Dance Dance Revolution FAQ

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0.01: Intro_____

'DJ Syndrome' is the main tagline of the marketing campaign for
Beatmania 4th Mix ~The Beat Goes On~. It's also now a series of guides
to Beatmania, Dance Dance Revolution and the rest of the BEMANI series
of rhythm games by Konami. While not comprehensive, it should begin to
answer some of the questions that you might have about the games.
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Please note that this FAQ only covers the Playstation version of Dance
Dance Revolution (although a good deal of the info should work for the
arcade version as well). For a more comprehensive look at Dance Dance
Revolution and the rest of the BEMANI series, including things like
Soundtracks (audio CDs), strategy guides, portable LCD games (like DDR
Fingerstep), and much much more, please check out my longer work titled
DJ Syndrome: The BEMANI Series FAQ.

All of the information contained in this FAQ is also available in the
longer, more comprehensive work titled "DJ Syndrome: The BEMANI Series
FAQ". This document is merely a scaled down version that only pertains
to the first Playstation release Dance Dance Revolution (DDR 2nd ReMix
is _not_ covered).


_____Dance Dance Revolution

Konami's first home port of their second most popular BEMANI game, DDR
one-ups games like Bust A Move by offering an optional foot pad
controller that requires you to actually get up and move. A single disc
release (unlike the Append modes of Beatmania and DDR2ndReMix), DDR was
the one of the best-selling game of the first half of 1999 in Japan, and
for good reason - it's really good... As a side note, I found this game
to be _very_ easy with a normal Playstation controller, but much harder
with the Original (mat) controller...


0.02: Stage Flow_____

Easy:
have you never been mellow
butterfly
kung fu fighting
that's the way (i like it)
let's get down

Normal:
1st and 2nd Stages:------------3rd Stage:
have you never been mellow      --all 1st and 2nd stage songs plus:
butterfly                       trip machine
kung-fu fighting
that's the way (i like it)
my fire
make a jam!*
boys*

Hard:
1st and 2nd Stages:------------3rd Stage:
butterfly                        --all 1st and 2nd stage songs plus:
kung-fu fighting                 trip machine
let's get down                   paranoia
little bitch                     paranoia KCET -clean mix-*
strictly business                paranoia MAX -dirty mix-*
make it better
i believe in miracles*

*hidden song

(exception: Double - in double, there is only one stage, and all of the

songs that are normally available in that difficulty are open for play)


0.03: Hidden Songs_____

Unlike Beatmania's hidden songs where as certain score is required,
DDR's hidden songs are basically time release. You have to beat the game
on a certain mode a certain number of times, or beat a certain number of
songs. Once you open up a hidden song, it's becomes 'unhidden' and will
show up every game. The following are how to open the hidden songs:

Title:                         Artist:        Requirements to open:
make a jam!                    u1             clear normal mode 10 times
boys                           smile.dk       clear 600 songs
i believe in miracles          hi-rise        clear 700 songs
paranoia kcet ~clean mix~      2mb            clear hard mode 100 times
paranoia max ~dirty mix~       190            clear hard mode 500 times

A helpful note for getting the paranoia songs:  To get these fairly
quickly, play Double mode (either by yourself or with a friend using
controller 2) - Double mode only has 1 stage, as opposed to 3. Now you
only have to play 100 and 500 songs to open them, as opposed to 300 and
1500... This also means that you can get all 5 hidden songs by beating
700 songs (of course, 500 of them have to be hard mode doubles...).

Thanks to Petee Hsu for the methods of unlocking the songs, and the tip
on double mode...


0.04: Hidden Modes_____

To access the harder modes in DDR, at the game mode selection screen
(easy, normal, hard) press U. This should take you into the 'Secret
Mode' screen. Now enter the following button presses/dance steps:

Another: U, U, D, D, U, U, D, D
Maniac:  L, L, R, R, L, L, R, R
Double:  U, U, D, D, L, R, L, R
Mirror:  L, R, L, R, L, R, L, R

U=up, D=down, L=left, R=right, all on the control pad (directional pad,
D-pad, etc.)

This will open up the above modes, as well as combinations thereof. The
modes will also be saved to your memory card.

(taken from Dance Dance Revolution Konami Official Guide; clarified,
confirmed, etc. at GameSages.com)

There is also a hidden edit mode that is unlocked by clearing 500 songs
(similar to how the five hidden songs are unlocked). Thanks to Petee Hsu
for this as well.


__Hidden Characters:

At the mode select screen, right after you press start on the title
screen, hold either left or right on the control pad - each direction
will get you a different set of characters. Thanks to Mike Corbett for
the tip.

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0.05: Song List_____

Song Title        Artist          Diff. (N/A/M/D/AD) Steps
have you never     the olivia      1/2/5/3/4  68/118/171/95/145
 been mellow?        project
that's the way     kc & the        2/3/5/4/5  98/124/148/128/144
 (i like it)         sunshine band
kung fu fighting   bus stop        2/3/5/4/5  82/118/150/113/136
 (normal)            featuring carl douglas
kung fu fighting   bus stop        3/3/5/4/5  96/118/150/113/136
 (hard)              featuring carl douglas
butterfly (normal) smile.dk        3/4/6/4/6  138/163/213/164/191
butterfly (hard)   smile.dk        3/4/6/4/6  160/160/213/164/191
let's get down     jt playaz       3/4/7/4/7  117/151/182/130/152
my fire            x-treme         4/5/6/5/6  126/144/170/117/136
little bitch       the specials    4/6/7/5/6  170/187/206/166/186
strictly business  mantronik vs.   4/5/6/5/6  167/177/192/165/185
                     epmd
make it better     mitsu-o!        5/6/8/5/6  143/188/212/130/181
paranoia           180             6/7/8/7/8  264/211/230/254/309
trip machine       de-sire         6/7/8/6/8  197/275/289/201/215
make a jam!        u1              2/4/5/3/5  155/193/240/155/200
boys               smile.dk
i believe in       hi-rise
 miracles
paranoia kcet      2mb             6/7/8/7/8  258/274/347/257/285
 ~clean mix~
paranoia max       190
 ~dirty mix~

[note: both difficulty and steps are presented in the following format:
N/A/M/D/AD, where N=normal, A=another, M=maniac, D=double, A=another
double.]

[note2: mirror is not listed as it has the same number of steps as the
non-mirror version - they're just mirrored [ie. left and right steps are
switched, etc.]. also, maniac double does not exist]




0.06: Misc_____

_____Difficulties

DDR has names for all eight of it's difficulties (unlike Beatmania,
which only has three names for it's six). Here's a chart listing all
eight (note: obviously, the *s are the number of feet in the difficulty,
and the more feet, the harder):

* simple
** moderate
*** ordinary
**** superior
***** marvelous
****** genuine
******* paramount
******** exorbitant
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_____Boot Problems

Dance Dance Revolution is 'mod-protected', and requires one of two
things to be done: Play the game on an un-modified Japanese system
(recommended), or buy a Game Shark and input the below codes to boot the
game (at your own risk):

Dance Dance Revolution (all codes must be entered):
    Check Sum Protection Defeat:
        D001E160 FFF2
        8001E160 0001
    Pro-Action Replay Detection Defeat:
        D01B6F20 0003
        801B6F20 0001
    Mod-Chip Detection Defeat:
        D01B76A8 DE07
        801B76A8 DDFE
    Start Button Fix:
        D01B6414 6424
        800101DA 0101

0.07: Outro_____

_____Versions:

v.0.96 25nov99: final planned release
        Added some misc. info, including boot problems.

v.0.95 09sept99: still technically pre-release
        Added some more song info, stage flow data.

v.0.88a 07sept99: still technically pre-release
        Added the info that I forgot to add about the edit mode.

v.0.88 07sept99: still technically pre-release
        Added info on how to get the five hidden songs (thanks to Petee
        Hsu for the info).

v.0.87 06sept99: still technically pre-release
        Cut and pasted info on DDR from my BEMANI Series FAQ to create
        this document, which deals only with the PSX DDR. Due to demand
        for a DDR FAQ, this document will actually be posted _before_ the
        revised BEMANI FAQ is (which will probably be v.0.95. Look for a
        release shortly after 9.9.99, when Beatmania 4th Mix Append is
        released).

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_____Sources:

Dance Dance Revolution Konami Official Guide

http://www.gamesages.com

"Petee Hsu" for the tip on how to unlock the DDR songs, and the double
mode tip for getting the paranoia songs.

"Mike Corbett" for the hidden characters tip.

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