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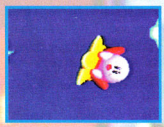

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One Kirby adventure is never enough, so how about nine Kirby games in one Super NES Pak? Check out the colorful maps and detailed tips in part one of our review of Kirby Super Star.

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Mario runs, swims and flies in three dazzling dimensions. All you have to do is flip to our exclusive preview, which includes the very first map of the game the critics are already calling the greatest ever.



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POWER CHARTS

Ken Griffey Jr. pulls a rare feat this month as he slugs his way onto the Top 20 Chart twice. Meanwhile, eager gamers have pushed Super Mario 64 to the upper reaches of the Most Wanted chart. Ecstatic reviewers are already calling it the greatest game of all time. You can be the judge when Super Mario 64 and the N64 debut in September!

SUPER NES TOP 20

	GAME	COMPANY	LAST MONTH	MONTHS ON CHART
1	SUPER MARIO RPG	Nintendo	1	4
2	DKC2: DIDDY'S KONG QUEST	Nintendo	2	10
3	CHRONO TRIGGER	Square Soft	4	13
4	THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: A LINK TO THE PAST	Nintendo	3	55
5	KEN GRIFFEY JR.'S WINNING RUN	Nintendo	9	3
6	SUPER MARIO WORLD 2: YOSHI'S ISLAND	Nintendo	7	10
7	TETRIS ATTACK	Nintendo	NEW	—
8	SUPER METROID	Nintendo	12	28
9	FINAL FANTASY III	Square Soft	5	20
10	SUPER MARIO KART	Nintendo	10	40
11	KILLER INSTINCT	Nintendo	16	14
12	KEN GRIFFEY JR. PRESENTS: MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL	Nintendo	—	26
13	DONKEY KONG COUNTRY	Nintendo	8	22
14	NHL '96	EA Sports	—	3
15	EARTHBOUND	Nintendo	20	13
16	EARTHWORM JIM 2	Playmates	11	10
17	NBA LIVE '96	EA Sports	NEW	—
18	COLLEGE SLAM	Acclaim	NEW	1
19	MORTAL KOMBAT 3	Williams	18	9
20	EARTHWORM JIM	Playmates	—	17

MOST WANTED

1. NINTENDO 64
2. SUPER MARIO 64 (N64)
3. SUPER MARIO RPG
4. KEN GRIFFEY JR.'S WINNING RUN
5. CRUIS'N USA (N64)
6. MORTAL KOMBAT TRILOGY (N64)
7. KILLER INSTINCT (N64)
8. STAR WARS: SHADOWS OF THE EMPIRE (N64)
9. DOOM (N64)
10. DRAGON QUEST VI

GAME BOY TOP 10

	GAME	COMPANY	LAST MONTH	MONTHS ON CHART
1	THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: LINK'S AWAKENING	Nintendo	1	40
2	DONKEY KONG LAND	Nintendo	2	19
3	TETRIS	Nintendo	—	45
4	METROID II: RETURN OF SAMUS	Nintendo	5	56
4	DONKEY KONG	Nintendo	9	23
5	WARIO LAND: SUPER MARIO LAND 3	Nintendo	8	24
6	SUPER MARIO LAND 2: 6 GOLDEN COINS	Nintendo	2	45
7	KIRBY'S DREAM LAND 2	Nintendo	—	10
8	DEFENDER/JOUST	Nintendo	—	2
9	SUPER MARIO LAND	Nintendo	—	40
10	COLLEGE SLAM	Acclaim	NEW	1

VIRTUAL BOY TOP 5

	GAME	COMPANY	LAST MONTH	MONTHS ON CHART
1	WARIO LAND	Nintendo	1	10
2	MARIO'S TENNIS	Nintendo	2	10
3	GALACTIC PINBALL	Nintendo	4	9
4	GOLF	Nintendo	—	4
5	3-D TETRIS	Nintendo	3	3

GERMANY'S TOP 5

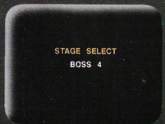
They're popular here, they're popular there—hey, these games are hits everywhere! Which games do you like best! Make your voice heard by sending in the Player's Poll card at the back of this issue!

1. SUPER MARIO WORLD 2: YOSHI'S ISLAND
2. DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 2: DIDDY'S KONG QUEST
3. THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: A LINK TO THE PAST
4. SECRET OF EVERMORE
5. EARTHWORM JIM 2

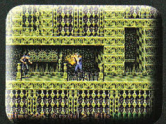
Nosferatu

Stage Select and Green Crystal Refill

We printed a Red Crystal Refill code in Volume 84, and now we've got a Stage Select and a Green Crystal code, too. To access the Stage Select screen, go to the Configuration screen and highlight the word "Exit." Now press L, L, R, R, R, L, L and L (L and R are the L and R Buttons, not Left and Right). The Stage Select screen will then appear. To max out your Green Crystal (Health) meter, first perform a spinning back kick by pressing Away and Y simultaneously. Now pause the game and press Up, X, Right, A, Down, B, Left and Y. Press Start to return to the game. With all these codes, you'll have no trouble putting Drac down for the count!



Press Up and Down to select a stage, then press Start.



The Green Crystal code can be used at any time.

the adventures of BATMAN & ROBIN

Unlimited Lives and Continues

This is a little trick that we just stumbled across by chance. If you're running out of lives, just press Start to pause, then return to the Batcave. You'll have to start all the way back at the beginning of the level, but your Health meter will be replenished, and you'll have a full complement of lives and continues! (The exact number will depend on the difficulty level you're playing on.)



You can use this trick at any point in the game.



The war against crime is never ending!

Mega Man VII

Hidden Music

On the Stage Select screen, highlight the Shade Man stage and press and hold the B Button to hear a hidden melody. Long-time gamers will recognize the tune!



This trick works only if you haven't completed the stage.



Hint: the music is from a "ghostly" Capcom classic!

Red Alarm

More Hidden Icons

As we were flying around blowing things up in Red Alarm, we discovered a few more hidden icons scattered around in Stages One and Two. In Stage One, fly through the stage until you enter the first room with large pillars in it. Shoot at the base of the walls just before the exit to find a wire-frame Virtual Boy and Virtual Boy controller. In Stage Two, shoot at the walls around the waterfalls and see what happens.



We wonder who left this behind?



This is no time for gawking! The enemy awaits!

VIEW

ZERO RACERS™

Strap on a seatbelt and toss out your driver's license, because Zero Racers ignores the laws of gravity and man. Nintendo's new Virtual Boy® racer shoots the red light and takes you to the edge of panic. If you like narrow spaces and high-speed chases, Zero Racers will be right up your alley. It's the game Virtual Boy® was designed to run.

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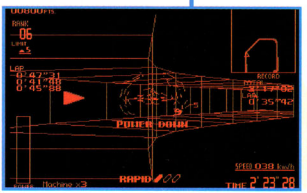
FLAT-OUT SPEED

Remember the rush you got when you first played F-Zero on the Super NES? You leaned, you screamed, you turned the car around and went shooting back the wrong way just to smack into the oncoming cars. Those heady days of hurtling mayhem are back again, but this time it's taking place in the territory of that masked stranger known as Virtual Boy. This time you're in the cockpit of a racing rocket, navigating inside tunnel courses. In Grand Prix mode, drivers challenge the entire series of tunnels. Practice mode lets you check out the tracks before the big race and set time records. Since your juiced-up jet flies at speeds approaching 1000 kph, and the tunnel walls are just a few virtual feet away, there is no room for error.





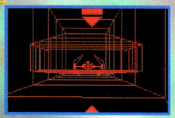
Some vehicles corner well while others are good for flat-out speed. Choose the right one for each course.

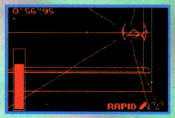


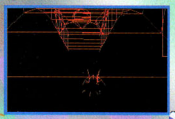
Each of the racers expends fuel when accelerating or slamming into walls. Luckily, you can fill up on juice at the refueling strip.

IN THE COCKPIT

The number one job, once you climb into the driver's seat, is to keep from splattering your ship all over the tunnel walls and ceiling. The throttle, brake and left/right steering controls are standard, but you also have a Turbo Boost button and your vehicle can dive or climb to give you full control in three dimensions. You'll need that control since the tunnels twist, dip, turn and dive like a roller coaster.



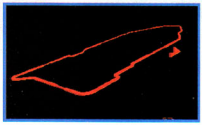




Zero pilots have total control over their ships in the tunnel. Fly high or low depending on the course.

TUNNEL FLYING

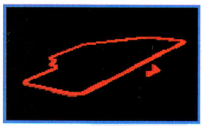
Before racing in a tunnel, you can fly through it using the VTR option. You'll make a complete circuit of the track so that you can see all the nasty surprises waiting for you. The three circuits have five tracks each—15 courses in all—enough to keep Grand Prix racers primed and paranoid.



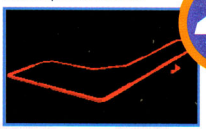
Tunnel A5 in the Practice mode consists of 11,110 meters of white-knuckle flying terror.



Tunnel A4 features lots of turns, but not many ups and downs. You'll need a ship that corners well.



Tunnel A3 is fairly short with lots of curves and few places to use the Turbo.



Obstacles and sharp turns make for a bruising ride in Tunnel A2.

Mean ★★★★★★★ Machines

1 FALCON



The Falcon is a good all-around ship with medium acceleration, good turning and a fairly high maximum speed of 852 kph. For tunnels with turns and straightaways, the Falcon works well.

2 STINGRAY



At 837 kph and slower acceleration than the Falcon, the Stingray shines in narrower tunnels where turning control is vital and top speeds are seldom reached.

3 GOOSE



The heavy Goose has a slow acceleration curve and modest cornering characteristics, but when it gets up to top speed at 862 kph, it blows away everything else.

4 ORIGAMMY



The paper-light Origammy accelerates instantly and whips around corners like it's on a rail, but the maximum speed is only 835 kph. You'll want this ship in the most twisted tunnels.

the Blue Bomber against his arch-rival, Dr. Wily. Bugs Bunny Crazy Castle (1989) featured that wascally Warner Bros. wabbit. Just to emphasize how much things have changed since then, Kemco and Seika have since split to become two separate companies. The Player's Choice Game Boy series rereleases some of the best Game Boy games ever for a discount manufacturer's suggested price of just $19.99.

DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 3: DIXIE'S DOUBLE TROUBLE

We just can't help ourselves from taking more looks at DKC3. The future may belong to the N64, but for the present, the 64-bit Kong of video game systems will have to share the throne with the Super NES and Rare's remarkable ACM action games.



RELEASE FORECAST

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BLAST CORPS	FALL '96
BODY HARVEST	FALL '96
CRUIS'N USA	FALL '96
GOLDENEYE 007	FALL '96
KILLER INSTINCT GOLD	FALL '96
MORTAL KOMBAT TRILOGY	FALL '96
PILOTWINGS 64	FALL '96
STAR WARS: SHADOWS OF THE EMPIRE	FALL '96
SUPER MARIO 64	FALL '96
TUROK: DINOSAUR HUNTER	FALL '96
WAVE RACE 64	FALL '96
WAYNE GRETZKY'S 3-D HOCKEY	FALL '96

Super NES

ARCADE'S GREATEST HITS	FALL '96
COLLEGE FOOTBALL '97	FALL '96
DISNEY'S PINOCCHIO	FALL '96
DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 3: DIXIE'S DOUBLE TROUBLE	FALL '96
MADDEN FOOTBALL '97	FALL '96
NBA HANG TIME	FALL '96
NHL '97	FALL '96
POWER RANGERS ZEO: BATTLE RACERS	FALL '96
PRINCE OF PERSIA 2	FALL '96
REALM	FALL '96
ULTIMATE MORTAL KOMBAT 3	FALL '96
WHIZZ	FALL '96

Game Boy

DONKEY KONG '94	FALL '96
DONKEY KONG LAND 2	FALL '96
FIFA SOCCER '97	FALL '96
MEGA MAN	FALL '96
MOLE MANIA	FALL '96
SUPER MARIO LAND 2	FALL '96
TETRIS ATTACK	FALL '96
WARIO LAND: SUPER MARIO LAND 3	FALL '96

Virtual Boy

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DRAGON HOPPER	FALL '96
ZERO RACERS	FALL '96

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NINTENDO 64

It's here in September, and it's the most incredible video game system ever! In-depth N64 Coverage begins.

Super Mario 64
Pilotwings 64
Cruis'N USA



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TUROK: DINOSAUR HUNTER for N64 and DONKEY KONG COUNTRY 3 and PRINCE OF PERSIA 2 for Super NES.



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KIRBY SUPER STAR: Part II—Finish off the final levels with strategies and maps of the remaining six games.

DONKEY KONG LAND 2—Diddy and Dixie reprise their journey on the small screen.

MOLE MANIA—Get all the dirt on the latest rodent action for Game Boy.

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2. The Adventures of Batman & Robin
3. Aerobiz Supersonic
4. AAAHH!!! Real Monsters
5. Animaniacs
6. Arcade's Greatest Hits
7. Andy Lightfoot
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10. Bass Masters Classic Pro Edition
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12. Batman Forever
13. Boogerman
14. The Brainies
15. Breath of Fire II
16. Brunswick's World Tournament of Champions
17. Bust A Move
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19. Chrono Trigger
20. Civilization
21. College Football '97
22. College Slam
23. Cutthroat Island
24. Demolition Man
25. Demon's Crest
26. Dirt Trax FX
27. Disney's Aladdin
28. Disney's Pinocchio
29. Donkey Kong Country
30. Donkey Kong Country 2
31. Donkey Kong Country 3
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34. Dragon Warrior VI
35. EarthBound
36. Earthworm Jim
37. Earthworm Jim 2
38. Emmitt Smith Football
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40. Final Fantasy II
41. Final Fantasy III
42. Final Fight 3
43. Frank Thomas Big Hurt Baseball
44. Frantic Flea
45. Gadzilla: Destroy All Monsters
46. Illusion of Gaia
47. Incantation
48. Indiana Jones' Greatest Adventures
49. Judge Dredd
50. Jurassic Park 2
51. Ken Griffey Jr. Presents: MLB
52. Ken Griffey Jr.'s Winning Run
53. Killer Instinct
54. King Arthur & the Knights of Justice
55. Kirby's Dream Course
56. Kirby Super Star
57. The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past
58. Lemmings 2
59. Lobo
60. Looney Tunes B-ball
61. The Lost Vikings
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64. Madden NFL '96
65. Madden Football '97
66. Mario Paint
67. Marvel Super Heroes in War of the Gems
68. The Mask
69. Maui Mallard
70. Mechwarrior 3050
71. Mega Man X
72. Mega Man X2
73. Mega Man X3
74. Mega Man 7
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76. Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: The Movie
77. Mohawk & Headphone Jack
78. Mojo Rising
79. Mortal Kombat II
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81. Mr. Do!
82. Ms. Pac-Man
83. Mutant Chronicles: Doom Troopers
84. NBA Give 'n' Go
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103. Robo'Trek
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105. Scooby Doo Mystery
106. Secret of Evermore
107. Secret of Mana
108. SimCity
109. Spawn
110. Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
111. Star Trek: Star Fleet Academy
112. Star Fox
113. Street Fighter II Turbo
114. Stunt Race FX
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116. Super Mario All-Stars
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119. Super Mario World 2: Yoshi's Island
120. Super Metroid
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122. Super Street Fighter II
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131. Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3
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144. Alien Games
145. Animaniacs
146. Asteroids/Missile Command
147. Battle Zone/Super Breakout
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149. Casino Funpak
150. Centipede/Millipede
151. College Slam
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153. Cutthroat Island
154. Defender/Joust
155. Desert Strike
156. Digger
157. Disney's Pinocchio
158. Donkey Kong
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162. DragonHeart
163. Earthworm Jim
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165. FIFA Soccer '96
166. FIFA Soccer '97
167. Frank Thomas Big Hurt Baseball
168. Galaga/Galaxian
169. Jungle Strike
170. Jurassic Park 2
171. Iron Man X-O Manowar in Heavy Metal
172. Killer Instinct
173. Kirby's Block Ball
174. Kirby's Dream Land
175. Kirby's Dream Land 2
176. Kirby's Pinball Land
177. Lamborghini American Challenge
178. The Legend of Zelda: Link's Awakening
179. The Lion King
180. Madden '96
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