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RIDING SPIRITS



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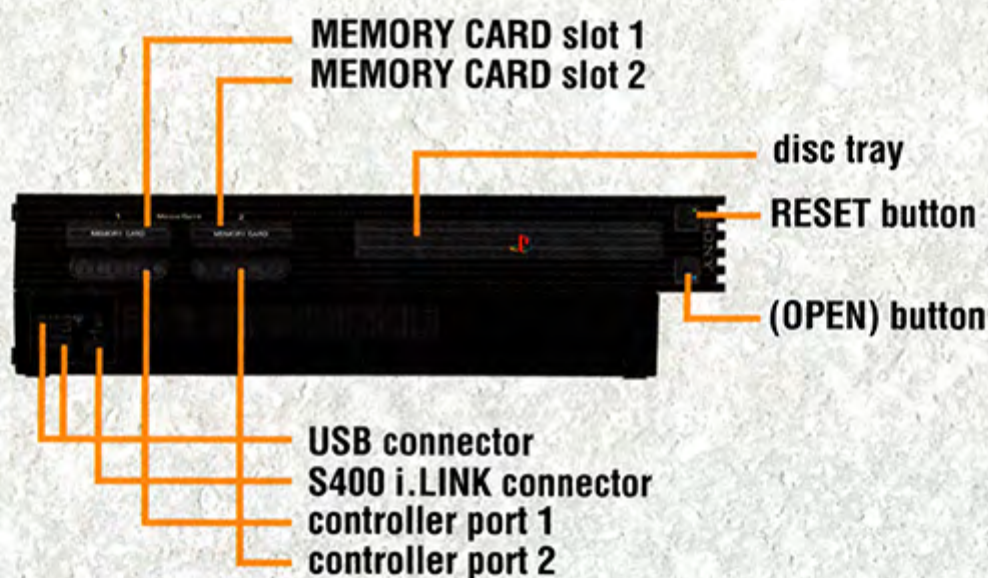
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PLEASE NOTE:

The racing and riding you will experience in this videogame is intended to be fanciful; do not attempt these maneuvers on your own. Racing is intended for racing professionals only on a closed course. Every motorcycle rider should be aware of the limits of his or her skills, experience and abilities and ride accordingly. Beginners should be extremely cautious and allow extra time and distance for maneuvering and braking. All riders should ride well within the limits of their abilities, never beyond them. Always ride in a responsible manner, respecting the environment as well as all state and local laws. Ride responsibly, and remember, motorcycle riders, and all motorists, must practice defensive driving. Do not drink and ride. It is illegal and dangerous. Riding a motorcycle is an exercise in responsibility to your self, to others, and to the environment. A motorcycle is not a toy and can be hazardous to operate. For your safety, wear a helmet, eye protection and protective clothing. Never engage in stunt riding and avoid excessive speeds. The motorcycle manufacturers of the motorcycles portrayed in this videogame recommend that all motorcycle riders take a safety riding course and read their owners' manual and tips booklet before you ride.

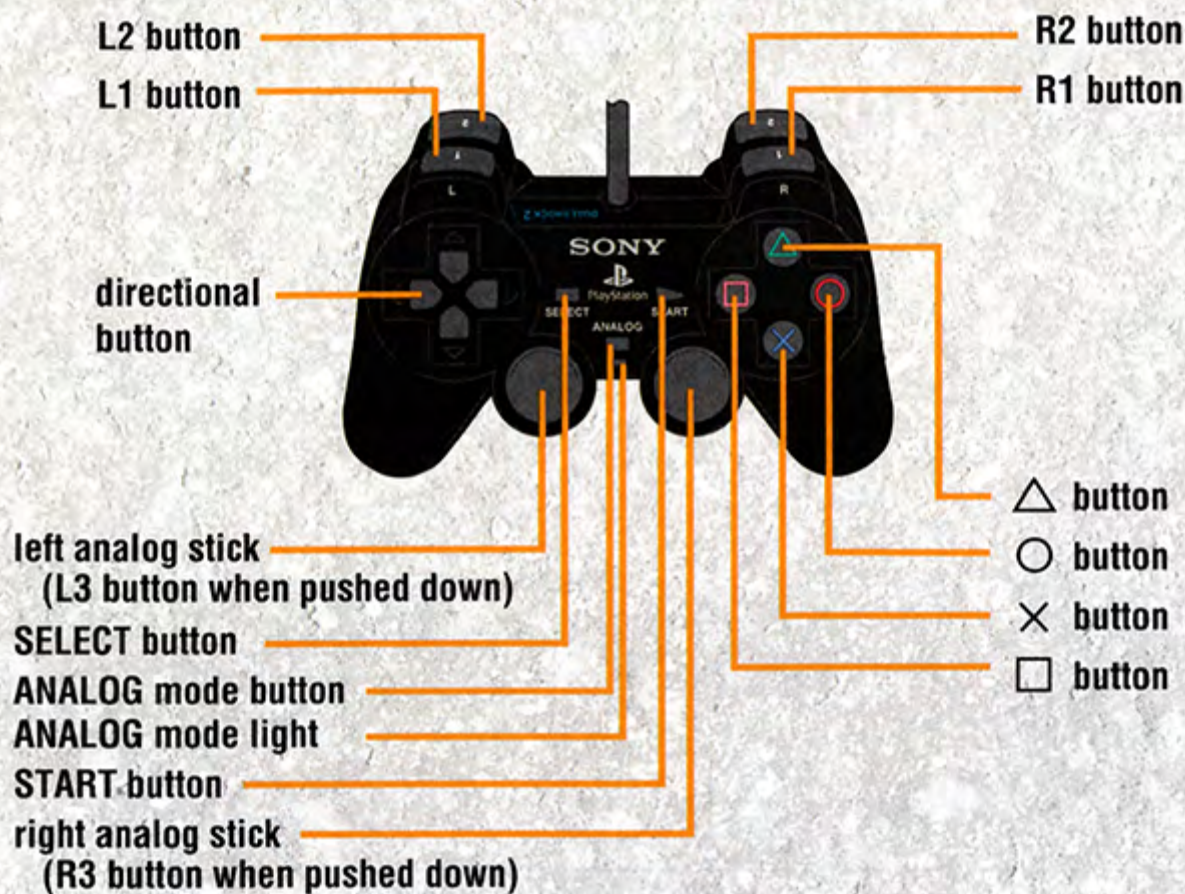
GETTING STARTED



Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located on the back of the console) is turned ON. Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the open button and the disc tray will open. Place the RIDING SPIRITS disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the open button again and the disc tray will close. Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

CONTROLS

DUALSHOCK™2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATION



Menu Controls

Directional buttons/Left Analog Stick Move cursor

□ button / △ button Cancel/Back

○ button / × button Select choice








L1 button Displays stats for bikes in Garage and Shop

L1 button / R1button Pages back and forth between multiple screens of motorcycles in the Garage or Shop

CONTROLS *continued*

Game Controls

These are the default controls for the game. Some controls can be changed in the Options menu.

Left Analog Stick  or 	Steering
Left Analog Stick  or 	Lean weight forward or back*
SELECT button	Change camera view
START button	Pause Menu
 button	Throttle
 button	Brakes
 button	Look Behind
L1 button	Lean left*
R1 button	Lean right*
L2 button	Upshift*
R2 button	Downshift*

* Leaning and Shifting are defaulted to Automatic and need to be switched to MANUAL in Options.

THE MAIN MENU

Welcome to the the world of street bike racing! Riding Spirits will put you behind the handlebars of today's fiercest street machines as well as the greatest bikes from the 70's, 80's and 90's. So grab a bike and hit the streets.



Riding Spirits

This mode launches you into the Riding Spirits racing simulation where you race for points. For more information on the Riding Spirits mode, see page 8.

Battle

This mode allows you to race head-to-head against a friend in the VERSUS mode or against a single computer opponent in the DUEL mode. For more information on the Battle mode, see page 12.

Time Attack

Test your racing skill as you try to beat the lap records on a variety of tracks.

Replay Stock

Load and watch your greatest races from your memory card.

Memory Card (PS2)

Load and Save your progress on your Memory Card (8mb) (for PlayStation®2).

Options

Take control of Riding Spirits and customize the sound, control and display of the game. For more information on the Options mode, see page 16.

Quick Race

Hit the track in a quick one, two, or three lap race on your choice of bike. For more information on the Quick Race mode, see page 15.

OPTIONS

The Options Menu allows you to customize Riding Spirits to suit your personal preferences.



Control Settings

Set up controls for both Player 1 and Player 2.

Lean left and right

Choose to have the game automatically lean into turns for you or to do it manually.

Lean forward and back

Choose to have the game automatically shift your rider's weight forward and back for you or to do it manually.

Gear Change

Select automatic or manual gear shifting.

Vibration

Turn controller vibration ON or OFF.

Control

Choose Arcade or Simulation mode.



Key Settings

View default control settings, or change them to suit your playing style.



Sound Settings

BGM

You can adjust the Background Music (BGM) and Sound Effects (SE) for the menus, races, and replays.



Screen Types

Select the screen type that works best for your monitor or television. Choose from 4:3 (normal) aspect ratio or 16:9 (widescreen) aspect ratio. Also select either horizontal or vertical split screen for Versus races.

RIDING SPIRITS MODE

Beginning a game will launch you into your motorcycle racing career. You begin supplied with a bike, suit, helmet, and 100,000 points for upgrades. Keep in mind that your starting points will be just enough to get you the basics. You must enter and win races in order to earn more points to buy new gear and bikes or to upgrade the bikes you already own.

Garage

This is where your equipment is stored between races. Make sure to visit your garage before each race in order to select the proper set up for each race.

Bike

Choose from the bikes that you currently own.

Suit

Pick one of your racing leathers.

Helmet

Protect your head with the right brain bucket.

Status

View your career stats.

Test Run

Take your bike out for a quick test run to check the settings before you go to your next race.

Race

Once you've purchased your starting equipment, you're off to the races! Select your equipment, find the race that's right for you, and go for it! You will earn points and prizes for completing a race. Remember completing the TRAINING mode will give you a much better chance of winning your races!

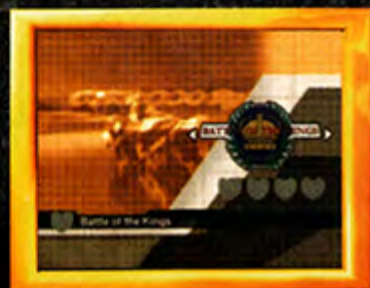


Difficulty Selection

Pick the type of race that matches your ability and equipment.

Circuit/Race Select

Once you've decided on the difficulty, it's time to pick from one of the available circuits. Each circuit is made up of several different races. Some races have restrictions on them, such as motorcycle or equipment manufacturer, engine size or bike type. Make sure that you've got the necessary gear before trying to enter a race.



Training

Before hitting the races, it would be a good idea to do a little training to brush up on your motorcycle handling skills. Follow the racing line around the course in order to complete each test. The Training area will help you learn the basics of motorcycle control in Riding Spirits.

Safety Riding

Controlling a motorcycle at 180 miles an hour isn't as easy as you'd think. Taking the time to complete the twenty basic Safety Riding tests will help you master the basics of riding, including hard turning, braking and running chicanes. Take each course one at a time and be sure to read the on-screen instructions to understand what you need to do to pass.

Circuit Riding

Once you understand the basics, it's time to test yourself in real-world racing conditions. Twenty circuit riding situations take place on selected areas of tracks that you will be racing later, challenging your new skills while giving you practice on some tricky areas of the tracks ahead. Beat the best lap time to conquer the circuit, but be sure to **STAY ON THE TRACK**.



SHOP

So you've got some money burning a hole in your pocket and you're ready to put it to use? Good! Enter the shop and begin equipping yourself to become a top-notch rider. Watch the yellow cost for each item and compare it carefully to the white amount of points you currently have in the bank.

Bike

You can't race without some wheels. Find the ride you can afford, choosing from different models from seven different manufacturers, including Yamaha, Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, and maybe a few others. Pressing the R1 button will flip over to the next page of bike selections if there are more bikes to be seen. Some bikes have multiple color schemes, which can be changed by pushing up or down on the directional buttons. Pressing the L1 button will bring up the stats for each bike, allowing you to compare before you buy.



Suit

You'll need a full set of racing gear before hitting the tracks. Choose suits from Alpinestars, Dainese, Kushitani, Nankai, RS Taichi and Takai.



Helmet

Looking good is almost as important as guarding your skull. Pick from the latest headgear from Arai and Shoei.



Parts

Being able to buy a motorcycle is one thing, but making it race-worthy is a whole different skill. By spending your hard earned points on upgrades to your bike, you'll find winning a whole lot easier.

Engine System

Racing computers, mufflers, carbs, bigger engines.

Drive System

Add new power to your clutch, transmission and brakes.

Suspension System

Forks and suspension kits give you the extra edge.

Tire

Wheel rims and tires.

Frame Reinforcement

Dampens vibrations and strengthens your chassis for better handling.

Others

All sorts of optional parts can be found here including replacement fuel tanks and other racing accessories.

Highlight the part you are interested in and a description on how your bike will be improved will appear on-screen.



BATTLE

Racing another player is just as exciting as racing computer-controlled opponents. In the Battle mode, you can experience exciting one-on-one races!



Versus

Versus is split-screen racing for two riders. Begin by selecting from the available tracks or choose Random to have one picked for you. Each rider will choose a bike and the race is on!



Duel

Duel pits you against a single computer controlled opponent. To win, you must beat him without taking a fall. Sounds easy, but your opponent is no squid.

TIME ATTACK & REPLAY

Time Attack

Time Attack tests your skill by placing you on a specific course on a specific bike. It is up to you to set a new course record while staying on the track.



Replay Stock

Relive your greatest races in the Replay Stock. If you have previously saved a replay in one of the game modes, you can load it and view it here.



SAVING & LOADING

Save/Load

Make sure to save the game frequently, especially after winning a big race or doing some serious shopping. Use the Save/Load menu to save your current game or to load a previous file. Just make sure you're happy with the changes before you save!

Save Game

Save your current progress. Make sure to do this before turning off your game!

Load Game

Load your last game and continue racing.



QUICK RACE

If you need a quick racing fix and don't have much time, Quick Race allows you to hit the track in a one, two or three lap race.

After choosing Quick Race, you will need to choose your bike class and the race difficulty level. Once you have done that, you have the option of turning Auto-Braking ON or OFF. (Auto-Braking will automatically slow down your motorcycle as you approach some of the more intense corners on the course.)

Now all that's left is for you to choose your bike and your track.



IN-GAME OPTIONS

Before and after most races you have several options available to you. Some options are only available at the start of a race and others are only available at the completion of the race.

Start

Starts the Race.

Options

Displays the Options menu. See page 6 for details.

Data Logger

This displays the engine performance of your bike over the course of the race. Press left or right on the directional buttons or on the left analog stick to chart your speed and performance as you move around the course.

Records

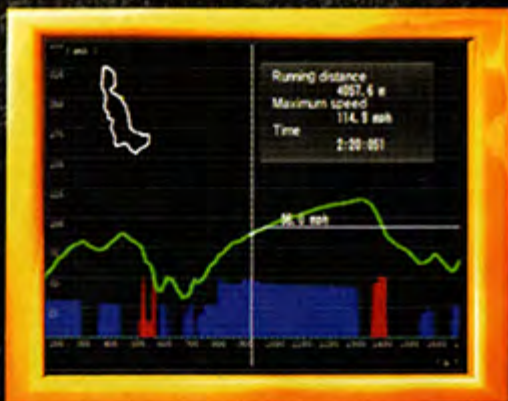
This allows you to view the record times on each track.

Save Replay

This allows you to save your race replay to your memory card.

Load Replay

This allows you to load a saved replay.



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RACING TIPS

1. Complete the training courses before attempting to race.
2. Upgrade your bike as soon as you can. You'll eventually want to get all the upgrades for your bike.
3. When you get a new bike, keep using your old, suped-up bike for a while. This allows you to get more points so you can upgrade your new bike.
4. Sell any extra suits and helmets you may have. They're just for looks and this can get you some extra points.
5. Don't think you have to run at full-throttle in top gear all the time. Acceleration is more important than Top speed. Most of the time you'll be in 3rd and 4th gear.
6. Don't brake in the turns. You'll skid off the course.
7. Start your turns early and hold it through the entire turn. As long as you stay on the track you won't skid.
8. Slow a lot in the turn, working outside in. You'll lose less time than you would if you fall.
9. For a quick acceleration out of a turn, down shift for a couple seconds and open the throttle then shift up when you red-line.
10. If you find yourself off the track but you haven't yet fallen, do NOT hit the brakes. Release the throttle and down shift until you've gained control of the bike. You'll lose less time doing it this way.
11. Stay out of the gravel and dirt.
12. Avoid driving too fast. Drive safely and stay with the leaders to learn how they drive.
13. Try to stay out of traffic. Hitting the other bikes will slow you down or knock you over.
14. Don't be discouraged, this game takes time to master. Remember it's a sim not just a game.

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