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EXCITEBIKE™

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET



PROGRAMMABLE
SERIES

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Thank you for selecting the Nintendo® Entertainment System Excitebike™ Pak.

OBJECT OF THE GAME/GAME DESCRIPTION

Excitebike is part of Nintendo's Programmable series featuring the exclusive Design mode that allows you to create your own race course for a fresh challenge every time you play. You can also select from 5 different tracks designed by Nintendo and choose to race alone or against other motocross riders. Face crazy curves, hairpin turns and daredevil jumps as you race toward the checkered flag and the Excitebike championship.

Please read this instruction booklet to ensure proper handling of your new game, and then save the booklet for future reference.

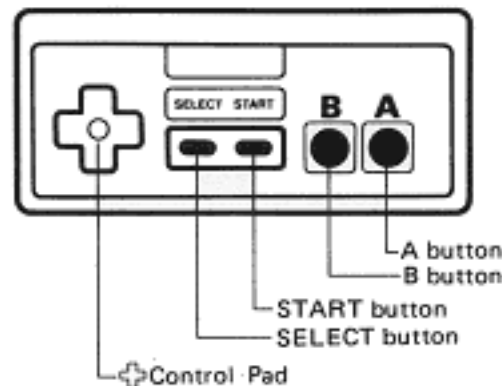
1. PRECAUTIONS

- 1) This is a high precision game. It should not be stored in places that are very hot or cold. Never hit or drop it. Do not take it apart.
- 2) Avoid touching the connectors, do not get them wet or dirty. Doing so may damage the game.
- 3) Do not clean with benzene, paint thinner, alcohol or other such solvents.

Note: In the interest of product improvement, the Nintendo Entertainment System design and specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

2. NAMES OF CONTROLLER PARTS AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Controller 1



A Button

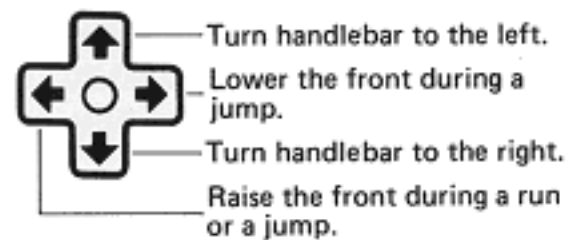
This is the accelerator and brake button. Press it and the bike accelerates, let go and the brakes operate. Used for ordinary runs.

Controller 1 — Used for all games

Controller 2 — Not used

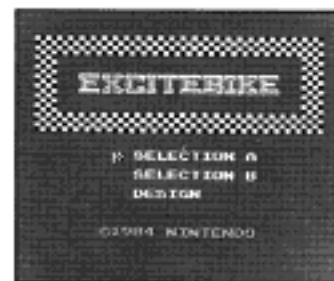
+ Control Pad

Use for the landing control of the red bike.



B Button

This is the turbo button. The engine accelerates quickly and the speed is fast, but if used too much the engine overheats. When the engine overheats, the bike cannot be operated until it cools down.



SELECT button

Move the checkered flag to line up with the game you wish to play.

*The checkered flag also moves with the + control pad.

*SELECTION A is a solo run game.

*SELECTION B has competing motocross riders.

*DESIGN mode is for programming your own course (see instructions).

START button

Press this button to begin.

Pause:

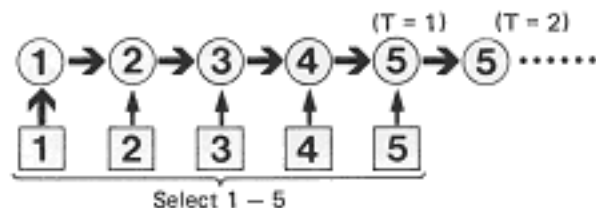
If you wish to interrupt play in the middle of a game, press the START button. The pause tone will sound, and the game will stop. Press the START button again when you wish to continue playing. The game will continue from where you left off.

3. HOW TO PLAY

*Before entering the Excitebike race, you must first qualify in the preliminary "challenge" race.

Excitebike (main race)

Challenge Race (preliminary race)



*Choose the challenge race from 1 to 5 that you wish to start with.

- If you place third or better in the preliminary, you go to the main race of the same number.

[Examples] * Preliminary race 3rd place → Main Race

* Preliminary race 4th place → Game over

- If you place third or better in the main race, you go to the next main race.

[Examples] * Main Race 1 → Main Race 2 → Main Race 3

* Main Race 3 → Main Race 4 → Main Race 5


* If you place in the main race of Track 5, you can race at Track 5 over and over. The number of times you have raced at Track 5 is indicated at the lower right part of the screen (T = #).

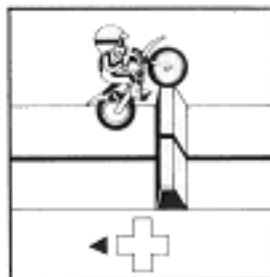
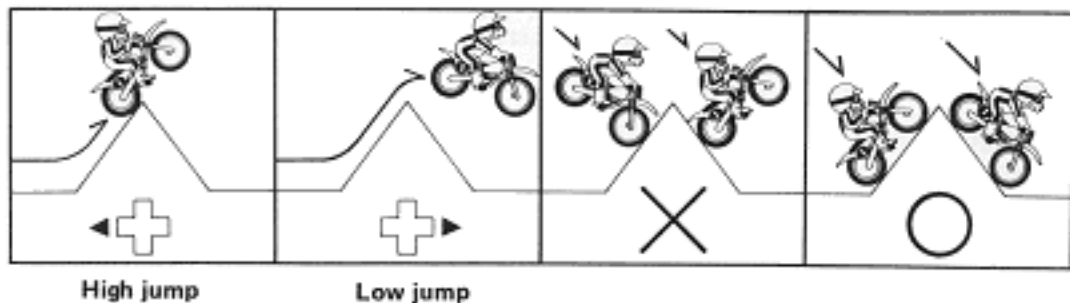
* If GAME OVER occurs at T = 2 or more, the time necessary to place third will not change unless you first go back to the game menu before playing the next game.

* The 3RD indicated at the lower left part of the screen is the time necessary to place 3rd.

- SELECTION A is a solo race run. In SELECTION B, motocross riders compete.
- There are two types of motocross riders. One type runs normally and the other type pursues. If a pursuing motocross rider hits you from behind, he falls down. If you hit a motocross rider who is ahead of you from behind, your motocross rider falls down.
- How long the fallen rider rolls depends on the speed he was going just before falling. If the rider falls on a hurdle, the rider rolls to the edge of the hurdle. If your rider falls, press the A button over and over quickly until you return to the race.
- Holding the B button (Turbo button) down too long will overheat the engine. The engine temperature decreases when you pass through the cool zone (》 mark). Engine condition is indicated by the TEMP meter in the lower central portion of the screen.
- Speed drops if you run off the track or through mud.

Jumping

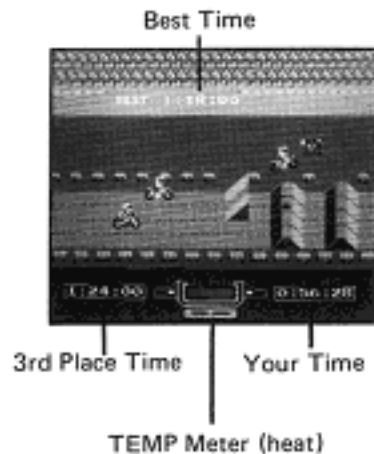
- The distance of a jump is determined by the speed before jumping and the angle of the jump. Control this with the  control pad.
- If the bike lands squarely on both wheels, you can take off quickly. If you land unevenly, your bike will fall.



Wheelies

- * You can do a wheelie (raise the front wheel in the air) to get over small obstacles.

Wheelie







Winning time displays

- When you pass the goal line on the first lap, the buzzer sounds and the lap time appears at the center of the screen.
- The lap time necessary to place 3rd is displayed under 3RD at the bottom left of the screen.
- The Best Time is displayed on the fence in the middle of the track for both the preliminary race and the main race.
- The Best Time display will not disappear when you press the reset switch. It will only disappear when the power switch is turned off.

Techniques

— How to maintain high speeds —

- * Try to stay on the track.
- * Avoid going through the mud.
- * Since the other riders are also trying to avoid the mud and the track edge, be extra careful when racing alongside another rider.
- * When jumping over a large obstacle, use the  control pad to adjust your bike's landing angle correctly. This will prevent you from slowing down upon landing and help you to pick up speed easily.


- * If you press the  control pad to lift up the front in the middle of a jump, you can pick up height but not distance. On the other hand, if you press the  control pad to lower the front you can jump lower and further. Use both of these skillfully.
- * Press the B button (Turbo button) just before starting off or in front of an obstacle if you want to dash.
- * You can use your back wheel to knock another rider down.
- * Make skillful use of the difference between buttons A and B.
- * Avoid overheating the engine by going through the cool zone ( mark).

4. DESIGN MODE



Design mode menu

Design your own original track in the DESIGN mode by setting up different hurdles and specifying how many laps you want.

1. Press the reset switch to recall the game menu.
2. Using the SELECT button or the  control pad, move the checkered flag to DESIGN and press the START button.
3. The DESIGN mode menu will appear. Move the checkered flag to DESIGN again and press the START button.

Note: Save and Load menu selections are not operable in this game; they have been programmed in for potential product developments.

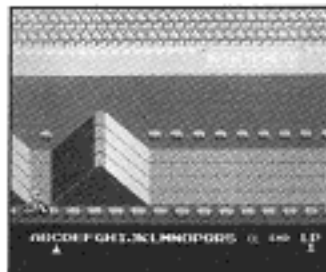




Figure Selection Screen

The Figure selection screen will appear as shown at left. You can then begin to design your course.

How to design and play on your own original track

1. There are 19 different hurdles you can choose from (A - S). (See listing.)
2. Press the A button to move the motocross rider to where you want to locate a hurdle on the track.
3. Move the  mark to the letter from A to S corresponding to the hurdle that you wish to set. Press the B button and that hurdle will be set in that location.
4. If you make a mistake and wish to erase a hurdle, move the  mark to CL (clear). Then, press the B button and the mistake will be erased.
5. The number of hurdles you can set on the track differs according to which hurdles you use and where they are placed. Generally, about 50 are possible.
*When the memory is full, FINISH will automatically be displayed.

6. Once the track has been designed, move the ▲ mark to END and press the B button.

*The best time display will be 0:00:00 and the 3RD prize winning time will be 0:08:00. The first rider's time at the start of the game will be displayed as best time and the 3RD prize winning time will change accordingly.

7. LP (lap) will start to flash. Press the A button or the top/bottom of the control pad to decide the number of laps, and then press the B button to set your choice.

*The maximum number of laps (LP) is 9.

8. The design mode menu will reappear.

*Select either PLAY MODE A for a solo race or PLAY MODE B for moto-cross competition, and then press the START button.

9. When you want to end the design mode, move the checkered flag to RESET, and press the START button. The original game list will then be displayed.

Hurdle letters for use in original track design

A	B	C	D	E

* (H) is a super jumping ramp.

F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	