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- Do not leave it in direct sunlight or near a radiator or other source of heat.
- Be sure to take an occasional rest break during extended play.
- Keep this compact disc clean. Always hold the disc by the edges and keep it in its protective case when not in use. Clean the disc with a lint-free, soft, dry cloth, wiping in straight lines from center to outer edge. Never use solvents or abrasive cleaners.

Set up your PlayStation game console according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the PlayStation game console power is off before inserting or removing a compact disc. Insert the Air Combat disc and close the CD door. Insert game controllers and turn on the PlayStation game console. Follow on-screen instructions to start a game.

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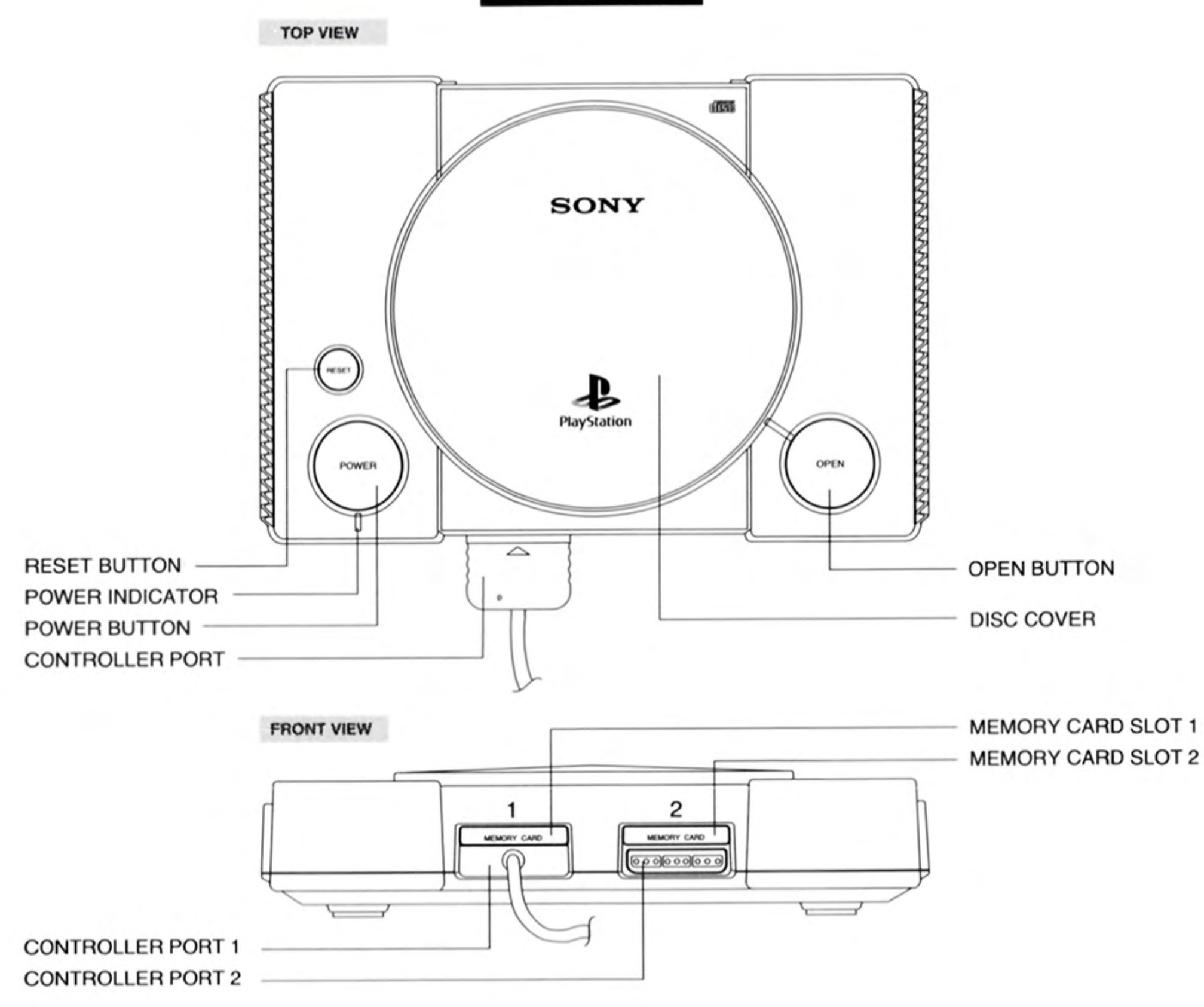

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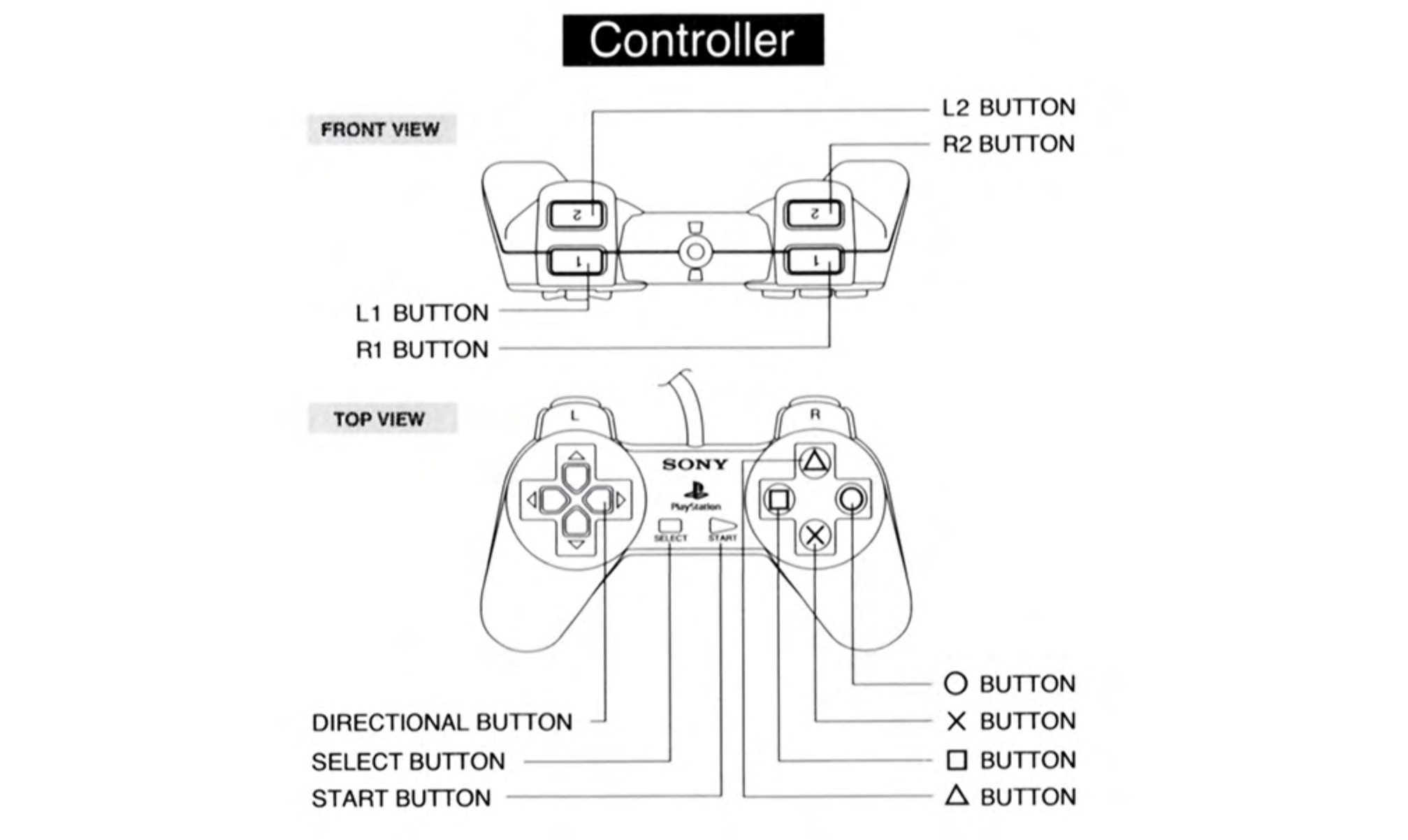

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Players: 1 or 2
Memory Card: 1 block

STORY

Six months ago, a new breed of terrorist invaded several countries. The casualties were staggering. The governments of the world band together to eradicate this global threat. A band of elite mercenaries are hired to strike where the air forces have failed. The reward for these impossible surgical strikes is awesome... You are the team leader, equip your team with the most devastating air power available from lightning fast F-15's to undetectable F-22 Stealth fighters! Air superiority is the top priority in defeating this invasion force. Once your team dominates the air, the enemy's ground forces will be useless!

HOW TO START A GAME

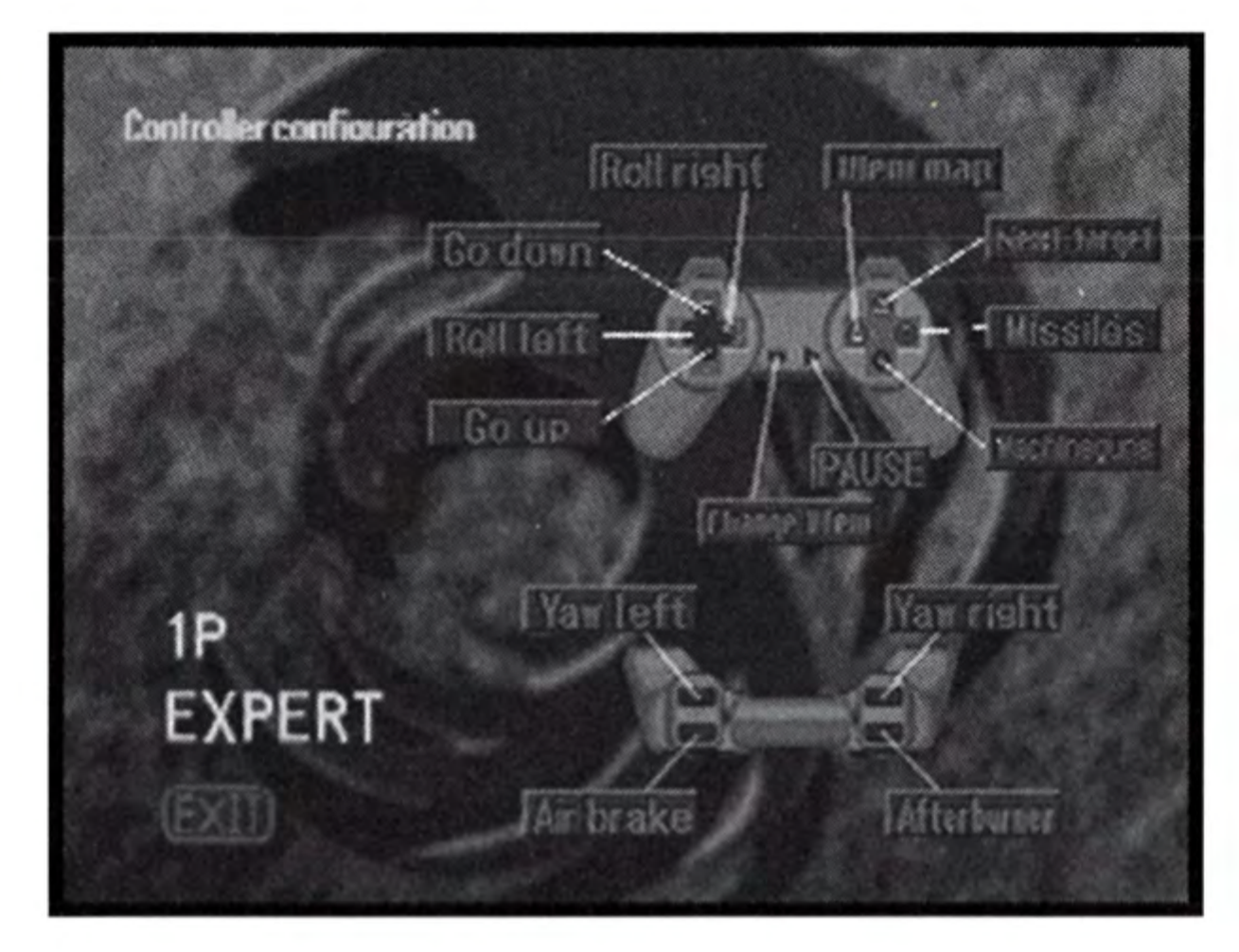
Insert the disc in the PlayStation game console. The title will appear on the screen. Three options are listed in the menu on the Title Screen: 1P GAME, 2P VS MODE, and OPTION. Select the desired mode by moving the cursor up or down with the Directional Key. Use the Start Button or [O] to make your choice.

1P Game: This is the strategic campaign. Follow the scenario and complete the maneuvers.

2P VS Mode: A head-to-head dogfight.

OPTIONS

1. Selecting Novice or Expert: Novice (beginner) or expert (advanced) operation can be selected using the right or left directional key, and pressing the [O] button.



2. Setting Button Locations: After choosing between Novice and Expert you can change the location of buttons. Shift right or left with the Directional Key and choose which button you would like to change. Settings can be changed up or down with the directional keys.

3. Sound Settings: You can listen to the game music when viewing this screen. Also, you can choose between stereo and mono for voice output.

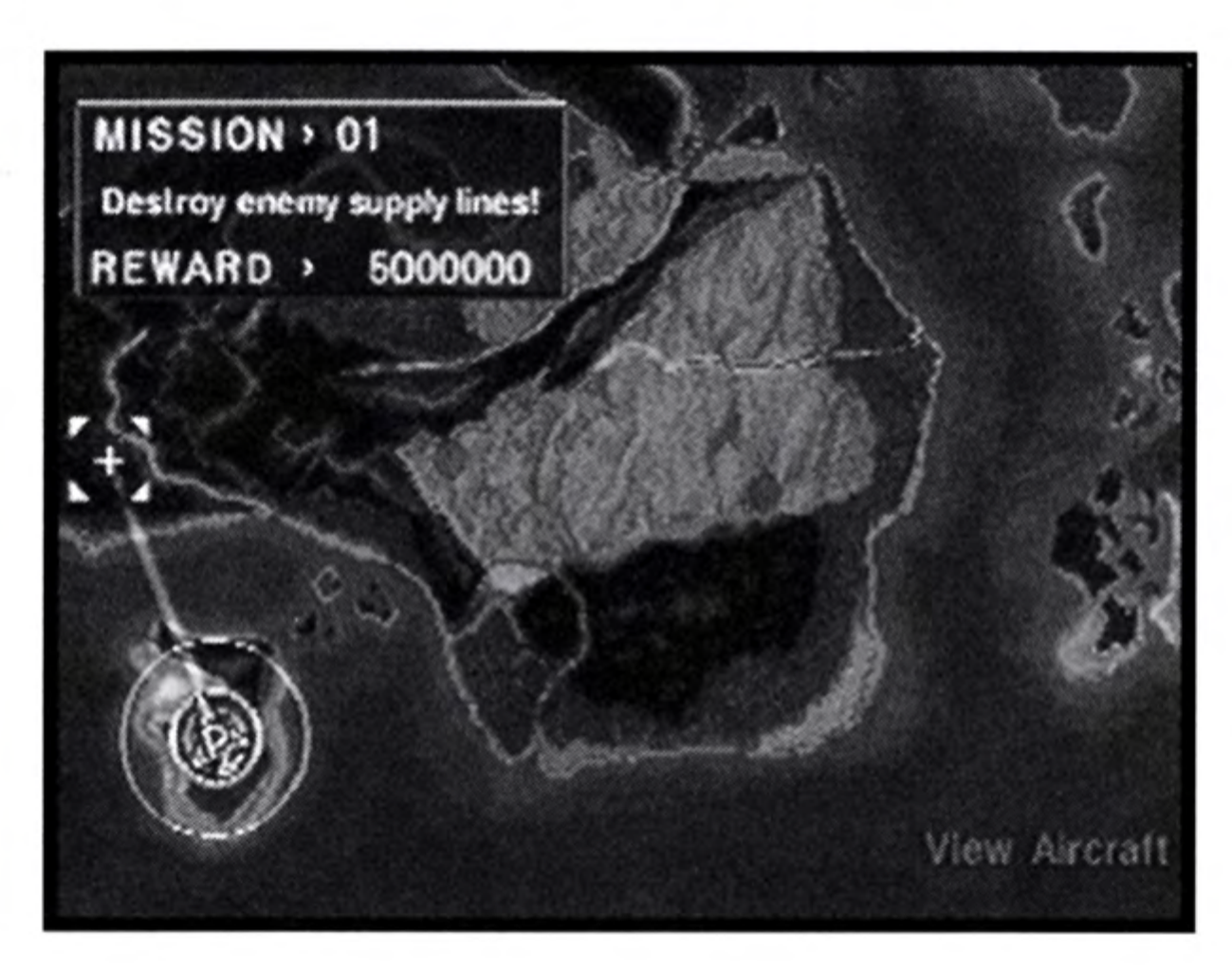
4. Save & Load: You can save and load completed missions if you have a memory card.

1P GAME

Your role is that of mercenary squadron leader, and you are responsible for the annihilation of the terrorists. You will be given a mission briefing that will include complete destruction of the enemy and destruction of enemy bases. Your ultimate target is the main enemy base.

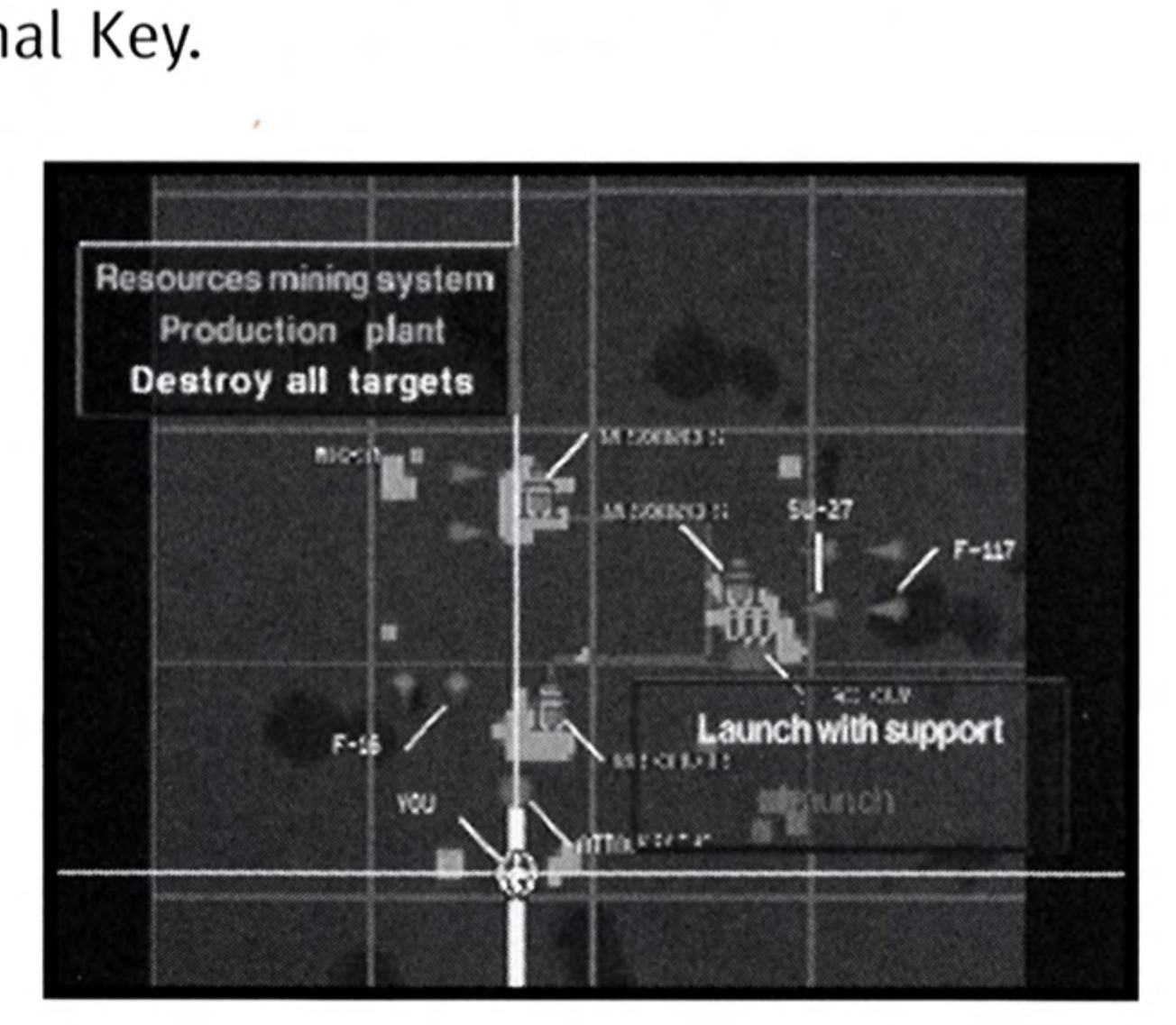
1. Choose Difficulty Level, Maps and Mission

After choosing the 1P game you may now choose level of difficulty. After making your choice, a map will appear on the screen. At the bottom left of the screen is an outlined area which includes your home base. You hold supremacy in this area, and may carry out attacks in various points adjacent to it. Make choices by shifting the Directional Key to the left or right, and pushing the [O] Button.



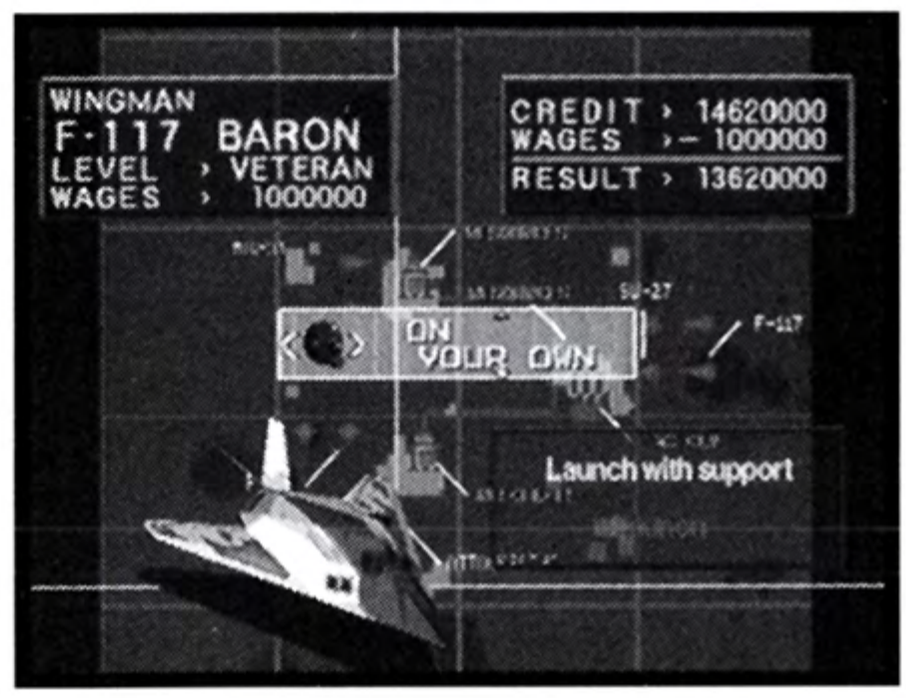
2. Briefing

Here you will be given a detailed explanation of the mission which you have chosen from the map. On missions where you are allowed to be accompanied by a wingman, you may choose whether to attack alone or with your comrade. You can access information about the enemy by moving the cursor to the right or the left with the Directional Key.



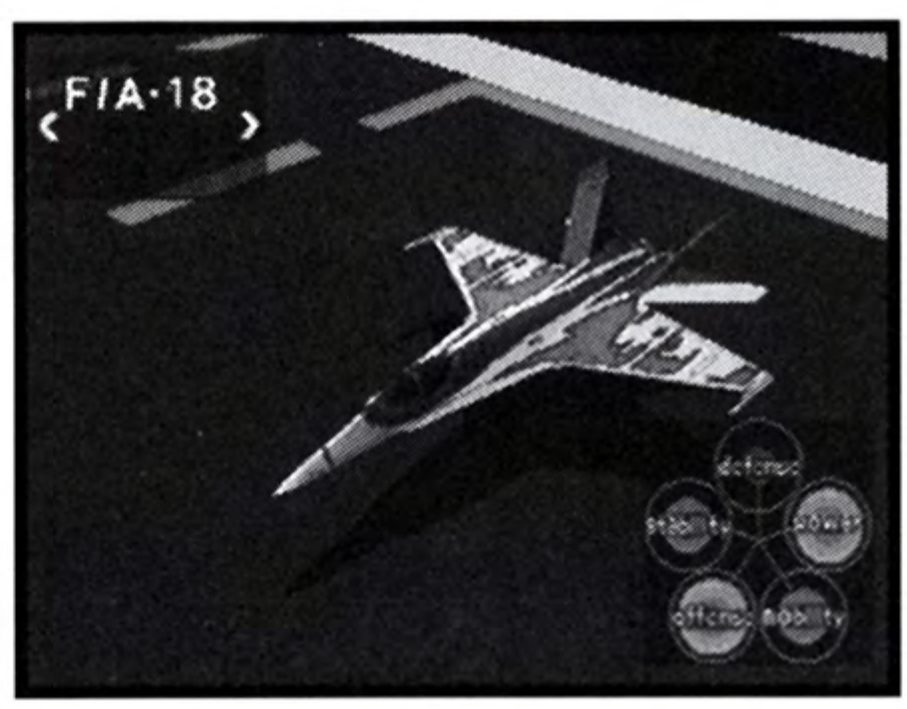
3. Choice of Wingman

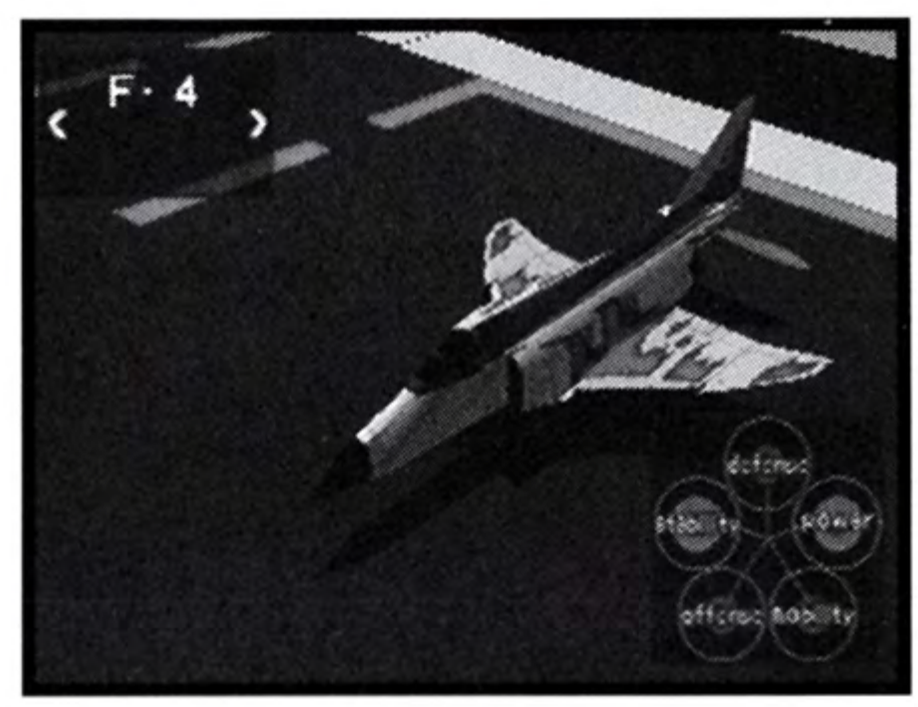
When a wingman is allowed, you may take along only one companion per battle. In order to take someone along with you, you must pay a fee. The higher the fee, the higher the competence and skill of the pilot. Choose a wingman using the Left/Right Directional Key, and designate battle movements with the Up/Down Key.



4. Choice of Aircraft

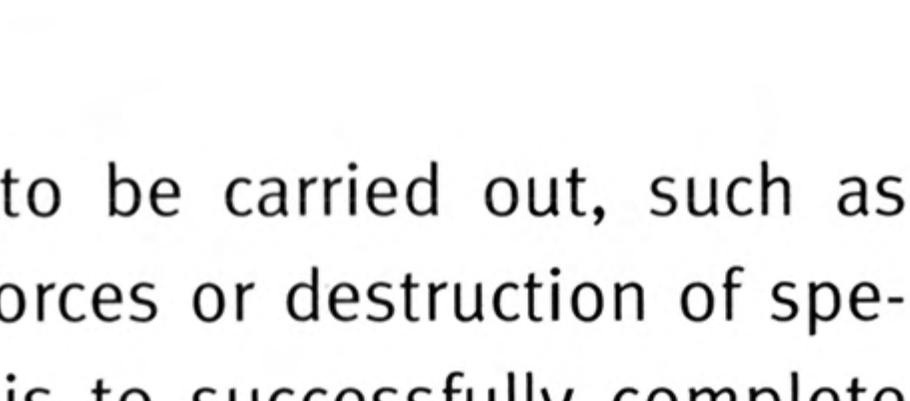
You can choose the type of aircraft you will use in combat by using the Left/Right Directional Key. Initially, your choice of planes is limited. As you complete missions more planes become available. You can own up to eight planes.





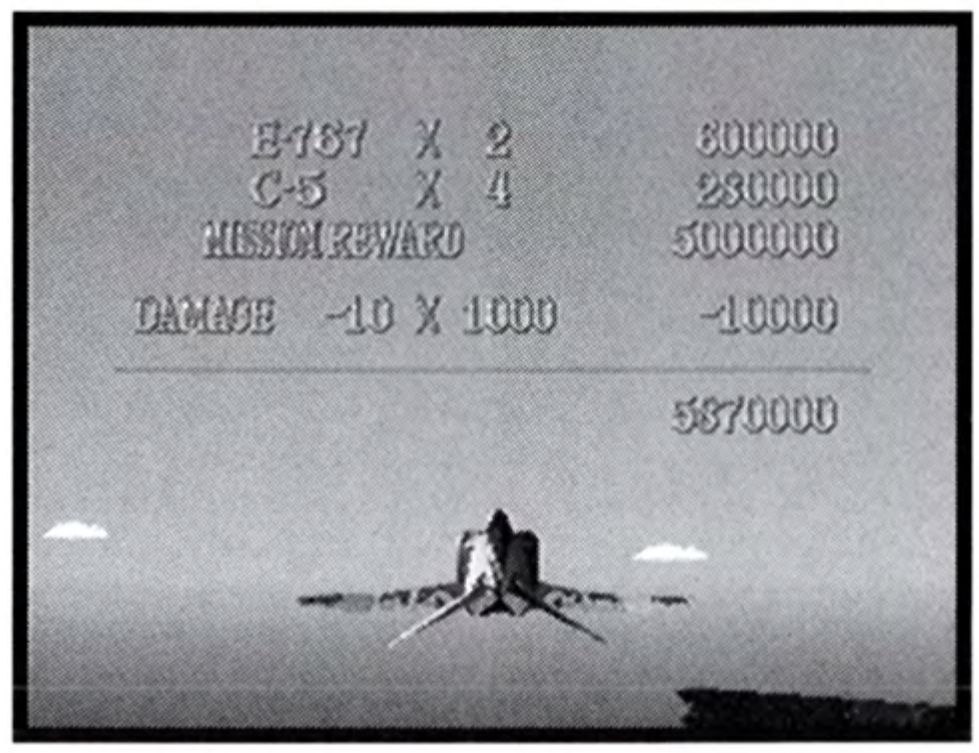
5. Combat Start

Various combat orders are to be carried out, such as total destruction of enemy forces or destruction of specific targets, and your goal is to successfully complete your mission. If your plane is downed or runs out of fuel, this is considered mission failure, and the screen will return to the main map. If you have no planes left at this point, the game will end.



6. Mission Accomplished

Immediately after accomplishing your mission a message will appear on screen listing compensation. After this list has appeared, the screen will return to the main map.



7. Purchase of Aircraft

Use the Up-Down Directional Key to highlight VIEW aircraft. Use the circle key or start button to go to the purchase screen.

8. Load, Save, Title,

The SAVE, LOAD, and TITLE menu may be viewed using the Select Button Choices may be made in all cases using the [O] or start Button.

About Stealth Aircraft

Stealth aircraft are fighter planes and bombers constructed of materials which are difficult to detect by radar. These aircraft are not detectable by radar unless approached quite closely, and therefore have great strength in combat. Stealth fighters such as the F-117, F-22 and the YF-23 appear in this game, along with stealth bombers such as the B-2. Remember to be especially careful in cases where the enemy is in possession of one of these aircraft.

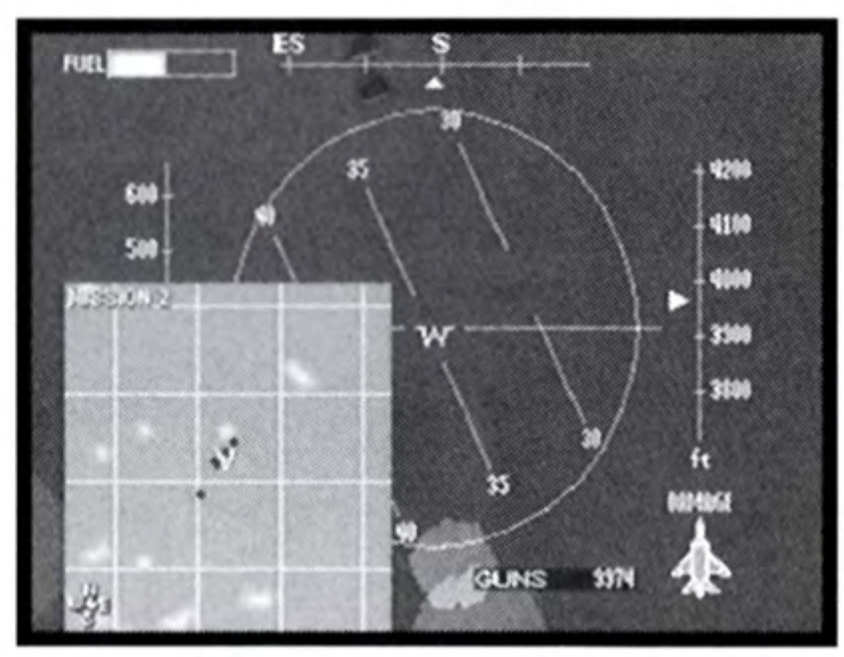
2P VS MODE

Your game will start after making choices from the following four subject areas: 1. Type of Aircraft, 2. Handicap, 3. Start, 4. Combat Start.

No Advantage	Players start game by facing each other.
Advantage P2	Game starts with Player 2 behind Player 1.
Advantage P1	Game starts with Player 1 behind Player 2.
Random Advantage	Game begins in one of the three previous positions.
Handicap	Great numbers of stars allows the player to survive more damage.

Map

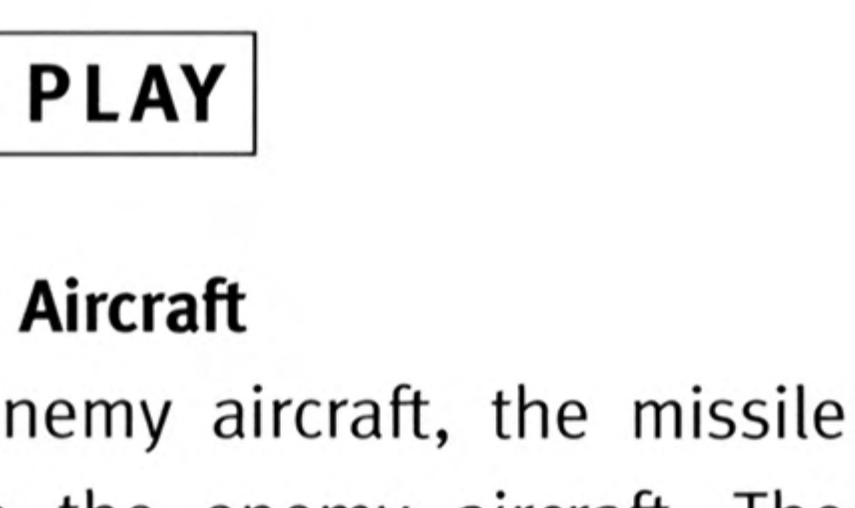
About one quarter of the total region covered by your mission is shown on screen at any one time. The map scrolls as your aircraft moves along. When the enemy target falls outside of the area covered by the map, a red arrow will appear on screen indicating the direction of the enemy target. Location of enemy targets not detectable by radar can be confirmed with the use of this map.



HOW TO PLAY

How to Shoot Down an Enemy Aircraft

In order to shoot down an enemy aircraft, the missile homing radar must lock onto the enemy aircraft. The radar will automatically attempt lock on if the enemy is within your forward circle and range is less than 1,000. When lock-on has been achieved, you will hear a tone and the tracking circle will be red.



HOW TO AVOID AN ENEMY ATTACK

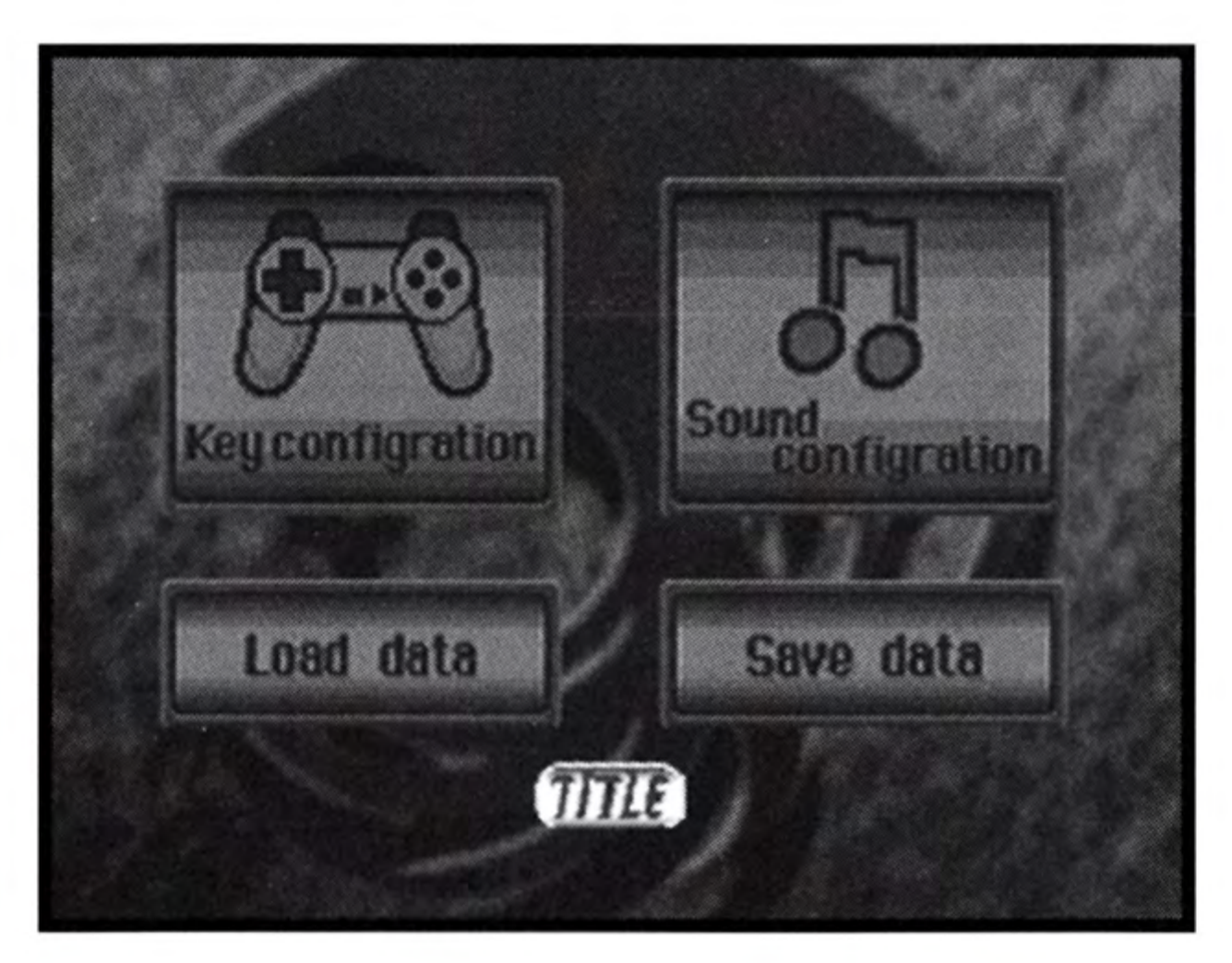
If the enemy comes from behind you and locks onto your plane a WARNING message will appear in yellow letters in the center of your screen. If a missile has already been fired, the message CAUTION will appear, and the screen will turn red.

Standard Evasion Technique

Do not shake the aircraft back and forth needlessly! When evading an attack, move either to the right or the left and continue in the same direction. If you return in the original direction after having evaded an attack, you still have a chance of being hit by the missile. Trust the speed of your own hands on the controls and your aircraft, and keep on rolling. Through experience, you will learn more advanced techniques.

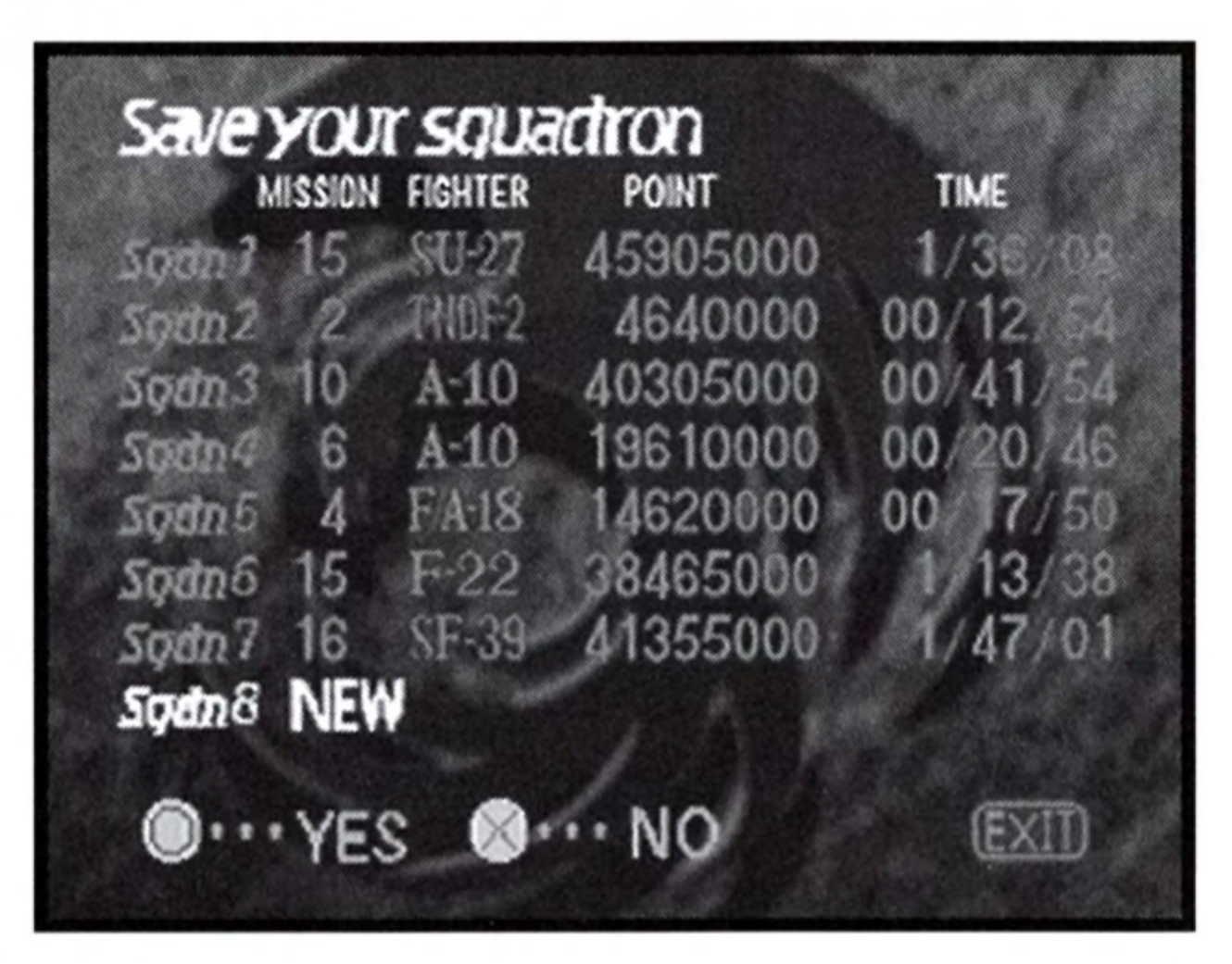
SAVING AND LOADING

Saving or loading of data are options which may be chosen from the Main Title Screen Menu. Saving or loading is also possible at the Main Map Screen. Saving or loading can be chosen with the use of the Directional Key, and pushing the [O] Button. The screen will change and show the appropriate icons.



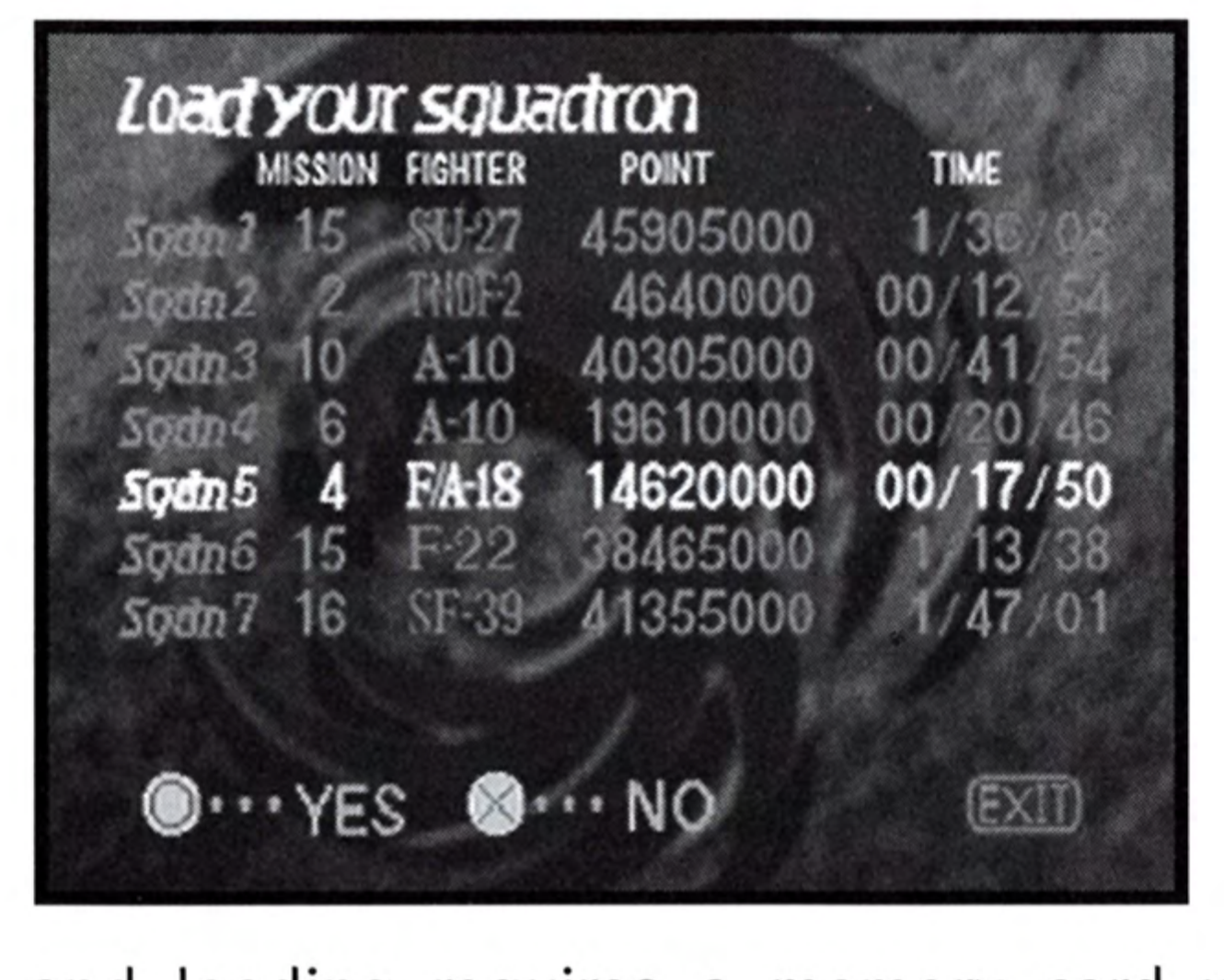
SAVE Screen

When saving in a new location, first choose NEW with the Up/Down Directional Key, and press Save with the [o] Button. Data can be written in over the chosen location. The memory card allows for saving in a maximum of 8 locations.



LOAD Screen

First, choose the data to be loaded using the Up/Down Directional Key, and pressing the [O] Button. Then, by choosing 1P GAME CONTINUE from the Title Screen menu, the data will automatically be read in.



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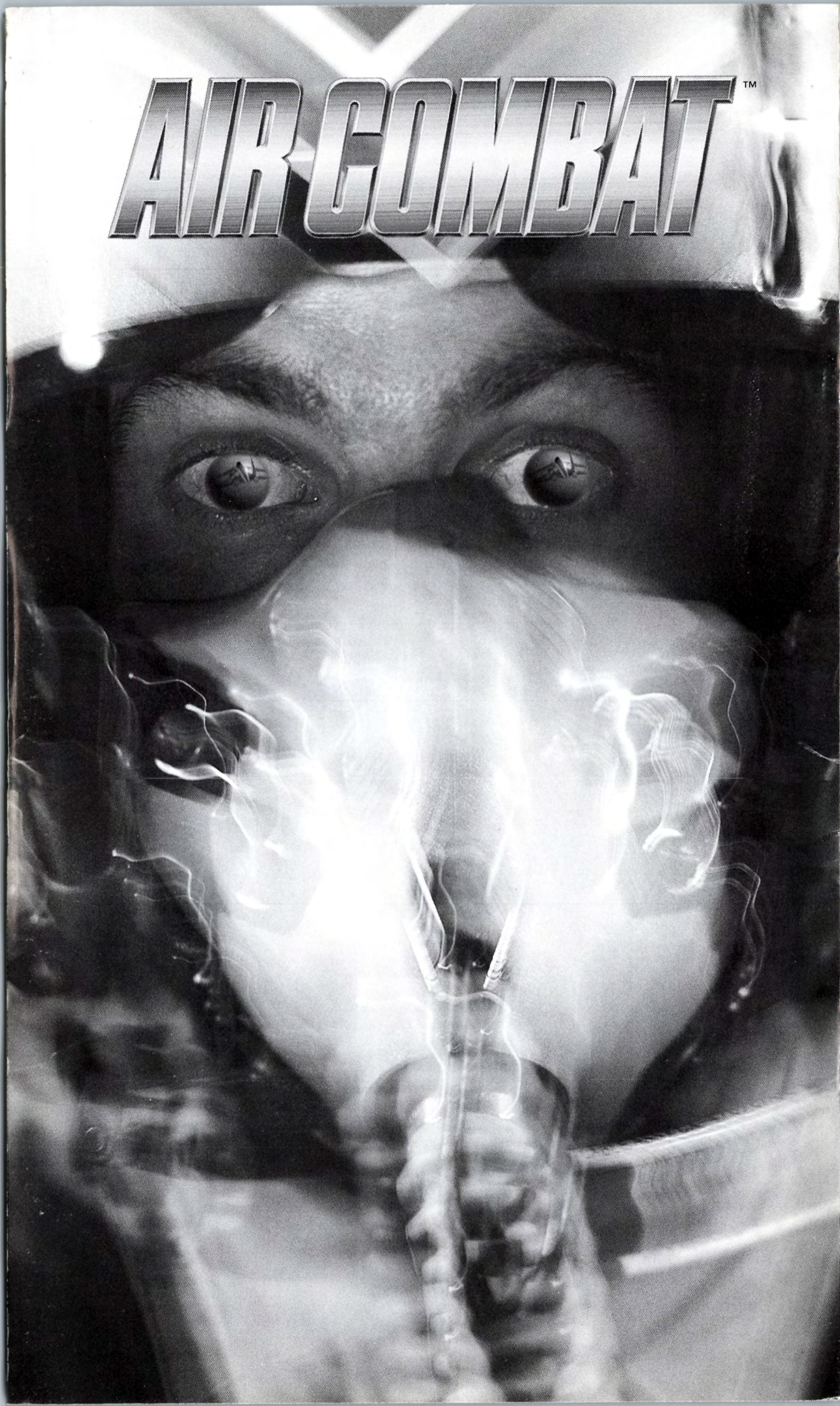

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