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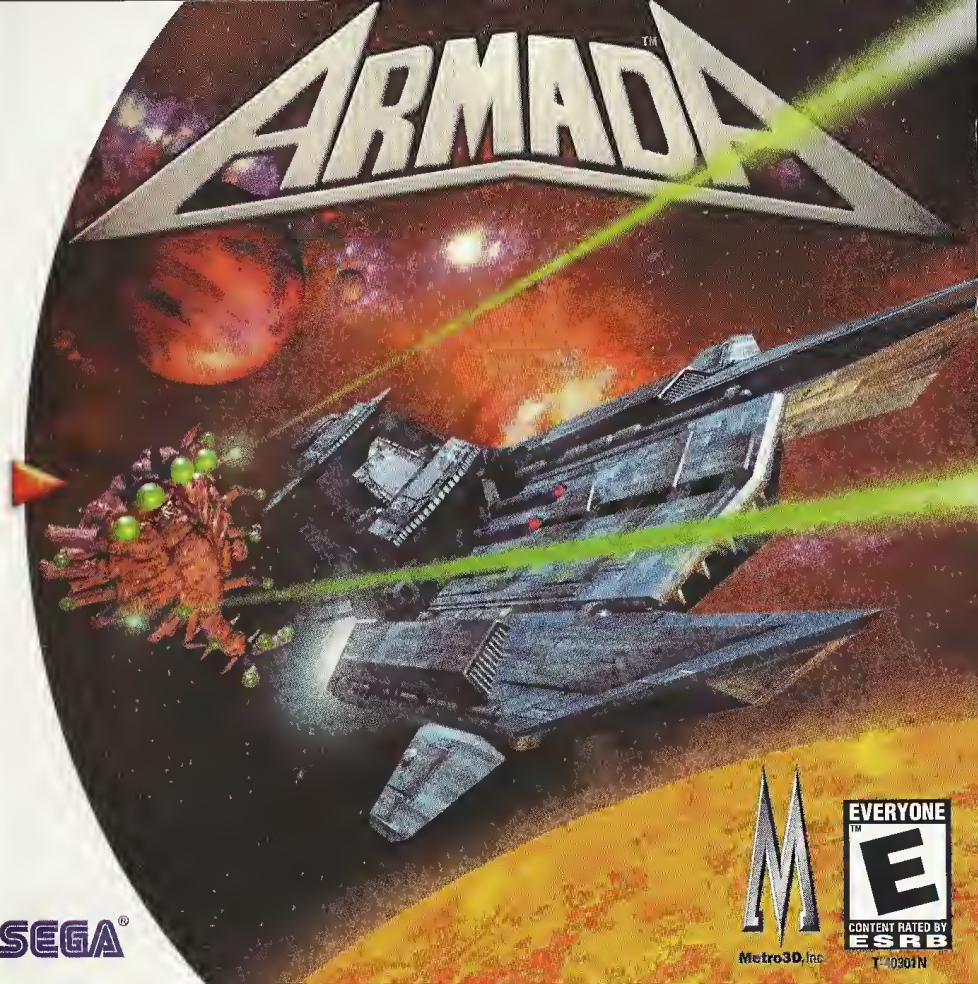

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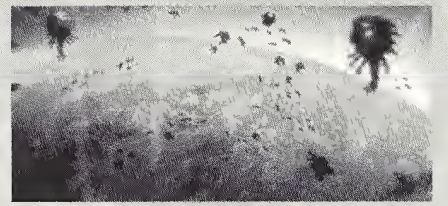
WHAT IS ARMADA?

Armada is a 4-player action game built for the Sega Dreamcast system. Players are encouraged to use the VMU (Visual Memory Unit) to store their character and savegame information.

Up to 4 Players can control spaceships simultaneously to shoot at huge aliens. Players build experience to grow in power. Players can also find new technology and acquire ship upgrades to become more powerful. The ultimate goal of the game is to fight the biomechanical Armada and protect civilization.

Thank you for choosing Armada. Have Fun!

THE STORY SO FAR...



Long ago, our ancestors departed from planet Earth and traveled to the stars.
We knew that if we remained on Earth, the Universe would eventually send an asteroid our way. We needed to spread out into space.

After 10,000 years of survival and evolution in alien environments, a multitude of diverse human variations emerged. We adapted to life on countless worlds and harnessed unprecedented powers of matter and energy, but the sum of human knowledge lay scattered about the universe. Despite all our achievements, we could not share our unique understanding with one another.

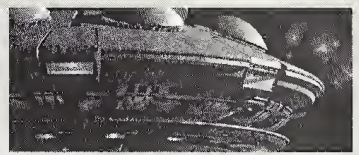
In this time of separation, a massive biomechanical Armada took notice of the Earth-born tribes and engaged humanity in centuries of unrelenting warfare. We could not communicate with the Armada, and we did not know what crime we had committed that would cause these aliens to seek our destruction.

The Armada consumed worlds and ended civilizations with cruel efficiency, but six of the Earth-born tribes survived to form Allied Command. When the six races formed the Alliance, many separate traditions came together to create a stronger unity. We were able to save our civilization on a single world and together we developed the technology to defend ourselves from the aggression of the Armada

You are born to an era of hope and reunification. As the captain of a starship, your growth and your triumphs champion the cause of all the Tribes in our war against the Armada.

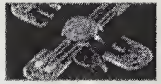
One way or another, your goal is to survive the attack of the Armada and win the freedom of our people either by destroying the Armada or establishing communication with it. Good luck!

A Starbase is a huge space station inhabited by one of the Allied races. The Starbases provide a defensive perimeter around Allied City and give you a place to rest. Journey to the Starbases and trade technology with them to increase your power.



Here are the coordinates of the Starbases:

Allied Starbase
X:-78, Y:99



Eldred Starbase
X:13652, Y:-5886

Terran Starbase
X:-3408, Y:2400

Scarab Starbase
X:-128, Y:-9822

Nomad Starbase
X:2421, Y:14343

Drakken Starbase
X:12421, Y:7476

Vorgan Starbase
X:-12989, Y:-5788

Allied Races
The following is a brief history of each of the Allied Races:

TERRAN
The Terrans remained on Earth until the Great Armada Invasion of 4057. Biosphere colony ships set course for the Nomad's last known destination: the Nexus System. Many generations of Terrans lived and died during the centuries-long journey, but Terran engineering and ingenuity kept the travelers alive. The struggle for survival forged the previously decadent Earth-dwellers into a society of rugged and forthright frontier explorers. Today, Terran military technology is second only to Nomad hardware in terms of power and is without equal in the domain of precision engineering and overall sturdiness.

Rapid Fire
Bonus Armor
Twin Homing Rockets

NDMAD
Nomads boarded the first sleeper ship to be launched from Earth 10,000 Standard Years ago. They sought to escape a life of mistreatment as space miners, soldiers, and servants. The Nomads choose not to live terrestrially because they were genetically engineered to survive in zero-g environments, at low pressures. Earth-dwelling Terrans feared them, for Nomads appear brutish and their bodies continually twitch and flex, like the pulsing of a heart muscle. Since the Nomads do not live on the worlds they exploit, they tend to not be as concerned with the fate of planetary civilization. The Nomads produce ships optimized for combat, sparing little room for creature comforts or reserve life support.

Explosive Shot
Bonus Damage
Beam Weapon

ELDRED

The Eldred were born of the Scarab Disunity of 5470. Eldred society is comprised of strict matriarchies where dominant females control 5-10 subservient males. The Eldred spent many years in hiding from the Armada before joining the Alliance. They developed a technology that helps screen the Alliance City from the attention of the Armada. This Eldred field-disrupter technology makes them an essential ally in the war against the Armada, but Eldred culture makes them wary of cooperation in defending their region of space. The Eldred have great mistrust for the Vorgans and believe that the Vorgans have somehow been in communication with the Armada.

Enhanced Warp Engines
Bonus Energy Max
Experience Bonus for Kills

SCARAB

The Scarab departed from Earth with the Terrans, but in 200 million smaller seed ships. The Scarab strictly regulated their brains through implants and formed colony mind groups. The Scarab respected Terran autonomy and did not impose Unity upon them. The Scarab hurried to join their distant cousins only to find themselves trapped in the grip of the Armada. The Scarab Unity constructs technology that emphasizes speed over firepower, in order that they may continue to observe the universe unmolested.

Radial Shot
Bonus Speed
Increased Shot Rate

DRAKKEN

Long ago, Earth Government offered all violent political felons amnesty if they would volunteer to participate in the experimental Space Ark Project. After the felons took over the ships and imprisoned their captors, they discovered that they had all been part of a new Nomad project to create a deep space human. The Drakken were able to flourish in a largely dead area of space by breeding a hierarchy of food-grade humans capable of converting solar radiation into nutrients through a process similar to photosynthesis. Many modern Drakken citizens bear a greenish skin tone that is a reminder of their sordid history.

Forward Triple Shot
Bonus Shots
Credit Bonus for Kills

VORGAN

The Vorgans were the first to arrive at what is now known as Allied Command. The Vorgan people are genetically distinct from other Earth-born races in that they possess an auxiliary communication organ in their brain. This organ produces and receives a range of alpha-wave modulations that constitute the Vorgan language. The Vorgans excel in science and have developed technology to manipulate energy fields in order to help repair damaged systems.

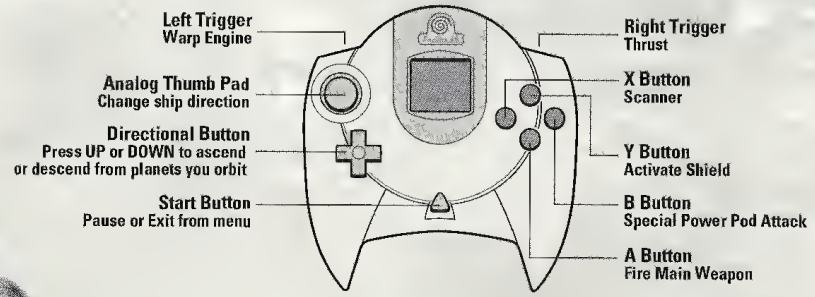
Guided Shot
Damage Resistance
Ultratech Bonus

Armada is a 4 Player game. Before turning the Sega Dreamcast power ON, connect the controllers or other peripheral equipment into the control ports of the Sega Dreamcast. I also recommend that you insert all your Visual Memory Units into the Expansion Sockets of your Sega Dreamcast Controller before turning power ON. To return to the title screen at any point during game play, simultaneously press and hold the Ⓐ, Ⓑ, Ⓧ, Ⓨ and **START** buttons. This will cause the Sega Dreamcast to soft-reset the software and display the title screen.

NOTE: Be sure to never touch the Analog Thumb Pad or the L/R Triggers while turning the Sega Dreamcast power ON. Doing so may disrupt the controller initialization procedure and result in malfunction.

SEGA DREAMCAST CONTROLLER

Overhead View



Armada is an extremely long game. You will want to use a VMU (Visual Memory Unit) to record your character improvement and progress in the game. Before you turn the power on to your Sega Dreamcast system, insert your VMU into one of the expansion sockets on top of your Controller. If you have multiple Controllers, you can insert up to 8 VMUs into the Controller expansion sockets. You only need one VMU to save your game, but your friends might want to bring their VMU over to have their character join your game or just to trade items you have found.

When you first run the game, you will see a short movie that tells the history of Armada. After the movie is over, you will see the Start screen. Press **START** to enter the game.

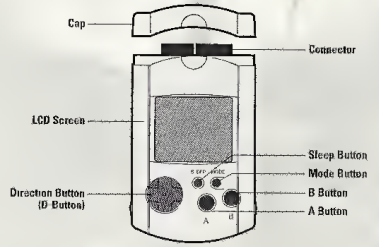
Now you will see a screen that shows Allied Command and four Armada World Slots on the currently selected VMU. If you select an empty slot and press Ⓐ, you will start a new game that will be saved in that slot. If you select a save game slot, you can press Ⓐ to load the game or Ⓑ to delete the game slot. The nice thing is that the game is saved separately from your character, so you can take your character to join any game you want or even take a well-developed character into a brand new game.

Since this is probably your first time playing Armada, choose the first Armada World Slot and press Ⓐ to create a new game. Now you are ready to make your first character.

Armada requires 6 free memory blocks on the VMU for saving your game. You can save your game at any time while you are playing Armada by pausing the game and selecting the SAVE option. You can store up to 4 campaigns and 6 characters on one VMU.

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

VISUAL MEMORY UNIT (VMU)

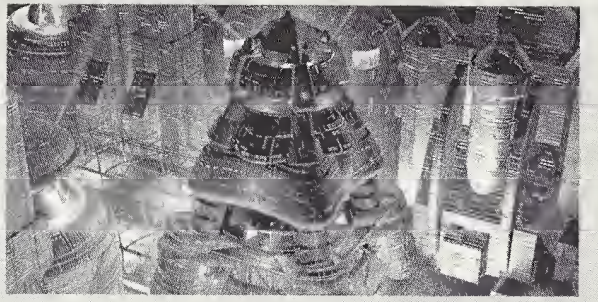


Your character is "you" in the game. You will make some choices and give your character a name. When you play using your character, your character will change and grow based on the experiences you have and the technology your character discovers.

First choose your starting race. Each race has an advantage based on their past history. Read the earlier section about the Allied Races to help you decide which race you would enjoy most.

Now enter your character's name. Press Ⓐ to select a letter of the alphabet. Press Ⓧ to backspace if you made a mistake entering your name. Press Ⓑ to go back one screen. When you are done entering your name, press Ⓨ. Now your character is ready to explore space, but you should wait for your other friends to load their characters or create new characters first. If everybody is ready (or if you are playing solo), then press **START** to enter the world of Armada.

You start the game at the Alliance City on the surface of the only civilized planet the Alliance controls. The Allied Citizens that live in the city work on developing technology and making new ship designs for you. Above the City are several ships flying around. These are high-ranking members of Allied Command. They have access to intelligence reports and resources that will help you fight the Armada. If you want to talk to them, press the Ⓧ button to activate your scanner and scan the ship you want to hail.



The first thing you should do is go find the Nomad named Phoenix and talk to him about getting some Power Pods. Talk to the other command ships in the city and listen to what they think is the best way to fight the Armada.

When you are ready, press up on the **Directional Button** (the one under your Analog Thumb Pad), to lift-off from the planet and enter space. You should then travel to the Allied Starbase at X:-78, Y:99. If you encounter the Armada along the way, fight them by pressing the Ⓐ button to fire your main weapon. If your ship is destroyed, do not worry. You will not lose any items or progress in the game if your ship is destroyed.

1. If you find debris in space, use your scanner to look for hidden items that may be in the wreckage.
2. Each Armada ship has a unique behavior. Watch their actions and think about how to defeat them.
3. If you encounter an enemy that is too strong, go elsewhere and build up your strength and then try to fight the enemy again. You will never be penalized for being destroyed.
4. If you play the game with 3 other people, you can use teamwork to defeat the game faster.
5. Keep notes about what you have learned to help solve challenges in the game. It is especially useful to note coordinates of interest that you have found. My favorite coordinate is X:22522, Y:7334. Share your ideas and information with people on the internet at the Armada Forum at **http://www.metro3d.com** and help other people, or just visit to talk to other players.

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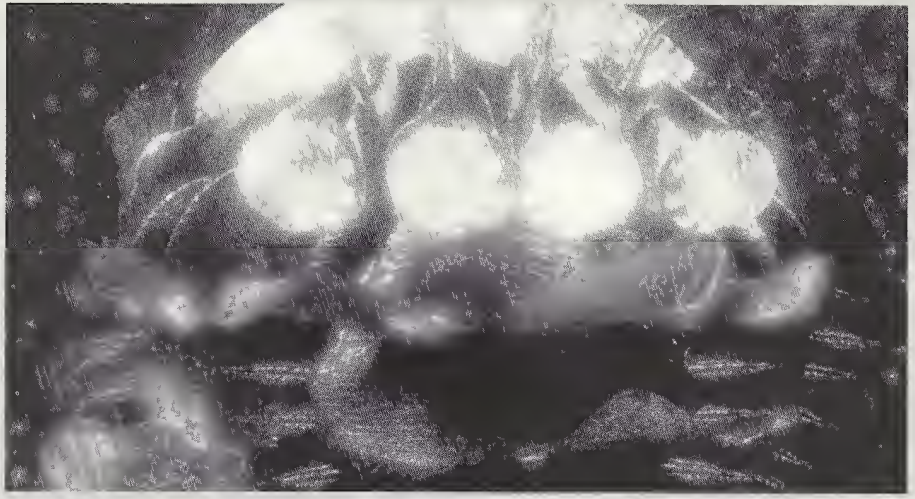

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