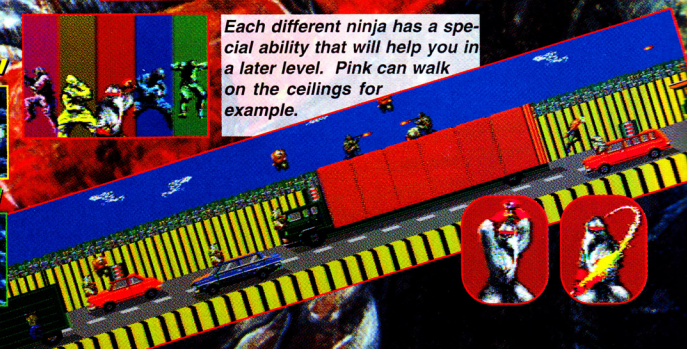
BOSS 3

HARBOR LEVEL



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Each different ninja has a special ability that will help you in a later level. Pink can walk on the ceilings for example.



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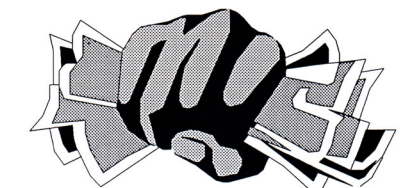
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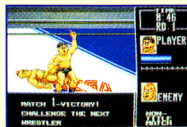


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WRESTLE WAR Sega of Japan

Briefly shown a year ago, the game is now finished. Fortunately the large characters have retained their size, and this is pro wrestling action (without all the fluff of big name stars) at its finest! Reports indicate that this may be the best wrestling game ever! Rumors have it that Sega of America will take a pass on this title as they are working on one even better! No info on the new SOA wrestler, but look for WW to be out in Japan in July.

The large figure wrestlers look and play better than anything done to date.



STREETS OF RAGE Sega

Well it's not the long awaited Final Fight but Sega has gone into their arcade vault and come up with a super kung-fu game that is even better. This one is a 2 player cooperative where the S NES FF is only a 1 player game! Choose between three huge players and hit the streets! Great moves, fantastic backgrounds and mean bosses set new Sega standards in great 2 player action! Watch Sega 'surprise' the U.S. with this one at CES! As usual, you saw it here first!



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MARVEL LAND Namco

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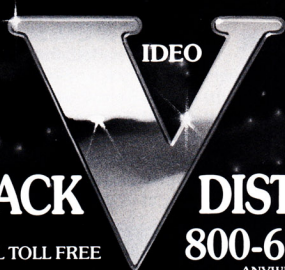
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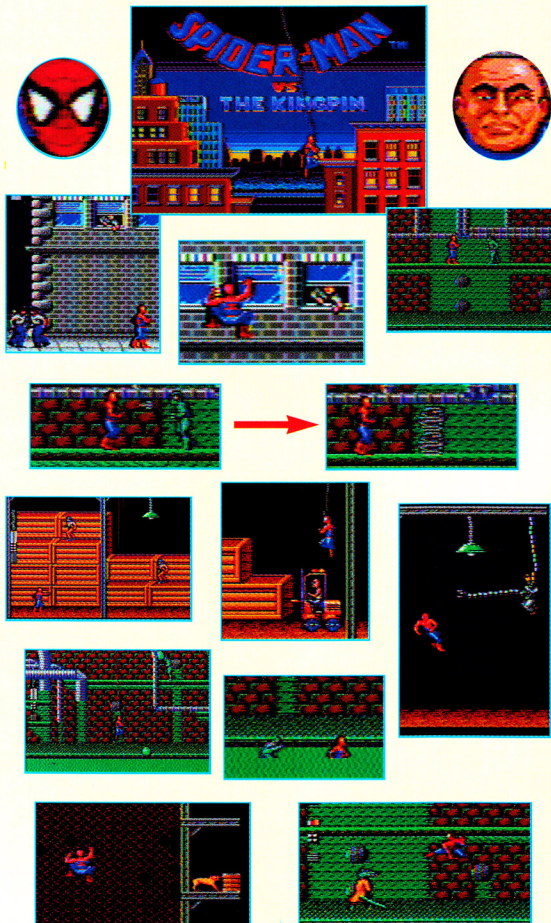
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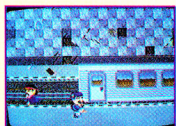
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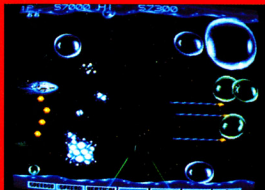
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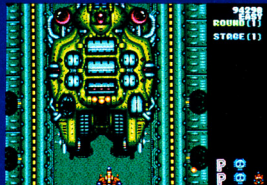
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Excellent! I found it hard to put the joystick down once I started playing. The game play is superb! Four round tournaments guarantee a long game life, and the save feature is a blessing!

MIKE

Arnie was a great golf game but now EA has come out with an even better one. It plays well and offers a lot of options not found in Arnie especially the changing perspectives.

Sports

G.O.G.

This is OK if you're into golf games. The graphics are kind of cheesy but it has some neat options. Why would you want to simulate disk loading time? Above average for a golf game.

BART

A very good golf game! While the game is kind of slow, there are a ton of cool options. I love the way the game switches view when you hit the ball. I know it's only golf but it's good.

4 Meg

Now

STRIDER 8-bit



Take on The Master and his evil cohorts in this classic tale of Strider Hiryu and his laser sword. This time, his battleship is on the Sega Master System! You can feel the 4 Meg of power in every scene!

Sega

SMS

Action

4 Meg

June

DAVE

Decent. Although this version of strider pales next to all other versions, it is still a good game. The problem lies in the fact that the SMS just can't handle the 16-bit graphics and control.

MIKE

Strider is a very good Genesis to Master System conversion. All of the game play is there and while the graphics could have been better all of the main characters are there.

G.O.G.

One of my favorite games in the arcade and on Genesis, is now my favorite SMS game too! While it's been toned down a bit in the graphics and sound department it's still Strider. Great!

BART

A good translation of one of the best games ever. The graphics are OK but the game suffers because of control problems. The feel is just not there and this makes playing difficult.

MIDNIGHT RESISTANCE



Your family has been kidnapped by alien forces out to get you! The only thing they demand is your head on a silver platter, but you have other things in mind. Blast through 9 tough levels of action!

Sega

Genesis

Action

8 Meg

June

DAVE

Cool! Even though the animation isn't too hot, the game play is great, and the translation from the coin-op is complete! The only other problem is the level of difficulty. It's too easy to beat.

G.O.G.

This is an amazing translation of the arcade hit. The graphics, sounds, and weapons are straight from the coin-op. The game play is a little too easy but excellent nonetheless.

MIKE

MR is a great follow up to Heavy Barrel. More like Contra though, except with spectacular graphics, power-ups and huge bosses that only a 16 bit machine can produce.

BART

Even though it's really just another shooter, MR has a lot to offer. Incredible graphics and sound and very intense power-ups. I miss the 2 player mode and it's too easy. Great game!

TWIN COBRA



You are the pilot of a lone Twin Cobra fighter chopper. Take on the evil dictator in this near perfect translation of the arcade game! Find out if you can handle the blazing firepower of Twin Cobra!!

Sega

Genesis

Shooter

4 Meg

June

DAVE

Nice! The translation from coin-op to Genesis always seems to impress me! I wish the two-player option was still here, but what the heck, this game rocks with action anyway!

G.O.G.

Fantastic! All of the elements of the arcade smash are here. It's not 2 player simultaneous but you can't have everything. One of the toughest shooter around for the Genesis.

MIKE

Yet another shooter, this time as a vertical scroller. Decent game play but nothing out of the ordinary. Intense action but could have been better as a two player game.

BART

The arcade classic has finally been done justice. This is practically a perfect translation of one of the best shooters of all time. Great graphics, superb sound, and wild weapons!

STREET SMART



Get the girl in another tale of David meets Goliath. You are a martial artist facing 9 stronger, meaner, and faster opponents. You must use your skill and street smarts to finish your enemies one by one.

Treco

Genesis

Action

4 Meg

June

DAVE

Good! As a martial arts fan, I wasn't terribly impressed with the game play, but the animations and music are excellent. Unfortunately, even on the highest level, the game is easy to defeat.

G.O.G.

Cool! It's about time another fighting game came out for the Genesis. Awesome graphics and sound, but the game play is slightly repetitive and not too challenging. Great for 2 players!

MIKE

Well, it's not Street Fighter nor Streets of Rage but it does offer decent martial arts game play. Unfortunately it is too easy and good players will blow through it in less than a day.

BART

This is a OK fighting game in the same vein as Fighting Street. The game is far too easy to beat and offer little to anyone who's finished Last Battle. Just not impressive enough.

FLICKY



Flicky's babies have been lost, and it's up to you to help her rescue them! Cats are roaming everywhere, however, so gathering up her chicks won't be as easy as it sounds! Play through 100 tough levels.

Sega

Genesis

Maze Chase

2 Meg

Now

DAVE

Average. This is not what I would call a major action game. Only kids should play this, as it is a children's version of City Connection. 100 levels of one tune is irritating and hurts the game.

G.O.G.

Not what I would call a 16-Bit game but this one is targeted to the kids. Nothing exciting in terms of game play, but with basic game play elements that anyone can pick up and 100 levels.

MIKE

Cute, but not very challenging. Priced right, but only recommended for the younger players. Nothing to get excited about. Nuff said.

BART

Although this one is for younger players, it's not too bad for break in between all those shooters. Over 100 levels of cute and fun game play. Flicky isn't spectacular but it isn't bad.

POWERBALL



When soccer and football meet 21st Century cybernetic technology, you have Powerball!!! Featuring 8 teams, and numerous death-defying techniques, not to mention 2 different scoring methods, this is #1!

Namco

Genesis

Sports

4 Meg

Now

DAVE

Pretty good. If Powerball had more player control, this game would have been incredible with its excellent graphics and great theme. But instead, the game is hard to play. A shame.

G.O.G.

Powerball has an addicting quality to it. The more you play it the more you get involved. The pace is fast and it's a pretty good 2 player game. The game play could be a little better.

MIKE

Not bad. It's different than any other sports game I've played. While the play mechanics could be better it still offers variety to the typical run of the mill games.

BART

I don't think this is that great of a sports game. The graphics and sound are very good, but there's nothing to the game play. It's kind of like soccer and Cyberball put together.

PHANTASY STAR 3



The third in the Phantasy Star trilogy, PS3 spans seven worlds, has improved graphics, and battle scenes, and it even allows your character to age, marry, and grow old! The ending varies to your decisions.

Sega

Genesis

Adventure

6 Meg

Now

DAVE

Awesome!! PS3 is the best of the trilogy yet! Graphics will blow you away, and journeying to seven worlds takes a lifetime!! I wish the battle scenes had more real action, however.

G.O.G.

I'm not into role playing games but this game is spectacular. Great graphics and sound and a huge quest to get lost in. The game gets a bit repetitive, but it is a great RPG.

MIKE

Incredible! Easily the best Sega RPG yet. Plus no hint book! Serious players will love the extra long multi-world quest which span generations! Multiple endings allow for experimentation.

BART

The best Phantasy Star yet! There are 7 worlds and 20 different characters to choose. Super tough and super long. Why did Sega cut back on the great parallaxing backgrounds?

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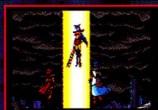
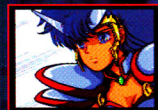


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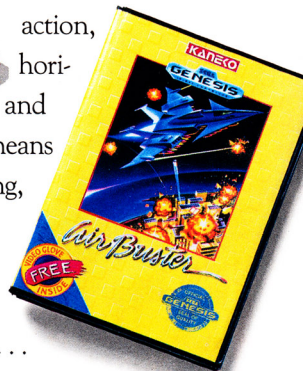
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