

# MEGA GUIDE

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### THE CHEAT



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### THE LYNX



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# BLEEDIN' GOOD

OOERR! A young lawyer is banged up in Dracula Castle and he thinks he's there to discuss the deeds on a house.

Jonathon Harker soon finds out things are not what they seem in Drac's shack.

The Count pops out on a bit of "business" leaving Jonathon to roam the spooky castle, where windows are locked from the outside and a picture of Vlad The Impaler hangs on the wall.

Our hapless hero has his suspicions confirmed when he spots the Count crawling bat-like down a wall.

Time to leave. But how? Jonathon discovers he is trapped and looks set to join the three brides of Dracula for dinner. As the main course. So it's a

question of uncovering the secrets of his weird host and saving his skin. And his blood. Jonathon moves from room to room, figuring ways to outwit Drac and taking shorthand notes of all he finds.

After all, there's bound to be an inquest when the Count turns up dead with a wooden stake through his heart.

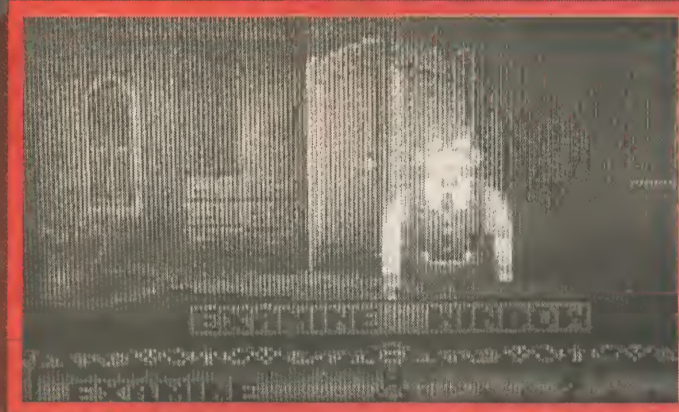
This is one of the most challenging adventures to date.

Graphics are not all we have come to expect from the Lynx. Sound is extremely simple and though it lends a spooky air it soon gets annoying. Luckily you can turn it off.

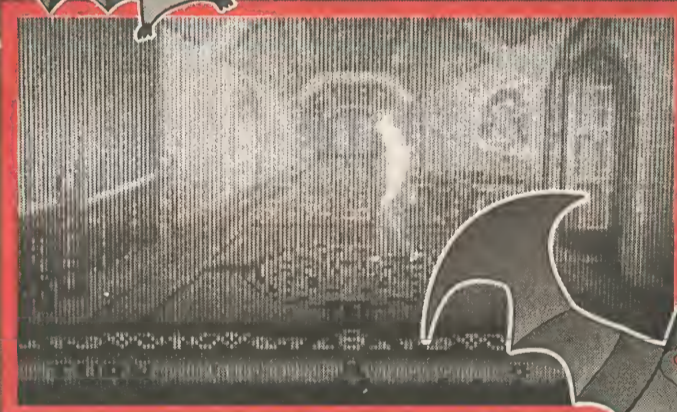
But the puzzles are tip top - it can take hours and even days to progress ever so slightly. You'll soon become obsessed, once you've sunk your teeth into it. By Atari, £29.99.

## DRACULA THE UNDEAD

### ATARI LYNX



Spooky... Jonathon ventures out of his bedroom



Plucky... Jon explores a creepy passage

CONTROL of this game is a neat piece of design. Some of the Lynx buttons have more than one function so it does take a bit of getting used to. In text mode, the direction pad and A and B buttons toggle between two scrolling bars. One lists commands like Get, Open and Climb.

The other lists the objects you have picked up plus those you are standing near.

In action mode, you move Jonathon around and execute your commands.

Sadly though, there is no save game feature as you cannot write to the Lynx card, so you have to complete the game all in one burst - easy enough, as long as Dracula wins!

## NAM BLAM

NAM 75, NEO GEO

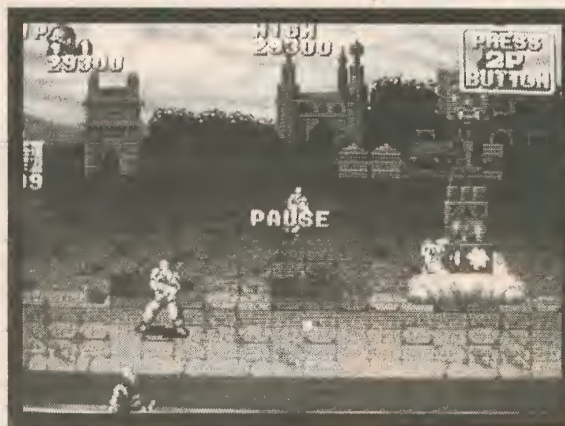
NAM 75 is a two player shoot em up. Set back in the dark old days of the Vietnam war, you must lead an elite assault team to victory. However you have been spotted by the enemy, so there is never a peaceful moment.

The action is viewed through your eyes. Enemies will appear from all angles, so there's a large area of screen to cover. Your enemies are mostly foot patrols armed with nothing more than peashooters. But there are more than enough armed with heavy machine guns or flame throwers. You also will come up against tanks, helicopters and gun boats. You fight in the jungle but often find yourself

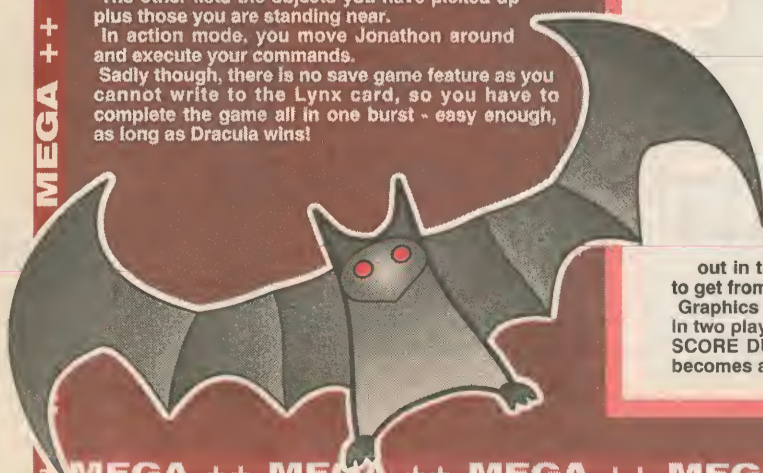
out in the open in war torn villages and up in transport aircraft, trying to get from one place to the other without walking.

Graphics and sound are excellent. The gameplay is very fast, especially in two player mode. By SNK £69.99. Supplied by Degale Marketing.

SCORE DUDE SAYS: Fast action and a wide variety of weapons but it becomes a bit repetitive after a while.



Nambusters... an all-action shoot 'em up



FIRE AND FORGET II, AMIGA  
HERE'S an ace racer where you really fly! Titus The Fox introduces the budget version of the smash hit Fire and Forget 2. It's exactly the same as the original but a lot cheaper.

If you're new to the game, it goes roughly like this. Rev up your Thunder Master II, tilt the joystick back - and take off. Your car actually leaves the track when you get enough speed up - and it's a right old laugh and a half. Getting up is a bit tricky to master - and staying there is even harder.

But keep practising and you'll eventually get the knack - it's well worth the effort. Another neat feature is blasting rivals off the road with your laser gun.

Fire and Forget 2 is a fun racer/shoot 'em up with flashy graphics and okay sound. It's all done at breakneck speed and for out and out pace and enjoyment you'll find this one hard to beat. Especially at the price. By Titus, £9.99.

### SCORE DUDE SAYS



I love budget games and this one is good, fast fun for your money.

## BLAST FROM THE FAST

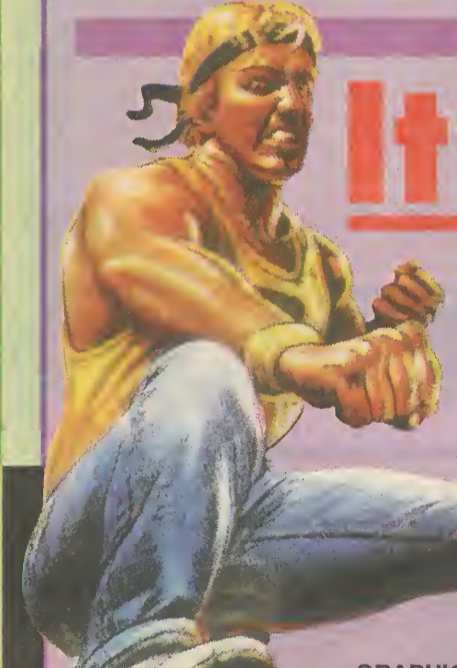


## MEGA LOMANIA

**SHADOW PRESIDENT, PC**  
FANCY sorting out Saddam Hussein once and for all? Here's a stunning sim which puts you in the White House in June, 1990 before the world had heard of Stormin' Norman Schwarzkopf. The entire US armed forces are yours to command - nukes and all! The CIA supply you with masses of information - all available at the click of a mouse button.

You have to survive to be re-elected and handle such matters as the collapse of the USSR and Saddam's holiday in Kuwait. The user interface is attractive but a trifle overcrowded and there is a vast amount of info to digest. But this is awesome stuff and highly recommended to all armchair megalomaniacs - especially those who relish a thermo nuclear arsenal at their disposal. It's a whopping price. But if you fancy sorting out the world's troubles, then this ambitious and realistic strategy power game is worth the investment. By Empire, £44.99. Out now.

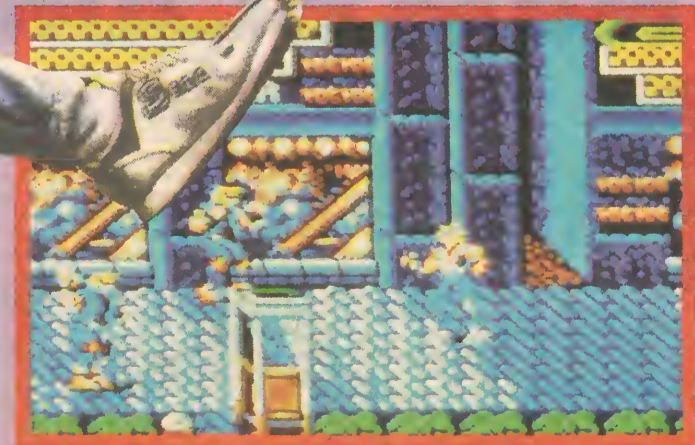
## It's an outrage



**STREETS OF RAGE**  
By Paul Kirton  
THIS was great on the Mega Drive and has been followed up with a sequel, Streets of Rage 2. But someone mucked up badly with this Game Gear conversion. The storyline is the same. You can be Axel or

Blaze, two ex-cops fighting a criminal organisation which has taken over the government and the police force, etc, etc. You 'fight' through several levels and defeat bosses at the end of them to save the day. But no technique is required and this has very little play value.

You should have it in the bag in a couple of hours if you don't die of boredom first. Very disappointing. By Sega, £25.99.  
**SCORE DUDE SAYS:** I thought of 10,000 better ways to spend £25.99 and I wasn't even trying.



GRAPHICS are terrible with blocky, blurred images and you probably won't know which sprite you are most of the time. Sound is nothing special with moody tunes and average punching effects. Gameplay is hopeless with no skill involved - you just hammer at the buttons.

STREETS OF RAGE  
SEGA  
GAME GEAR

# MEGA GUIDE

EDITED BY MARK GREGORY

ECCO The Dolphin leapt straight in at No 1, knocking Sonic off the top of the console charts. Here's the chart:

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## CLUED UP



### The Lost Files of Sherlock Holmes PC

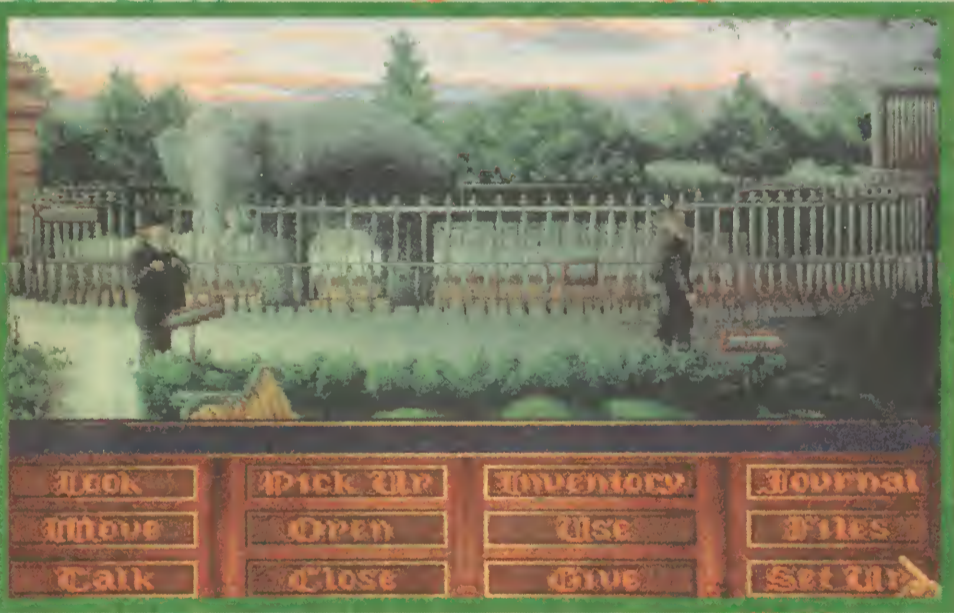
THE language is almost authentic Sherlock speak. Youngsters will have a hard time following the plot as there's more long words than you'll find in the list of additives on a sauce bottle. Puzzles can be annoying rather than clever. You spend hours fooling your way past one Victorian jobsworth, only to run up against another. It's very frustrating. (In fact, if it happens to me again the big question will not be Who killed Sarah but Who went round to Electronic Arts and lobbed a brick through the window?) But the game is still packed with charm and challenge and even the youngest game addicts will be hooked.



**SCORE DUDE SAYS**  
Puzzles are not as ingenious as you may expect but it's fun to play and a treat to look at so I reckon its...  
**OK BY ME**

**PRETTY ACTRESS** Sarah Carroway lies dead in a pool of blood with her throat slit. Who is the cloaked man who smokes cheap tags and lurks about in alley ways in Old London town?

Is Sarah the latest victim of Jack the Ripper? Or was she done in by her tall, dark boyfriend who wears a rugby shirt and dodgy hair oil? The Lost Files of Sherlock Holmes casts you in the role of the famous detective. So it's your job to find out. And you won't get much help. Dr Watson follows you around mumbling about his feeble powers of detection. And everyone else does their level best to be unhelpful. Your investigation starts at the scene of the crime and there are clues to follow up right away. Adventure fans will have no trouble plunging into the action as the screen is LCD-driven and easy to understand. You travel in a horse-drawn Hansom, plotting your journey on a map of London. Quiz the locals, gather evidence and then it's back to Baker Street to analyse the clues on your chemistry set. Graphics have a wonderful Old London feel. Characters are gritty with an equally gritty plot which does more twists and turns than a drunk in a pea-souper fog. It's easy to play, tough to beat and highly addictive. As Holmes would say: It's bodacious, dudes. By Electronic Arts, £39.99.



## Nintendo

### NO-HOPPER

By STEVE READ  
Sun System Editor



I'VE been using my Nintendo Super Scope every night this week and although I haven't come up with any cheats, I think I've found a few tips.

When you're playing Tetris A, you can save up loads of bullets by just shooting out the linking blocks. Then, when you're about to complete a set of five, blast away at the screen. I think it gives you a better score, but I'm not sure.

On the missile game's start-up screen, I'm convinced that slugging away at the girl will eventually make something happen. But all I can get her to do is salute! Anyone tried it?

And on Mole Patrol, the red mole must have a more important function. But what is it? Ideas urgently required, please!

NOW, two letters from my mailbag (and why do people keep calling me the NO-HOPPER?)

First, Wayne Baillie of Warley, West Midlands, writes: "I think you are the best No-Hoper yet and the best there will ever be. You are a SUPER PLAYER."

But The Cheat has passed me this one ... without giving me the sender's name: "I think you should tell the useless No-Hoper to commit suicide in a nice dusty barn so you can have a whole column again."

Thanks a bunch ... of fives, pal!  
See you next Saturday.

## THE CHEAT



MY warmest regards to Darren West and Tiffany Thompson who have offered me a cheat for The Addams Family on the Super Nintendo. This enterprising pair, of Newgate St VIII, Hertford, have discovered a way to double their lives. They will share this little gem with all of you if I send them FORTY POUNDS!!!  
Nice try! Send me £40 and I may print your rotten cheat. Here's a selection of fine tricks, all sent in free of charge:

### AMIGA

**TEST DRIVE 2:** When you reach the gas station type in GASS to skip a level.  
**ACTION FIGHTER:** You must get a high-score, then type BACKDOOR instead of your name. You can now start the next game with infinite lives—R.Wong, Clwyd, N.Wales.

### MEGA DRIVE

**ALIEN STORM:** Select Scooter as your character and as your energy reduces to nothing self destruct — John Berridge. (Cheat's note: Why would any want to do this?)

### MASTER SYSTEM

**DOUBLE DRAGON:** Do about 35 roundhouse kicks and you'll get infinite lives—Billy Holmes, Portsmouth.

### NINTENDO

**ISOLATED WARRIOR:** To get to scene 02 use the code 1227. To get to scene 03 use the code 0501—Simon and Sam Wild, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham.

### SUPER NINTENDO

**SUPER MARIO KART:** To shrink — go to driver select, hold Y and press A. But you can't use this in time trial or battle modes—Dougal Ziegler, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

To get more of Tim's Las Vegas news in, we've had to drop the CVG logo from The Buzz. If you really want to look at it, it's on the back.

## THE FUN

TIM'S adventures lead him to the Consumer Electronics Show ...

By TIM BOONE in the USA  
GET set for one of the fastest blasts you've ever seen — and one of the cutest characters you've ever heard of! It's the incredible STARFOX, coming to your Super Nintendo soon.

Blazing into the world's No1 games show in Las Vegas, Starfox dropped jaws left, right and centre.

Quite simply it's the most awesome 3D blaster yet on any console.

Join Starfox and his pals from the starfighting academy in their hyperfast action adventures against the evil empire.

But before you can do any cosmic adventuring, you've got to prove you're up to the challenge by flying the test missions

## Timmy's out West and Starfox is best STAR SPANGLED

and proving you've got what it takes. Graphics are awesome. The cartridge uses Nintendo's top secret SFX custom chip to speed up the 3D. Luckily the game is completely brilliant as well, with playability by the sack load and tons of missions to complete. Watch your Mega Guide for a special report on this hot little number soon, and remember you read it here first. YOSHI'S COOKIE is the latest outing for Mario and his dinosaur pal. This time

round it's a fast moving puzzle involving all sorts of biscuit-related tomfoolery. BIG news for Game Boy fans - One of the all time great Super Nintendo games has just been converted to handheld, and Zelda shoots straight to the top of portable must buys! It's smaller but still a brilliant challenge and it's going to be B.I.G. Next week: We bring you the best on all the big name Sega titles unveiled at the show. See y'all then.



ROLO'S a right old laugh and he's coming to a Mega Drive near you soon. Here's a snap of the chap and some of his so-cute pals.

# CLOUTRUN!

## BAT'LL TEACH JOKER

BATMAN RETURN OF THE JOKER  
GAME BOY

THE Joker is up to his old tricks again. In this game he has stolen some precious metals from mines in Gotham.

One of the metals is highly toxic and is used as an explosive in missiles. Who can stop him?

Yes it's Batman, the guy who wears his underpants over his trousers. The bloke in black must conquer four levels to end the evil Joker's plans but don't worry he has a large arsenal of weapons, like his Batarang and grappling hook.

Graphics are excellent with large sprites and imaginative scenery. Sound is also very good with hot tunes and smashing effects. Gameplay is a lot better than the first game as there is a lot more to do but sadly there isn't as many levels.

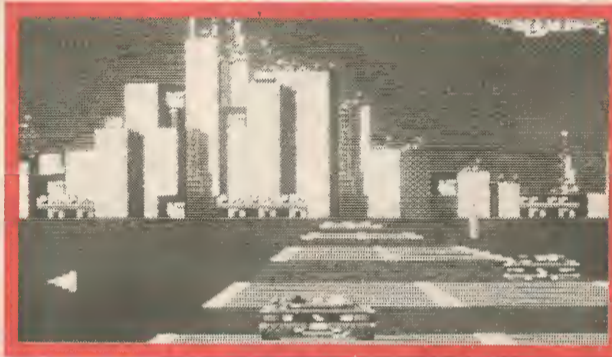
Still, it's tough to beat and well worth a go. Buy this cartridge and you could end up grinning like Jack Nicholson.

By Sunsoft, £25.99.  
SCORE DUDE SAYS: One of the better Batman games.



Rev up... and race across Europe to Berlin

You'll zip through the levels in no time



Town chase... better tracks than in Outrun

OUTRUN EUROPA, SEGA GAME GEAR  
By Paul Kirton

RACE across Europe as Simeon Kurtz to get back your Ferrari F40, punch a few rivals off their bikes and deliver important documents to Berlin. You ride motorbikes, jet skis, Porsches, speed boats and Ferraris to complete his mission. But it does not take a lot of skill and gamers with any idea should zip through the five levels in no time. You start on a motorbike rushing along the streets of England with enemies all around.

You have to push enemy agents off bikes (can I see a side of Road Rash in this?)

Outrun Europa is by no means a classic though it is an improvement on the original Outrun. By Sega, £25.99.

## SCORE DUDE SAYS

The first Outrun game was slated and quite rightly so. This ain't much better but it has improved a bit so it just about scrapes an...

OK BY ME



Introducing...the world's dottiest reviewer

## Auntie Pat



Silly old bat

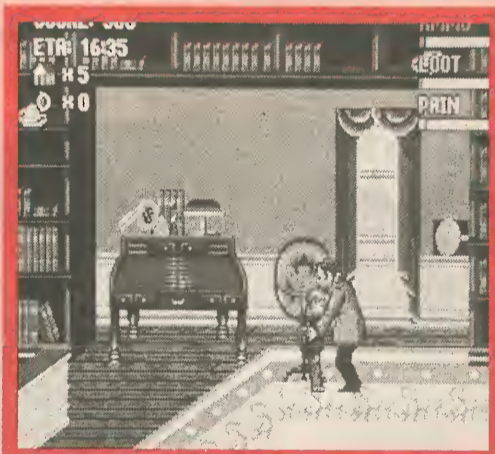
OOH, he's such a sweet lad that Macaulay Culkin. It's so good to see a NICE video hi fi game for a game.

Some of them are so beastly. My nephew plays that Streefighter Rage on the Sega Nintendo which is shocking.

But I like this game. Macaulay sets lots of traps and goes about on his sledge in the snow.

The crooks are ruffians who need a shave. It's terrible how these people get away with it - and the judges never do much.

Who won the war, that's what I want to know....



Gottim... bandit tries to throttle Kev

# LEAVE IT WELL ALONE

HOME ALONE, MEGA DRIVE  
By Peter Bradley

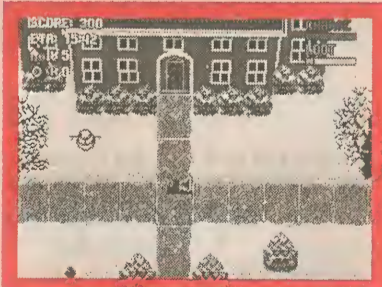
WHAT a load of traps! You know the plot by now - that little brat Kevin McAllister - played by Macaulay Culkin in the movie - is left home alone by his parents (and who can blame them.)

The villains are on the loose robbing the homes in Kevin's street. He must get to the houses first, set his traps and outwit the wet bandits.

He travels on a sledge, the only part of this game that is reasonably good fun. (Auntie's note: I think you're being very unfair) Home Alone has only one fault - it's bad from beginning to end.

Stickman-like graphics and out-of-tune sound are accompanied by gameplay that is about as deep as a puddle.

(Auntie's note: I like the graphics. They remind me of my niece's pretty drawings. She's only three, bless her.)  
The only high note is when one of the robbers catches up with Kevin and hangs him on a hook by his coat. Something we'd all like to do.  
Anyone who buys this game must be daft as a brush. By Sega, £39.99.  
(Auntie's note: I bought it).



Sledge...Kevin slips out

SCORE DUDE SAYS  
Never mind what Auntie says, this is complete trash. Do not buy it.  
CRACKING BORE



OUTRUN Europa is basically the same from start to finish, occasionally changing scenery and vehicles.

Though the racing action is not too bad, it won't hold your interest very long.

The scrolling is very jerky and it will probably give you a headache after you have been playing a while.

Sound is okay though, with good music and tyre-burning effects.

## TRACK WITH A KNACK

BILL ELLIOT'S NASCAR FAST TRACK  
GAME BOY

WELCOME to Nascar racing where some run-of-the-mill cars are transformed into mean machines for fast and furious burn-ups.

Some races are 500 miles long and you've got to be damned good to win one let alone the whole season. Before the race you can tune in the gears on your Oldsmobile Cutlass, play with the aerodynamics on your Ford Thunderbird, sort out the engine on your Chevrolet Lumina and so on.

The great thing about this game is you can race on a track or a road.

Before long you could be in the pits for a fill up, a tune up or a tyre change - but the clock's ticking.

Graphics are typical of a driving sim but not that bad, but lousy tunes and poor sound effects will bug you.

One problem is - its too hard and you may get bored of trying. But it's worth a go, even if you do get thrashed!

SCORE DUDE SAYS: Lasting fun - if you like being last!

Here's that CVG logo as promised -