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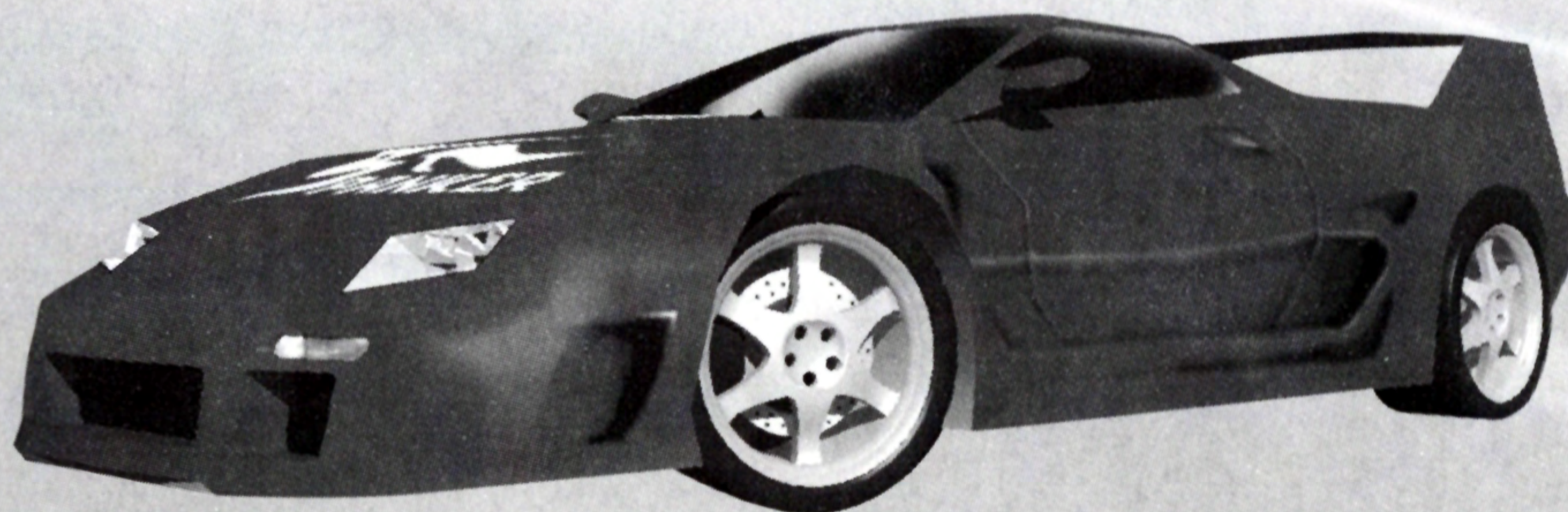
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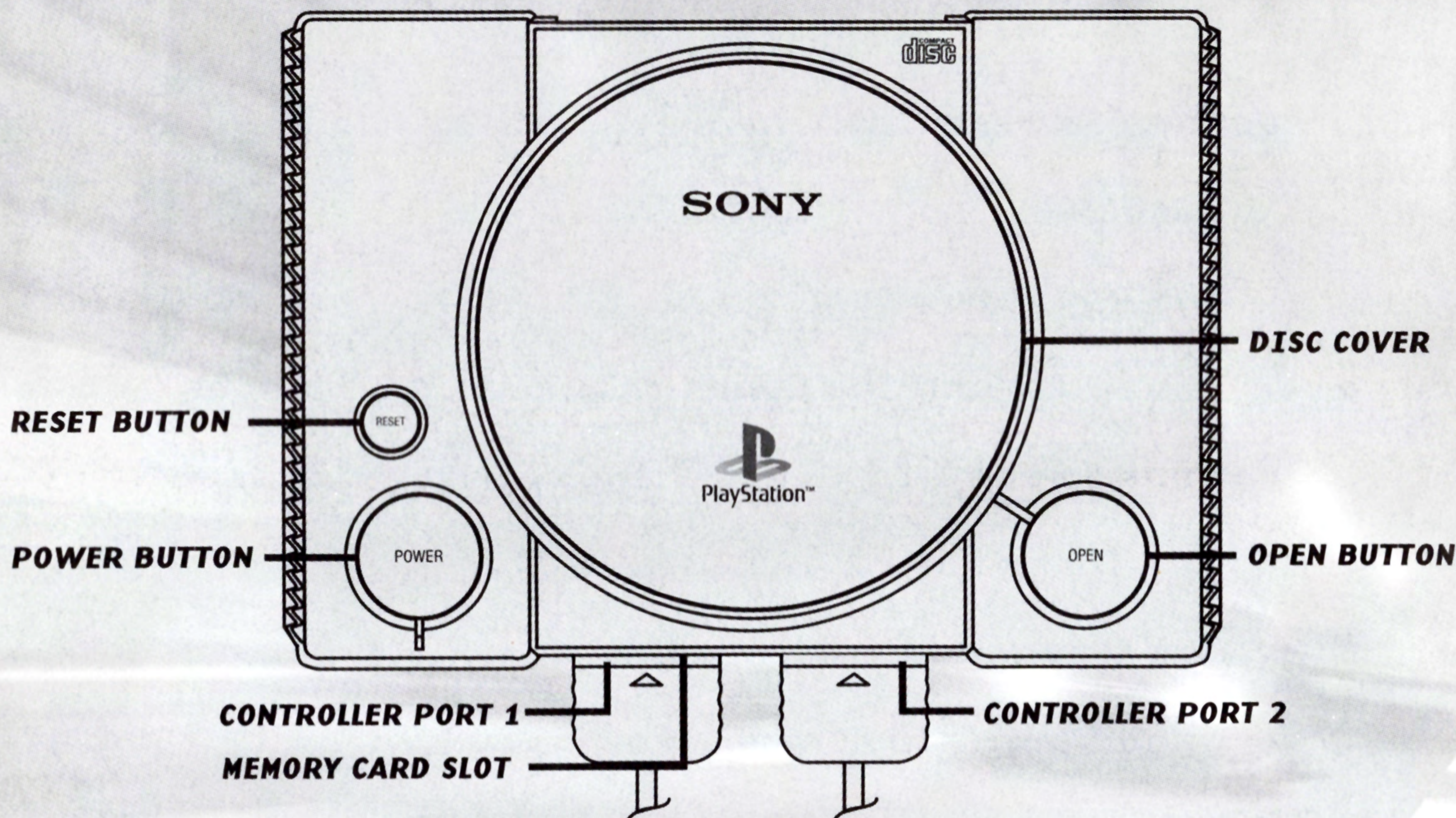


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GETTING STARTED



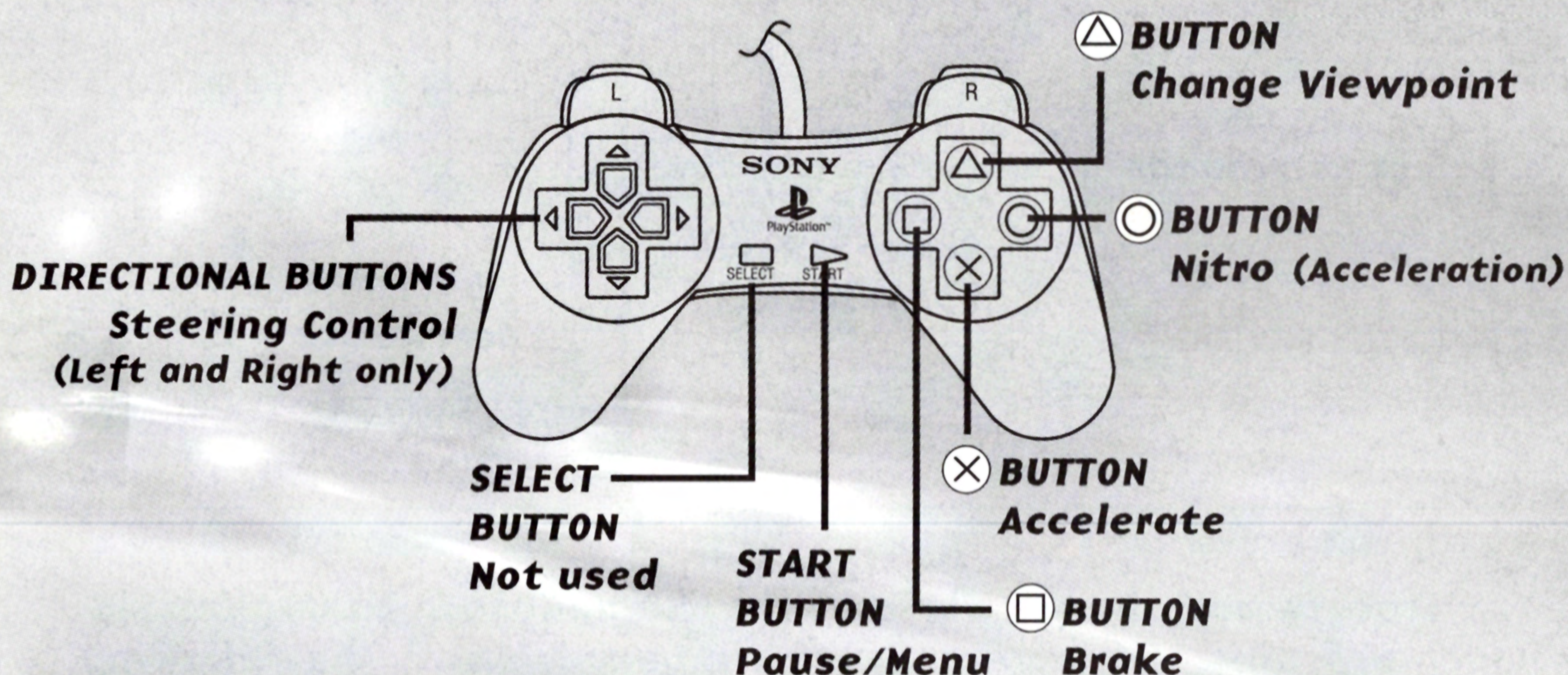
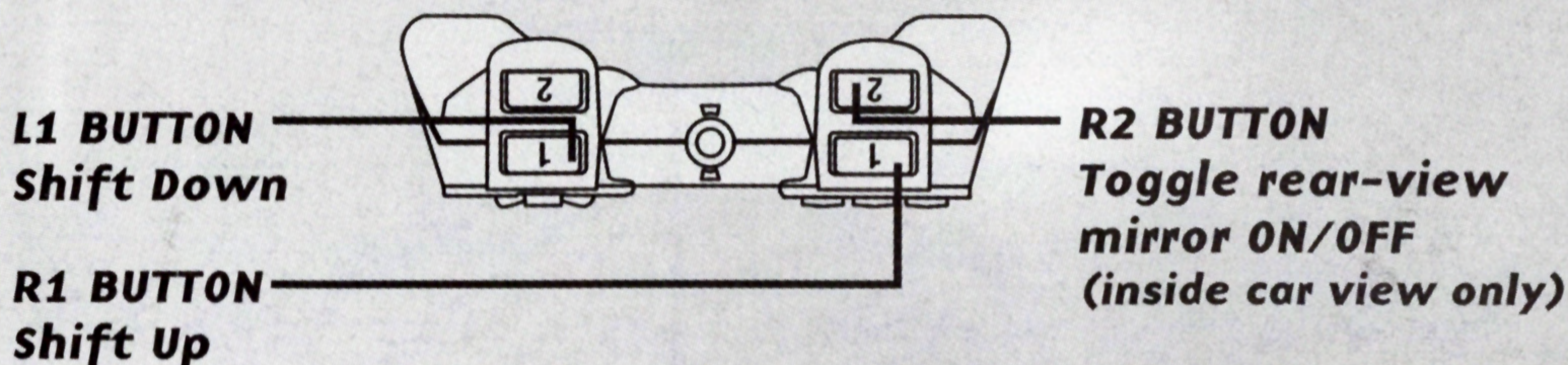
Set up your PlayStation™ game console according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the power is off before inserting or removing a compact disc. Insert the **Ray Tracers™** disc and close the disc cover. Insert a controller into Controller Port 1 and turn on the PlayStation game console. Press the START Button at the Title Screen to select a game mode and begin the game.



CONTROLS



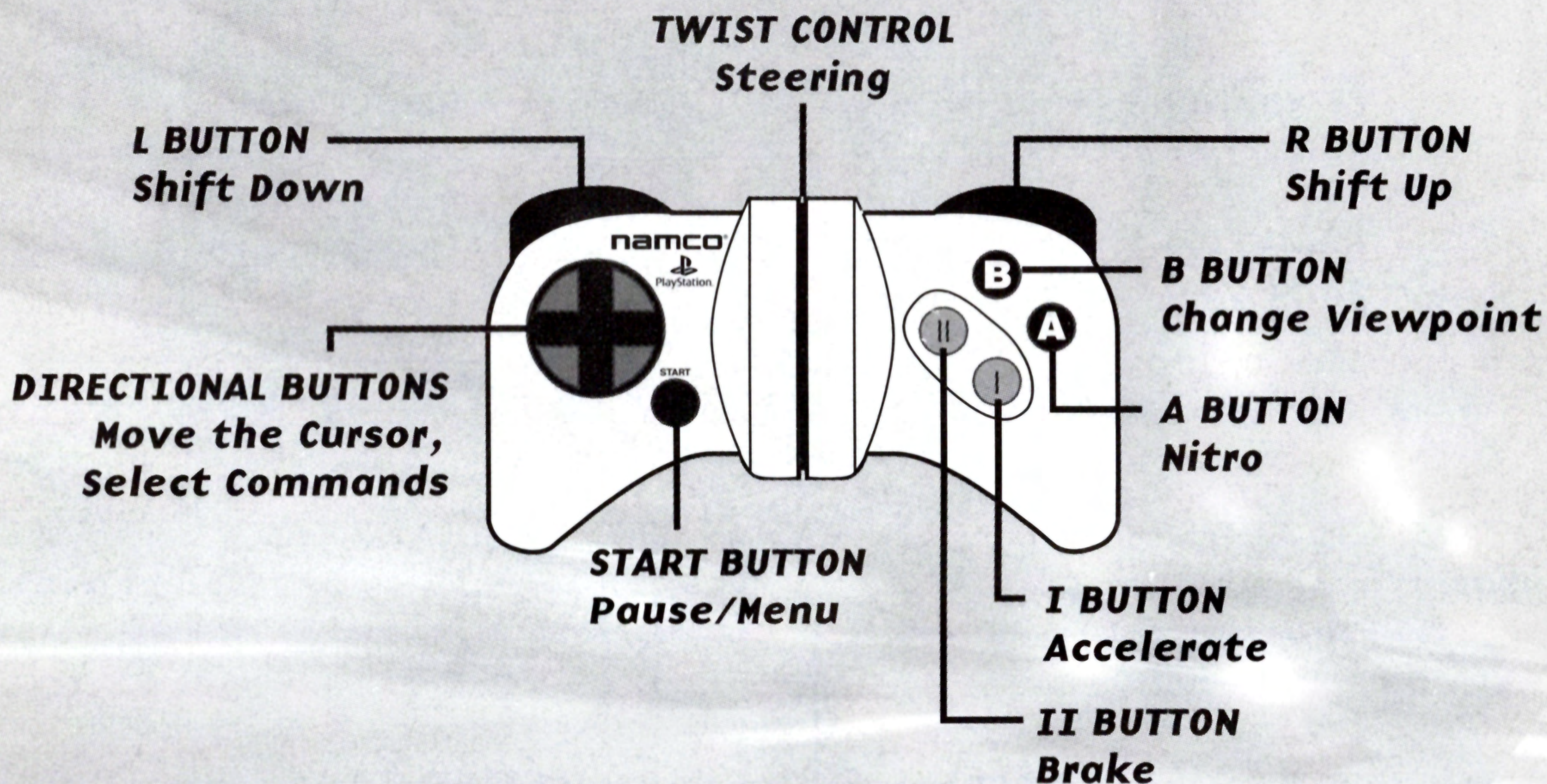
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The following controls configuration may be customized at the Options Screen under Button Config.



CONTROLS



Ray Tracers may also be played with the NeGcon™ controller, which provides a more realistic driving experience. The following controls configuration may be customized at the Options Screen under Button Config.

Note: When entering the NeGcon Calibration Screen, make sure your NeGcon is centered, otherwise, calibration results will be incorrect.





THE RAY TRACER SAGA

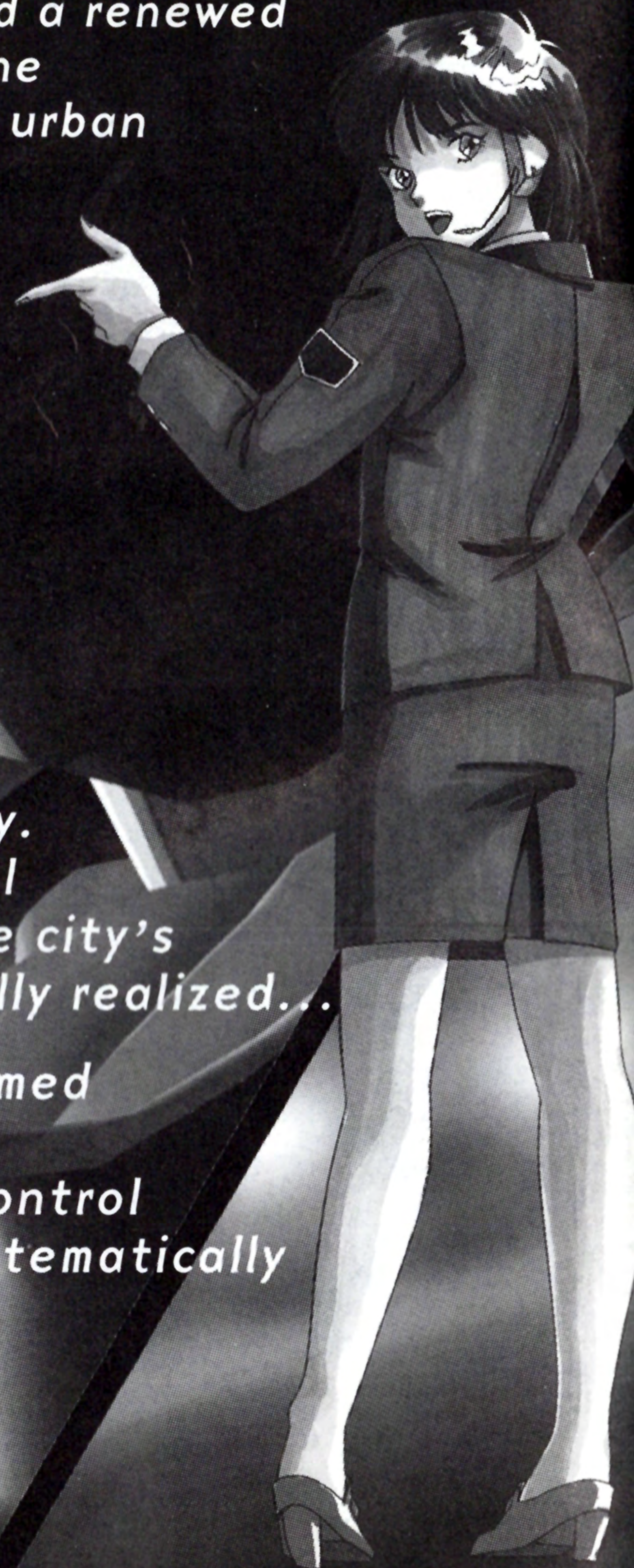


It was the beginning of a new century, and a renewed hope for a peaceful society had inspired the development of the ideal city, a futuristic urban model that would operate under a perfect control system-VESTAL.

VESTAL, a bio-computer built directly into the heart of development, had just been completed when a mysterious explosion wiped out most of the city, and destroyed VESTAL and the ideals it promised.

Years later, the city was slowly pieced back together, successfully rebuilt with state-of-the-art technology. Named Rain City, and hailed as the model for all urban development, it seemed the city's purpose, as originally planned, was finally realized...

...Until the arrival of a deadly six-car armed racer gang named Black Kaiser. Led by a mysterious madman, Kaiser, they took control of the city in the name of VESTAL and systematically laid waste to the entire development.



Rumors say that if VESTAL still survives, Kaiser knows how to bring it back to life. Driving their deadly machines through the streets of Rain City, the members of Black Kaiser let nothing stand in their way, and were unchallenged until the Tracer Team, led by Cyndy Gibson, was formed.

The daughter of the head VESTAL research scientist, Cyndy was orphaned when the explosion at the Research Center killed her father and destroyed much of the city. Certain that the explosion was deliberately set by one of her father's assistants, Cyndy became obsessed with avenging her father's death. She later learned that VESTAL, though supposedly inoperative, was not completely destroyed by the explosion, and was sold by her father's betrayer as a military weapon to MELDIN, a military organization. To Cyndy the appearance of Black Kaiser could only mean one thing: that something vital to VESTAL still remains in the city.

Among her inheritance, Cyndy's father left behind four racing cars. Developed as part of an unfinished research project, these cars featured armor and speed enhancements, making them the only challenge to Black Kaiser's reign of destruction. After locating the best four racers in the city, Cyndy formed the Tracer Team to stop Black Kaiser and find the real truth behind her father's death.



PLAYING THE GAME



After pressing the **START** Button at the Title Screen, choose a game mode with the **Directional Buttons**, and press the **X** Button to select. The available game modes are Chase and Time Attack. These game modes may be played at three difficulty levels: Easy, Normal and Hard. See the Options Screen on pg. 9 for more details.

PAUSE MENU

Pressing the **START** Button during either game mode will pause the game and display the Pause Menu.

- **Restart** - Starts the game over (Time Attack Mode only).
- **Mirror** - Toggles the rear-view mirror ON/OFF (or press R2 during gameplay).
- **Game End** - Quits the game. Highlight and select YES to return to the Title Screen.

Use the **Directional Buttons** to make your choice and press the **X** Button to select, or press the **START** Button to resume gameplay.

VIEW CHANGE

Press the **▲** Button to toggle between three viewpoints during gameplay.



OPTIONS SCREEN



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Select Option at the Game Mode Screen to display the Options Screen. Press the Directional Buttons Up and Down to select an option, and the Directional Buttons Left and Right to change the options settings:

- **Game Level** - There are three difficulty level settings, Easy, Normal, and Hard. During Chase Mode, the Easy level contains only three courses. Also, the driving characteristics of the cars change with the level of difficulty.
- **Sound** - Adjusts the volume and toggles Stereo ON/OFF.
- **Button Config** - Alters the controller button assignments.
- **Record** - Displays the best recorded times and high scores. Press the ✕ Button to select, then use the Directional Buttons Left and Right to cycle through the list.
- **Memory Card** - Saves or loads data from a Memory Card. In order to save a game you must have at least one block of free memory. Do not insert or remove a Memory Card during gameplay or data may be corrupted or lost. Select Exit or press the ▲ Button to return to the Options Screen.





CHASE MODE



Become a member of the Tracer Team, and challenge the Black Kaiser armed racer gang to a test of speed and survival. Only by colliding into and destroying their vehicles can you help Cyndy and Team Tracer stop Black Kaiser. You must catch up to the target vehicle and destroy it before time runs out.

Begin by choosing your vehicle with the Directional Buttons and pressing the **X** Button to make your selection. Press the **▲** Button to return to a previous screen.

RACE CAR SELECT

Each race car has its own characteristics which affect the way it handles.

- **Attack** - Cars with higher attack power levels inflict more damage during collisions with other vehicles.
- **Speed** - Cars with higher top speeds can maintain faster speeds.
- **Accelerate** - Cars with higher acceleration levels can achieve top speeds more quickly.
- **Steer** - Cars with higher steering levels can better maneuver around tight corners.





CHASE MODE



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GEAR SHIFT SELECT

Once you have selected a vehicle, you may choose either automatic or manual shift. If manual shift is selected, the R1 Button shifts up and the L1 Button shifts down during gameplay.

CHASE MODE GAME SCREEN

- 1) **Time Remaining**
- 2) **Time** - Displays the current lap time and total time.
- 3) **Score** - Displays your score.
- 4) **Speedometer** - Indicates your speed and rev count.
- 5) **Gear Shift Indicator** - Displays current gear in use.
- 6) **Nitro Gauge** - Displays your current Nitro level.
- 7) **Power Gauge** - Indicates the power (or "health") of your target vehicle.



**ON-SCREEN MESSAGES**

Your race car's onboard HUD computer will relay internal warnings:

- **Checkpoint** - Passing a checkpoint will extend your race time.
- **Alert** - An alert will be displayed if other cars are in your vicinity.

An arrow appears onscreen to indicate a turn up ahead.

You must reach the target vehicle and destroy it before time runs out. Attacking other cars will slow you down so make your attacks wisely. If the target vehicle's power is reduced to zero within the time limit, you will have completed your mission.

Your score is calculated from the following parameters:

- **Time Bonus** - Calculated from the time remaining.
- **Nitro Bonus** - Calculated from your remaining Nitro. (No bonus in Hard levels).
- **Level Bonus** - Awarded for each round. (Hard level only, see the Options Screen on pg. 9).

You can save your high scores to a Memory Card (see the Options Screen on pg. 9).



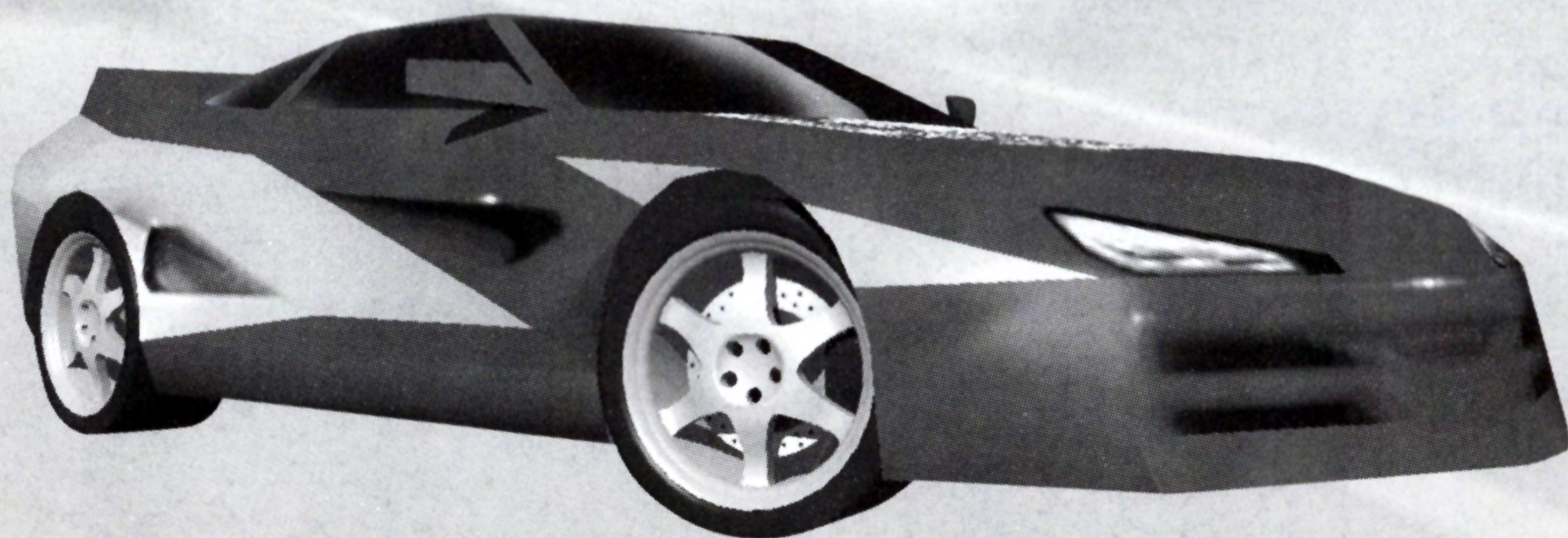
CHASE MODE



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USING NITRO

Every Tracer Team Race Car is equipped with a special Nitro tank which provides a Nitro Speed Burst, an intense acceleration which temporarily increases the vehicle's top speed. Use your Nitro carefully, for once your tank is empty you cannot refuel until the next round. Activate Nitro by pressing and holding down the ● Button.





TIME ATTACK MODE



The Time Attack mode allows you to choose your race course, and an optional rival car in a race against the clock. Nitro is not available in Time Attack Mode.

COURSE SELECT

Select your course with the **X** Button or press the **▲** Button to return to the Title Screen. There are four different courses available:

- **Circuit** - Test your maneuvering skills in a course with difficult turns and bends.
- **Freeway** - Still under construction, the Freeway is a short but hazardous course.
- **Mountain** - With steep curving terrain, this is a very difficult course.
- **Kaiser's Road** - A combination of long stretches and complex bends, this course is deceptively tricky.



RACE CAR SELECT

Identical to Chase Mode, you select your race car by using the Left and Right Directional Buttons and pressing the **X** Button. Then select automatic or manual gear shift. See Chase Mode on pg. 10 for more details.



TIME ATTACK MODE



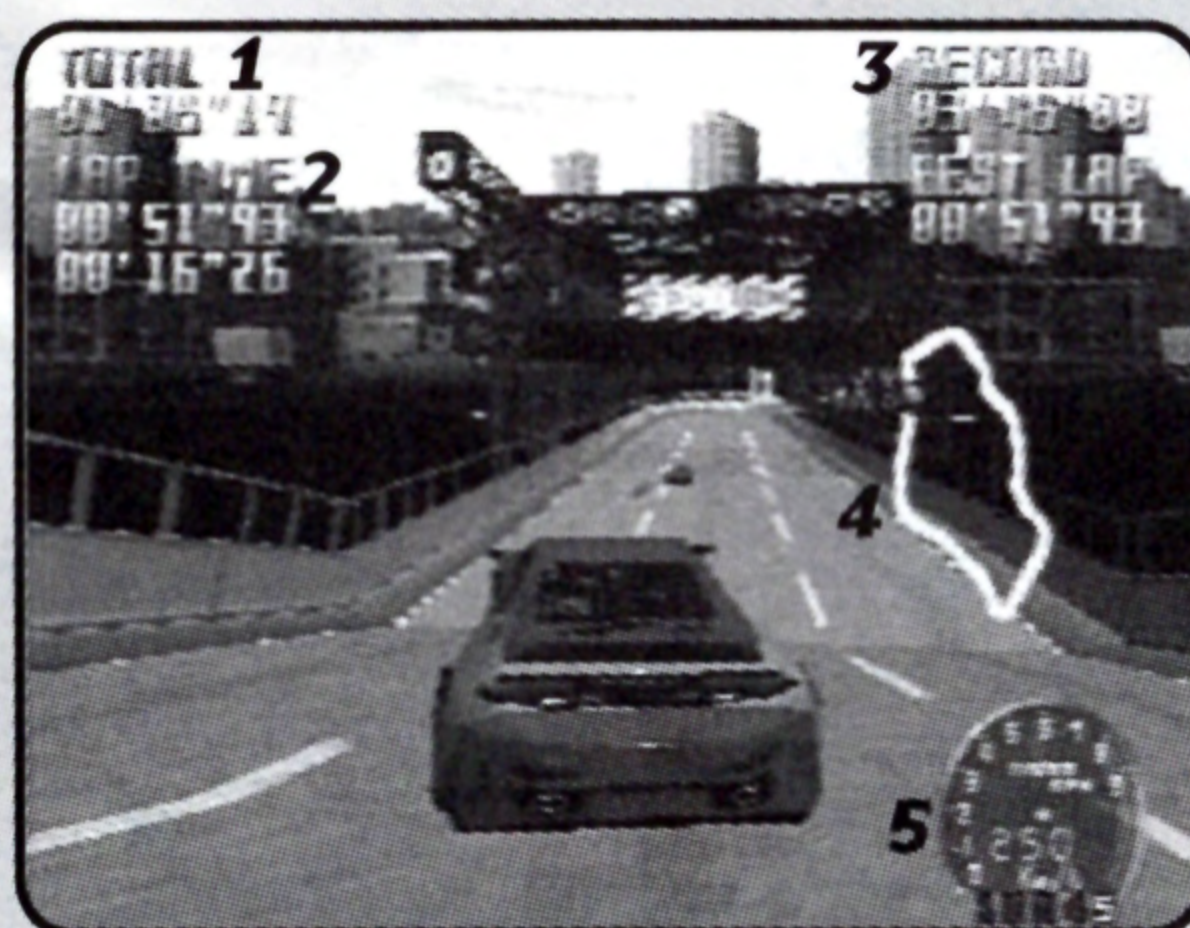
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RIVAL CAR SELECT (RIVAL ON/OFF)

After you have selected your vehicle, you can choose whether or not to race a rival car. If Rival OFF is selected, you race against the clock only.

TIME ATTACK MODE GAME SCREEN

- 1) **Total Time** - Displays the time elapsed for the entire race.
- 2) **Lap Time** - Displays the time elapsed for each lap.
- 3) **Record/Best Lap** - Displays the course record time and fastest lap time. These times may be saved to and loaded from a Memory Card.
- 4) **Course Map** - Displays the entire course and your position.
- 5) **Speedometer** - Indicates your speed, rev count, and gear position.





TIME ATTACK MODE



TIME ATTACK MODE BONUS (NORMAL TO HARD LEVEL)

Tumuji Kase was once the Rain City Racing Champion, but following a horrific racing accident, he disappeared from the normal circuit. But in the underground racing world, Tumuji has been known to accept a difficult challenge. If you are able to defeat Tumuji Kaze, his vehicle will be available for the next Chase Mode or Time Attack Mode.





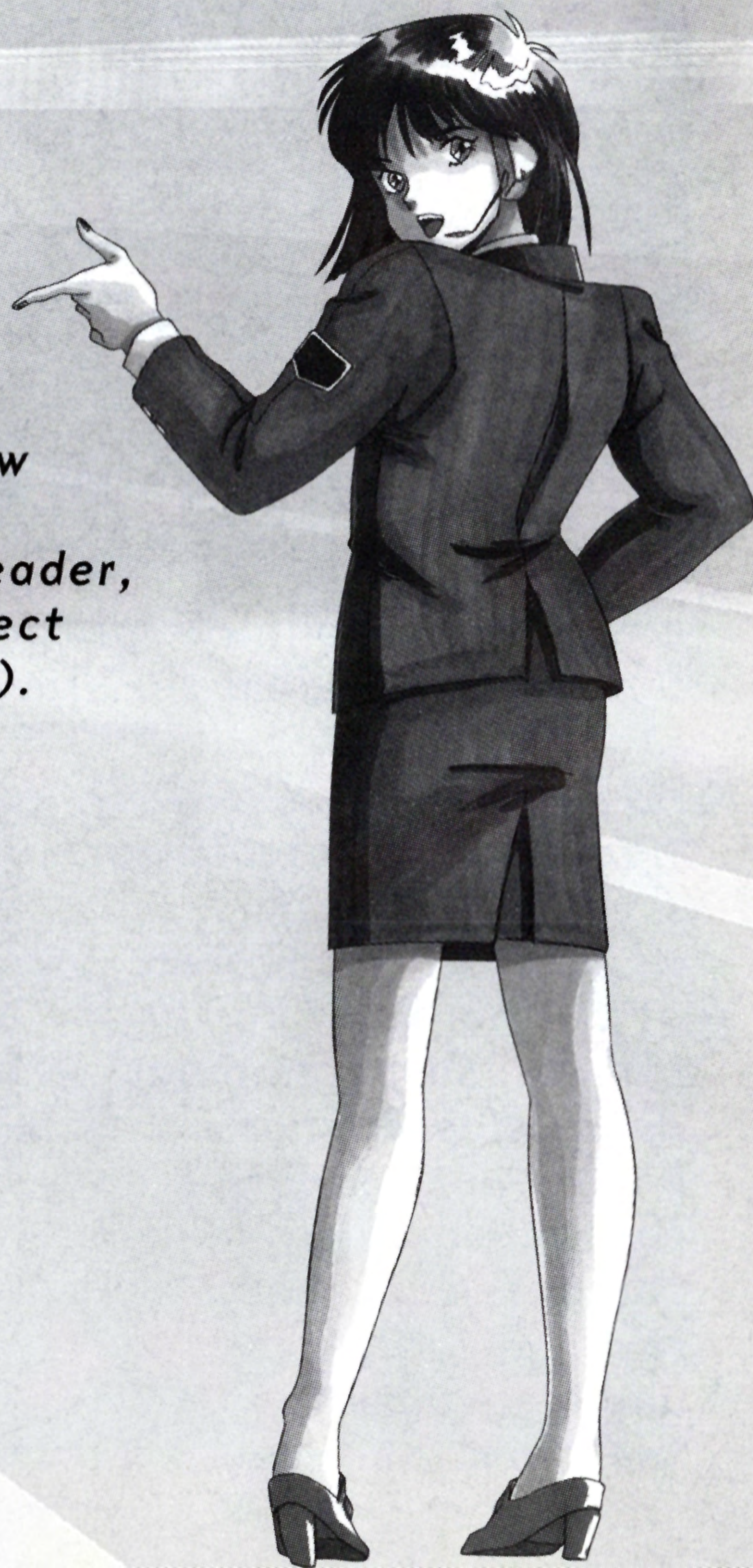
MEMBERS OF THE TRACER TEAM



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TEAM LEADER (CYNDY GIBSON)

Cyndy transmits orders to the Tracer Team from her surveillance helicopter. Though loyal to Cyndy, the members of the team do not know her motivations, nor the reason she created the Tracer Team. A natural leader, Cyndy treats her followers with respect (though she does enjoy teasing Lang).



BANKER

**SPANKER****(JALTA "THE BLOOD RED STALLION" LANG)**

Jalta is a maniac behind the wheel. A risk taker, he once raced fellow member Hawk on a treacherous mountain circuit. He won by leaving the boundaries of the race track, but reduced

his car to scrap in the process. Lured by Cyndy's best race car, Lang agreed to join the Tracer Team.

HAWK (SLEOTEEL RAZE)

Sleoteel is desperate for revenge. His girlfriend, Maki, has disappeared at the hands of Kaiser himself. Suspecting her dead, Sleoteel has an anger that cannot be contained. Cyndy sensed the potential that revenge contains and asked him to join the team.

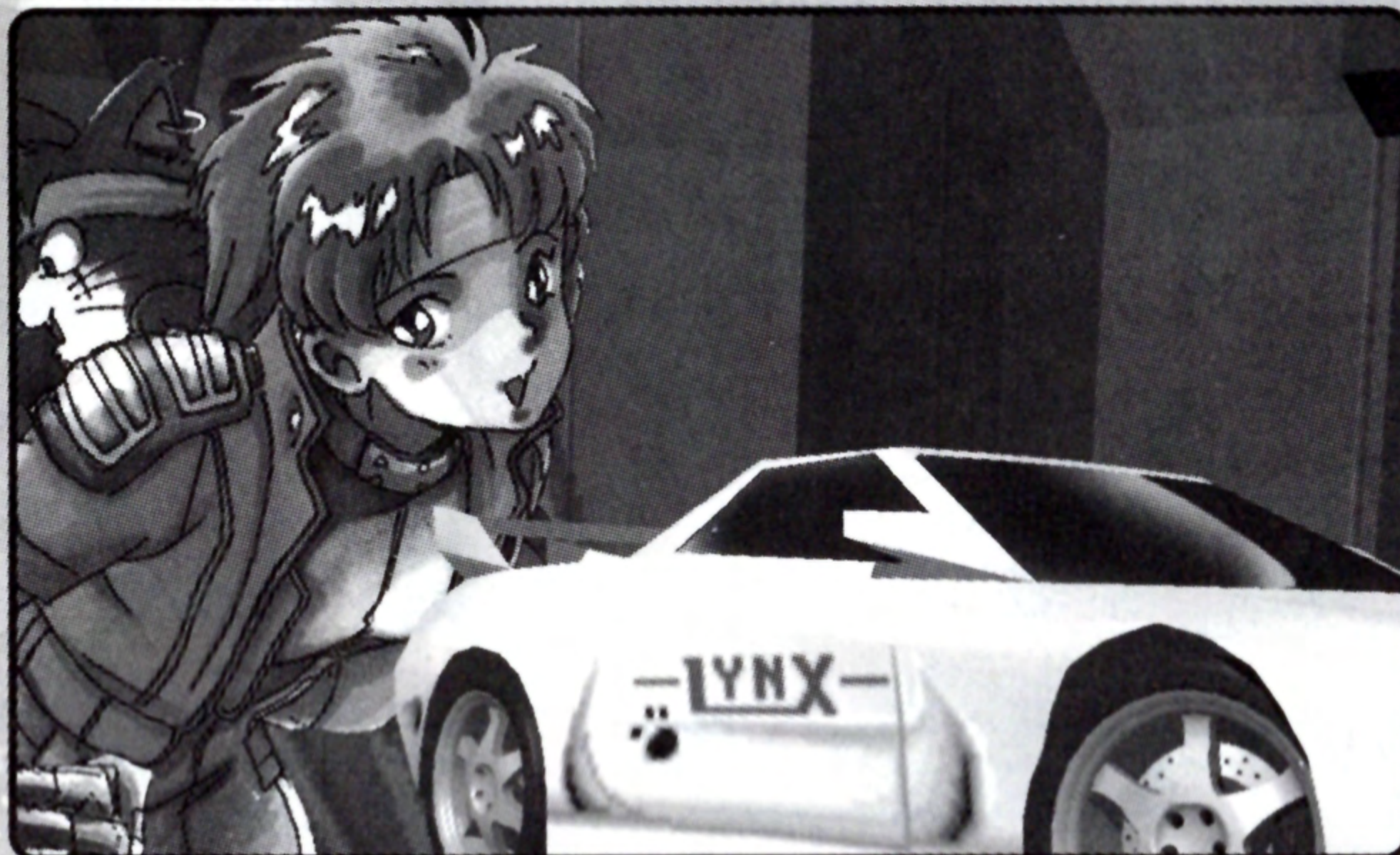




MEMBERS OF THE TEAM TRACER



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LYNX (ASUKA SAITO)
Searching for her missing sister, Asuka has been scouring the city with the help of her cat, Shin. A very proficient technical racer, Asuka joined the Tracer Team when Cyndy helped save Shin from a near fatal hit-and-run by one of Kaiser's gang members.



**BUFFALO
(RAYMONDO BLODY)**
An ex-military man discharged for misconduct, Raymondo knows nothing but fighting. Generally opposed to authority, he joined Cyndy's team after she bailed him out of jail.



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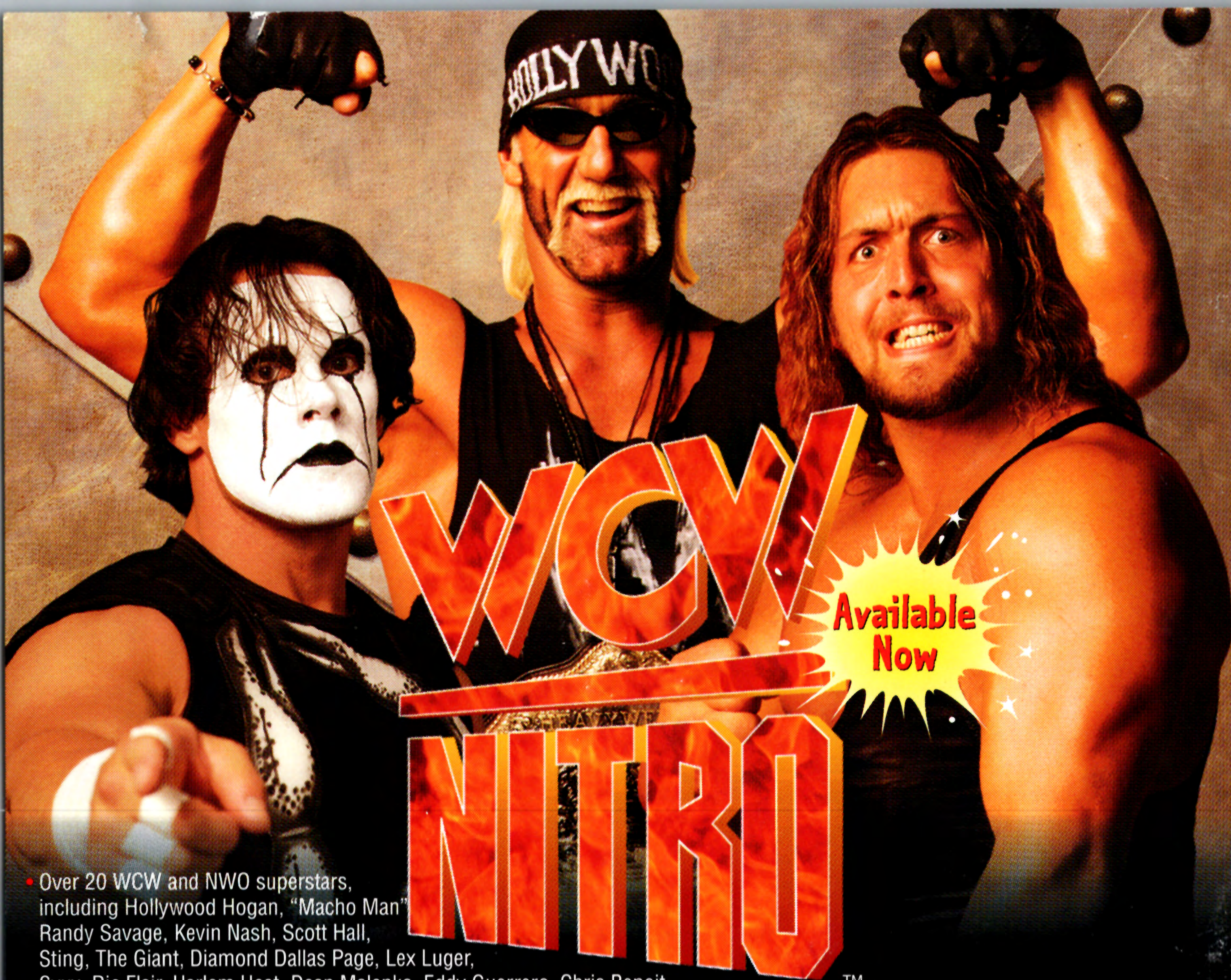
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