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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.

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Max Steel™ Covert Missions

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BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY...

Jefferson Smith has been kidnapped by D.R.E.A.D. agents! Max Steel™ is determined to rescue his surrogate father and is willing to use any means necessary.

Max finds the kidnappers, overpowers them, and rescues Smith. But D.R.E.A.D. had created a biological replica of Jefferson Smith, and Max "rescued" this corrupt version of the father he adores!

The evil cartel not only holds the real Smith captive, but they've succeeded in infiltrating Max's inner circle with a malevolent imposter—and Max did most of the work for them!

Now he's been ordered to do it again! The phony Smith assigned a mission to Max that will further D.R.E.A.D.'s evil plans! Can Max figure out the deception and turn things around?

Adventure Mode



After the mission briefing tells you the goals for the coming mission, you will go directly into Adventure mode. Adventure mode is the main gameplay setting where Max will navigate through the missions and fight his adversaries. Can Max Steel™ bring N-Tek™ back to their core objective, helping to end terrorism? Or will D.R.E.A.D. succeed in creating a world full of zombie slaves?



- 1. Health Gauge:** The health gauge is composed of three distinct bars, each measuring a different critical element.
- A. The middle, segmented, blue bar represents Max's current health.
 - B. The top, unsegmented, light blue bar represents Max's available N-Tek™ energy. Max Steel™ starts each mission fully charged with N-Tek™ energy. The number of N-Tek™ uses depends on the game's difficulty level (4 for easy, 3 for medium, and 2 for hard).
 - C. The bottom, segmented, reddish bar represents Max's current armor.

2. Ammo Gauge: The ammo gauge shows how much ammunition is currently available. Weapons require a different amount of ammo depending on their potency and the game's difficulty level.

3. Active Item: This icon shows the currently selected inventory item (item or weapon). This icon will show whether the item is in-hand (solid icon with bright blue background) or is not currently in Max's hand (translucent icon with no background). If no item is currently selected, then no icon will be shown.

4. Crosshairs: Whenever Max has a weapon drawn, a set of crosshairs will appear. Each weapon has a different crosshairs to indicate which weapon Max has drawn. If the crosshairs are blue, Max has nothing to shoot at; if the crosshairs turn red, Max has a targetable object in his sights.

5. Boss Bar: When Max squares off against a boss, the boss bar will be displayed showing the boss's health or other important information.



PDA

Activate the PDA with the **Start button** to access the current mission objectives at any time. You can also view the active item and cycle through the inventory using the **directional buttons**. Press the **A button** to accept your changes to the inventory items and return to Adventure mode. Press the **B button** to cancel any changes and return to Adventure mode. Press either **directional button** sideways to access the Saved Games, Options, and Controls menus.

Puzzler Mode

When Max Steel™ has to solve a puzzle in order to progress in the game, the screen will change to puzzler mode. You will no longer be able to see the gameplay gauges and icons. All on-screen information will be related to the puzzle.

PUZZLER MODE CONTROLS

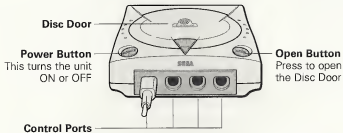


- A Button:** Red
- B Button:** Blue
- X Button:** Yellow
- Y Button:** Green
- Start:** PDA Activate

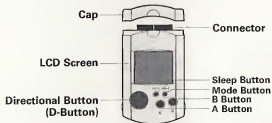
The colored buttons are used to correspond to color-coded parts of a puzzle, whether it's colored wires, computer chips, or combination lock elements. Use the **directional buttons** when you need to move something in a particular direction.

Game Controls

SEGA DREAMCAST HARDWARE UNIT

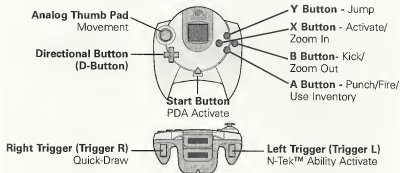


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While saving a game file, never turn OFF the Sega Dreamcast power, remove the memory card, or disconnect the controller.

SEGA DREAMCAST CONTROLLER



Note: 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 the 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 and display the title screen.

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.

Adventure Mode Controls

PUNCH/FIRE/USE INVENTORY—A BUTTON

If Max has a gun drawn, this fires the gun. If Max has an item in the active inventory slot, then he tries to use the item.

JUMP—Y BUTTON

There are five types of jumps that Max Steel™ can perform.

- If **Jump** is used without the addition of movement controls, Max will jump straight up in the air. If there is an edge that is within three meters of the floor Max jumped from, Max will grab the edge and climb up.
- If **Jump** is used from a standstill along with forward movement, Max will make a standing broadjump.
- If **Jump** is used while already running forward, then Max will make a running jump.
- If **Jump** is used while walking backwards or from a standstill and with backwards movement, then Max will jump backwards.
- If **Jump** is used from a standstill and with sideways movement, then Max will roll to whichever side was selected.

ACTIVATE—X BUTTON

This tells Max to manipulate some item in front of him, like a door, control panel, or switch. You can also use the **X button** to exit puzzle screens.

QUICK-DRAW—RIGHT TRIGGER

Immediately brings Max's last item into Max's hand. If an item is already there, then Max puts it away. Hold down the **right trigger** and move the **analog thumb pad** up and down to select the item you want from the inventory.

PDA ACTIVATE—START

The game pauses while you look at the Personal Digital Assistant (PDA). You can explore the inventory and select the active inventory item, read the logbook where mission objectives are listed, restart the mission, change your active inventory item, or load a saved game.

NANO-TEK ABILITY ACTIVATE—LEFT TRIGGER

The left trigger is for N-Tek™ activation. The **left trigger** used in combination with the **A button** makes Max Steel™ go into Turbo mode. The **left trigger** used with the **B button** makes Max go into Stealth mode. Press the **A button** for turbo and the **B button** for stealth. Max then goes into the selected N-Tek™ mode.

Turbo: Max is very strong for a short time. He can take out any non-boss enemy with a single blow, and can even break down weakened wall sections.

Stealth: Max is invisible and cannot be detected by guards or cameras. Max can silently disable a guard by attacking it while in Stealth mode. *(On Easy, the Turbo and Stealth last longer, and on Hard, the duration is shorter.)*

LOOK AROUND/SNIPE—LEFT /RIGHT TRIGGERS (SIMULTANEOUSLY)

When Max has a gun drawn, this will allow him to take careful aim at a target. Otherwise, it is used to look around the environment. The **X button** zooms in and the **B button** zooms out. Holding the **Y button** while moving around will slow down the cursor movement.

PUNCH—A BUTTON

Max Steel™ will strike at an enemy near him. If the opponent is small or lower down, Max will do a low punch; if the opponent is large or higher up, Max will do a high or jumping punch.

KICK—B BUTTON

Launches one of several kicks. If the opponent is small or on the ground, Max will use a stomp; if the opponent is large or higher up, Max will do a high or jumping kick

1-2—"Pow!"—A OR B BUTTONS PRESSED THREE TIMES

If Max does three attacks in quick succession, the third will be a more damaging "finishing move." This hit will do double damage. (There are three combinations: Punch-Punch-Punch, Kick-Kick-Kick, and Kick-Punch-Kick.)

Main Menu

Choose from the following options to begin playing Max Steel™ Covert Missions:



NEW GAME

Choose this option to play a current game or to start a new game.

LOAD GAME

Choose this to go to the Load Game screen.

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OPTIONS

Navigate through the choices by scrolling up or down. **Left or right** will change the currently selected option. The **A button** will accept the changes made and return you to the Main menu or PDA screen. The **B button** will cancel any changes made and return you to the Main menu or PDA screen. The **Y button** will reset all of the options to the default settings. The **X button** will view the credits movie.

Difficulty: This determines how tough the game will be. Changes include decreasing shot count, increasing enemy damage, and decreasing enemy attack delays as difficulty goes up.

Music Volume: This setting determines how loud the background music is that plays during the game.

Audio: This setting allows the game to be played in Stereo or Monaural.

VMU Audio: This will enable or disable the beeps associated with game saves and other VMU functions.

CONTROLS



This screen will allow you to modify the controls from their initial settings. Scroll up and down to cycle through the selections and scroll left or right to change the setting to another value. The **Y button** will reinitialize the settings. The **A button** will accept your changes and return you to the Main menu or PDA screen. The **B button** will cancel any changes and return you to the Main menu or PDA screen.

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Combat and Weapons Statistics

Punch	Does 25 points of hand-to-hand (HTH) damage (for Medium difficulty)
Kick	Does 30 points of HTH damage
Finishing Move	Does 40 (punch) or 60 (kick) points of HTH damage (Available after two consecutive punches or kicks)
Laser Pistol	Does 100 points of gun damage Uses 5 ammo per shot (Six shots with a full load)
Repeating Blaster	Does 35 points of gun damage Uses 1 ammo per shot (30 shots with full load) Fastest firing rate
Energy Rifle	Does 200 points of gun damage Uses 5 ammo per shot (Six shots with full load) Slowest firing rate (On Easy the guns use less energy, and on Hard, they use more energy)

Adversaries



CAMERA

Security cameras protect many of the locations Max Steel™ will be investigating. He'll have to time his movements or disable the camera in order to avoid being detected. N-Tek™ stealth mode can avoid any security camera.



ROBOTS

Sentry robots patrol certain areas for intruders. Robots are programmed to patrol in cycles, so Max can time his movements to defeat them. They can also be fired on or electronically disabled.



LASERS

Lasers are beams of light that protect parts of rooms or doorways. Some lasers can be circumvented by maneuvering around them. Some lasers must be electronically disabled or fired on. There are three colors of lasers: Green lasers, which only detect Max and set off the alarm; Yellow lasers, which cause Max harm; and Red lasers, which are deadly if Max touches them. Green and Yellow lasers can be avoided by using N-Tek™ stealth; Red lasers cannot be avoided with N-Tek™ stealth.



WEAPON PLACEMENTS

A weapon placement is any of a variety of stationary weapons ranging from a simple gun turret to a multi-rocket launcher. Once activated, a weapon will fire at Max until he gets out of range or it is destroyed. To disable a weapon placement, fire on it until it is destroyed or use an electronic disabling technique.



THUGS

A thug is any being that Max Steel™ must fight. These range from human sentries to biological creatures. Most of the time, thugs are relatively simple for Max to dispatch through hand-to-hand combat. Some thugs are weak-minded, and can be avoided with simple timing. Some can be electronically disabled.



PHYSICAL PUZZLES

Physical puzzles must be navigated through proper use of movement, jumping, climbing, ducking, and crawling. Max also may be required to manipulate the environment in order to solve the puzzle. Some puzzles are timed, which requires even greater dexterity. Objects can block travel, and sometimes must be destroyed or moved.



PUZZLER

A puzzler is a timed event that usually requires physical manipulation of an object. Max may have to figure out the code to open a door or even defuse a bomb. There are often clues throughout a mission that are vital in solving a puzzler. Sometimes it's just a process of elimination, trying a movement or a direction in sequence until the desired result is achieved.



Boss

A boss encounter is usually a mission-ending fight in which Max must defeat a particularly tough opponent. The boss will have special attacks and is occasionally supported by thugs. Max must use all the skills he has learned so far to defeat a boss.

Power-Ups

Power-ups are spread throughout the missions. Some power-ups are immediately effective, making Max Steel™ stronger or giving him some much-needed clue or key. Some power-ups will go into the inventory and can be used later. Power-ups are sometimes right out in the open; others are hidden and must be found. Some power-ups can be taken from dead enemies or are rewards when a puzzle is solved.



Armor: Gives Max 30 points of armor, up to his maximum of 50.



N-Tek™ Energy: Gives Max 60 points of N-Tek™ energy. (120 points is his maximum.)



Ammo Cell: Max has a pool of energy ammo that he can use in any of the guns. (30 ammo is his maximum.)



Medkit: Heals Max if he's hurt. (100 health is his maximum.)

Items



Grenade: An item that Max Steel™ throws to create a small explosion.



Noisemaker: Attracts guards to wherever it is thrown.



Pulsezap: Thrown item that does only a little damage to humans, but a lot to robots and other machines.



Timed Det Pack: Apply this bomb to a location and it will begin to emit a light. A short while later it will explode.



Remote Det Pack: Throw this somewhere, then make it explode by choosing its radio detonator in the inventory and activating it.



Tripped Det Pack: Sticks wherever it is thrown, and then shoots out a tripwire beam. When something crosses the beam, the explosive blows up.

Weapons

If Max Steel™ finds a weapon he already has, he will take the ammo to fill up his own supply.



Laser Pistol: One shot will take out most low-level enemies. A full load of ammo is enough for six pistol shots.



Repeating Blaster: A fast-repeating blaster that does less damage per shot, but can fire 30 times on a full load of ammo.



Energy Rifle: Equipped with a high-powered scope for accurate shooting at a distance. This rifle will take out anyone except a boss, but has a much slower reload rate. A full load of ammo allows six shots.

Saving a Game

The save-game mechanism is completely automatic. At the beginning of a mission and at the start of every sub-level, the game is saved automatically. Through the PDA pause menu, you can choose to restart the mission you're on or load a game from any of the sub-level automatic saves. When Max dies, the last sub-level save will automatically be loaded.

Characters



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BERTO

Dr. Roberto Martinez was a child prodigy who grew up to be an expert in cybernetics, nano-technology, and biomedical research. His skills make him indispensable as the voice on the other end of Max's constant link to N-Tek™.



RACHEL

Rachel Leeds is Max's handler, who was an accomplished espionage agent in her own right. She trains and advises him, but in terms of personality, the two are opposites. The clashes between the man and his boss can get ornery.



JEFFERSON SMITH

Jefferson Smith took Max in and raised him as his own son when the boy's father was tragically killed. Smith had long been a protégé of Max's dad, the president of N-Tek™. Smith assumed leadership of the company and performed both his jobs, CEO and dad, with extraordinary grace.



IGOR

An arms smuggler with a reputation for being a very tough customer. He likes slugging it out.



PSYCHO®

Psycho® is D.R.E.A.D.'s top operative. His right arm is completely mechanical and opens to reveal a crushing claw. He wears a mask that hides a hideous robotic face and terrifying grin.



DAWN

A genius in biological manipulation, she strives to make the entire world her willing slaves, turning everyone into zombie followers.

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Fight Opponents

All DREAD agents (Thug, Shooter, Trooper, and Grenadier) come in three levels of difficulty; Red being the weakest, Green a bit stronger, and Blue the strongest. Both speed of attack, damage per attack, and amount of health increase as they get stronger.



THUG

The most basic type of enemy, the Thug moves into striking distance once it's activated.



SHOOTER

A Shooter carries a gun, and will shoot when activated.



TROOPER

A Trooper is a highly armored Dread agent with a large gun.



GRENADIER

A Grenadier is like a Trooper, except he has a grenade that he will throw when activated before moving into striking distance.



ANDROIDS

Androids fight like Thugs or Shooters, but are human-shaped robotic fighters.



ROBOT GUARD

In addition to being able to raise an alarm, the Robot Guard will fire its weapon.



SLUDGLING™

Sludglings™ are small, easily-killed organic creatures that hop and bite.



ORGANIC MONSTER

An Organic Monster fights like a D.R.E.A.D. Thug, but is decidedly non-human in appearance.

Missions

MISSION 1



Junkyard and Warehouses

An abandoned junkyard that Igor the weapons smuggler is using as a base of operations. D.R.E.A.D. must be using Igor for some important job.

MISSION 2



Dockside and Interior of Tanker Ship

A section of the docks that D.R.E.A.D. is using for their operations. Max Steel™ must go through here to get on board the transport ship *Hijinks* before it leaves the harbor.

MISSION 3



High Rise Research Tower

A high-tech biological research lab. Max must sneak in after hours and get past the elaborate security to get some information.



MISSION 4

Underwater Base

An N-Tek™ oceanographic research station that should be empty at this time of year.



MISSION 5

Cliffside Missile Complex

A D.R.E.A.D. missile base that Dawn is using to launch her biological terror upon innocent victims.



MISSION 6

Yucatan Jungle

The production and distribution center for Dawn's formula. Max Steel™ needs to get on board the blimp stationed here before it goes on its spraying mission.



MISSION 7

Dawn's Complex

Dawn's secret home base. Location of the final battle.

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