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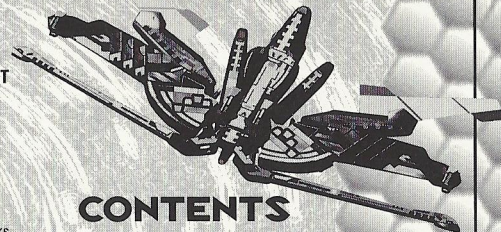
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THE RED PLANET REBELS!

Half a century has passed since humans successfully carried out their project to migrate to Mars.

During the colonization, several self-governing areas formed on the red planet. But independent control was never granted. Instead, the MDA (Mars Development Agency) was created by the Earth Federation.

Outwardly, Mars seemed to be self-governing. In reality, it was a shackled colony completely controlled by Earth.

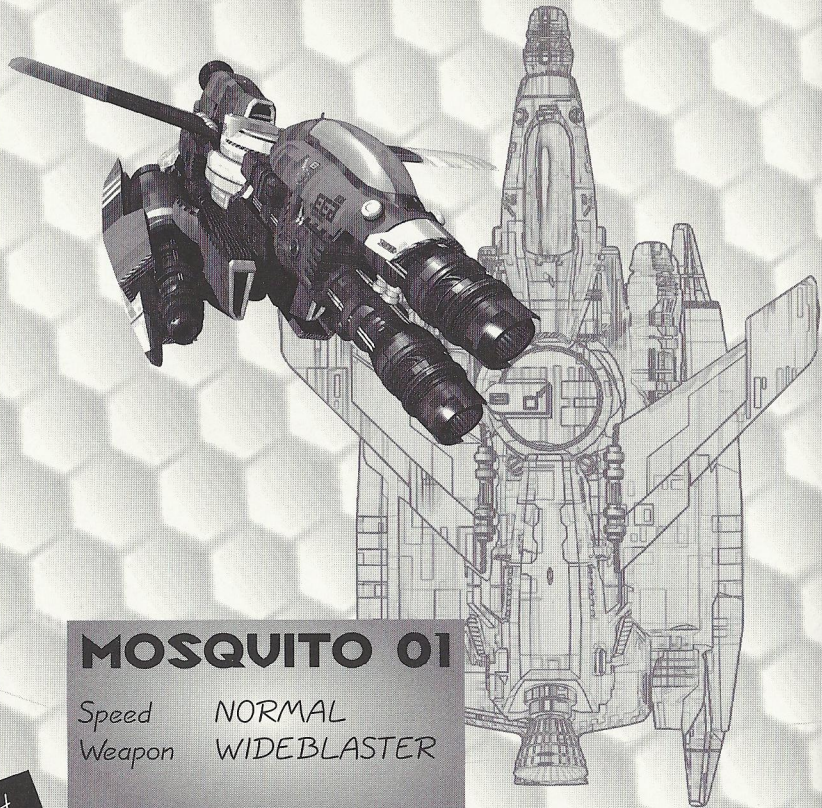
DECEMBER 8TH, 2309 ...

A sudden crackle of static bursts into Earth's atmosphere. An unexpected transmission from Mars breaks into all broadcasts – "We declare our independence. We are no longer Earth's subjects" – and all contact from Mars is lost.

The red planet maintains an eerie silence. All of Earth's attempts to contact Mars fail.

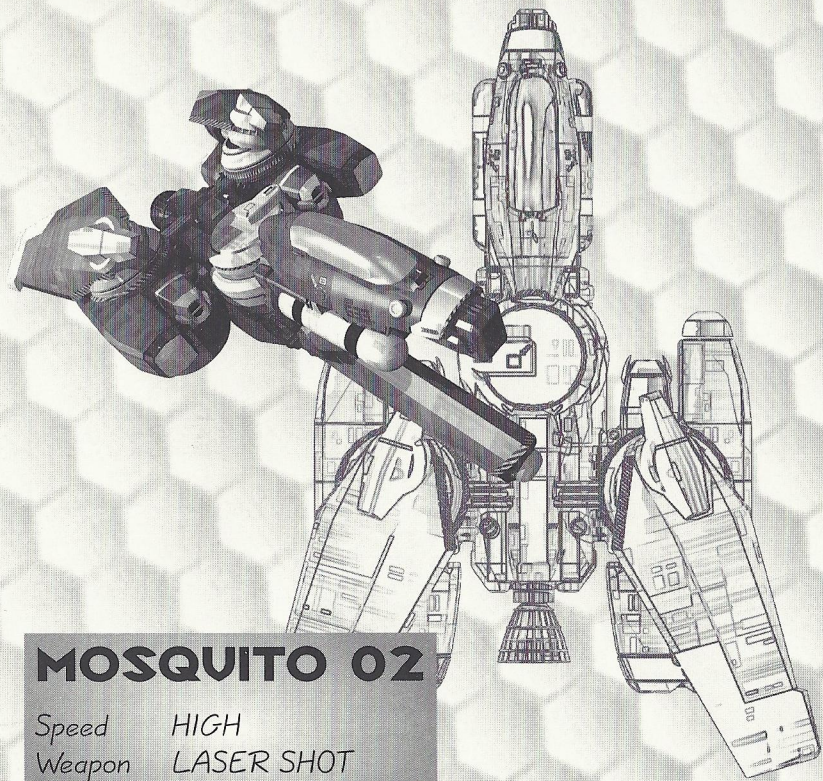
Realizing the situation is extreme, the Earth Federation Army readies its toughest military contingent to deploy from the moon and converge on Mars. This armed spaceforce is made up of hundreds of ships – and a few experimental fighters ...

Space explodes into a battlefield. The Mars War of Independence begins!



MOSQUITO 01

Speed NORMAL
Weapon WIDEBLASTER

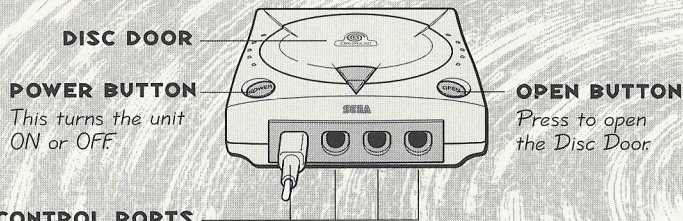


MOSQUITO 02

Speed HIGH
Weapon LASER SHOT

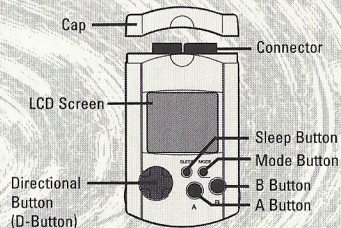
SEGA DREAMCAST™

SEGA DREAMCAST HARDWARE UNIT



Use these ports to connect the Sega Dreamcast™ Controller or other peripheral equipment. From left to right are Control Port A, Control Port B, Control Port C, and Control Port D. For MARS MATRIX, use Control Ports A and B to connect controllers for players 1 and 2 respectively. MARS MATRIX is a 1-to-2 player game. Before turning the Sega Dreamcast power ON, connect the Sega Dreamcast controller(s) or other peripheral equipment into the control ports. Purchase an additional controller (sold separately) to play with two people.

SEGA DREAMCAST VISUAL MEMORY UNIT (VMU)



To automatically save score rankings, option settings and other game information, insert a Visual Memory Unit (VMU) into Expansion Slot 1 of the controller in Control Port A BEFORE turning on the Sega Dreamcast.

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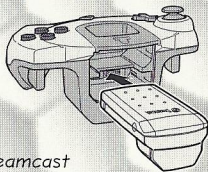
CONTROLS

- The button assignments on pages 9-10 are the defaults. You can change them in Options Mode. (See page 18.)
- **MARS MATRIX** is a 1-to-2 player game. Connect controllers or other peripheral equipment before turning on the Sega Dreamcast.
- Never touch the Analog Thumb Pad or Triggers L/R while turning the Sega Dreamcast power ON. Doing so may disrupt the controller initialization procedure and result in malfunction. If the Analog Thumb Pad or Triggers L/R are accidentally moved while turning the Sega Dreamcast power ON, immediately turn the power OFF and then ON again, making sure not to touch the controller.
- To return to the Title screen at any point during game play, simultaneously press and hold the A, B, X, Y and Start buttons. This will cause the Sega Dreamcast to soft-reset the software.

SEGA DREAMCAST JUMP PACK™

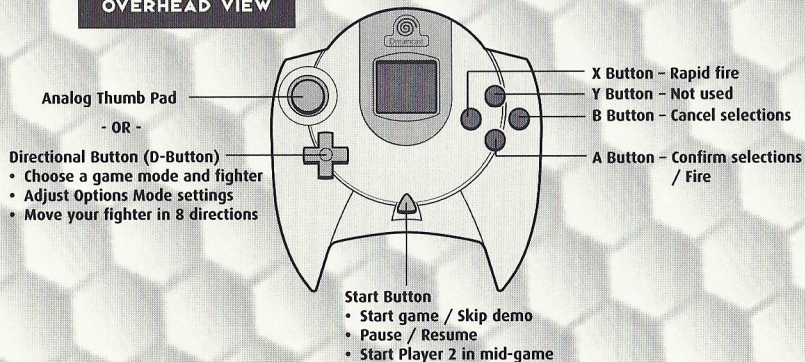
MARS MATRIX supports the Jump Pack vibration peripheral. When inserted into the Expansion Slot of a Sega Dreamcast controller or compatible peripheral equipment, the Jump Pack provides a vibration effect that can considerably enhance the gameplay experience.

Note: When inserted into Expansion Slot 1 of the Sega Dreamcast controller, the Jump Pack connects, but does not lock. If the controller is jarred, the Jump Pack may fall out during gameplay or otherwise inhibit game play operation.

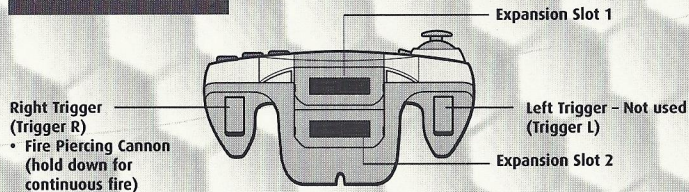


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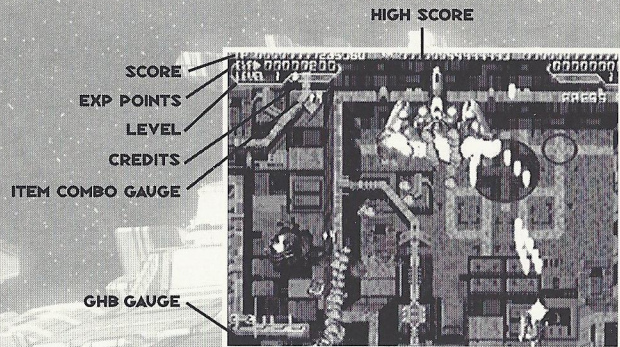
OVERHEAD VIEW



FORWARD VIEW



GAME SCREEN



HIGHSCORE
SCORE

The highest score achieved in the game mode.

EXP POINTS

Your current score.

LEVEL

Your current experience points.

CREDITS

Your fighter's current level.

ITEM COMBO GAUGE

Number of fighters remaining.

GHB GAUGE

Time limit for gaining Item Combo Points. (See page 13.)

BOSS TIMER

Gravity Hole Bomb Gauge: The bar decreases when you use absorption barrier Mosquito. You cannot use it again until the gauge refills.

(Not shown) Displays when you're fighting a boss character. When the time runs out, the boss character retreats.

COMBAT RULES

EVOLVING YOUR MOSQUITO FIGHTER

When you defeat certain enemies or hit enemies with absorbed bullets, Experience Cubes appear and float onscreen. Collect these cubes (by flying over them) and your fighter will evolve up to level 8.

ITEM COMBO POINTS

When you collect Experience Cubes, you earn Experience Points. Your Experience Points are used as your basic score multiplier. Try to collect Experience Cubes quickly and get your score multiplier as high as possible.

GAME OVER

When your fighter is hit by an enemy bullet, you lose one fighter. (You don't lose your fighter by touching an enemy itself.) When all your fighters are lost, your game is over.

You can continue your game (up to 3 times) by pressing the Start Button during the countdown. When you restart a level, you can select a different fighter at the top of the game screen.

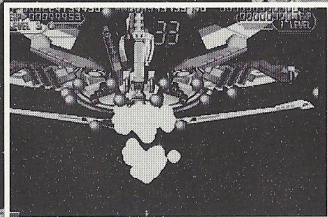
ATTACK MODES

NORMAL SHOT

- Press the A Button rapidly.
- Hold down the X Button to rapid-fire the normal shot.
- As you collect Experience Points and raise your fighter's level, the normal shot becomes more powerful.

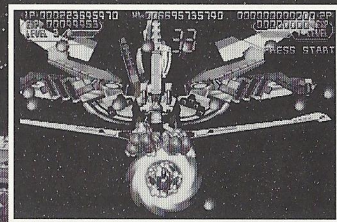
PIERCING CANNON

- Release the A Button briefly and then press it again.
- Hold down the Trigger R to rapid-fire the Piercing Cannon.
- The Piercing Cannon is a powerful mid-range laser. The closer the enemy is when you deploy it, the more damage the shot will do.



ABSORPTION BARRIER MOSQUITO

- When the GHB (Gravity Hole Bomb) Gauge is full, press and hold the A button.
- Your fighter will be surrounded by a barrier that absorbs and reflects enemy bullets. As you continue holding the A Button, the color bar in the GHB Gauge decreases. When you release the A Button, the absorbed bullets are discharged.
- Adjust the direction of fire with the Directional Button or Analog Thumb Pad.



GRAVITY HOLE BOMB (GHB)

- When the GHB Gauge is full, hold down the A Button until the full gauge is drained of energy.
- Gravity Hole Bomb is a super powerful explosive that attacks a large area on screen. The closer the enemy is to you when you deploy it, the more damage it wreaks.



GAME MODES

ARCADE MODE

A perfect conversion from the original arcade game.

ELITE MODE

Play an enhanced version with various options added to the original game. You can adjust Special Options settings for this mode. (See page 19)

ELITEMODE [A] Enemy positions are rearranged for the Sega Dreamcast version.

ELITEMODE [B] Enemy positions are the same as in the arcade version.

SCORE CHALLENGE MODE

For 1 player only. Choose a stage and score as high as you can. There is no limit to the number of fighters you have.

Score Challenge Mode has a special feature: When you defeat an enemy with the Piercing Cannon, a spray of small Stardust Cubes appears. Each one adds 1 point to your Experience Points when collected.

You can adjust Special Options settings for Score Challenge Elite Mode games. (See page 19)

RANKING

Check the score rankings in Arcade, Elite and Score Challenge Modes.

Use the Directional Button or Analog Thumb Pad, or press the Triggers L/R to look at score rankings for different game mode.





STRATEGY

Check out a strategy demo for each stage. You can buy strategy demos in Shop Mode (see page 20). Press the Start Button during a demo to return to the Title screen.

RANKING INFORMATION

NAME	Player name
SCORE	Player score
EXP	Experience Points
STG	Highest stage reached
DIF	Difficulty level
CGS	Combo Gauge speed (Elite Mode only)
SPD	Fighter speed (Elite Mode only)
LVL	Initial level (Elite Mode only)
GHB	GHB Gauge charge speed (Elite Mode only)

OPTIONS MODE

Adjust various game settings. Highlight an option by pressing the Directional Button or Analog Thumb Pad / and adjust by pressing /.

DIFFICULTY

Adjust the difficulty level for Arcade and Elite Modes from 1 (easy) to 8 (hard). The default is 4.

NUMBER OF SHIPS

Set the starting number of fighters for Arcade and Elite Modes from 1 to 7. The default is 3. (Fighters 4 to 7 can be purchased in Shop Mode; see page 20.)

CREDIT

Set the starting number of credits from 1 to 9 or FREE. The default is 3. (Credits 4 to 9 and FREE can be purchased in Shop Mode.)

SCREEN

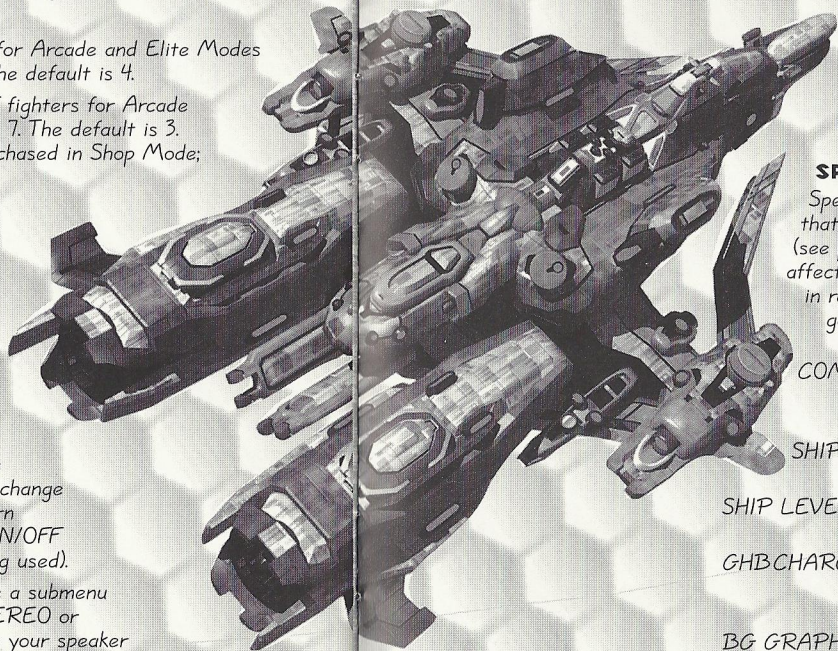
Press the A Button to see a submenu where you can adjust screen size and positioning.

CONTROLLER

Press the A Button to see a submenu where you can change button assignments and turn the Jump Pack vibration ON/OFF (when a Jump Pack is being used).

SOUND

Press the A Button to see a submenu where you can choose STEREO or MONAURAL according to your speaker system. You can also sample background music (BGM) and sound effects (SE).



SPECIAL OPTIONS MODE

Special Options are additional options that can be purchased in Shop Mode (see page 20). Special Options settings affect the Elite Mode levels only in regular and Score Challenge Mode games (see page 16).

COMBO TIME

Adjust the speed of the Item Combo Gauge countdown.

SHIP SPEED

Adjust your fighter's speed.

SHIP LEVEL

Adjust your fighter's starting level.

GHBCHARGE SPEED

Set the speed at which the Gravity Hole Bomb Gauge charges.

BG GRAPHICS

Play with the background colors.



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