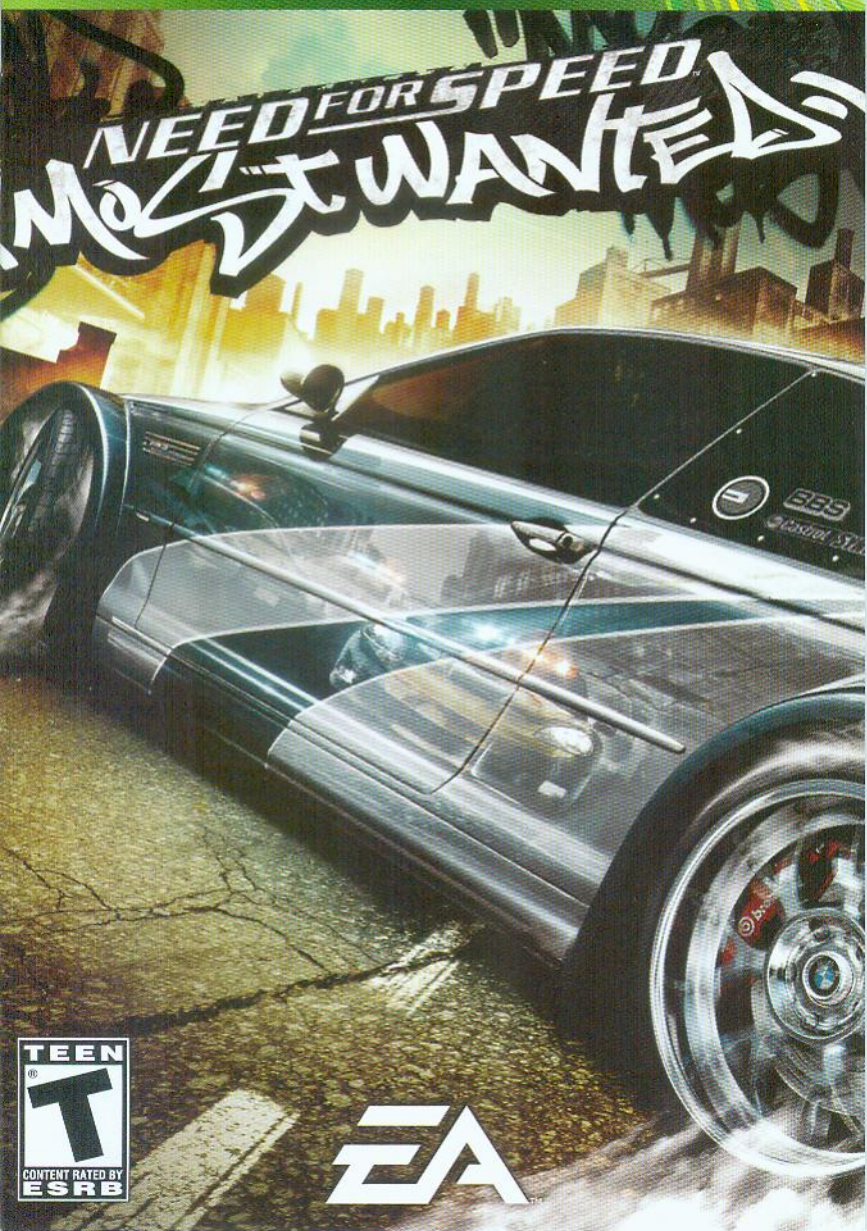




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⚠ Warning

Before playing this game, read the Xbox 360 Instruction Manual and any peripheral manuals for important safety and health information. Keep all manuals for future reference. For replacement manuals, see www.xbox.com/support or call Xbox Customer Support (see inside back cover).

Important Health Warning About Playing Video Games

Photosensitive Seizures

A very small percentage of people may experience a seizure when exposed to certain visual images, including flashing lights or patterns that may appear in video games. Even people who have no history of seizures or epilepsy may have an undiagnosed condition that can cause these "photosensitive epileptic seizures" while watching video games.

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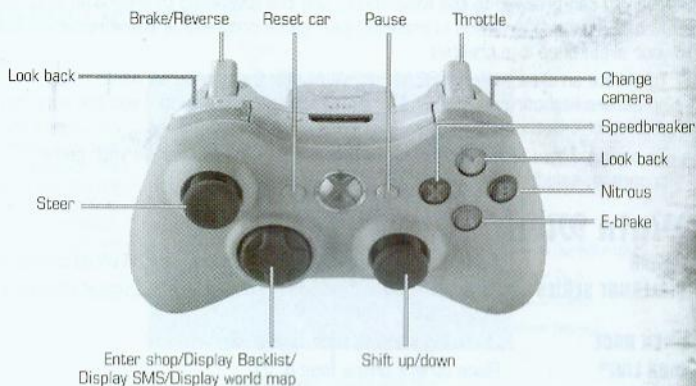
Immediately stop playing and consult a doctor if you experience any of these symptoms. Parents should watch for or ask their children about the above symptoms—children and teenagers are more likely than adults to experience these seizures.

The risk of photosensitive epileptic seizures may be reduced by taking the following precautions:

- Sit further from the television screen.
- Use a smaller television screen.
- Play in a well-lit room
- Do not play when you are drowsy or fatigued.

If you or any of your relatives have a history of seizures or epilepsy, consult a doctor before playing.

Complete Controls



Check out EA™ online at www.ea.com.

Setting Up the Game

My Alias

Before you can proceed to the Main menu, you are prompted to create an alias. If an Xbox 360 storage device is present, your game progress is automatically saved to your alias, once it is created.

- To create an alias, select **CREATE NEW ALIAS**. Enter an alias name using the on-screen keyboard and press **►**. A prompt appears asking if you are sure you wish to create this alias. Select **YES**. Your alias is created.
- To create a new alias, delete an existing alias, or manually save your game progress, select **ALIAS MANAGER** in the Main menu.

Main Menu

CAREER

Conquer Career mode and become the Most Wanted (see p. 4).

CHALLENGE SERIES

Test your skill in Tollbooth Time Trials and Pursuit Challenges (see p. 6).

QUICK RACE

Jump right into a race (see p. 5).

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Race others online (see p. 7).

MY CARS

Outfit your ride with a variety of parts, visual, and performance upgrades (see p. 6).

ALIAS MANAGER

Manage your aliases and save and load games (see p. 3).

OPTIONS

Adjust audio, video, gameplay, player, and controller options (see below), select **EA™ Trax**, or view the credits.

Options

- To access the Options menu in the Main menu, select **OPTIONS**.
- To access the Options menu in-game, press **►** to pause the game, then select **OPTIONS**.

Note: Default options are listed in **bold** type.

AUDIO

Set the in-game volume levels.

VIDEO

Adjust your display settings.

GAMEPLAY

Adjust the game moment camera, speedometer units, autosave, rear view mirror, and explore map modes, or toggle car damage **ON** or **OFF**.

PLAYER

Choose a transmission type, select a camera angle, or turn **ON** or **OFF** gauges, race information, scoring, and leaderboards.

CONTROLS

Choose between ten preset controller configurations.

EA™ TRAX

Adjust and preview the soundtrack in the game.

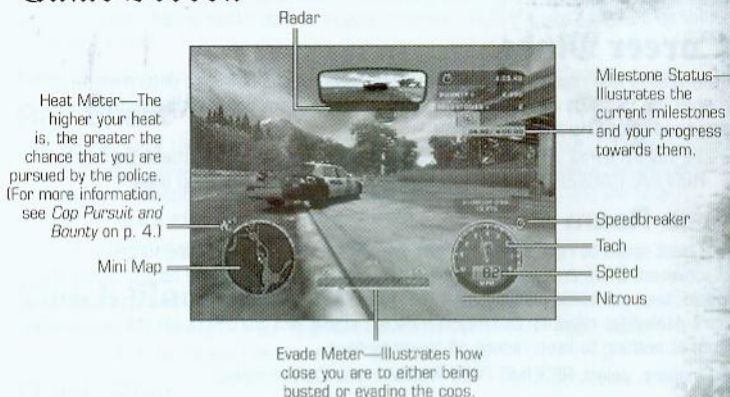
CREDITS

Meet the team behind *Need for Speed™ Most Wanted*.

Playing the Game

Slide into the driver's seat. With a variety of races, neighborhoods, and modes to choose from, the race to become the Most Wanted is at your fingertips.

Game Screen



Saving and Loading

Your game progress is saved automatically to your alias (for more information, see p. 2).

To save a game:

1. Select **ALIAS MANAGER** in the Main menu.
2. Select **SAVE**. Your game is saved.

To load a game in Career mode:

1. Select **CAREER** in the Main menu.
2. Select **LOAD**.
3. Select an alias. Your alias, with all of your saved game information, is loaded.

Game Modes

Earn your place in the racing world via a variety of game options, from one-shot Quick Races to an in-depth Career mode.

Note: For latest community events, gameplay hints, and tips, visit needforspeed.ea.com.

Career Mode

Your bounty and rap sheet are closely monitored by the police to determine who makes the Blacklist and who is the Most Wanted. Think you are the best driver? The road starts here.

- To start a game in Career mode, select CAREER in the Main menu then either RESUME CAREER, START NEW CAREER, or LOAD an existing alias.

Free Roam

The best spots to race in the city and its surroundings are begging to be discovered. Drive around to get a feel for the lay of the land, and as you cruise the world, test out some juicy stretches of road. Just remember to keep your eyes and ears peeled for news on the daytime racing scene and watch out for the cops—they stop at nothing to keep racers off the streets.

To explore, select RESUME FREE ROAM in the Career menu.

The Blacklist 15

The Blacklist represents the fifteen street racers who are the most wanted by the police. Beat every one of them and you'll shoot to the top of the list, becoming the Most Wanted street racer. You'll need to challenge and beat every one of them using your driving skills. To do this, complete a series of events and challenges to prove your mettle.

To view the Blacklist, select BLACKLIST 15 in the Safe House.

Events, Milestone Competitions, and Challenges

You have to earn your right to see your name on the Blacklist 15. To do this, win races, complete pursuit milestones, and evade the cops. If you're good enough, you may find yourself challenged to a showdown with one of the Blacklist racers. Beat them and you'll score their spot on the list.

- To jump to an event, select BLACKLIST 15 in the Safe House menu, or press **Q** when you are in a Free Roam. Select RACE EVENTS or MILESTONE EVENTS and press **A** on the event you wish to enter.

Cop Pursuit and Bounty

In the anything-goes world of street racing, the cops can be anywhere, and like you, they've got a few tricks up their sleeves. Eluding them requires a cool head and a little bit of fancy pedal work.

Keep your eye on the Heat Meter, which surrounds your minimap. As your heat increases from 1 to 5, the chase gets tougher and the cops get harder to beat. If your driving style is particularly attention-grabbing, you may find yourself being pursued by state or even federal authorities. As the chase escalates, so does the quality of gear the police use to try to take you down. Those tiny roadblocks set up

by the small-time fuzz may be a cinch for you to bypass, but try getting away from that state police chopper or heavy SUV. It's not just your rival racers you have to worry about. If you successfully evade the cops, they will increase your bounty and bump you up their Blacklist. Get busted, however, and it will cost you.

Tip: There are hiding spots all over the open world where you can lay low until the heat is off. When you're in cooldown (meaning you broke line of sight with the pursuing cops), hiding spots appear in your minimap. Pull into one to speed up the cooldown period.

Note: While in a police pursuit, you are unable to enter any locations or races.

Rap Sheet

Ever wonder what the cops think about when they hear your license plate number over the radio? View your rap sheet to find out. Your rap sheet offers the police your pursuit statistics, the number of infractions on your record, and the total amount of dollars your antics have cost the state.

To view your rap sheet, select RAP SHEET in the Safe House.

Quick Race Mode

Enter a variety of one-off races. Choose between a QUICK PLAY race and a CUSTOM RACE, or race a friend in SPLIT SCREEN mode.

Quick Play

Jump right into the driver's seat in a Quick Play race. In Quick Play, the event type, track, and car you drive are all picked for you. All you need to do is show up and be ready to throw down. You could get lucky and get a car that has not yet been unlocked in Career mode.

To start a Quick Play game:

1. Select QUICK RACE in the Main menu.
2. Choose QUICK PLAY.
3. A screen appears showing the race type, track, and car you'll be driving. To select a new configuration at random, press **Y**.
4. Press **A** to confirm. The race begins.

Custom Race

Like a Quick Play race, a Custom Race drops you right into the action, only here you get to select which available race, track, and car you wish to drive.

To start a Quick Race:

1. Select QUICK RACE in the Main menu.
2. Select CUSTOM RACE.
3. Choose between a CIRCUIT, SPRINT, DRAG, LAP KNOCKOUT, or SPEEDTRAP race.
4. Select a location for your race.
5. Adjust race options, including difficulty level and whether you wish to drive with an **AUTOMATIC** or **MANUAL** transmission. The race begins.

Split Screen

Race a friend and find out who can grab the checkered flag.

To start a 2 Player Split-Screen race:

1. Select QUICK RACE in the Main menu.
2. Select SPLIT SCREEN.
3. Choose between a CIRCUIT, SPRINT, DRAG, or SPEEDTRAP race. Then select the location and race options.
4. Player 1 selects a car and transmission type.
5. Player 2 presses **O**, then selects a car and transmission type. The race begins.

Challenge Series

The Challenge Series hooks you up with a car, a specific challenge and is designed to test your driving and pursuit evasion abilities. The further you get into the Challenge Series the harder things get. Do you have what it takes to beat them all? To start the Challenge Series, select CHALLENGE SERIES in the Main menu.

Race Types

CIRCUIT

A traditional lap-style course. Finish first and leave your competitors driving in circles.

DRAG

A pedal-mashing, speed-shifting race to the finish line.

LAP KNOCKOUT

Race laps around a track. At the end of each lap the driver in last place is eliminated. The driver in first place at the end of the last lap wins.

SPEEDTRAP

There are speed traps posted all over the city. Blow through each as fast as possible. Earn the highest cumulative score, and you're the winner.

SPRINT

Find out how fast you can get from point A to point B.

TOLLBOOTH

Smack your way through as many toll booth checkpoints as you can. As the race progresses, the allotted time you have to hit the next checkpoint decreases. If you hit a checkpoint with time to spare, you get a bonus.

Customization

Cold hard cash is the currency of choice on the street. With it, you can outfit your ride with a variety of aftermarket parts you'll find in the shops. To earn money, enter—and win—one of the daytime racing events happening around town.

As your bounty increases you get the chance to go up against key opponents in order to earn markers. Markers allow you to unlock special visual and performance upgrades in the shop's back room. This is reserved for only the best racers. If you go up against a member of the Blacklist 15 and win, the marker you earn may even be a pink slip—redeemable for your opponent's ride. Not bad for a day's work.

There are one-stop shops all over where you can do everything from customize your engine to add the latest paints and decals.

Note: When you upgrade your ride, your old parts are automatically traded in.

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Connecting

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Family Settings

These easy and flexible tools enable parents and caregivers to decide which games young game players can access based on the content rating. For more information, go to www.xbox.com/familysettings.

Online Main Menu

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| QUICK MATCH | Jump right into an existing ranked or unranked match. |
| CUSTOM MATCH | Search for an existing match according to your preferences. |
| CREATE MATCH | Create a match for others to join. Choose between a Circuit, Sprint, or Drag race. |
| SELECT CAR | Choose your vehicle. |
| RANKINGS | View your personal statistics, get the overall stats, or find out who the online leaders are. |
| NEWS | Get the latest news on <i>Need for Speed Most Wanted</i> online community. |

Quick Match

- To start a Quick Match race, select **QUICK MATCH** in the Xbox Live menu, select **RANKED** or **UNRANKED** match, then select the game mode you wish to play. If a match already exists you automatically join that match. If no match exists you have the option to search again or create your own match for others to join.

Note: All matches in Quick Match mode are ranked or unranked.

Custom Match

To start a Custom Match game, select **CUSTOM MATCH** in the Xbox Live menu. Search by Game Type, Game Mode, Collision Detection, and Performance Matching, and then select the game you wish to play.

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