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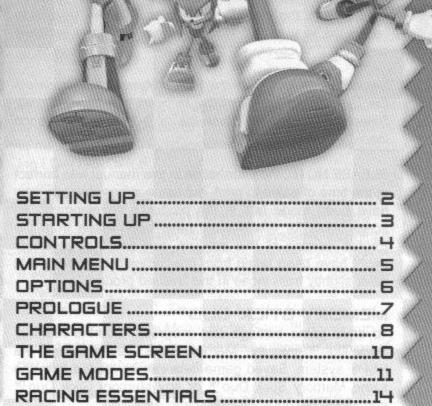
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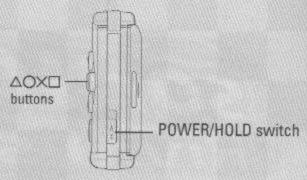
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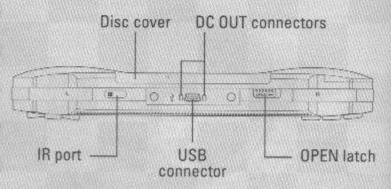


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#### RIGHT SIDE VIEW



#### FRONT VIEW



#### SETTING UP

Set up the PSP® system according to the instructions in its instruction manual. Turn the PSP® system on and the POWER indicator will light up green. The Home Menu will be displayed. Press the OPEN latch to open the disc cover. Insert the Sonic™ Rivals disc with the label side facing the rear of the PSP® system and then securely close the disc cover.

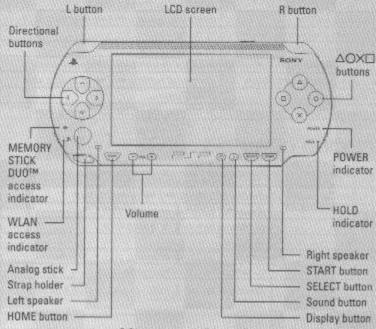
Select the icon from the Home Menu and then select the icon. An image of the software will be displayed. Select the image and press the image and

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#### MEMORY STICK DUO™

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# PSP® (PlayStation®Portable) system configuration



## saving profiles and settings

Your profile and settings are automatically saved after changing settings and options and when you return to the Main Menu.

#### **Auto** save

As you progress, a message will appear on screen indicating your profile and settings are being saved. While this message is on screen, DO NOT remove the Memory Stick Duo™ or Memory Stick PRO Duo™ or turn off the PSP® System.

# Loading saved game settings

Your saved game settings will automatically be loaded when first booting up Sonic™ Rivals. You can also choose to manually load saved data at the Profiles Menu by selecting LOAD PROFILE.

# Wireless (WLAN) Features

Software titles that support Wireless functionality allow you to communicate with other PSP® systems, download data and compete against other players via connection to a wireless local area network (WLAN). You can adjust the network settings to allow connection to a wireless local area network (WLAN). There are two WLAN modes: Ad hoc and Infrastructure Mode. Note: Sonic™ Rivals supports Ad Hoc Mode. Please see the Multiplayer section of this manual for further details.

Ad Hoc Mode: Ad Hoc Mode is a wireless feature that allows two or more individual PSP® systems to communicate directly with each other.

## menu controls

Control	Action	
Select Menu Item	directional buttons or analog stick	
Change setting	directional buttons ← / → or analog stick	
Confirm / Accept selection	⊗ button	
Previous screen	O button	
Card collection summary	button (within card collection menu)	
Cycle through Card Pages directional buttons ← / → or analog		
Start game	START	
Change Outfit	A button (at the Character Select Screen)	

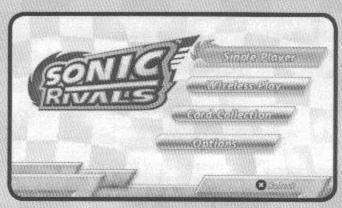
# racing controls

Control	Action	
Move Character	directional buttons ← / → or analog stick	
Duck	directional button ♣ or analog stick	
Look up	directional button 🕈 or analog stick	
Jump	⊗ button	
Jump off Grind	directional button   or analog stick + ⊗ button	
Homing Attack	S button then S button (while in air.)	
Spin Dash	directional button ♣ (hold) or analog stick + ⊗ button (tap) then release	
Attack	© button	
Use Power-Up	(a) button	
Air Boost	⊗ button (when icon appears on-screen)	
Speed Boost	O button (when icon appears on-screen)	
Start game	START	

**Note:** Boost moves are context-sensitive maneuvers off of specific Boost props. To activate the most effective Boost move, you must press the corresponding button that appears on-screen. For more information on Boosting, see Boosts, pg. 16.

#### маіп мепи

Press START or ⊗ at the Title Screen to go to the Main Menu. At the Main Menu, use the directional buttons ↑ and ♣ to highlight a selection and press the ⊗ button to confirm your choice.



sıngle player

Choose from a variety of Sonic™ Rivals single-player game modes: Story, Challenge, and Cup Circuit. For more information, see Single Player Mode, pg. 11.

wireless play

Challenge your friends and rivals using the PSP® system's wireless capabilities. Go head-to-head against your buddy through Ad Hoc Mode for a single race or select from a series of Cup Circuit challenges. When you're done racing, select Card Trade to swap unlocked Trading Cards. For more information, see Wireless Play, pg. 12.

## card collection

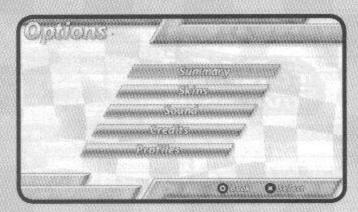
View the Trading Cards you've unlocked, traded and collected. For more information, see Card Collection, pg. 17.

## options

Change various game settings.

options

Use the directional buttons ↑ and ↓ to highlight an option and press × to confirm your choice, or press the directional buttons ← and → to toggle / adjust the choices. Press the ② button to return to the Main Menu.



summary

View the current progress and statistics for your saved progress, including high score, best times, Cards won and more.

#### SKINS

Select an unlocked Skin for your Main Menu.

#### sound

Adjust the Music and SFX volume levels.

#### credits

View the game's credits.

#### profiles

Manage your player Profile.

Control	Action	
New Profile	Create a new Profile.	
Load Profile	Manually load your Profile.	
Save Profile	Manually save your Profile.	
Delete Profile	Delete your Profile and create a new one.	
Autosave	Toggle the Auto Save feature ON/OFF.	

Note: Once a Profile has been deleted it is lost and can no longer be recovered.

## delete data

Permanently delete your save data.

Note: Once your save data has been deleted it is lost and can no longer be recovered.

A mysterious land mass called "Onyx Island" suddenly appears in the south seas as if out of nowhere... The super-fast blue hedgehog, Sonic, and his best buddy Tails head off to search for clues as to what might have transpired.

"This has gotta be another one of Eggman's schemes!"

Sonic's hunch proves to be correct. As soon as they arrive at the island, they spot Dr. Eggman already waiting for them. As Sonic confronts Eggman, he triumphantly holds up a card. Sonic and Tails are shocked to see that the card bears a picture of their friend, Amy Rose.

"Do you know what this is, Sonic?"

"I've sealed that little brat away inside this card!"

"Ha! Do you really think we'll believe that?"

While Sonic simply brushes off Eggman's supposedly ridiculous story, the more scientifically-minded Tails takes things more seriously.

"It might not be all that easy to believe, but it could be possible for matter to be broken down at the atomic level and stored as digital card media..."

As Tails' quavering voice reaches Sonic's ears, there is a sudden blinding flash, and when it fades, Tails is gone. In Eggman's hand is a new card bearing Tails' image. Sonic stares in panicked disbelief. Then, who should appear but Knuckles, Sonic's more "physically assertive" friend.

"Eggman! You're behind the disappearance of the Master Emerald, aren't you?!" Knuckles says.

"Indeed!"

Eggman smiles, drawing from his bag another card, emblazoned with the Master Emerald.

"Soon, everything in this world will be nothing more than another entry in my lovely card collection! If you think you can take your precious things back, then just you try it! Ha ha ha ha!"

After issuing his challenge, Eggman takes off and flies away.

Sonic and Knuckles vow to take him up on that challenge in order to take back what is in those cards.

"Sorry, Sonic, but this concerns the Master Emerald. This time, I'M going in first!"

"Okay, Knuckles! Let's just see which one of us gets there first!"

At the same time, the mysterious black hedgehog, Shadow, arrives on Onyx Island, along with Silver, a guardian from the future, both seeking Eggman's cards.

Who will be the one to get the cards back from Eggman first? What is Eggman's true purpose in baiting these four to compete?

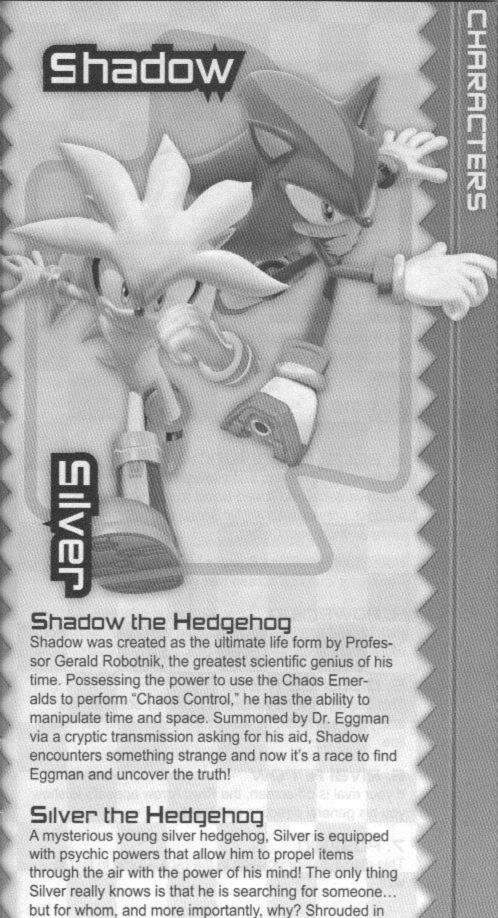


# Sonic the Hedgehog

This hedgehog is the fastest living being in the universe. He's defeated Dr. Eggman to save the world numerous times, but this time he's discovered that his best friends, Tails and Amy, have been mysteriously turned into Cards. Now's it's a race to take down the nefarious Dr. Eggman once and for all and free his friends!

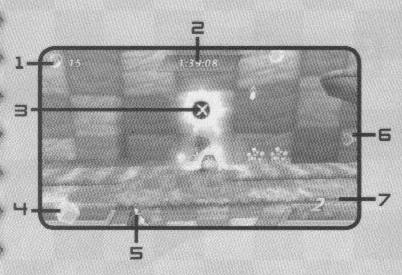
## Knuckles the Echidna

The guardian of the Master Emerald, Knuckles is as tough as they come. Unfortunately, the Master Emerald has been stolen right out from under his nose and turned into a Card by Dr. Eggman. Now this renowned echidna must race to find the Master Emerald and take down the evil mastermind behind this insidious plot.



mystery, Silver begins to chase after Dr. Eggman to find

the clues that will unlock his quest.



#### 1. RINGS

Indicates the number of Rings you've collected. Collecting Rings increases your score and also prevents you from having to respawn when you are injured. For more information, see Rings, pg. 15.

#### 2. TIME

Your current race time.

## Boost opportunity

Environmental objects that allow you to perform contextsensitive aerial and speed Boost maneuvers. To activate a Boost, press either  $\otimes$  (Air Boost) or  $\odot$  (Speed Boost) while on the Boost Object.

Note: Sometimes one Boost is better than the other — look for icons on screen that give you tips!

#### 4. POWER-UP

Pick up and use Power-Ups to gain the upper hand. For more information, see Power-Ups, pg. 17.

#### s. Distance meter

This displays the distance and proximity between you and your rival racer, as well as the proximity to the finish line.

## 6. RIVal Arrow

If your rival is off-screen, the Rival Arrow appears to show you his general direction and location.

## 7. Position

This displays your position in the race. Come in first to win!

# single-player

Choose from Story, Challenge and Cup Circuit Modes.

## story

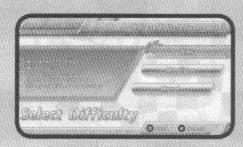
In Story Mode, choose a favorite Sonic™ Rivals character and race through the adventure to find out why Sonic, Knuckles, Shadow,



and Silver are racing against each other to get at Dr. Eggman.

# challenge

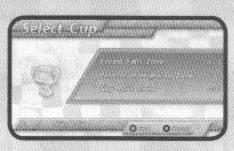
In Challenge Mode, choose a character, rival and stage, then compete in a single race while attempting to complete specific challenges to unlock rewards.



Note: Challenges differ depending on the Difficulty Level selected.

## cup circuit

Select a Cup and compete in a series of races consisting of best two out of three tracks to see who is the fastest racer. In order to successfully



complete a circuit, you must win more races than your rival.

# wireless play

Play against a friend using the PSP® system's wireless capabilities. Connect to a nearby friend through Ad Hoc Mode and choose from Single, Cup Circuit, and Card Trade Modes.

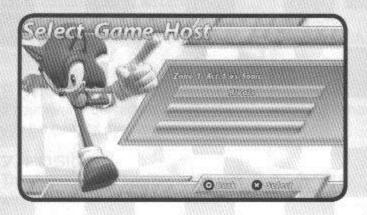
Note: When attempting to connect wirelessly to another PSP® system, you can press ♥ to cancel the connection and return to the Multiplayer Menu.



Joining a game

To join a game, press the directional buttons ↑ and ↓ to select a game in progress from the game host window on the right side of the screen and press ⊗ to confirm your choice. Once you've chosen a game to join, select your character and outfit, then wager a Card (if this option was chosen by the Host). The race will then begin.

Note: In order to play a game through the PSP® system's Ad Hoc Mode, you must make sure the WLAN switch is switched on.



# creating a game

To create and host a game, select CREATE and then choose a Wireless Play option (Single Race, Cup Circuit and Card Trade). Next, use the directional



buttons to select a character, outfit (optional), and Stage / Cup, then choose whether or not you want to wager Cards. When you're ready, press  $\overline{\otimes}$  to search for other nearby players. Once a player has joined your game, press  $\overline{\otimes}$  to start the race.

#### WAGER CARDS

In Wireless Play
Mode, you can
choose to wager
your unlocked Cards
against your opponent for a chance
to win his cards. The
host can set this

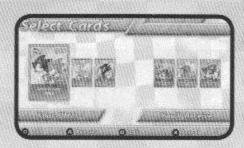


option when creating a game. When a wager is placed, if you win the race, you get to keep the Card the other player has wagered. If you lose, your opponent gets to keep yours!

## card trade

Trade your unlocked Cards with your friends via the PSP® system's Ad Hoc Mode.

For more information, see Card Collection, pg. 17.



## zones and acts

In typical Sonic The Hedgehog fashion, Sonic™ Rivals' stages are played out in Zones and Acts. There are a total of six Zones, with three Acts for each Zone\*.



Forest Falls: Don't let the lush scenery, grassy platforms, and cascading waterfalls fool you. Forest Falls is brimming with danger, including steep drop offs, large loops, and plenty of Eggman's robot minions.

Colosseum Highway: Amid the majestic columns and pillars this perilous track is littered with pitfalls, traps, and steep hills. Twisting corkscrews and Boost hoops provide a non-stop white-knuckle experience.

Sky Park: This theme park gone wild is comprised of a thrill-a-minute rollercoaster, complete with twists, turns, loops, drops, and even stuffed teddy bears designed to slow your racer down. Use springs, dash panels, and the strongman platform to propel your character through the atmosphere while staying one speed boost ahead of the competition.

Crystal Mountain: Icy crystals, snow banks, slippery tracks, and freezing waters comprise this winter wonderland. If the blizzards don't slow your racer down, the brittle ice barriers will. Make sure to hop in the bobsled to barrel down the track at death defying speeds.

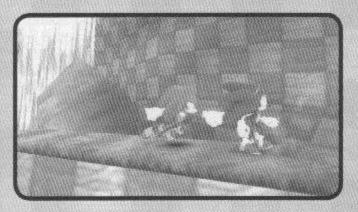
Death Yard: Death Yard is a dry, deserted wasteland filled with razor sharp spike beds, corkscrews, gaping pits, and Boost hoops that must be navigated correctly to stay in the game. These tracks have so many dips, twists, turns, and loops, that dizzy doesn't even begin to describe what your racer will be feeling when he reaches the finish line.

Meteor Base: Not much is known about Dr. Eggman's top-secret base hidden deep within a meteor shower, but you can bet it's filled with hot, bubbling molten lava and some of Eggman's fiercest robot goons.

<sup>\*</sup> Except for Zone 3.

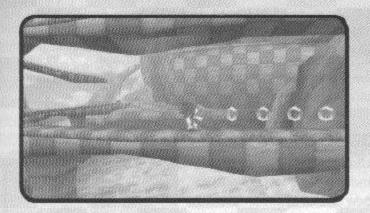
## attack

Sometimes Boosting isn't enough to stay in front of your rival. When push comes to shove, engage in some old fashioned attacking! Attacking will temporarily knock your opponent to the ground or stun them, causing them to lose Rings while allowing you to get ahead or jump to new heights. To attack, get right behind your rival and press © for a shove, or jump above them by pressing  $\otimes$ , and then press  $\otimes$  again for a leapfrog!



## rıngs

Although finishing first is the ultimate goal in Sonic™
Rivals, making sure you have at least one ring is critical
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awards.

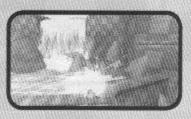


## boosts

Boosting can give you extra speed, distance, and/or air by interacting with special environmental objects — such as logs, rocks, poles, and more - and allow you to gain the upper hand on your rival. Oftentimes, correctly performing a Boost leads to special Power-Ups or shortcuts. When a Boost opportunity presents itself, a context-sensitive button icon will appear over the environmental object. In order to successfully pull off a Boost maneuver, you must quickly press a Boost button before the opportunity is lost. There are two types of Boosts: Air and Speed, and the context-sensitive button will help tell you which is the best one to use.

Note: You are not required to match the context-sensitive button displayed for each Boost — it just gives tips!

Air Boost: When the 🖄 button icon appears over an object, pressing 8 at the precise time allows your character to vertically Boost into the air and reach platforms and areas that are otherwise unattainable.



Speed Boost: When the O button icon appears over an object, pressing @ at the precise time allows your character to horizontally Boost along the track for a



temporary burst of speed. Speed Boosts can give you the chance to pass, stay ahead, or catch up to your rival.

Note: Some Boosts opportunities will have a "?" icon over them. When this icon appears, you can choose either Boost without worry.

## bosses

After every two Acts\*, Sonic and his rivals will have to face one of Eggman's mechanical bosses. To fell these huge beasts, you must locate their weak spots



and attack them multiple times. Of course, your rival will be attempting the same thing. The character to get the predetermined number of hits first, wins!

Except for Zone 3.

## power-ups

Pick up Power-Ups as you speed across the track and use them to temporarily stop your rival in his tracks. Power-Ups can be found hovering in the air. To pick up a Power-Up, simply run over it.



Each Power-Up has two uses: Offensive and Defensive. If you are ahead of your rival, the Power-Up will be used defensively. If you are behind your rival, it will be used offensively. Offensive Power-Ups are generally used as projectile weapons that shoot down the track until they hit your rival or an obstruction. Defensive Power-Ups are generally used as dropped weapons that sit on the track until your rival runs into them.

Power-up	Offensive Effect	Defensive Effect	Zones
Fire	Rolling Fireball	Fire Shield	All
Ice	Snow Blast	Ice Cube	All
Mine	Floating Homing Mine	Stationary Mine	3+
Lightning	Electric Shock	Decoy Zapper Rings	2+
Wind	Shoot Tornado	Drop Tornado	3+
Ring Magnet	Ring Magnet	Ring Magnet	3+
Star*	Signature Move	Signature Move	All

Each racer also has a Signature Move Power-Up, which is represented by a Star icon. Sonic has "Sonic Boom," Knuckles has "Hammer Punch," Shadow has "Chaos Control" and Silver has "Psychic Control."

# card collection

Collect Trading Cards by winning races, getting high scores and trading/wagering them against your friends via the PSP® system's Ad Hoc Mode. Choose CARD COLLECTION from the Main Menu to view how many Cards you've won and collected.



Use the analog stick or directional buttons ← and → to cycle through the Card categories and press ⊗ to select a category. Once a category has been selected, use the analog stick or directional buttons ← and → to cycle through the cards and view them. Pressing △ will pull up a Summary Window, which displays a breakdown of the Cards you've already collected. Press ⊚ to exit and return to the previous menu.

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