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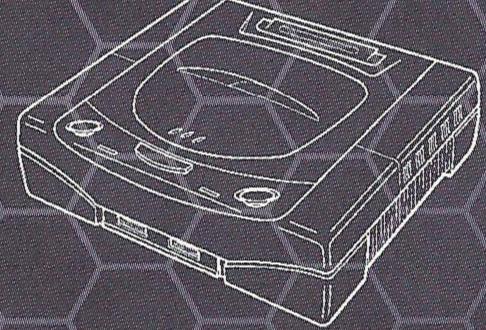
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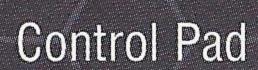




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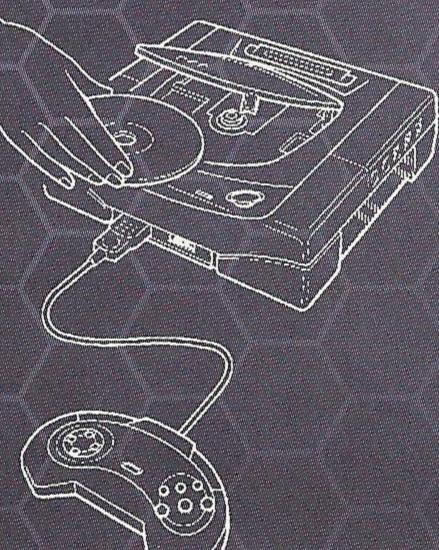
L Button

R Button



Direction Pad





Sega Saturn Unit, Control Pad, and CD

X Button

Y Button

· Z Button

· C Button

··· B Button

··· A Button

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Button Reference

Control functions below are mapped for default settings. You can choose between four configurations in the Option menu.

L BUTTON: Tumble character to the left.

R BUTTON: Tumble character to the right.

DIRECTIONAL PAD: Move character around arena/select character/input password.

START BUTTON: Pauses the game.

START + ABC: Resets the game.

X BUTTON: Jab 1 attack/confirming your selection.

Y BUTTON: Kick 1 attack/confirming your selection.

Z BUTTON: Special moves and combos.

A BUTTON: Jab 2 attack/confirming your selection.

B BUTTON: Kick 2 attack/confirming your selection.

C BUTTON: Special moves and combos.

X + A: (Jab 1 + Jab 2) Strong jab/roundhouse...

Y + B: (Kick 1 + kick 2) Strong kick/roundhouse.

Additional moves and controls are explained in Fundamental Skills on page 11

Story

The Nezom Clan and Zerai Clan anointed themselves as the Chosen Ones, a self proclamation spurred by the acquisition of an ancient Relic that endowed great powers to those who possessed it, but not the wisdom to wield that power. Lead by their Emperor, the Chosen Ones purged all resistance resulting in complete annihilation of entire races. The planet Hyperia fell into the War Era. In the end, the Chosen Ones achieved compliance if not obedience. A time of peace began, or so it seemed.

The years of supremacy that followed did not alleviate the Chosen Ones' paranoia. Fearing that others may try to steal the Relic, precautions were made to protect it. However, an unknown force successfully stole the Relic from its resting place. In a panic, the Chosen Ones replaced the missing Relic with a replica while secretly searching for the assassins. Rumors of the Relic's disappearance nevertheless reached even the most distant lands and many saw an opportunity for vengeance and power.

Game Modes

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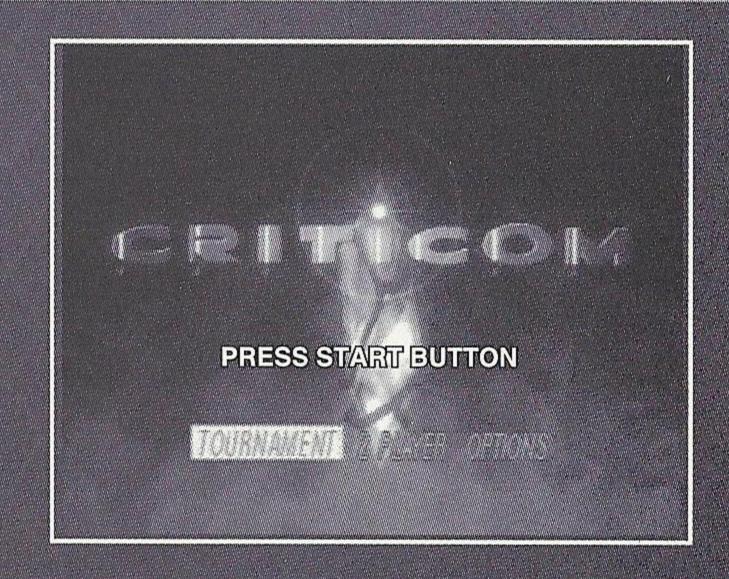
Challenge your rivals to critical combat and reclaim the power of the Relic.

2 PLAYER

Head-to- head confrontation with a friend or foe.

OPTIONS

Adjust and reconfigure your game environment.



Timer Set the duration of the battle: 99 seconds, or 00.

Music Volume Set the desired volume of the background music from

0 to 9 (loudest).

SFX Volume Set the desired sound effects volume from 0 to 9 (loudest).

Stereo/Mono Set the desired audio output.

Button Config. Choose between 4 different preset button configurations.

Load/Save This will take you to the Password screen.

Exit This will bring you back to the main title screen.

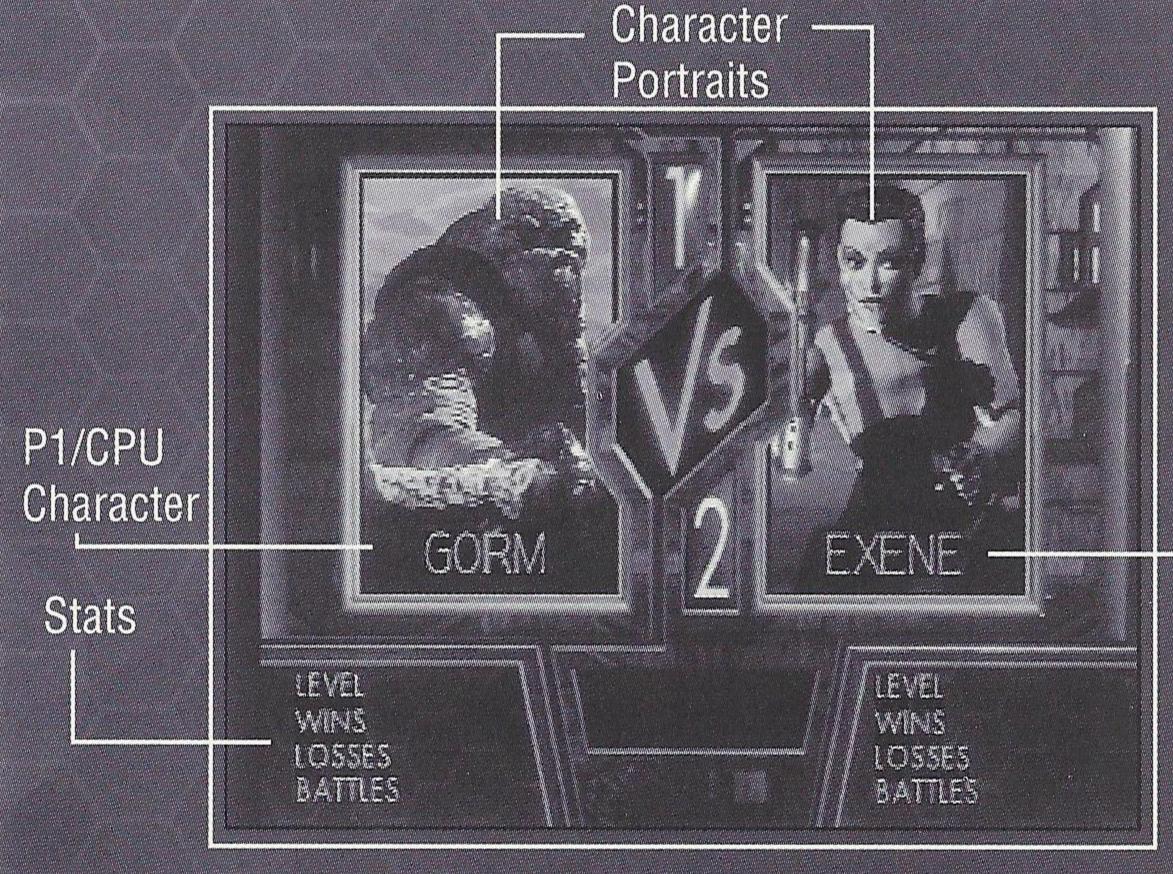
Password Screen

Password Entry After defeating all first level opponents, a password will be given to you for the next level upgrade. You can select and enter the four letter code by using the directional pad for any of the characters. Once the code has been entered, it will remain until your next upgrade entry or when your Saturn game console is shut off.

Load/Save

Allows you to load and save your game by using the internal backup RAM in the Saturn game console. A mini menu will ask you whether you want to overwrite an existing file if a game was saved previously. The backup RAM only allows you to store one game independently from P1 and P2. If you decide to load a saved game while a current game is in progress, a mini menu will ask you whether you want to quit the current game before loading takes place.





P2/CPU Character

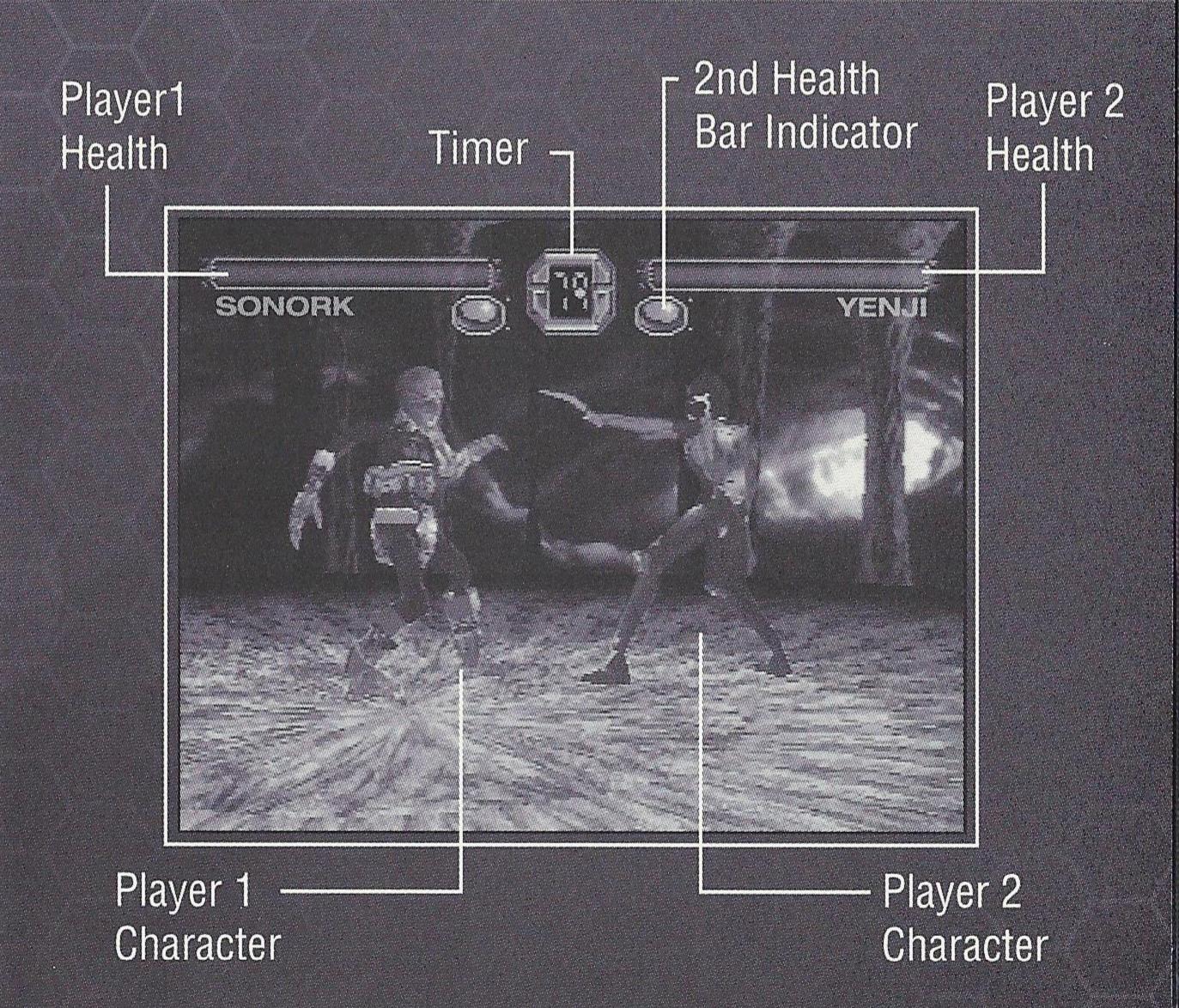
Selecting Tournament or 2 Player mode will take you to the Character Selection Screen.

Character Portraits These windows show your opponent or the character you selected. To make your selection, tap left or right on the directional pad, then press A, B, or C to confirm.

Combat Rules

- 1. There is only one round per battle.
- 2. All characters start off each round with 2 health bars.
- 3. The warrior with the most energy triumphs when the timer runs out. He, she or it will then confront or be challenged by the next opponent.
- 4. If both warriors have equal amounts of energy left after the timer runs out, or both fall off the ring during a round, it is a draw.
- 5. The warrior will lose the round if he or she walks or get thrown out of the arena.
- 6. Each warrior has more than one level upgrade. To obtain the power ups, you have to defeat each level opponents in Tournament Mode and obtain a password. As your level increases your warrior's special moves will also increase. In 2 Player mode during the selection screen, either player can press start button to go to the option screen. Clicking on load/save will take you to the the password screen so player 1 and player 2 can enter the rank passwords for their characters. If the password is entered correctly, the rank number will change. Clicking on exit will bring you back to the character selection screen.
- 7. Criticom is a true space 3D fighting game. The player should take aim before unleashing their attack. Failure to do so will result in a missed hit which may leave your character vulnerable to your opponent's counter attack.
- 8. Defeat all level warriors and claim the power of the Relic.

Game Screen



2nd Health Bar Indicator If this disappears, you will only have one more health

bar.

Health - P1 and P2 will start off with two sets of health bar before each

battle.

P1 and P2 You may challenge the CPU in Tournament mode or a foe in 2

Player mode.

Timer The duration of the battle can be turn off in the option screen.

Fundamental Skills

Shuffle Hold down the directional button to move either left or right on the arena.

Charge Double tap forward and hold on the directional button while facing your opponent.

Double tap back and hold on the directional button while facing your opponent. This can also be a defensive attack for some characters.

An example would be Delara when she does a backflip to retreat. If you attemp to jump at her or stand too close while her leg is fully extended in the air during the flip, you will suffer damage.

Side Tumble Tap R to tumble right. Tap L to tumble left. This is a great defensive move to avoid projectiles and powerful special moves.

Turnaround Tap left or right on the directional button to turnaround and face your opponent.

Jump

Crouch

Dizzy

Guard

Press up or diagonal up on the directional button to leap high in the air. Projectiles can also be performed in the middle of the jump for some characters.

Press down on the directional button to duck. You can avoid damage by ducking some projectiles.

Your warrior will become dizzy if you absorb too many hits without blocking. Shake it off by repeatedly tapping left and right on the directional button.

Hold the directional button away from the opponent to block an attack. Guard standing will block all standing and air attacks plus air projectiles. Guard low will block all low attacks plus ground projectiles. There are chain combos that combine both upper and lower attacks. Learn your opponent's combos and you'll be able to block all their special attacks.

If your warrior falls to the ground, you should quickly tap the Getup

directional button continuously to get up. Tapping left quickly will force your warrior to get up to the left of the screen. Tapping right quickly will force your warrior to get up to the right side of the screen. Tapping up quickly will force your warrior to get up in the same spots. The get up flip moves can also cause damage to your opponent if he or she is standing too close. If no buttons are pressed, your warrior will get up automatically in the same spot after approximately 3 seconds.

Grab & Throw

Face your opponent at close range then tap forward, hold and press Z and C simultaneously. Your opponent can not be thrown if he or she is behind you.

Body Slam

As soon as your opponent is lying on the ground, immediately press up on the directional pad simultaneously with A (Jab 2). This move can be triggered at any distance as long as the opponent is down. It is also possible to slam twice if you are quick enough.

Special Attacks Each warrior acquires a number of special skills as their rank increases. These hidden special moves require a sequence of directional and action button combinations. Chain combos are powerful, but try not to lock yourself into a long chain attack. Your character may lose control and fall off the arena.

Alignment

Aligning your warrior with your opponent is extremely important during a battle. Simply tap left or right on the directional button to align with your opponent for any attacks. So, it is possible to miss a body slam or even a regular move, if you don't keep track of which way you are facing.



Dayton Trent

Dayton's motto: "If it exists, I'll find it." His fast wit and a "trust no one" attitude perpetuated his career as a soldier of fortune/investigator. The Chosen Ones hired Dayton to find the Relic. His motive is to retire on the sale of the Relic to the highest bidder and perhaps take up fishing.

E) pecial Attendicks

Level 1 + Level 2

FLYING UPPER CUT

HOLD C +

SLIDE
HOLD C +

TRIPLE SLASH

HOLD Z +

SLIDE COMBO

HOLD C + + A

LASER BLAST

→ × ×

AERIAL BLAST

TY+Y

ROLL SLASH

HOLD C + X

AERIAL BLAST 2

JUMP, 1 + Y



Delara Zerai

Delara is from the Zerai Clan. Zeraians' ideology rejects technology in all forms. They view that skill and honor weaves the very fabric of a true warrior. While defending the Relic from the thief, her Nezom counterpart was killed. Now she seeks vengeance on the one who stole the Relic and her destiny.

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Level 1 + Level 2

FLYING UPPER CUT

HOLD Z +

ROLL SLASH

HOLD Z + ↓

ROLL SLIDE COMBO

HOLD Z + + A

ROLL SLICE COMBO

HOLD Z + + X

TRI-SLICE

HOLD Z + X

DRAGON WAVE

MULTI-SLICE COMBO

$$Z + X + A$$



Demonica

Demonica comes from an alternate Dimension and her desire for the Relic is speculative. Her intentions may be to bring the Relic into her own realm for some diabolical purpose. Demonica has an ancient stone similar to the Relic in her own dimension. She knows that in obtaining a second stone, her evil will be supreme and darkness will spread to the ends of the universe.

Edgerial Attacks

Level 1 + Level 2

FIRE BALL

CLAW CHARGE

CLAW FIRE BALL COMBO

TRIPLE FIRE BALL

WORM WAVE

TRIPLE WAVE

HURRICANE

TUMBLE CHARGE



Sgt. Exene Dulait

Exene grew up on a planet scarred by constant wars. She was raised in the military, but after witnessing mass destruction of entire cities, she left her planet dismayed by the senseless loss of lives. In her travels, Exene learned of an ancient Relic that possessed great mystical powers. She now seeks the Relic with the hope of using it to stop the wars on her beloved planet.

E oedal Atteatoks

Level 1	Level 2
ROUND HOUSE SLAP HOLD C +	TUMBLE JAB HOLD Z + Y
RAPID STICK HOLD Z + →	TUMBLE LOW JAB HOLD C + Y
TAZER BLAST	ELECTRO BLAST
ROUNDHOUSE BLAST COMBO HOLD C + Y + →	KICK SLIDE COMBO HOLD Z 十 X , A





Gorm comes from a dying race called the Dorlons. The number of Dorlons that still remain are unknown. They are a peaceful race whose culture was forged by one prophecy. It is their belief that the ancient Relic was the birth stone of their race. It was prophesied that some day, a champion will acquire the Relic and return it to its rightful home.

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Level 1	+	Level	2
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LOW JAB

HOLD Z + A

DUEL EDGE BLOW

→ × ×

POWER BLADE

+++A

CHARGE JAB

HOLD Z +

TRI-SLICE

HOLD Z + X

CHARGE MULTI-JAB

HOLD Z + + A

3 HITS SLICE KICK COMBO

HOLD Z + X, B



S.I.D.

Product of a twisted experiment, the Sentient Intergrated Droids wander the wilderness with one goal: destroy all carbon based life forms.

Level 1 + Level 2

MISSILE

DOUBLE SIDE KICK

HOLD C +

4 HITS JAB COMBO

HOLD Z + Y, X

4 HITS JAB KICK COMBO

HOLD Z + X, B

AERIAL MISSILE

CHARGE SLASH

GROUND WAVE

SLASH COMBO



Sonork Nezom

Sonork's brother was destined to become the Emperor. However his brother was wounded in the attempt to protect the Relic. Seeing an opportunity to become the leader of the Chosen Ones, Sonork killed his brother. Despite his lack of physical strength and combat skill, Sonork proved that he will go to extreme lengths to wield the ultimate power.

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Level 1 + Level 2

POWER SLIDE

HOLD C +

PLASMA SICKLE

1 1 → + C

ROUNDHOUSE

HOLD Z +

GROUND PLASMA SICKLE

+ > + A

PUNCH KICK COMBO

HOLD Z + X, X

SLIDE SLASH KICK COMBO

HOLD C + + A

SLIDE PUNCH KICK COMBO

HOLD C + + X



Yenji

Yenji was young when she witnessed the death of her family during the War Era. She and other survivors hid in caves to evade capture. Fueled by hate, she trained diligently both physically and mentally knowing that her time for vengeance will be at hand. Rumors of the stolen Relic prompted Yenji to leave her dwelling. If she can find and destroy the Relic, the reign of the Chosen Ones will be at a complete end.

E pasial Attication

Level 1 + Level 2

CLAWS CHARGE

HOLD Z +

GIANT SHURIKEN

↓ ¥ + X

LIGHTNING KICK

HOLD Z + X, X

MID-AIR TRI-SHURIKEN

JUMP, 1 + X

ROLL JAB

HOLD Z +

MULTI-CUT

HOLD Z + Y

GROUND DASH

HOLD Z + X +

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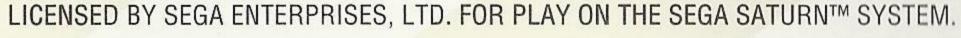
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