



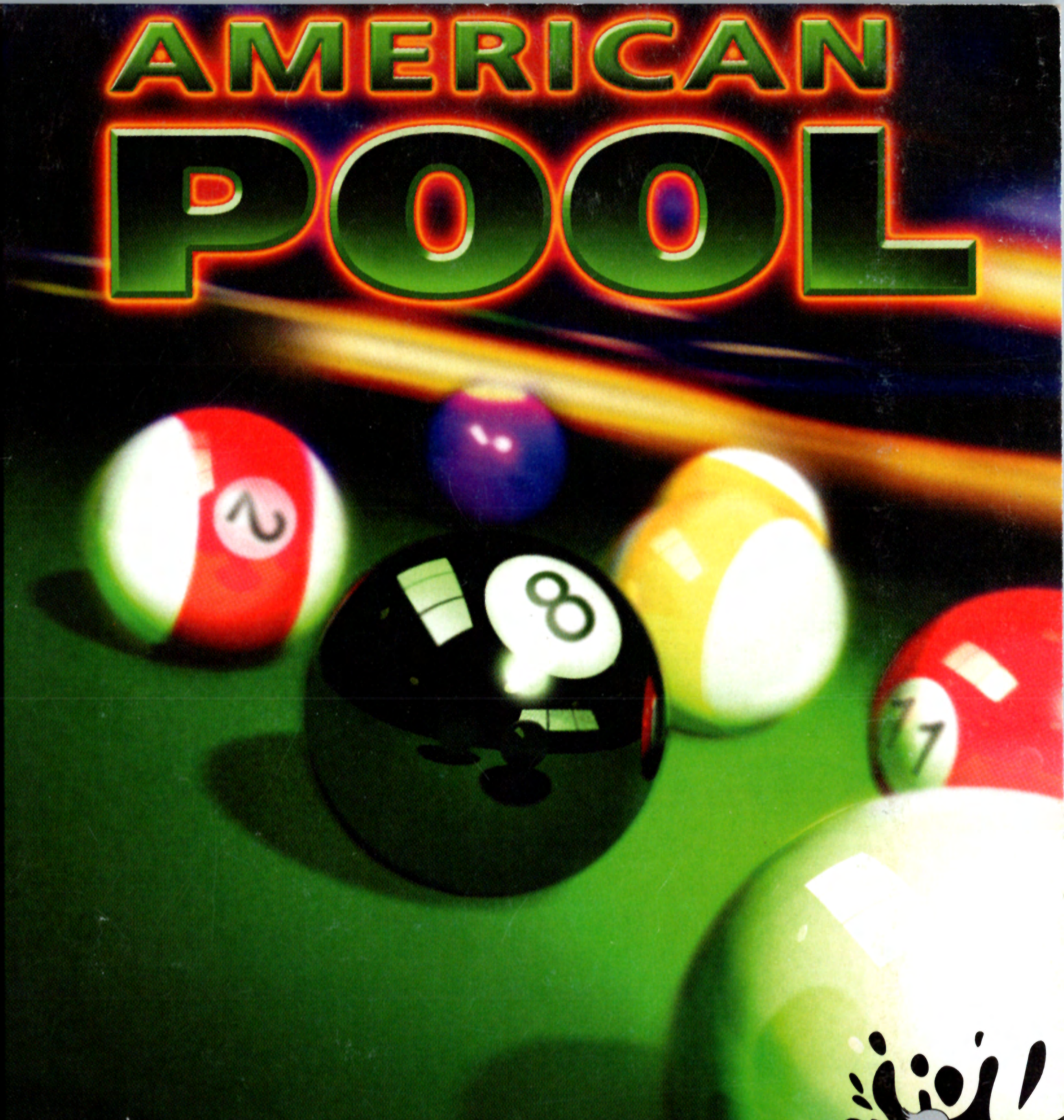
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AMERICAN POOL



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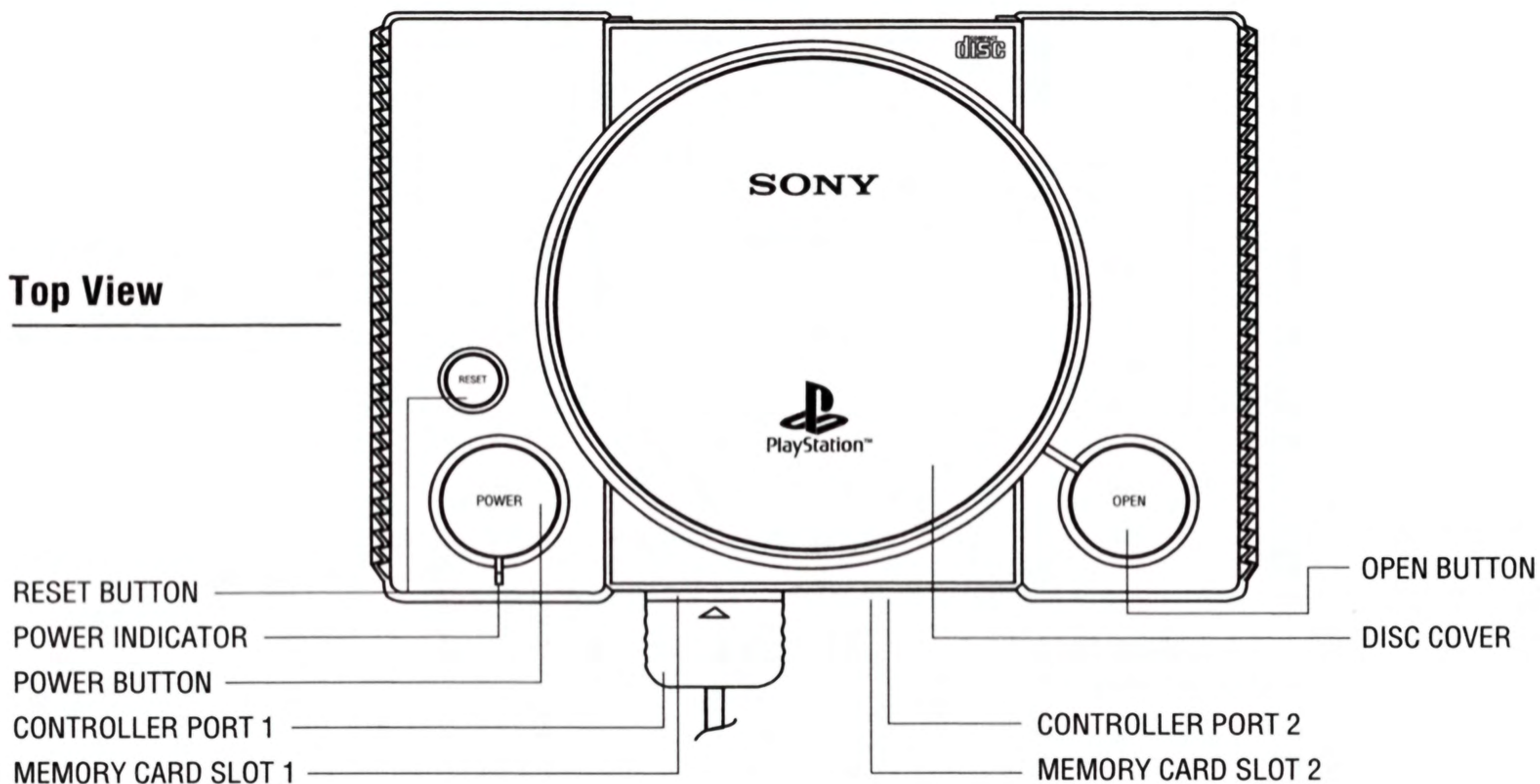
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TIME FOR POOL!

Thank you for your purchase of **American Pool**. In order to enjoy the game to its full extent, please read this instruction manual carefully before you play the game. Furthermore, once you have read it, be sure to keep it in a safe place.

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Top View



STARTING THE GAME

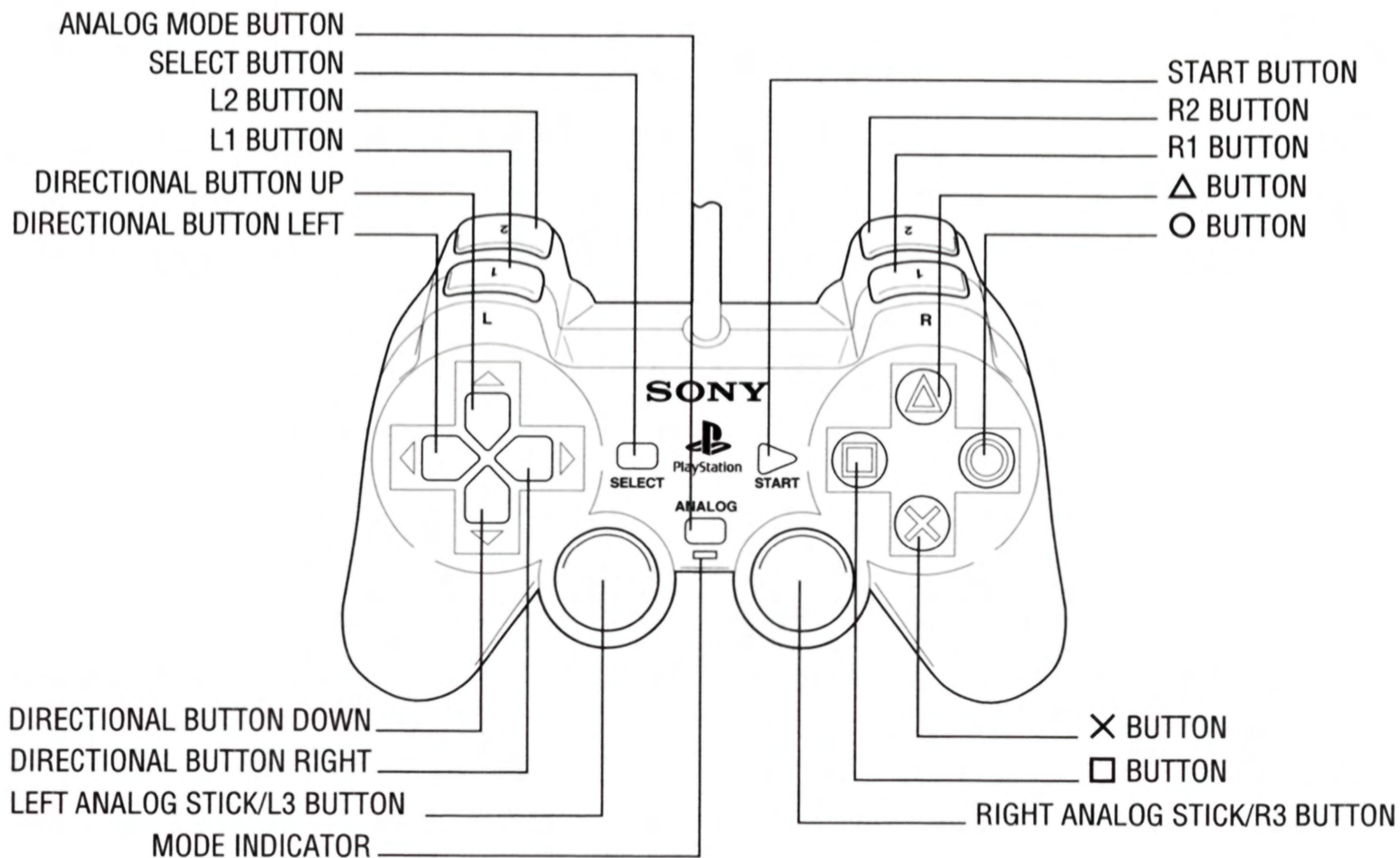
1. Set up your PlayStation® game console according to the instructions in the Instruction Manual.
2. Make sure the power is OFF before inserting or removing a disc.
3. Insert the **American Pool** disc and close the Disc Cover.
4. Insert game controllers and turn on the PlayStation game console.

It is advised that you do not insert or remove peripherals or memory card(s) once the power is turned on. Make sure that there are enough free blocks on your memory card before commencing play. If a memory card containing game data is inserted into MEMORY CARD slot 1, the game data will be automatically loaded at the game start-up.

CONTROLS

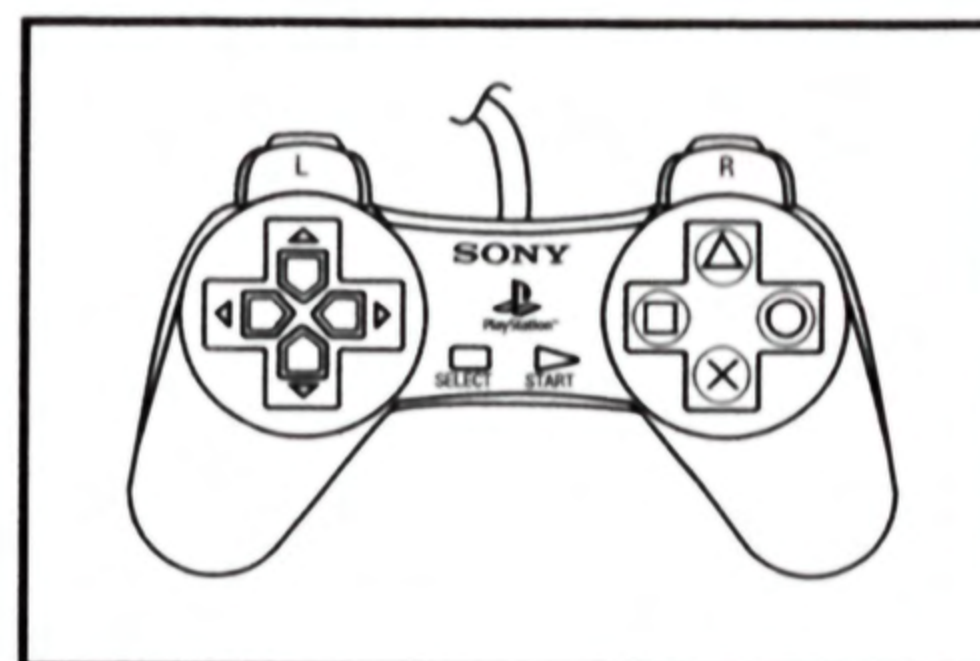
American Pool uses the following controls in the menu screens:

DUALSHOCK® analog controller



NOTE: Compatible only in Digital and Analog mode

NOTE: You may have a controller that looks like this, if so please follow the digital instructions outlined above.



CONTROLS

Command

Directional buttons

START button

SELECT button

 button

 button

 button

 button

L1 button

L2 button

R1 button

R2 button

Action

Highlight selection, change viewpoint, alter contact point, and angle of strike on cue ball
Start game / display function menu*

Move the viewpoint to directly above the pool table

Cancel

Alter the angle at which you strike the cue ball

Alter the point that you will strike on the cue ball





Confirm / Begin shot

Zoom in

Toggle display of ball numbers on or off

Zoom out

Return the viewpoint to face cue ball. Press again to enter free viewpoint mode. Once in free viewpoint mode you can:

- Zoom in and out with the  /  buttons
- Rotate left and right with the  /  buttons
- Move up and down with the **L1** and **R1** buttons

*The function menu allows you to change various game settings during an actual game.

PLAYING AMERICAN POOL

When the title screen appears, press the **START** button to open the Main Menu. You can select your desired game mode from here.

About the rules used in **American Pool**.


- The Nine Ball game uses the “Texas Express Rules.”
- The Eight Ball game does require that you “call your shot.”
- In “14-1 Rack” the player who loses at banking will take the break shot.

GAME MODES

Training

Training Mode allows you to learn various pool techniques, by providing a series of pre-created tasks and problems. After you select a problem, you will first see a demo of what is required.

Pocket Game

The Pocket Game allows you to enjoy five different types of pool – Nine Ball, Eight Ball, Basic, Rotation, and 14-1 Rack. After you have selected the game that you want to play, (you can view the rules for each game by pressing the  button), the game settings screen appears. Here you can set the conditions for winning the game. If you are playing against another human player, then set the “Player 2” option here to “Controller 2.” Select “Start Game” when you are ready to begin.

Pool Contest

In the Pool Contest Mode, you can create your own character and use it to participate in a Nine Ball tournament. As your character progresses through the matches, s/he will level up and acquire special shots and techniques.

Starting Pool Contest Mode

The first time that you play Pool Contest Mode, select “Begin a New Game” and create a character.

(If you already have a character saved to a memory card, then select “Load Game” and you can load your character.)

To create a character, you must give them a name, and choose their sex, age, and face.

Once you have finished creating a character then the Contest Menu will be displayed.



- “Play Contest” will display the Contest Grid and then your game will begin.
- “Save Game” will display the character save screen.
- “View Player Data” will allow you to check your character’s level and skills.

*In order to save a character to memory card, 1 free block is required. Also, during the saving and loading process, do not remove the memory card or the controllers.

Level Up and Special Shots

By taking part in a match and obtaining a certain amount of experience, your character will go up a level. Furthermore, once you have achieved a certain level, you will acquire special techniques and shots.

Using Special Shots

When you want to use or switch your special skills during a match, select “Special Shot” from the function menu by pressing the **START** button. On the special skills screen, the power up techniques that you are currently using are lit up. Use the  button to switch them on or off. By pressing the  button, you can turn off all currently activated abilities.

When you select a special shot, a confirmation window will open. To use it, select “Yes.” However you can only use a special shot once per set.

Special Skills Introduction

Low Tech. Adds a line from the front of the cue ball, which reaches to either the cushion or the first ball.

Easy Shot The speed of the power gauge drops by one third.

Free Ball You can move the cue ball to wherever you want.

There are other, even more powerful abilities that become available at higher levels.

FUNCTION MENU

Pressing the **START** button during game play will open up the Function Menu.

- Select (BGM) “Background Music” and use the directional buttons to switch it on and off.
- Select “Ball Bar” and use the directional buttons to switch it on and off.
- Select the “Tracer” option and use the directional buttons to change the style of the tracer or to turn it off.
- During Tournament Play only you may select the “Special Shot” option to access your Special Skills (see the Special Shots and Skill section in this manual).
- Select “Return” to return to the game play.
- Select “End Game” to end the game.

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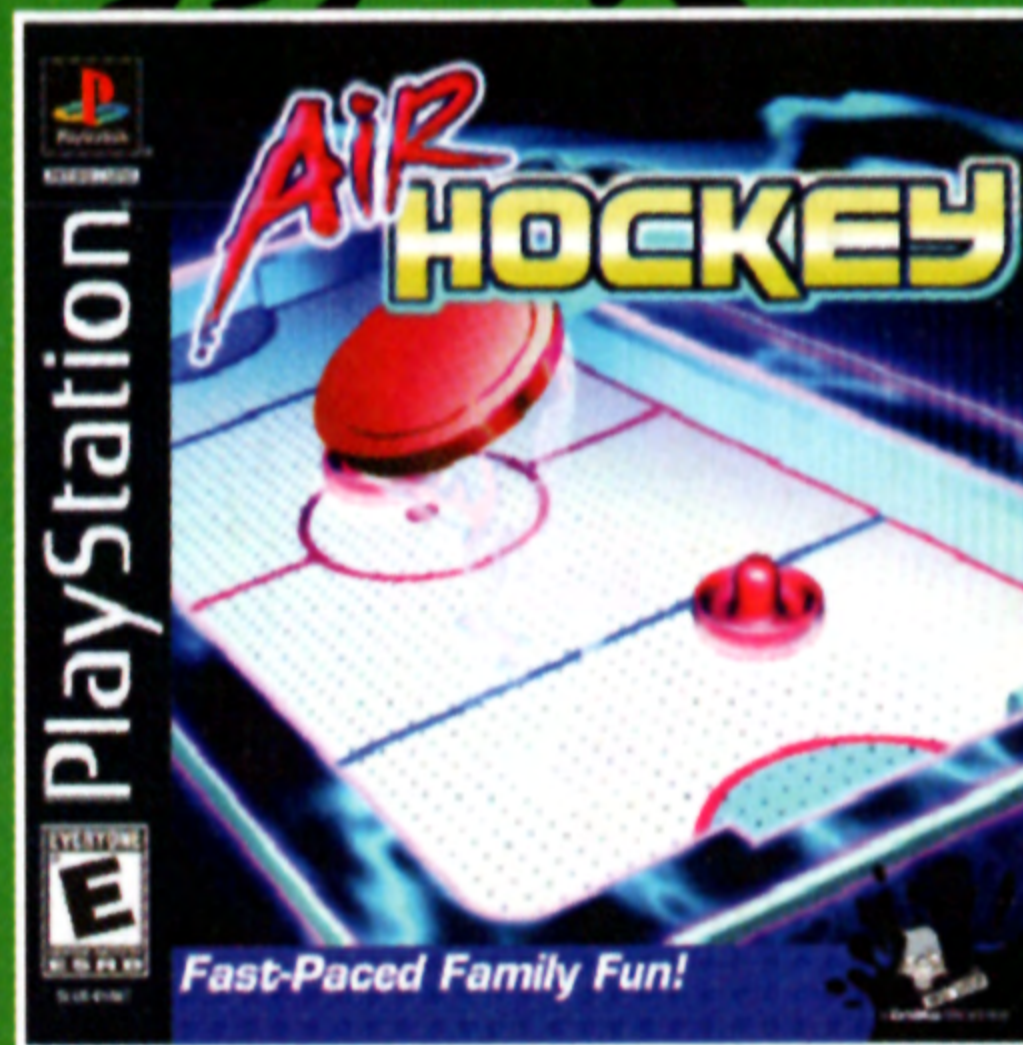
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