

WARNINGS Read Before Using Your Sega Dreamcast Video Game System

CAUTION

Anyone who uses the Sega Dreamcast should read the operating manual for the software and console before operating them. A responsible adult should read these manuals together with any minors who will use the Sega Dreamcast before the minor uses it.

HEALTH AND EPILEPSY WARNING

Some small number of people are susceptible to epileptic seizures or loss of consciousness when exposed to certain flashing lights or light patterns that they encounter in everyday life, such as those in certain television images or video games. These seizures or loss of consciousness may occur even if the person has never had an epileptic seizure.

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In all cases, parents should monitor the use of video games by their children. If any player experiences dizziness, blurred vision, eye or muscle twitches, loss of consciousness, disorientation, any involuntary movement or convulsion, IMMEDIATELY DISCONTINUE USE AND CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR BEFORE RESUMING PLAY.

To reduce the possibility of such symptoms, the operator must follow these safety precautions at all times when using Sega Dreamcast:

- Sit a minimum of 6.5 feet away from the television screen. This should be as far as the length of the controller cable.
- Do not play if you are tired or have not had much sleep.
- Make sure that the room in which you are playing has all the lights on and is well lit.
- Stop playing video games for at least ten to twenty minutes per hour. This will rest your eyes, neck, arms and fingers so that you can continue comfortably playing the game in the future.

OPERATING PRECAUTIONS

To prevent personal injury, property damage or malfunction:

- Before removing disc, be sure it has stopped spinning.
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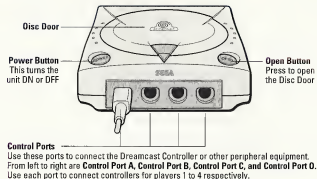


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1.1 USING THE SEGA DREAMCAST HARDWARE UNIT



Bang! Gunship Elite is a one player game. Before turning the Sega Dreamcast power ON, connect the controller or other peripheral equipment into the control ports of the Sega Dreamcast.

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.

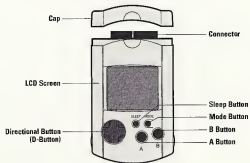
The game controls are all set to their default settings. To change the control settings, see 2.4 Options on p.11.

GETTING STARTED

If you wish to use a Visual Memory Unit (sold separately) for saving games, insert the VMU into Expansion Socket 1 of the controller connected to Port A. **Bang! Gunship Elite** requires three blocks of free memory to save game data and five blocks of free memory to save configuration data.

While saving a game file, never turn OFF the Sega Dreamcast power, remove the memory card or disconnect the controller.

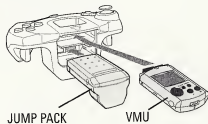
SEGA DREAMCAST VISUAL MEMORY UNIT (VMU)



GETTING STARTED

Bang! Gunship Elite is compatible with the Jump Pack (sold separately). To use this feature, insert the Jump Pack into Expansion Socket 2 of the Sega Dreamcast Controller. If the Jump Pack is inserted into Expansion Socket 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 game play or otherwise inhibit game operation.

SEGA DREAMCAST JUMP PACK™



- Select the appropriate menu item to proceed. Refer to the main menu section of this manual for menu item descriptions.

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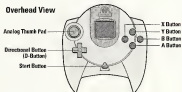
1.2 CONTROLS

The following list shows all initial or default button assignments. See section 2.4 under the **Control Options** heading for information on changing button assignments.

A	Fire
B	Shield ON/OFF
Y	Next weapon
X	Previous weapon
Up	Center Target
Left	Left roll
Right	Right roll
Down	Closest target
Right Trigger	Accelerate
Left Trigger	Brake

SEGA DREAMCAST CONTROLLER

Overhead View



Forward View

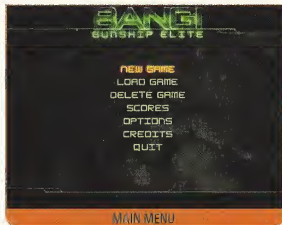


Never touch the Analog Thumb or Triggers L/R while turning the Sega Dreamcast power ON. Doing so may disrupt the controller initialization procedure and result in malfunction.

If the Analog Thumb 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.

1.3 MAIN MENU

After the **Bang! Gunship Elite** opening movie ends, the Main Menu appears.



To navigate the menus, press up and down on the Analog Thumb Pad. To select a menu item, press the A Button. Press the B Button to cancel and go back from any menu.

From the **Main Menu**, you have the following choices:

NEW GAME

Selecting this menu item starts a new game.

To save your game progress to a memory card, choose the location of the memory card to which you would like to save your game progress.

If you are not using a memory card, simply press start or the A Button from the next screen to proceed. Your pilot data, including high scores and mission progress will not be saved.

After the memory card detection screen, enter a name for your pilot using the Directional and A Buttons to select the letters. Press the X Button to erase the last letter entered. Select your difficulty level, and then highlight **START** and press the A Button. For a more in depth look at playing a new game, see the **Playing the Game** section.

LOAD GAME

Once you successfully complete a mission, **Bang! Gunship Elite** automatically saves the name, score, progress, time and date of your game to your memory card (if one is inserted). You cannot manually save a game otherwise. If you do not have a memory card, this data resets when you turn off the Sega Dreamcast Hardware Unit.

To load a previously saved game, select the name of the game from the list and press the A Button. When loading a game from this menu, you start at the beginning of the mission listed under the **Mission** heading.

Remember! To remove saved games on your memory card, you need to enter the memory card maintenance screen. For more information on how to free memory card slots, please refer to the Sega Dreamcast user manual that came with the Sega Dreamcast.

BANG! requires 3 Memory Blocks to save game data.

SCORES

This is where you can find the best scores for all saved games. Each score in the list shows the Pilots' names, the highest mission achieved, rank awarded, and their final score. To view High Scores from other difficulty levels, select the difficulty from the bottom of the High Score screen.

OPTIONS

This menu item allows you to change controller and volume settings. This is where you customize the game to your preference. See the Options section for more information on the contents of this menu item.

2.4 OPTIONS

CONTROL OPTIONS

This menu item allows you to change the button assignments for the game.



To change button assignments, move to the action you wish to change by pressing the Analog Thumb Pad up and down. Choose an action by pressing left or right on the Analog Thumb Pad. Once you have made all control configuration changes, press the B Button to return to the options menu and save your changes to the memory card. Without a memory card, your configuration does not save once you turn the Sega Dreamcast off.

SOUND OPTIONS

You can change the volume of the following sounds in the game. Select and change the sounds using the Analog Thumb Pad. Moving the slider to the left lessens the volume while moving it to the right increases the volume:

Overall Volume – Affects the volume of all sounds in the game and game menus.

Music – Affects the background music volume.

Computer Messages – this setting affects the volume of the ship's reporting system.

Sound FX – This includes all explosion, thrust, impact and sound effects.

Narrator Voice – the voice reading the briefings before each mission.

3.1 MISSION SELECTION

After starting a new game or loading a saved game, you go to the mission selection screen.

Below this, there is a listing of statistics from the last attempt at this mission. These statistics show the **Duration**, which is the time spent during the last mission, the **Hit Rate** showing the percentage of shots that reached their targets, and both the **Damage** and **Mission Scores**. The damage score indicates the damage points you inflicted on the enemy during your last attempt. The mission score is the last overall mission total score recorded.

Under the Scores heading, the **Best Score** tallies the best score your pilot has ever achieved for this mission, and the **Score** at the bottom is a running score of all missions completed.

The final row at the bottom of this screen is a listing of the available weapons you have at the beginning of the mission. The large number on each icon represents the amount of ammunition remaining for each weapon.

To select a mission, press up or down on the Analog Thumb Pad to scroll through each available mission. Remember, you must successfully complete a mission before you can move on to the next one. Select a mission by pressing the A Button.

Remember! You can choose to replay a mission to improve your score or to win it using less ammunition, less shield and boost. You also could simply retrieve a weapon that you could not find previously. You can then start the next mission from a better position...

HOW TO PLAY

3.2 BRIEFING

After confirming your selection, you access the mission's **Briefing**. Carefully watch the briefing video to gain valuable information on the details necessary to complete the mission at hand.

After the briefing video, the mission begins and you immediately enter your ship.

Once you gain control of your ship, it is important that you get a "feel" for the ship. Even the most seasoned pilots spend a few minutes getting up to speed with the flight controls and the instruments of a new ship.

Remember! You are in hostile territory as the mission begins, so be careful and keep an eye out for enemies while you familiarize yourself with your ship.



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3.3 INSIDE YOUR SHIP

COCKPIT

The cockpit is the view from which you guide your ship to victory. It contains a highly specialized grouping of instruments, each with highly accurate and efficient defensive and offensive capabilities. From this view, you control your ship's movement, targeting systems, defensive mechanisms, communications and weaponry.



HOW TO PLAY

MANEUVERING

No matter which control scheme you use, you steer the ship with the Analog Thumb Pad. When moving the Analog Thumb Pad, a small reticule moves in the direction you point. This small reticule is the ship's Reticule.



RETICULE

To maneuver your ship, move the Analog Thumb Pad in the direction you would like your ship to face, and then press the thrust button to move in this direction. The Reticule also aims your weapons, so try to move the reticule over your intended target before pressing the fire button to increase your accuracy.

TARGETING SYSTEM

The targeting system installed in your ship allows you to view and maintain potential threats in your immediate vicinity. The targeting system helps determine the target's identity, the distance from your ship to the target, and the target's relative location. The targeting system is also capable of cycling through available targets and maintaining a lock on a target. You control these functions and view the status of the targeting system from the cockpit.



HOW TO PLAY

USING THE TARGETING SYSTEM:

While in battle, it is very important to know the location of all possible threats around you. Your ship's radar and targeting system has the ability to target the nearest hostile, or you can use the ship's controls to quickly cycle through the available targets.



RADAR

The radar, pictured above, shows all object locations around your ship. The radar sweeps in a full sphere around your ship. The blue pie shaped area at the top of the radar is the visible area you see looking out from the Cockpit View. Objects that are at eye level to your ship appear as a dot. Objects that are above you appear as , where the length of the line indicates the object's height relative to your ship. When the object is below your eye level, this symbol, , denotes the object's position. The colors of these dots represent the following:

Green	Friendly space craft
Blue	Bonus item (health, life, ammunition)
Orange	Unidentified, possible threat
Red	Enemy craft

HOW TO PLAY

To quickly jump from target to target, use the next and previous target selection button. Once the system acquires a target, an image of the target appears in the display just right of your radar, known as the Target Status Indicator, shown below.



TARGET STATUS INDICATOR

From this screen, you can determine the target's identity, its appearance, and its hull integrity, denoted by both the orange ring around the target's appearance, and by the percentage above the indicator.



TARGETING ARROW

Once acquired, an arrow such as the one above appears on the edge of your viewing area. This indicates the location of the target relative to your ship. The number appearing on the arrow shows your distance to the target. You must try to maneuver your ship in the direction the arrow points to quickly move the target into your viewing area. The number on the arrow indicates the target's distance from your ship.

Other arrows of different colors show the position of friendly ships, facilities, or upgrades in your area. This is often helpful when locating a desired weapon, or finding the portal after completing mission.

HOW TO PLAY

BONUSES

As you explore your area, you will find weapons, shield, and life upgrades, in addition to ammunition, floating in space. These have either been left behind for your benefit, or have been dropped by defeated ships. No matter the source, it is important that you acquire these upgrades to aid your path to victory.

WEAPONRY

When you begin the first mission, your ship is outfitted with standard issue ion blasters as your only weapon. When you acquire a new weapon, an icon representing this weapon appears along the top of your viewable area. Once selected, the icon for the weapon you choose becomes highlighted, and you see the weapon mount outside your cockpit.

The benefit of the ion blaster is that your ammunition never expires. The drawback is the minimal damage this weapon inflicts. This is the case with each weapon available throughout the universe. There is a benefit and a drawback to each.

Remember! If shots bounce back off a ship or another structure, this means that the weapon you are using has no effect on the target. You must therefore use a different weapon.

SHIELDS



SHIP STATUS INDICATOR

A vital key to your survival is proper manipulation of your ship's defense system. The first line of defense is proper use of the targeting system to know where your enemy's location at all times. Once you know your enemy's position, you can defend your ship by activating your shields. Once activated, a blue shield surrounds the representation in the Ship Status Indicator.

Due to power restraints, you have a limited usage of shields. Once you activate the shields, the shield power meter (the blue meter surrounding the ship's representation in the Ship Status Indicator) shrinks until you turn the shields off again. Once your initial reserves of shields are gone, you will need to find shield bonuses before using the shield again during the mission.

Important! The shields only protect your ship against enemy fire, not against crashes.

To Activate the Shields: To toggle your shields on/off, press the Shield button to activate the shields.

LIFE



SHIP STATUS INDICATOR

The orange ring around your ship in the Ship Status Indicator denotes your total Life remaining. Your energy level diminishes after each collision and each hit from enemy fire. Damage levels vary according to your speed in the case of collisions and to enemy firepower if you take a direct hit. Also, remember that some of your own weapons can cause damage if you fly within their blast radius. To boost your energy level, you must find and collect LIFE or HALF-LIFE bonuses during your missions.

3.4 PAUSE

You can **Pause** the game at any time by pressing the **Start Button** to bring up the in game menu.

By pressing the **Start Button**, you access the general game options (see **Options**) and can review your current mission objectives. To return to the game, press the **Start Button** again, or select **Continue Mission**.

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