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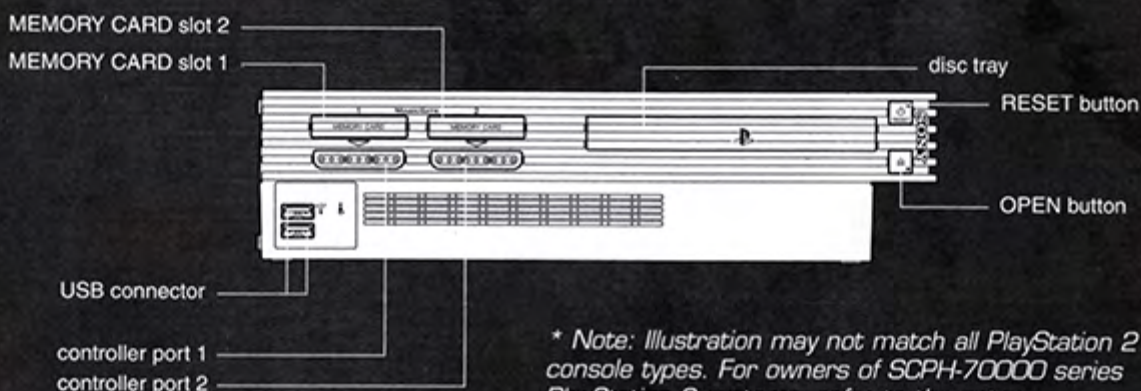
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GETTING STARTED



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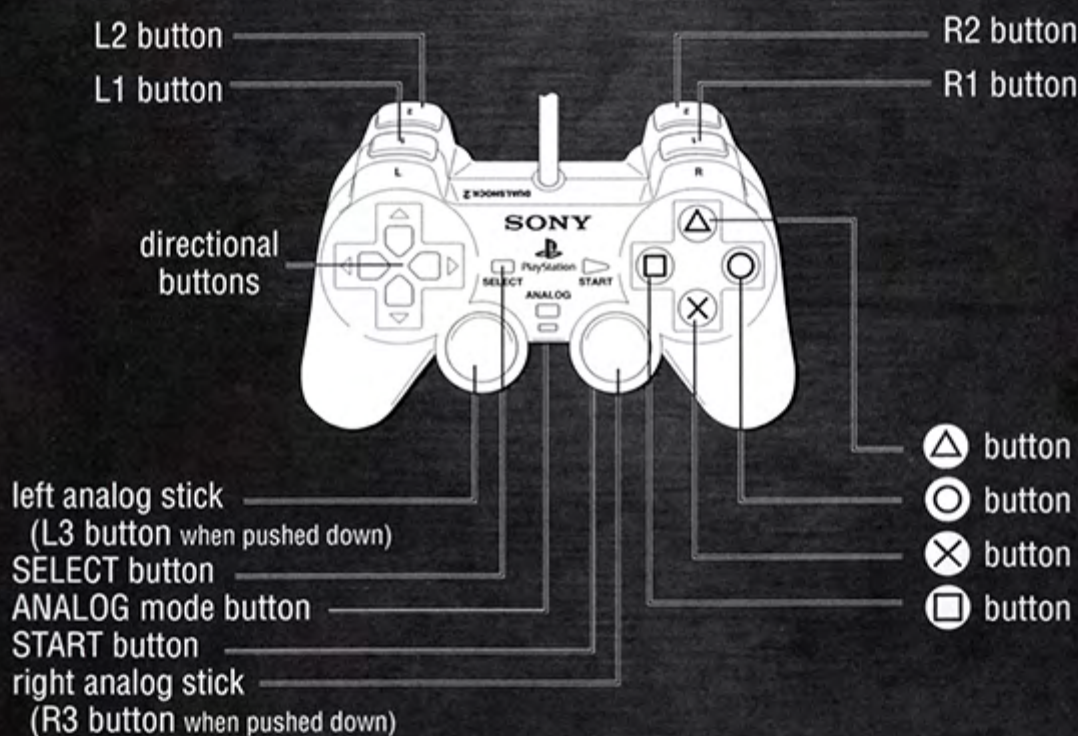
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STARTING UP

DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



Steer Left/Right	Left analog stick
Accelerate	R1 button
Brake	L1 button
Shift Up	L2 button
Shift Down	R2 button
Reverse	X button
Trans Brake	○ button
Change View	△ button
Pause Menu	START button
Navigate Menu	Directional buttons

INTRODUCTION

Founded in 1970 and headquartered in Norwalk, Ohio, the International Hot Rod Association, LLC (IHRA) remains on the cutting edge of professional drag racing. IHRA's National Event schedule is comprised of 12 races held on tracks coast-to-coast and features 15 classes of competition.

IHRA Drag Racing – Sportsman Edition

IHRA Drag Racing – Sportsman Edition showcases two of the most popular IHRA competition classes: Top Sportsman and Top Dragster. Both of which operate under the Official IHRA Bracket Racing rule set for the Sportsman Series.

What is Bracket Racing?

E.T. Racing, or Bracket Racing as it is commonly called, is the "grass roots" level of drag racing. It was started as an alternative to the high-dollar class racing of the '60's and '70's. Bracket Racing allows almost anyone to race and compete on an even playing field through the introduction of handicaps. Bracket Racing places much more emphasis on driver skills and knowledge of the car than on the machinery. This unique focus has made Bracket Racing the most competitive form of drag racing in the world.

Handicapping

The philosophy behind handicapping is to even the playing field so that two widely disparate cars can compete fairly. In order to achieve this, a head start is given to the contestant with the slower car so as to equalize his/her chance of winning. In order to determine the size of this handicap, several time trials are held before the start of the race to assess the elapsed times of each competitor on that particular day and track. After time trials are over, each driver determines a projected elapsed time for the elimination rounds; a process referred to as "dialing-in".

If a driver has an elapsed time lower than their dial-in time, they automatically lose the race or "breakout." If a driver sets a dial-in time significantly lower than a car's capability, the variance will lead to an easy victory for the opposing car. Underestimating your car's speed will also lead to a breakout. In order to consistently win races, great care must be taken to select correct dial-in times down to a tenth of a second.

Remember: In Bracket Racing, the first car to cross the line doesn't necessarily win. If the first car to cross the line overshoots their dial-in time, thereby breaking out, the slower car will automatically win. To put things simply, whoever gets the closest to their dial-in time without breaking out and has the fastest reaction time, wins the race. That's one of the most appealing facets of bracket racing; a skilled driver will often beat someone with a big bankroll and a faster car.

MAIN MENU

Navigation is fairly straightforward in *IHRA Sportsman*. Use the **X button** to move forward through the menus and the **△ button** to move backwards.

New Game – Selecting “New Game” advances you to the Select Mode menu screen. This allows you to enter into Arcade Mode, Season Mode, or Mini-Game Mode.

Options – Choosing “Options” in the Main Menu will bring you to the Options screen where audio, controller configurations, and game settings can be modified.

How To Play – Selecting this option will bring up the “How to Play” menu screen featuring a glossary of racing terminology, which serves as a primer on the basics of Bracket Racing. The menu also has a section on advanced racing tactics and allows you to practice your staging, burnout, and reaction time skills in the available tutorials.

Credits – This option displays a list of people who created *IHRA Sportsman*.



SELECT MODE

Arcade Mode

Arcade Mode offers you a quick way to jump right into the action with a selection of ready made, souped-up dragsters. Select one of 11 fantasy tracks and race against the computer or a friend in split screen gameplay.

Game Type:

After choosing Arcade Mode, select Single Player to compete against a computer-controlled driver or Split Screen to race against a friend. In either modes, timecards are provided at the end of the run. The top 10 best elapsed times for each race are tracked and displayed and can be viewed at any time by pressing the **○ button** in the Choose Raceway screen.



Choose Hot Rod:

Selecting Single Player or Split Screen in the Game Type menu will bring up the Choose Hot Rod menu screen. In this screen you can select from a number of different cars, each with its own specific ratings, delay box, and estimated dial-in times displayed right on screen. Press the **←** or **→ directional buttons** in order to select a car and press the **⊗ button** to confirm your selection.

Choose Raceway:

Choosing a hot rod will bring you to a list of 11 fantasy tracks, each featuring a unique theme and setting. Press the **↑** and **↓ directional buttons** in order to select a track and press the **⊗ button** to confirm your selection. Pressing the **○ button** will display a list of the top 10 best times run on that particular track.



Season Mode

Build and race your own hot rod against computer-controlled opponents through a full IHRA National Event schedule on 11 different, officially licensed IHRA tracks.

Select Profile

You can save up to four unique profiles in this screen, each with a profile-specific list of your accomplishments, earnings, and race statistics. However, before you can play, you'll need to create a new player profile. To do so, select an empty profile slot by pressing the **↑** and **↓** **directional buttons** and then press the **⊗** **button** to enter your name. If there are no empty slots, pressing the **⊙** **button** will delete the currently highlighted profile.



Trophy Room

This is where you can go to view any items you've won over the course of your Sportsman racing career. Initially, your trophy room starts off as an empty basement, but as you progress through the game you'll be awarded with plaques, trophies, ribbons, and various other special items that will both improve the look of the room and give testament to your racing prowess.



Race Calendar

Once you've purchased a car in the Auto Dealer and spent some time in the Garage practicing and tuning your car and getting to know its capabilities, you're ready to start your drag racing career. Initially, your car won't be fast enough to compete in all of the National Events, so you will want to enter several Single Races and Single Events. As your Bracket Racing skills improve and you start to win prize money, you can use the winnings to purchase new parts and upgrades for your car. Remember to spend some time on the practice track after installing each new upgrade to get an idea of what your new dial-in times should be.

Single Race:

Single Race is a single elimination round against a random, computer-controlled driver. These drivers are easier to beat than those found in the Single Event or Season Mode. Consequently, the prize money isn't as substantial.

Single Event:

Once you have won a few Single Races and upgraded your car, you'll be prepared to compete in Single Events.

Each Single Event race consists of two qualifying rounds followed by a three-round elimination stage. During the qualifying rounds, the top eight drivers who come closest to hitting their dial-in times over the two rounds (total difference) will move on to the elimination stage.

In the elimination stage, the player with the lowest total package (dial-in minus elapsed time plus reaction time) moves on to the next single elimination round.

Prize money is awarded at the end of each event based upon your overall ranking. Single Events have larger prize purses than Single Races due to the greater challenge.

Season:

After you have raced several Single Races and Single Events and spent some time in the Garage purchasing parts and tuning your car, you should be ready to tackle the full IHRA National Event series. Selecting Season from the Race Calendar screen will take you through all 12 events in the official IHRA Sportsman National Event schedule. In Season Mode, prize money is much higher due to the elevated level of competition.

In each National Event, drivers are awarded with points based on their performance. These points are used to determine overall standings during the season and can be accessed at any time from the Championship Series screen by pressing the **⊙** button.



Points Breakdown:

Qualifying Rounds

10 points will be awarded for advancing to the elimination rounds.

Elimination Rounds

32 points will be awarded to each 1st round loser.
43 points will be awarded to each 2nd round loser.
54 points will be awarded to each 3rd round loser.
67 points will be awarded to the runner-up.
91 points will be awarded to the winner.

Auto Dealer

This is where you can purchase new cars for use in the Season Mode races. You'll have to successfully complete a few seasons before you can afford some of the more powerful cars.

Garage

The Garage is the central hub of all things car-related where you can customize, tweak and tune your car, and take it for a spin on the practice track.



Manage Cars:

Use the **Directional buttons** to scroll through a maximum of four hot rods in this screen. Once you've highlighted your selection, press the **X button** on your controller. Once a car has been selected, you can either hit the **△ button** to return to the Garage or the **○ button** to sell your car.

Parts Store:

Eleven distinct sub-categories offer a range of parts for purchase and installation in your hot rod. You'll find that you get the best performance by purchasing parts within one of the three color-coded classes; bronze, silver, and gold. For example, silver parts work best in combination with other silver class parts.

Tires

Front – Help keep the car in the lane and under control.

Rear – Massive slicks that are constructed with a broad range of compounds: the softer the compound, the greater the traction. A set of quality rear tires will have a dramatic impact on the speed of your car.



Engine

Block – The core of an engine that determines horsepower output. Upgrading your engine block will also open up more upgrade options such as blowers and nitrous kits.

Cylinder Head – The greater control over intake and exhaust afforded by a high performance cylinder head is a key factor in improving the speed of your dragster.

Carburetion – Carburetors mix fuel with air and feed it to the engine.

Blower – Blowers increase horsepower by funneling the air into the engine at an accelerated rate. However, cars that have a blower installed cannot use a nitrous kit.

Nitrous Kit – A nitrous kit delivers nitrous oxide to the engine, which adds a huge performance boost during the race. Cars that have a nitrous kit installed cannot use a blower.

Camshaft – A camshaft shifts the revolutions per minute (RPM) power curve to a higher level, which translates into increased horsepower at greater engine speeds.

Valves – Valves allow air and fuel to enter into an engine's combustion chambers and vent hot exhaust gasses. Higher quality valves increase the flow rates of both, which translate into more horsepower.

Transmission

The transmission transfers horsepower and torque to the rear wheels. Higher quality transmissions sold in the Garage offer more than one gear set (e.g. a five gear transmission that can be shifted into a six gear ratio). You can scroll through these different gear sets and make your selection in the Garage Tuning Shop.

Delay Box

An electronic device used in conjunction with a transmission brake, the delay box aids the driver in achieving lower reaction times. The driver dials a number into the delay box and then holds down a button mounted on his/her steering wheel that activates the transmission brake (transbrake). The instant the driver sees the first flash of amber from the first bulb, he/she releases the delay button. The delay box will then count the thousandths of a second dictated by the driver, and then release the transbrake. The theory behind a delay box is that a driver instinctively reacting to an initial signal (the first amber) will be quicker and more consistent than a driver who launches off the third amber.

To set your delay time, bring your car to a standstill at the starting line and hold the **⊙ button** and the gas pedal (**R1**) at the same time. Let go of the **⊙ button** when you see the first flash of first amber on your tree. The delay box then counts down the thousandths of a second calculated by the driver to coincide with the third amber, releases the transbrake and the car is launched down the track.

Tuning:

You can adjust, among other things, tire pressure, steering, gear ratios, fuel flow, boost, suspension, dial-in time, and delay time in the Garage Tuning Shop or through the Tuning menu option on the Garage Practice Track.

Tire Pressure

Increase or decrease the amount of air in your tire. Lower pressure increases traction but requires a longer burnout. Higher air pressure decreases the traction, but your pre-race burnouts will be shorter.

Steering

Change your vehicle's steering angle to improve the handling. A high number will result in more dramatic steering corrections at higher speeds; a lower number will allow for tighter, more controlled steering input.

Gear Ratios

To better match the performance of the various engine components, several gear ratios are available for use in the tuning area, depending on which transmission you have installed in your car. These ratios offer either faster off the line performance and shifts or faster top speeds. Experiment on the practice track with the various gear sets via the Tuning menu option.

Fuel Flow

Increase or decrease the fuel flowing to your engine. A high flow catalyzes greater internal combustion and more horsepower.

Boost

In a blower or nitrous kit equipped car, a boost will in turn increase the amount of air or nitrous oxide injected into the engine, respectively.

Suspension

Adjustments to a car's suspension will increase or decrease the maximum or minimum down force on the front or rear of the car. Altering these settings will help improve traction and stability in combination with the tire pressure.

Dial-in Time

Allows you to adjust your default dial-in time.

Delay Time

Allows you to adjust your default delay time.

Paint:

You can customize the look of your car in the Garage Paint Shop. Each body style has a number of multi-level paint color schemes available as well as various decal sets to give your car a distinctive look.

Use the **directional buttons** to move the on-screen cursor through the different paint layers and colors.

Practice:

Once you have upgraded, tuned, and painted your car to your liking, take it for a spin on the practice track to test your adjustments. Baseline saves after each practice run provide instant comparative feedback on any tuning changes you make between runs.

Auto Test Run

If enabled, the computer takes control of your car for more consistent time trials highlighting the potential for tweaks or part upgrades. Turn this option off if you wish to make the runs yourself.

Staging

Turning off staging in the practice track allows you to skip burnout and position your car for immediate launch.

Humidity

Humidity is a measure of the water vapor content of the air. A value of 100% means that the air is fully saturated. Humidity has a direct effect on your car's performance so make sure to test your car under a number of different environmental conditions.

Temperature

Air temperature, measured via your car's intake system, can dramatically affect your cars performance; make sure to test your car in a variety of climates.

Start Track!

Advances into the Practice Track.

Mini-Game

The quick tree Mini-Game is a replica of timer boxes used by drivers to practice reaction times. The 10 best Mini-Game reaction times are recorded, giving you the option to come back and try to beat your best time.



Options

The Options menu is where you will go to adjust various game, sound, and difficulty levels.

Sound

Both Audio (SFX) and Music volume can be adjusted in this screen. Use the **directional buttons** to raise or lower the volume level.



Settings

Difficulty:

As difficulty levels increase, AI opponents will react more quickly and make fewer mistakes. Easy difficulty level features AI opponents with slower reaction times, who are more likely to break out, red light, crash, or get disqualified. At Hard difficulty, computer-controlled drivers will drive like the pros.

Vibration:

The ability to enable or disable force feedback on your controller.

Manual Shift:

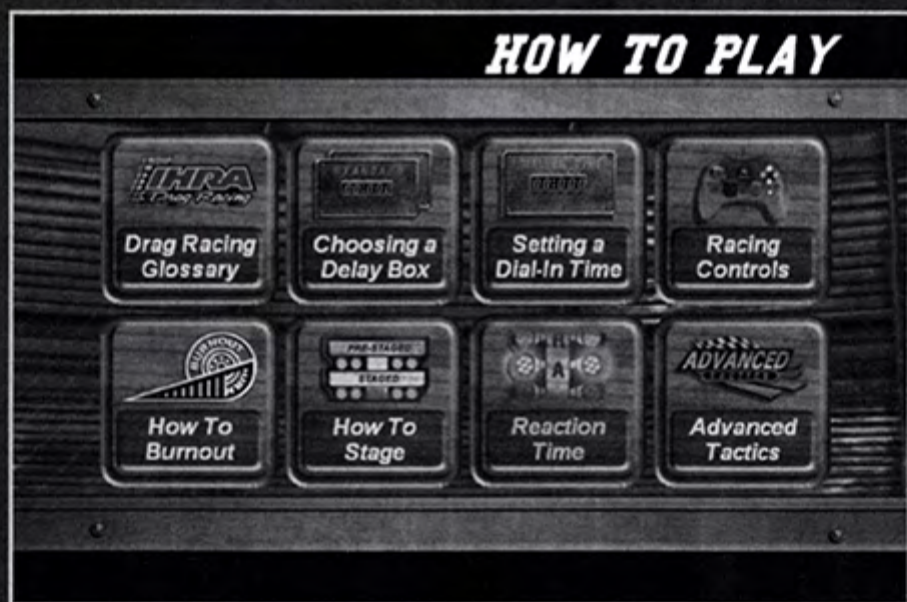
Use the **directional buttons** to toggle between automatic and manual transmission.

Controller

There are three selectable controller configurations. You can view the available configurations by using the ← and → **directional buttons**. Once you have selected the controller configuration that's right for you, press the **△ button** to exit the screen.

How To Play

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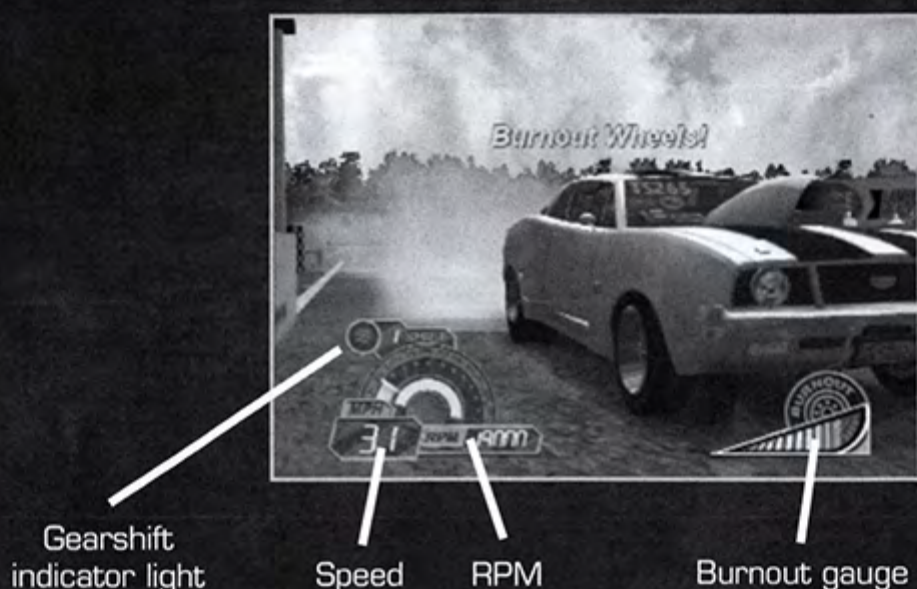


THE RACE

Each race consists of a series of steps from heating your car's tires during burnout, to positioning your car on the starting line during staging, and finally to the race itself. In *IHRA Sportsman* these steps are communicated through shifting virtual camera angles and changing data in your heads up display gauges.

Burnout

Before the race begins, it is imperative that your vehicle's tires are heated in order to provide the best possible traction off the starting line. Before burning out, drivers accelerate their car through the wetbox to wet their tires. Once the tires are wet, the burnout gauge will be displayed on your screen. This gauge will indicate how hot your tires are when burning out. Hold **R1** to accelerate until the last red notch in your burnout gauge lights up and begins to flash. This indicates that your tires are ready for the race. At this point the computer will take control of your car and position it behind the starting line to allow you to stage your car.



Staging

Once you've successfully completed your burnout and your tires are heated properly, it's time to stage your car.

Staging the car is achieved by driving forward until the top row of yellow lights (Pre-Stage Lights) and the second row of yellow lights (Stage Lights) on the Christmas tree become illuminated. Once both rows of lights have lit up, your car is staged and ready for the race to begin.

To change your camera view once you have staged your car, press the **⊙** button. Once both cars in the race have finished staging, the Christmas tree will begin counting down to green. When the green light flashes, launch your car down the track toward the finish line.

Staging line
on the track



Christmas
tree

Race Results Screen

Once the race is complete, the race timecard will be displayed on your screen. You'll be prompted to enter your initials if your time is in the top 10 times for that particular track. After the race is complete, you may choose to restart the race or exit to the menu and select a new racing class or track.

The race results screen contains a summary of how well you performed at each stage of the race. The results are displayed in two columns. The left column represents the Left lane while the right column represents the Right lane of the track.

RACE RESULTS			
	DUSTY	P. ROBINSON	
WINNERS CIRCLE!	00:08.129	Dial In Time	00:08.210
	00:08.578	Reaction Time	00:07.899
	00:00.428	Difference	00:00.611
	240.83	Trap Speed	201.73
	00:00.729	Reaction Time	00:00.899
	00:00.721	600' ATmc	00:01.150
	54.83	60FT Speed	58.50
	00:03.572	1/8 Mile (600' ATmc)	00:03.605
	115.28	1/16 Mile (250 Speed)	116.74
	00:00.957	1/8 Mile (600' ATmc)	00:00.921
180.91	1/8 Mile (600 Speed)	149.58	
00:00.000	1000' ATmc	00:00.000	
216.92	1000' Speed	178.22	
00:03.922	Reaction Time	00:03.760	
00:01.250	940' ATmc	00:01.250	
00:00.000	3300' ATmc	00:00.000	
	LANE 1	LANE 2	

START to CONTINUE

Dial-in Time:

The projected elapsed time entered by the driver at the start of the race. Used for handicapping purposes in bracket racing.

Elapsed Time:

The elapsed time from the point your car breaks the starting light to the point at which your car crosses the finish line.

Difference:

The difference between the dial-in time and the actual elapsed time. A negative value here indicates a breakout.

Trap Speed:

The recorded speed at the point your car crosses the finish line.

Reaction Time:

The elapsed time between the flashing of the green starting light and the point at which the starting line light is broken.

60ft Time:

The elapsed time between the breaking of the initial start beam and the point at which the 60ft marker is crossed.

60ft Speed:

This is the observed speed of a car when it crosses over the 60ft marker.

1/16th Mile (330) Time:

The elapsed time between the breaking of the initial start beam and the point at which the 1/16th mile marker is crossed.

1/16th Mile (330) Speed:

The observed speed of a car as it crosses over the 1/16th mile marker.

1/8th Mile (660) Time:

The elapsed time between the breaking of the initial start beam and the point at which the 1/8th mile marker is crossed.

1/8th Mile (660) Speed:

The observed speed of a car as it crosses over the 1/8th mile marker.

1000 ft Time:

The elapsed time between the breaking of the initial start beam and the point at which the 1000 foot marker is crossed.

1000 ft Speed:

The observed speed of a car as it crosses over the 1000 foot marker.

Roll Out Time:

A term used to describe the time from the point your vehicle "breaks" the staging (starting line) beam (thereby triggering the staged light), to the point (forward) where your tires no longer obstruct the beam's contact with the photo eye.

0-60 MPH Time:

The amount of time that elapses between the triggering of the initial starting beam and the point at which your car exceeds 60MPH.

0-100 MPH Time:

The amount of time that elapses between the triggering of the initial starting beam and the point at which your car exceeds 100MPH.

Pause menu

Pressing the **START button** during a race will pause the game and bring up the Pause Menu.

Resume Race

Continue with the race in progress.

Restart

Reset the car and track.

Return to Menu

Quits the current race and exits to the previous menu.

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