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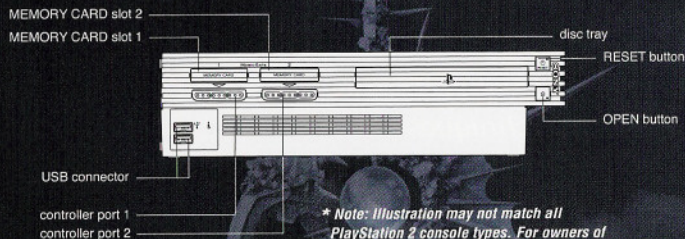
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## GETTING STARTED

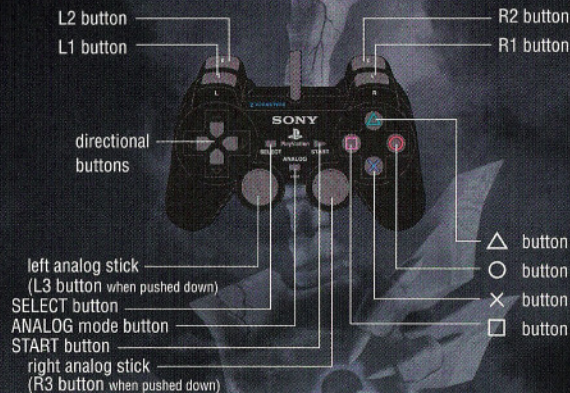


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Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located on the back of the console) is turned ON. Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the OPEN button. Press the OPEN button again and the disc tray will close. Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

## GAME CONTROLS

### DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



The following is the default controller setup. Some buttons may be remapped in the Options Menu. Two controllers are necessary to play VS Battle and VS Team Battle Modes. SOULCALIBUR®III can also be played with a DUALSHOCK® analog controller. The controls for the DUALSHOCK® analog controller are the same as for the DUALSHOCK®2 analog controller. The default setting for the vibration function is OFF. The vibration function can be turned ON in the Options Menu.

□ button	Horizontal Strike (A) / cancel menus and other selections	L1 button	Guard (G)
△ button	Vertical Strike (B) / cancel menus and other selections	directional buttons	Character movement / menu selection
○ button	Kick (K) / confirm menus and other selections	left analog stick	Character movement / menu selection
× button	Guard (G) / confirm menus and other selections	START button	Pause game / open pause menu
L2 button	Press A+B simultaneously	R2 button	Press A+B+K simultaneously
		R1 button	Kick (K)



## STARTING THE GAME

If the disc is properly set in the PlayStation®2 hardware and the game is started, the Title Screen will be displayed. Press the START button to go to the Mode Select Screen.

### Mode Select Screen



#### Single Player Modes

The single player mode includes seven sub-modes including Tales of Souls Mode, Chronicles of the Swords Mode and Character Creation Mode.

#### VS Modes

The modes in this section allow you to play against another player.

#### Shop

Buy weapons for your characters and other items.

#### Options

Change settings and save or load your data.

### About Save Data

When saving game progress, insert a memory card (8MB) (for PlayStation®2) with at least 300KB of free space into MEMORY CARD slot 1 or slot 2. Then start the game.

### About Progressive Output

Higher video quality can be enjoyed if a component AV cable for PlayStation®2 (SCPH-10100U) and a progressive scan (525p) television set with component video input are used. If a television set without progressive scan (525p) capabilities or a connection other than with a component AV cable is being used, the picture may not display properly in progressive scan mode.

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Configuration. Some television sets with component video inputs may not be progressive scan (525p) enabled. Please consult the television set's instruction manual or contact the manufacturer to confirm.

### Selecting Progressive Mode

Hold down the **X** button and the **△** Button while the game is booting, and the following prompt will appear: "**Change to Progressive Mode?**" Carefully read the warning on the screen. Select "**Yes**" with the directional buttons and confirm with the **X** button to switch to progressive mode.

## SCREEN GUIDES AND RULES

These are the basic rules and viewing methods for in-battle screens. The rules and screens vary according to the mode. For details on this, please refer to the pages explaining each game mode.

### Basic Screen Guide



#### Character Names

Displays the character's name

#### Health Gauge

The green bar indicates how much health remains for the player character. When the health gauge reaches zero, the player loses.

#### Time

When the clock reaches zero, time is up for the match. The player with more health wins.

### Pause Menu

When the START button is pressed during battle in each mode, a Pause Menu will be displayed. Select a submenu with the directional buttons or the left analog stick, and confirm your selection using the **X** button.

*\* In some portions of the game, there is no pause menu available ("Character Creation," "Shop," and "Options")*

### How to Win

Attain any one of the following conditions to win a single battle. Winning a match requires winning a varying number of battles. Adjust the number of battles required to win a match in "Game Settings" under the "Options" Menu.

**Knock Out:** Opponent's health is reduced to zero.

**Ring Out:** Opponent is knocked out of the ring.

**Time Up:** The character with more health when time runs out wins.

**Draw & Sudden Death:** When a double knock out or a double ring out occurs, a draw results. Both sides receive a point for the battle at this time. If both characters have won the same number of battles, and both sides reach the required number of battles won to win the match at the time of the draw, the match goes into sudden death.

**Game Over:** This occurs when a match is lost. In modes where there are rankings, such as Survival and Time Attack, qualifying players are able to enter their names into the rankings. In Standard Mode, when Game Over is reached, a Continue Screen appears. Press the START button before the countdown reaches zero to continue playing.



## BASIC TECHNIQUES

This section provides an overview of basic moves in SOULCALIBUR®III.

All move commands and controls assume that the character is facing right (standing on the 1P side.)

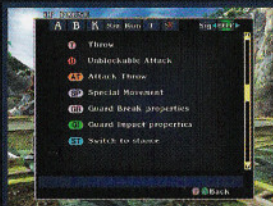
### Basic Control Notation

Command Symbol	Controller Button	Meaning
◀	directional buttons or left analog stick	Hold direction
▶	directional buttons or left analog stick	Press direction quickly
A	□ button	Horizontal Strike
B	△ button	Vertical Strike
K	○ button	Kick
G	× button	Guard

- The arrows correspond to the up, down, left, and right directions of the directional buttons or left analog stick.
- The controller buttons are based on the default setup.

### Attack Attribute Notation

Symbol	Meaning
H	High-level attack (upper-body attack)
M	Mid-level attack (mid-body attack)
L	Low-level attack (lower-body attack)
!	Unblockable
SM	Special mid-level attack (special mid-body attack)
SL	Special low-level attack (special lower-body attack)
T	Throw
AT	Strike combined with a throw
SP	Special action
GB	A strike that breaks the opponent's guard
GI	Guard Impacts the opponent's attack
ST	Stance



## BASIC TECHNIQUES

### 8-Way Run

The 8-Way Run is a system that lets the player run in all directions, allowing for a wider array of movement. To do an 8-Way Run in the forward direction, enter ▶ and the character will run while still facing the opponent character. This can be used to dodge the opponent's attacks or to put the player in an advantageous position for combat. There are also moves that can only be executed during an 8-Way Run.

- The left analog stick can be used to enter the same directional controls.
- In order to use the directional buttons to move diagonally, press two directions at the same time, for instance, for the ↗ direction, simultaneously press the right and down directional buttons.

### Jump and Guard

In order to jump, hold G and ▶, ▲, or ◀. To guard and retreat or advance, hold G and ◀ or ▶. To guard and crouch, hold G and ◀, ▼, or ▶.

- The left analog stick can be used to enter the same directional controls.

### Step in/out and side step

Players can Step In, Step Back, Left Side Step, and Right Side Step.

Step In: ▶  
 Step Back: ◀  
 Left Side Step: ▲  
 Right Side Step: ▼

- When the character is facing right (standing on the 1P side.)

### Throw

#### Throwing Techniques

Enter A+G or B+G while standing close to an opponent, to throw them.

#### Escaping a Throw

In order to escape an opponent's throw, press A against an A+G throw, or B against a B+G throw just as the opponent starts the move.





## BASIC TECHNIQUES

### Attack Attributes and Guard

#### High-level Attack (upper-body attack)

Useful against standing opponents or opponents jumping towards the player. Use a Standing Guard to defend or Crouch to evade.

#### Mid-level Attack (mid-body attack)

Useful against both standing and crouching opponents. Use a Standing Guard to defend, but not a Crouching Guard.

#### Low-level Attack (lower-body attack)

Useful against both standing and crouching opponents. Use a Crouching Guard to defend or Jump to evade.

#### Special Mid-level Attack (special mid-body attack)

Useful against both standing and crouching opponents. Use a Standing or Crouching Guard to defend.

#### Neutral Guard

Set the Neutral Guard option to ON in the Options Menu so that even if no buttons are pressed and no command is entered, the character automatically guards against attacks. However, this feature does not guard against low attacks (lower-body attacks) and for combo attacks, only the first hit is blocked.

### Controls while on the Ground

- Get up in place ..... Press G.  
Rolling forward or backward to get up ..... Press **▶** (forward) or **◀** (backward) while on the ground.  
Rolling sideways to get up ..... Press **▲** (towards the back) or **▼** (towards the front) while on the ground.  
Attacking while getting up ..... Press an attack button (A, B, K) while on the ground.

### Stagger Recovery

Certain attacks can stun characters, causing them to lose their balance and temporarily be unable to move. In this situation, pressing the directional buttons, the left analog stick, or any of the A, B, K, G repeatedly speeds up recovery.

## BASIC TECHNIQUES

### Ukemi

Certain powerful attacks can throw a character down onto the ground. Press G while going down to quickly recover and return to a ready position.

Forward Ukemi..... Enter **▶**+G while going down.

Backward Ukemi..... Enter **◀**+G while going down.

Side Roll Ukemi..... Enter **▼**+G or **▲**+G while going down.

### Guard Impact

Use one of the following commands at the right moment to repel or parry an opponent's attack. This is called Guard Impact. When successful, both parties are momentarily stunned. The player who successfully Guard Impacts is able to move first, and will therefore have an advantage in the fight. Guard Impact is effective against almost every technique, but there are a few exceptions.

- Repel high-level (upper-body) or mid-level (mid-body) attack ..... Press **▶**+G in time with the opponent's attack  
Parry mid-level (mid-body) or low-level (lower-body) attack ..... Press **◀**+G in time with the opponent's attack

#### Reverse Guard Impact

When an attack is repelled or parried by a Guard Impact, the player is in the disadvantageous position of being unable to attack or guard. However, if attacked while still immobile, the player can use Guard Impact against the opponent.



### Just Impact

When entering Guard Impact **▶** or **▲**, if your timing perfectly matches that of your opponent's attack, it will become Just Impact. If you land a hit with an attack after Just Impact, it will be treated as a counter. Depending on the move, you can see a large damage increase.



## BASIC TECHNIQUES

### *The Relationship Between Vertical Strikes, Horizontal Strikes and 8-Way Run*

In addition to the various attacks, defensive techniques, and special moves in SOULCALIBUR®III, there is the tripartite relationship between the basic attacks (vertical strike, horizontal strike) and 8-Way Run.

#### **Vertical Strike**

Vertical strikes have the ability to crush horizontal strikes. Match an opponent's horizontal strike with a strong vertical strike to gain the upper hand.

#### **8-Way Run**

Use the 8-Way Run to dodge vertical strikes. Run behind opponents and follow up with a powerful attack.

#### **Horizontal Strike**

Stop an opponent's 8-Way Run with a horizontal strike. Since the opponent is running, the likelihood of a Run Counter is high.

### *Soul Charge*

A character can focus energy, or "spirit," into their weapon to temporarily raise its attack power. This is called a Soul Charge. Unleash a Soul Charge by pressing A+B+K simultaneously. Depending on which buttons are pressed for how long, one of the following 3 stages of transformation occur:

#### **Soul Charge LV1**

Press G immediately after the Soul Charge is initiated and the player's weapon glows lime green. Focusing energy can be quick, but the charge does not last long.

#### **Soul Charge LV2**

If an attack is launched after initiating a Soul Charge, or if G is pressed soon afterward, the weapon will glow green. Some attacks are as powerful as Counter Hits and the charge lasts a little longer.

#### **Soul Charge LV3**

Fully focusing energy results in the weapon glowing blue. Not only will attacks be much more powerful, but some attacks are unblockable or guard-break moves. The charge also lasts for a long time.

- A guard-break move is one that breaks through an opponent's guard and creates a disadvantageous situation for the opponent, where neither attacking nor guarding is possible.

## CHARACTER CREATION

Create your own original characters and change the color of standard character parts such as hair and costume. Use your own created character to play in other modes such as Soul Arena, Practice, and VS Standard modes.

### *Menu Screen*

When "Custom Character Creation" is selected, the Menu Screen will be displayed. Select a submenu with the directional buttons or the left analog stick, and confirm your selection using the X button.

#### **Edit**

Edit character.

#### **Save**

Save characters that have been created.

#### **Load**

Load game data saved on a memory card (8MB) (for PlayStation®2).

#### **Delete**

Delete character. Choose the character you would like to delete and select this option.

#### **Exit**

Return to SOULCALIBUR®III Title Screen.



### *Character Select*

Selecting "Edit" from the menu screen will display the Character Select screen. Select a blank space when creating a brand new character, or select a character that has already been created to edit that character. As the game progresses the number of characters that can be created will increase.







## CHARACTER CREATION

### Select Gender & Job

When creating a brand new character, you choose the character's gender and job. Gender does not have an effect on the character's abilities. The character's job determines the fighting discipline and techniques the character can perform. It is not possible to change gender and jobs once they have been decided. As the game progresses, the jobs that can be chosen increase.

### Viewing the Edit Screen

This is the screen used to edit the character.



#### Menu Cursor (Editing)

The following items are lined up from the left: "Edit Equipment," "Edit Color Scheme," "Edit Face," and "General Menu."

#### Personality Meter

On the top is the good and evil meter, and the bottom is the light and dark meter. The character's personality changes according to the parts they are equipped with, and the character's dialogues as well as motions vary depending on their personality.

#### Camera Controls

It is possible to adjust the camera or zoom in and out with the L2 button, R2 button, and right analog stick.

#### Parts Currently Equipped

#### Character Area



## CHRONICLES OF THE SWORD

In this mode, you are able to use your created character as the main character of a real time strategy game. You are able to choose your own unit and fight in an arena, or battle on the map. As your enemies move in real time, every decision you make impacts the outcome of the game.

### Game Flow

Select "New Game" and the "Custom Character Creation" screen will appear. Create the main character for this mode – you cannot proceed without creation of a new character.

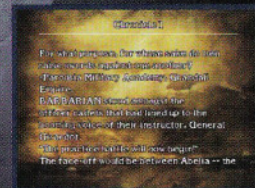


### Chronicle Screen

"Chronicles of the Sword" is composed of several different chapters, or chronicles. On the Chronicle Screen, the title of the Chronicle that is about to begin as well as the story and objective(s) will be displayed.

### Chronicle Briefing

Next you will move over to the Chronicle Briefing Screen. Please select a unit to launch attacks on the map here. The numbers of units that can launch attacks vary according to the chapter.





## CHRONICLES OF THE SWORD

### Map Screen

On this screen, the movements and battles of the unit(s) are executed in real time. Also, it is possible to open up the Map Menu as well as the Unit Menu.



### Map Conflict

Should allied units and enemies come into contact with one another, a skirmish will begin on the map. In Boss Battles you are forced to enter battles in which you control your character.

### Clear Chronicle

When the goal of the chapter has been achieved the Chronicle is cleared, and the player obtains Gold, items, and so on. Once you have confirmed the results, you can move on to the next chapter.



## WORLD COMPETITION

This is a mode in which SOULCALIBUR players can tour a virtual world and aim for ultimate victory in the competitions that are held in each region.

### What is World Competition?



When "World Competition" is selected, the Competition Game Mode Screen is displayed. This logo indicates that this mode is one that requires serious battle skills and a high level of competitiveness. Also, as competitive techniques are emphasized in the "World Competition," customized characters and special weapon abilities cannot be used here.

### Player's Objective

Participate in a fighting tour around a fantasy world to obtain prize winning bonuses. You can also aim for consecutive championship bonuses that increase as you rack up a string of championship victories.

### Prize Winning Bonus

Players that are in the top ranks in competitions can obtain prize winning bonuses. The prize winning bonuses are bigger in the competitions in the latter half of the tour.

### Consecutive Championship Bonus

On a tour, every time you win consecutive championships, the consecutive championship bonus that you can obtain will increase. Win consecutively in all the tournaments and earn lots of bonuses!

Competition Bonus			
Competition	Rank	Prize	Gold
1st Win	1st	2870 G	0
2nd Consecutive Championship	1st	2870 G	0
Fight Record			
1st Win Rate	100.0%	Loss	0
2nd Win Rate	100.0%	Loss	0
3rd Win Rate	100.0%	Loss	0
4th Win Rate	100.0%	Loss	0
5th Win Rate	100.0%	Loss	0
6th Win Rate	100.0%	Loss	0
7th Win Rate	100.0%	Loss	0
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## SHOP

You can use the Gold acquired playing in each mode of the game to purchase various weapons, armor, and more, so save up your Gold to shop!

### Selecting a Shop

First, select the shop that you want to visit from the "Weapons Shop," "Armor Shop," or "Items Shop."

### Selecting an Objective

When a shop is selected, a menu will be displayed. For example, the following items are shown when entering the Weapons Shop:

- Buy weapons ..... Proceed to Purchase Screen
- Go to Armor Shop ..... Go to Armor Shop
- Go to Items Shop ..... Go to Items Shop
- Save ..... Save current game progress
- Leave the Shop ..... Return to Mode Select Screen

### Purchase Screen

This is the Weapons Purchase Screen. Choose an item that you wish to purchase and select it. When you press the R3 button an image of the merchandise is displayed. When in the shop, the weapon's special effects are always displayed on the screen.



#### Merchandise List

#### Category Select Tab

You can switch the merchandise categories that are sold in the store (long swords, short swords, etc.)

#### Gold (Money) in Possession

#### Message

A description of the merchandise is displayed.

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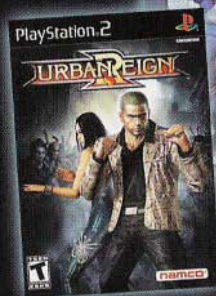
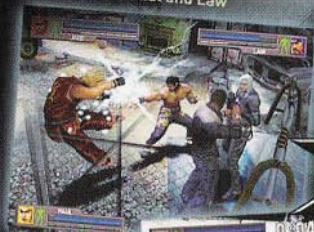
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