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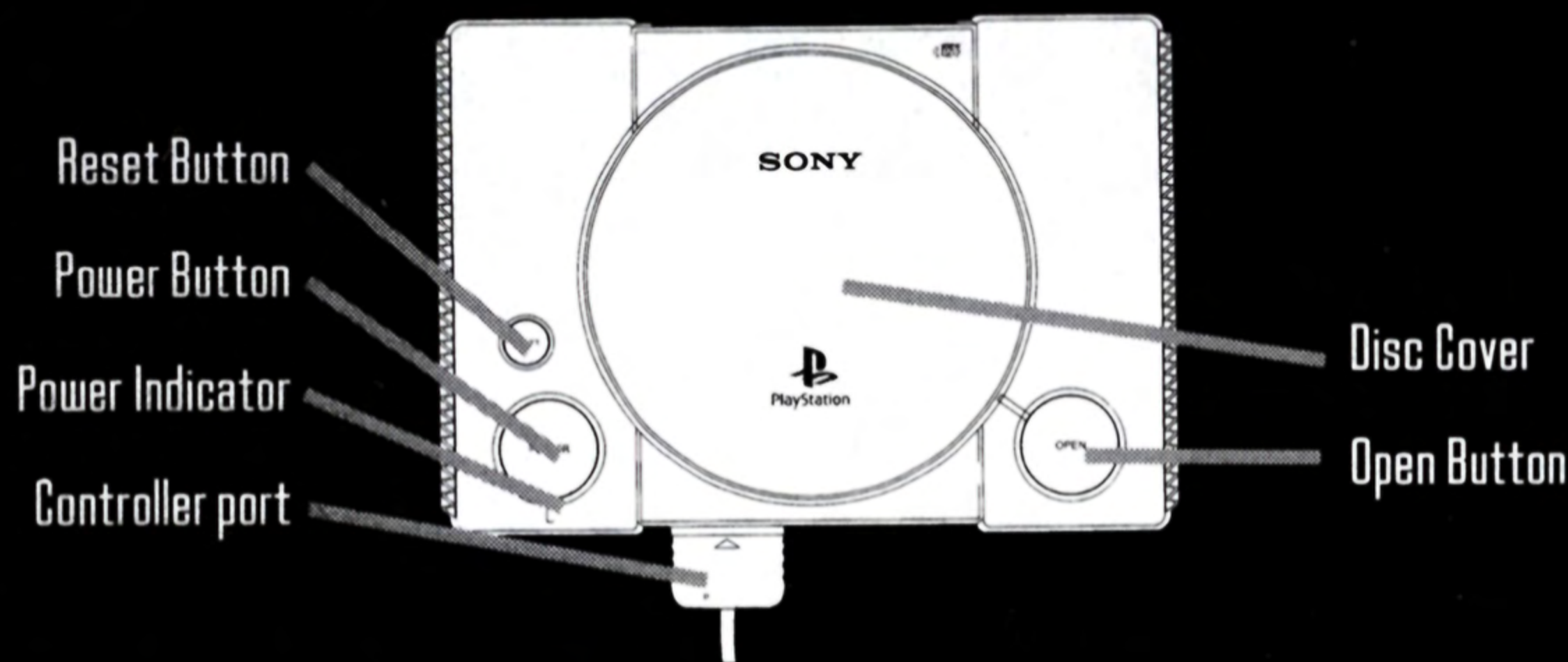
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GAME SET-UP

1. Set up your SONY PlayStation™ according to the instructions in its instruction manual. Make sure the PlayStation™ power is OFF before inserting or removing a compact disc.
2. Insert the STAR FIGHTER™ disc and close the CD door.
3. Insert game controllers and turn on the PlayStation™. Follow on-screen instructions to start a game.



HEY, SPACE JOCKEY!

So, you think you're the ace test pilot in FedNet Space Force?

Well, we're going to make you prove it, you runny-nosed excuse for a soldier!

The boys in R&D have dreamed up a new toy for you. It's called the Star Fighter — a combo planetary/space assault vehicle, and it's armed to the teeth!

The top brass wants you to put it through its paces in the simulator...
and you know what that means!

You'll be able to blow away anything that you come across —
on land, air, sea and even in space. Of course, to make the
tests more interesting, stuff'll be shooting back at you too!

We don't want to make life too easy for you, YOU VENUSIAN GRUB-EEL!!

Now, get out there and rock 'n' roll! And if you really, really impress me with your flying,
maybe I'll start believing that NEWBIES like you have actually earned some of their stripes!

GAME CONTROLS

You can configure the ship controls as you wish once you start a game (see Configure
on page 8). Otherwise, the game uses the default control configuration described below.

CONTROL PAD

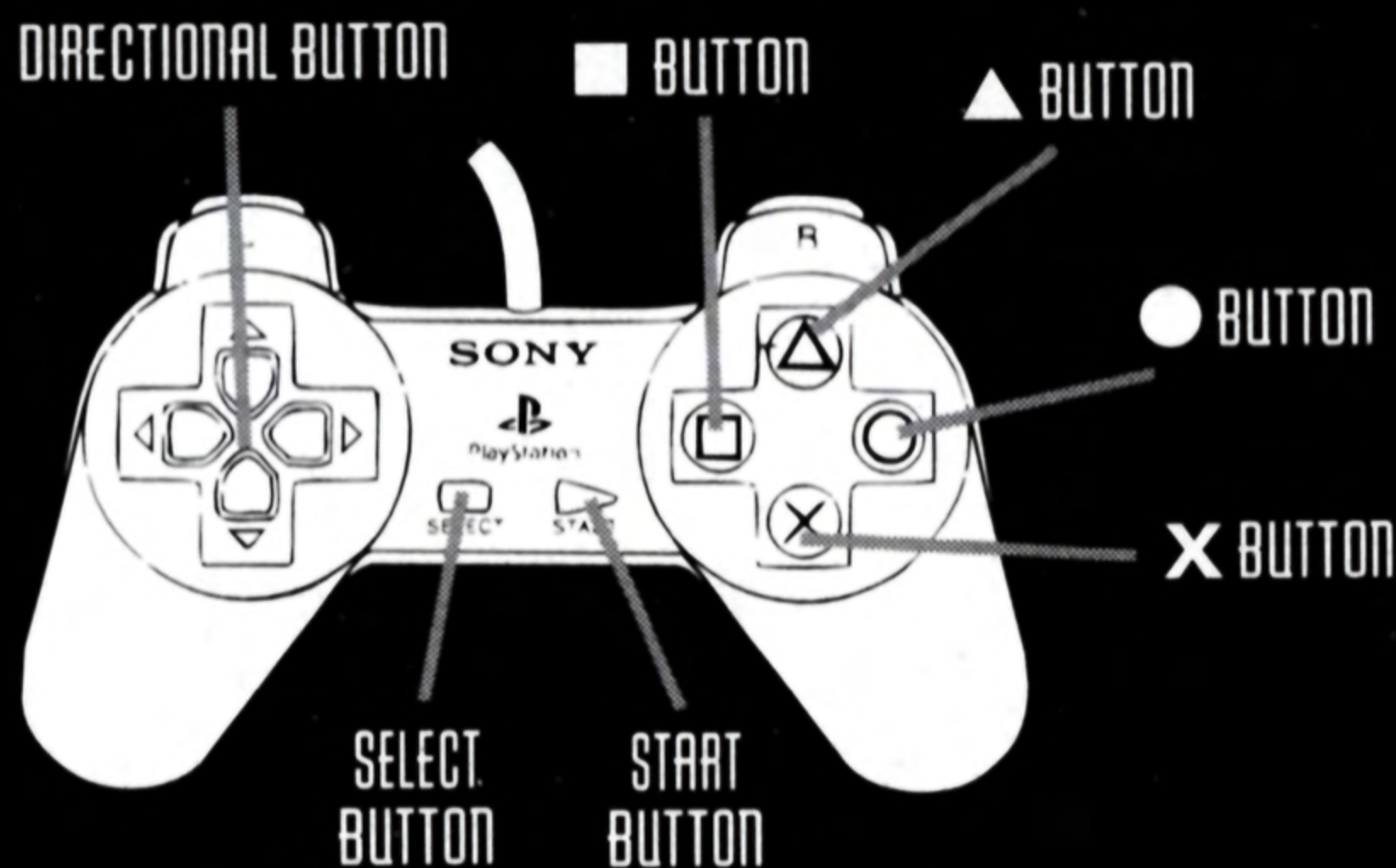
ABOARD SHIP

Directional Button: Roll left/
right, pitch up/down

X BUTTON:

Increase throttle

■ BUTTON: Release Emergency Counter Measures: (ECMs)



● **BUTTON:** Toggle camera view

▲ **BUTTON:** Open/close strategic map

L1 **BUTTON:** Change weapon

R1 **BUTTON:** Fire weapon

START **BUTTON:** Pause/Options/ Resume Game

STRATEGIC MAP:

Directional Button: Move red highlight circle around map

X **BUTTON:** Lock on highlighted target

■ **BUTTON:** Show information on highlighted target

● **BUTTON:** Bring up mission briefing

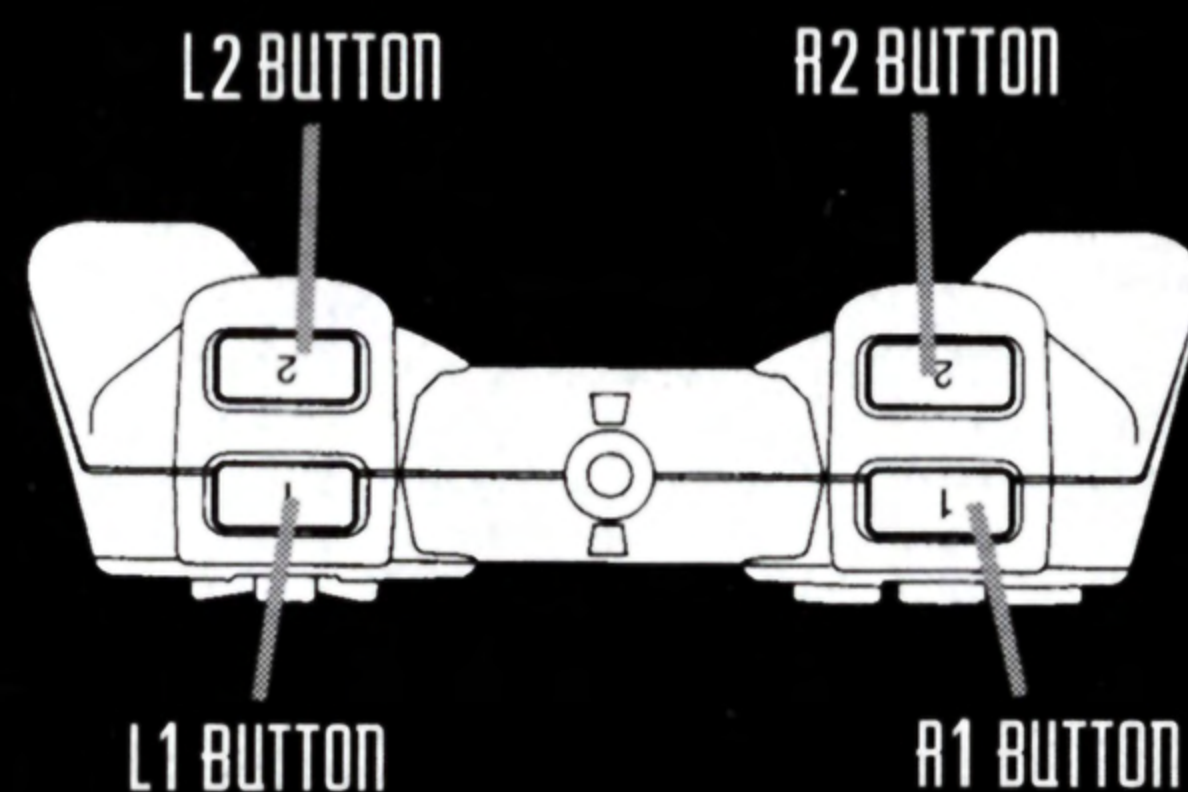
L1/R1 **BUTTON:** Zoom in/Out

MENUS:

Directional Button: Scroll through menu options

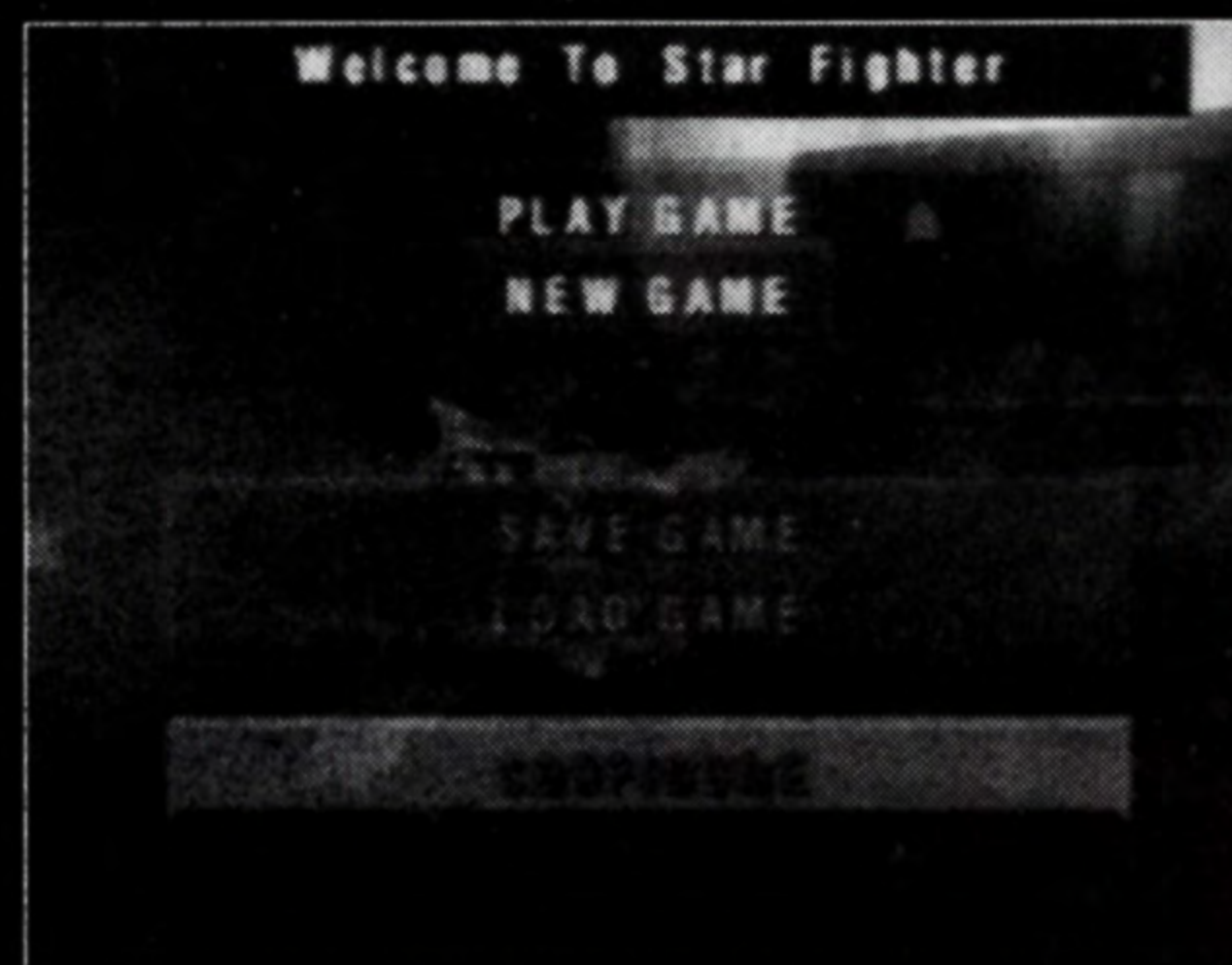
X **BUTTON:** Select menu option

▲ **BUTTON:** Previous screen/Exit Menus/
Special screens



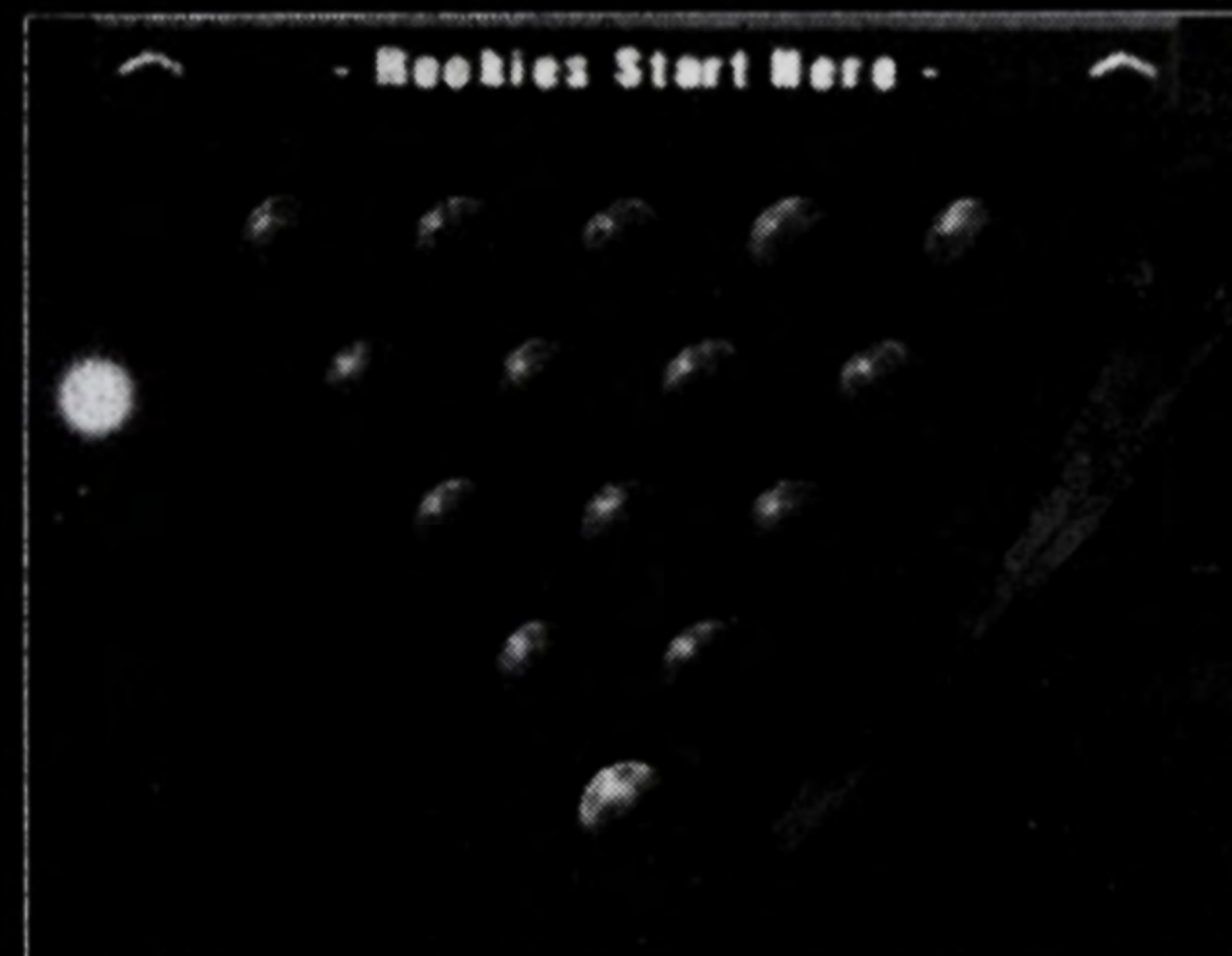
MAIN MENU

Now listen up!! You use the Main Menu to start a new game, load a saved game and configure the system. Use the Directional Button UP/DOWN to scroll through the options and press the **X** Button to select one. Pressing the **▲** Button backs you up to the previous menu.



PLAY GAME

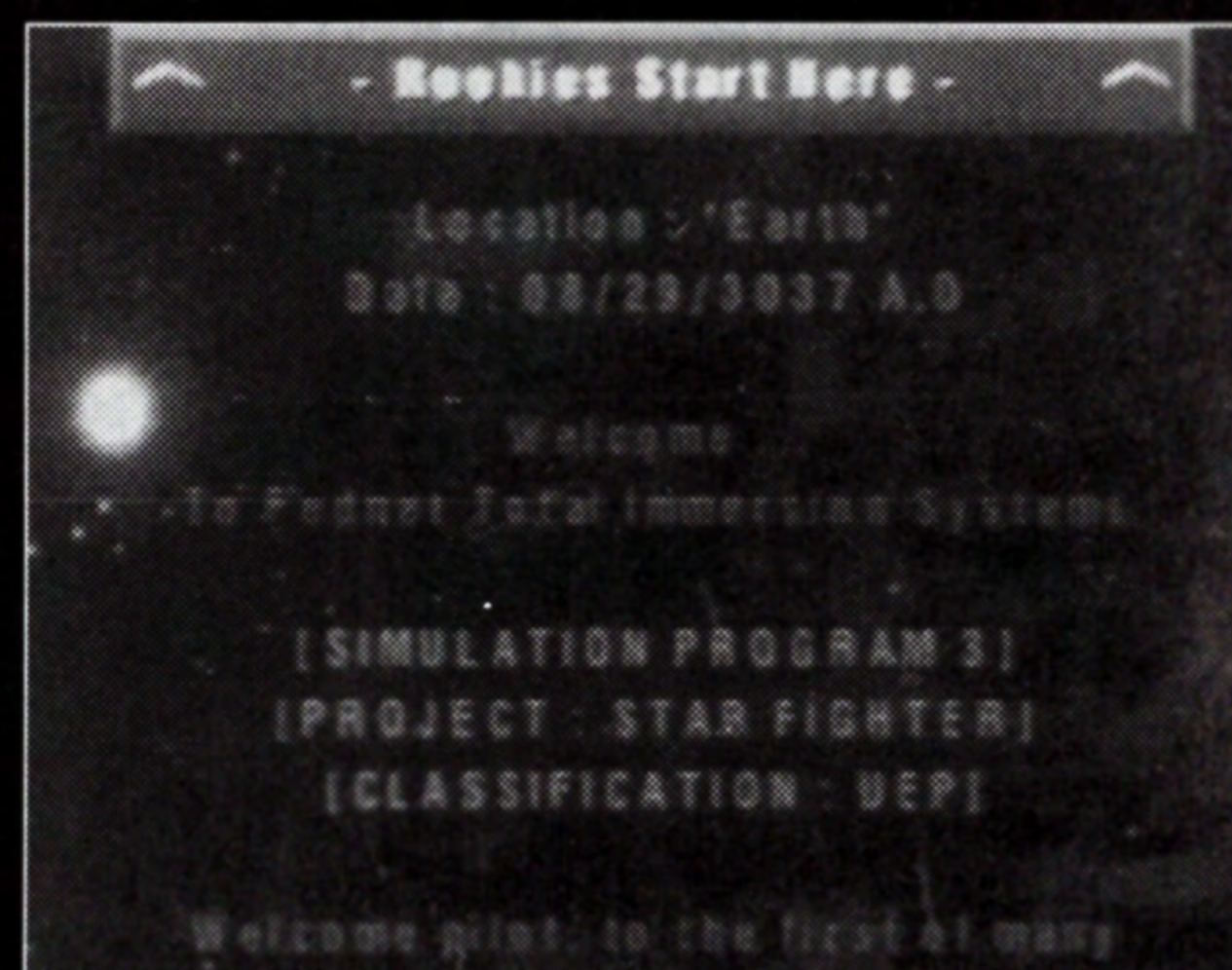
There are 45 missions in Star Fighter, each one guaranteed to test your pilot skills to the max! You start with a few training missions and work your way up to the "really interesting" advanced ones. To start a mission, highlight "Play Game" and press the **X** Button.



A list of 15 available missions appears. You'll have to start at the bottom, rookie! If you can keep your bird in the air, you'll get more choices for your next mission. Remember, you have to finish all the missions in a row before advancing up to the next row.

When you select a mission, you get a briefing. Listen good, long and hard because you'll hear the objectives for the mission. Once the information has penetrated your brain, press the **X** Button at any time to skip the briefing and start the game.

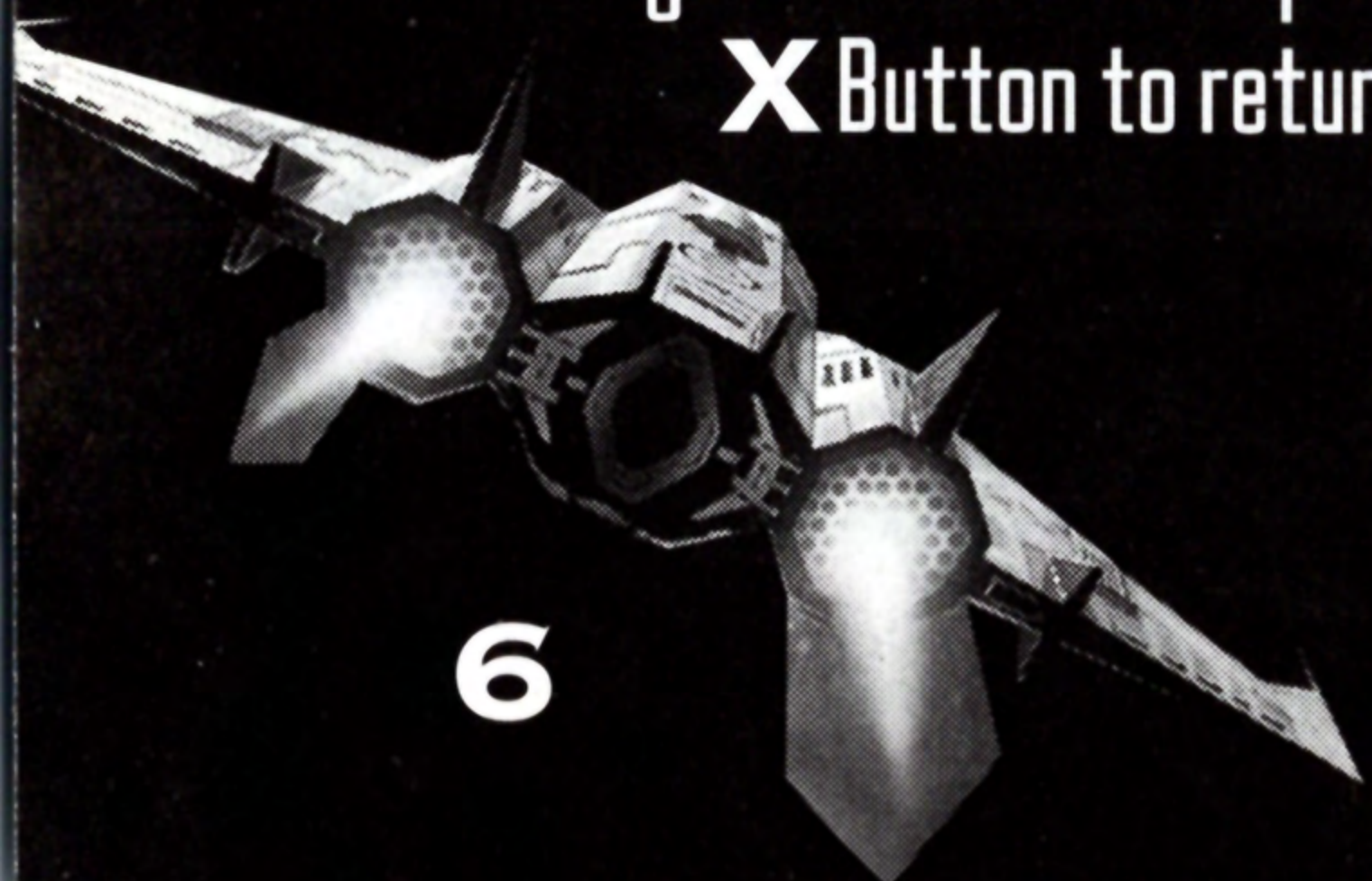
When you complete a group of 15 missions, your performance will be evaluated and the top brass may decide to keep you around if you haven't messed up completely. Chances are you'll even get a promotion, and if you do really, really good, you'll get your name in the Hall of Fame! Your mama would like that, wouldn't she?



LOAD GAME

When you want to get back into the action, select this option. A list appears showing the seven possible saved game positions. Use the Directional Button UP/DOWN to highlight the game you want to play and press the **X** Button to start from the last saved position.

If you decide not to play a saved game, move the cursor to "Exit" and press the **X** Button to return to the Main Menu.

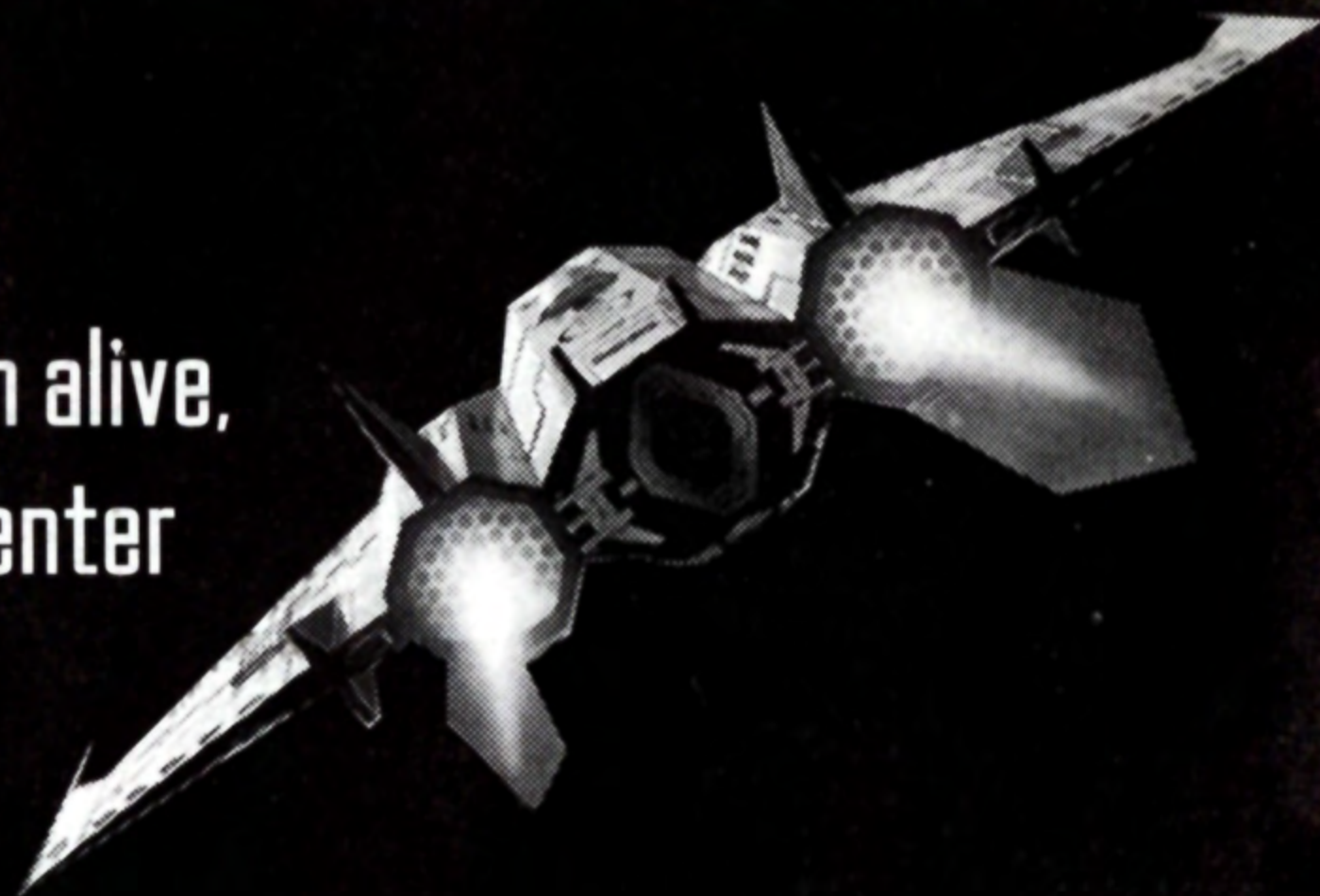


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SAVE GAME

If you're scared you won't make it through the next mission alive, select this option. You will be asked to name your file, and enter your selection by highlighting the green arrow. If all the slots are full, just highlight an old game that you are willing to delete and the new game will overwrite it.



CONFIGURE

We know you space jockeys like to fiddle with your controls. Select Configure on the Main Menu to bring up the Configure Game menu and then mess with the game as much as you want.

Selecting Setup Sound brings up the Configure Sound menu. You can change these options:

MUSIC: Toggle music on/off during the game. Use the Left/Right Directional Button to adjust volume.

SOUND: Toggle the sound effects on/off during the game. Use the Left/Right Directional Button to adjust volume.



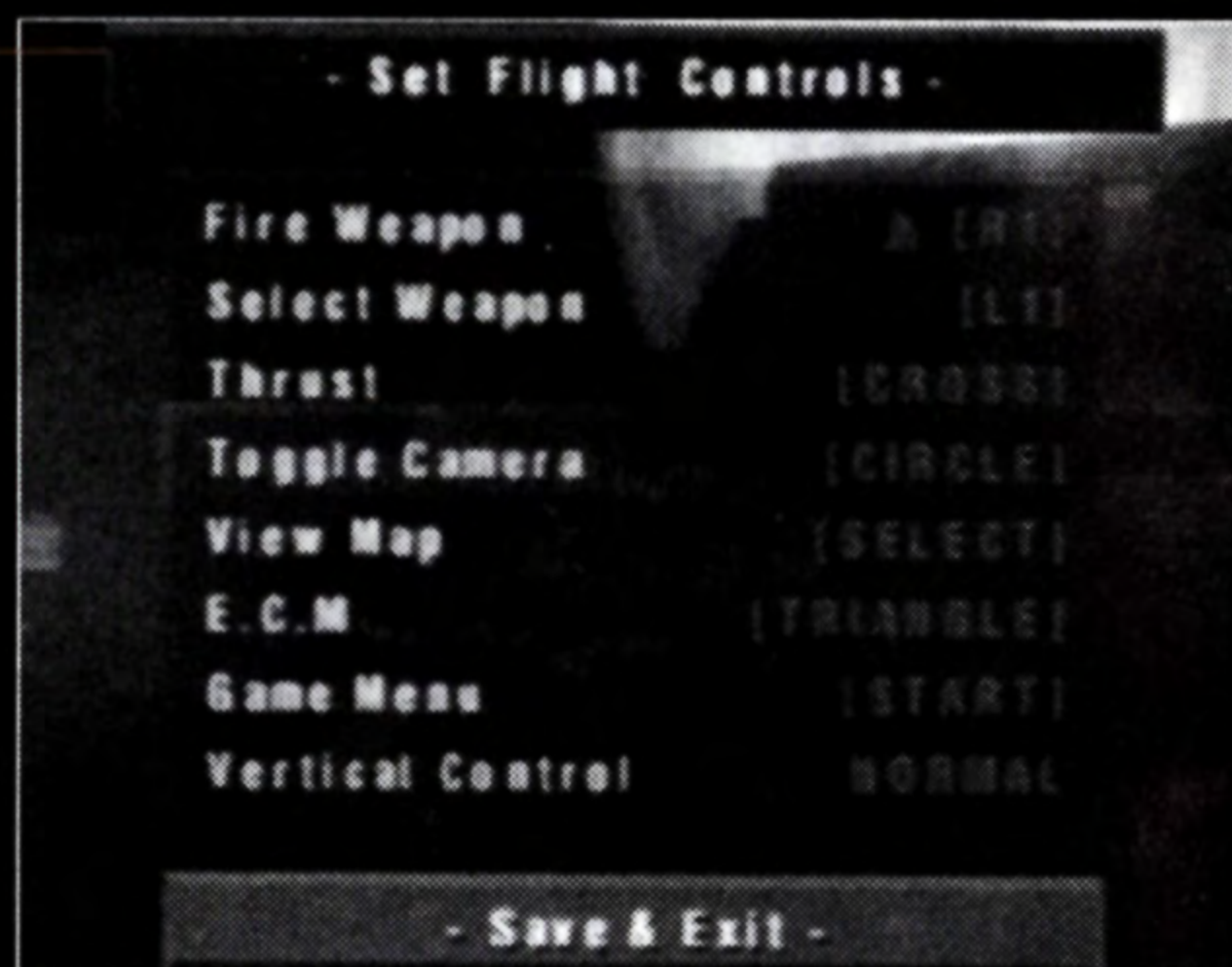
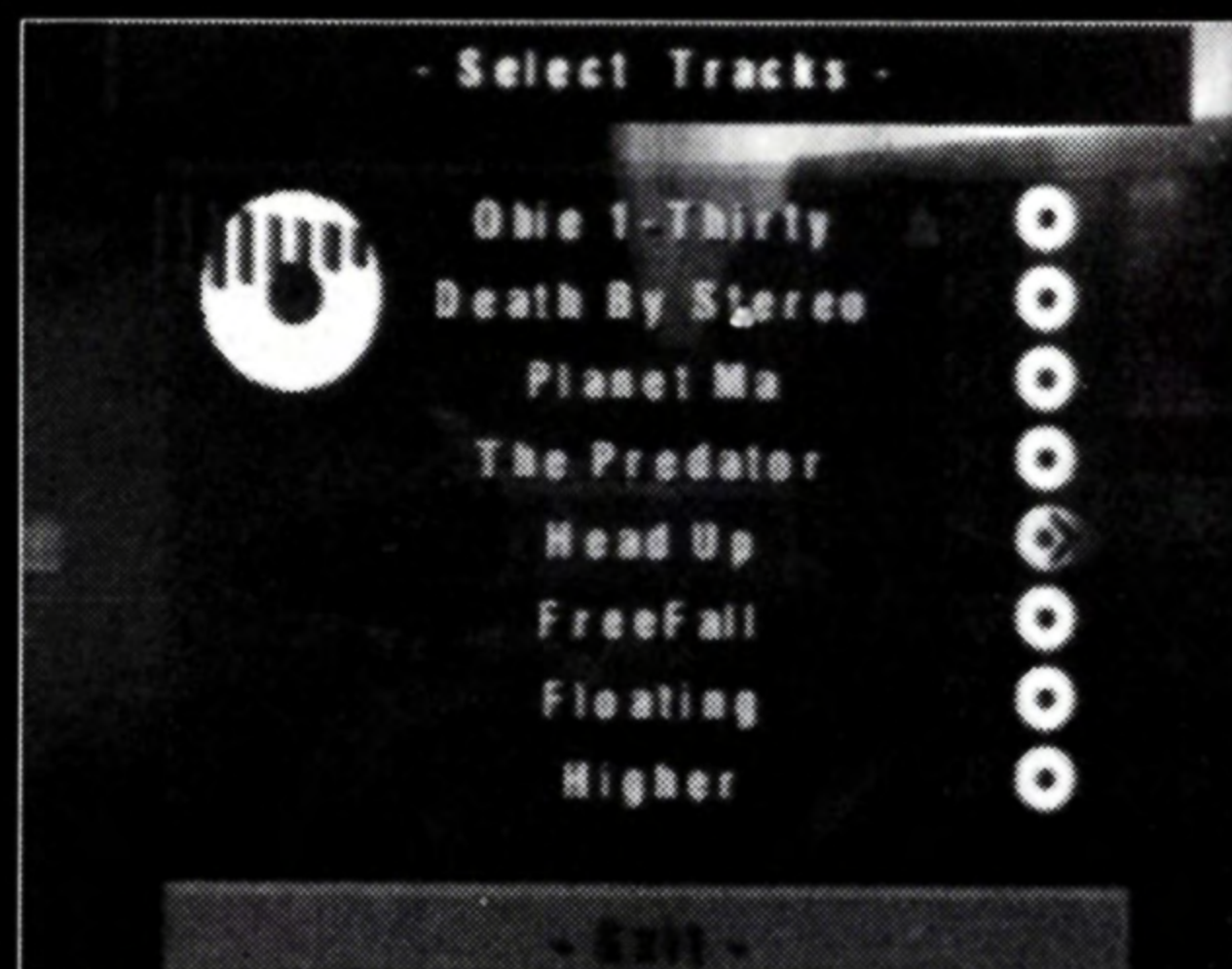
SET TRACKS: Turn any or all of the music tracks on or off. You can set the tracks to play in any order you wish by turning them all off and then on again in the order you want. Highlight "Exit" and press the **X** Button when you want to leave.

EXIT: Return to the Main Menu.

When you select Setup Controls, the Set **FLIGHT CONTROLS** menu appears. Reconfigure the fighter controls in any way you like by using the Directional Button to highlight a control and pressing the button you wish to assign to that control.

Note that you can set Vertical Control to either Normal or Flipped. At Normal setting, pressing the Directional Button **UP** makes your ship dive and **DOWN** makes it climb, like real flight controls. If you can't handle that, use the Flipped setting, where directions are reversed. Use the Directional Button

LEFT/RIGHT to toggle between settings.



PILOTING THE STAR FIGHTER

The Star Fighter is the most advanced flying machine ever created. Yet it is amazingly simple to operate. Even you should be able to keep it from kissing the ground!

The bar at the upper left corner of the view screen shows the current status of your shield. As you take damage, the bar gets smaller. You buy the farm when the bar is completely gone. Fortunately for you, damage is automatically repaired over time. You have three lives at the beginning of the game.

If you are using a weapon that fires ammunition, the number of remaining rounds appears at the upper right corner of the view screen. If you run out of ammo, you may be able to get more... if you're smart enough and lucky enough!

If you are on a mission with a fixed time limit, the time appears in the lower left corner of the view screen. Maybe you can afford your own wristwatch next time!

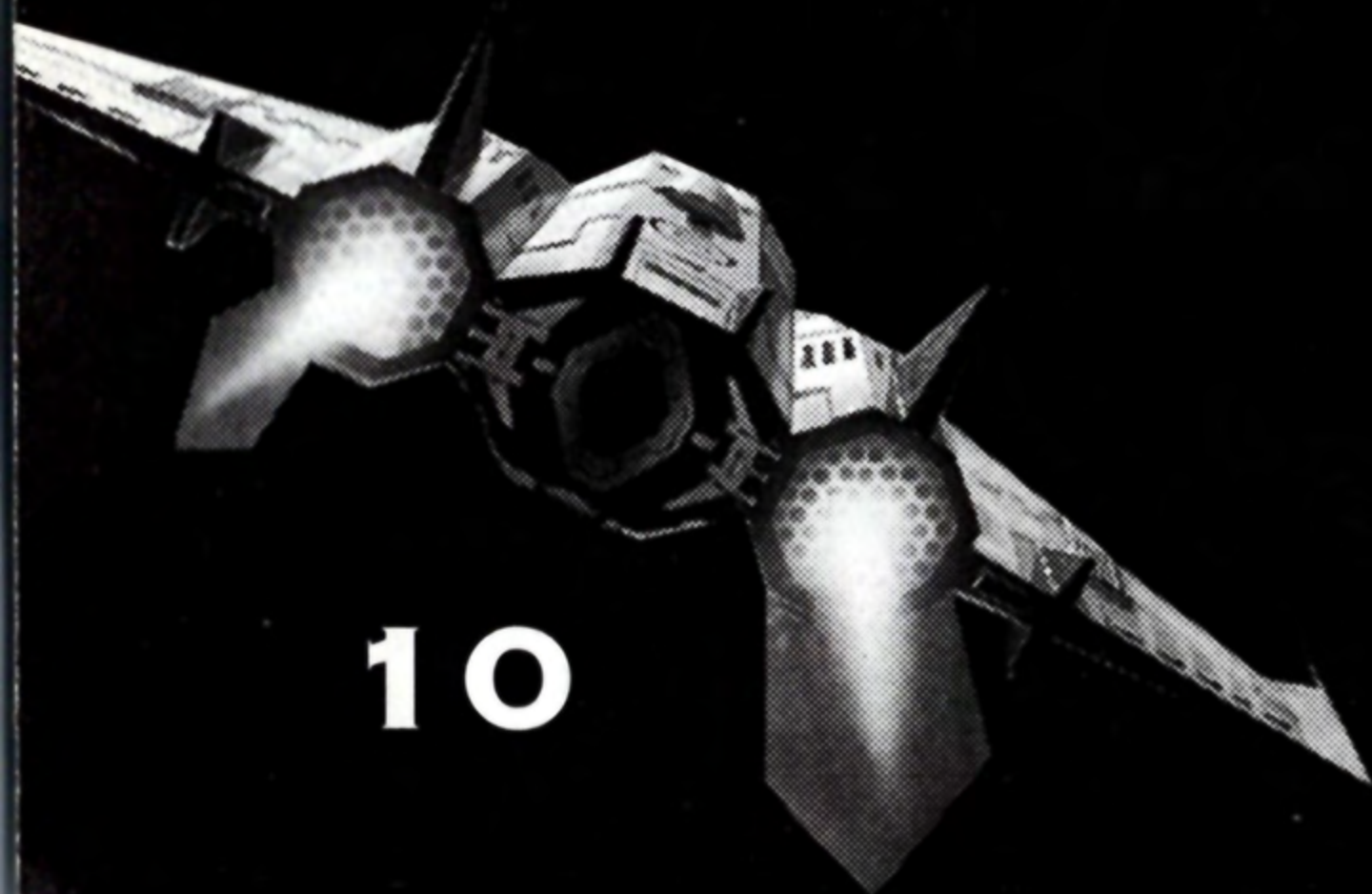


Your **THREAT INDICATOR** is in the center at the bottom of the screen. If it lights up, you've got an enemy on your tail! If the indicator is red, you've got enemy fighters to deal with. If it's orange, there's a cruiser after you. If it's yellow, you've got incoming missiles looking for your tailpipe! Usually, it's going to be all three colors, so get used to it!

The letter and number appearing in the center at the bottom of the screen show your position on the strategic map. The arrow shows the direction in which you're flying. Always know where you are!

If you have locked onto a moving enemy target, you'll get a read-out of how far away it is. This information appears to the right of your positional information. In addition to the distance coordinate, you'll see an arrow. Turn the Star Fighter until this arrow points north — that's straight up for you morons — and you'll be heading smack at your target! You'll also be shown if you're above, below or on the same level as the enemy.

In the bottom right of the view screen is your inventory of energy crystals. Repeat after me: The energy crystals are our friends! More about them later...



FLIGHT CONTROLS

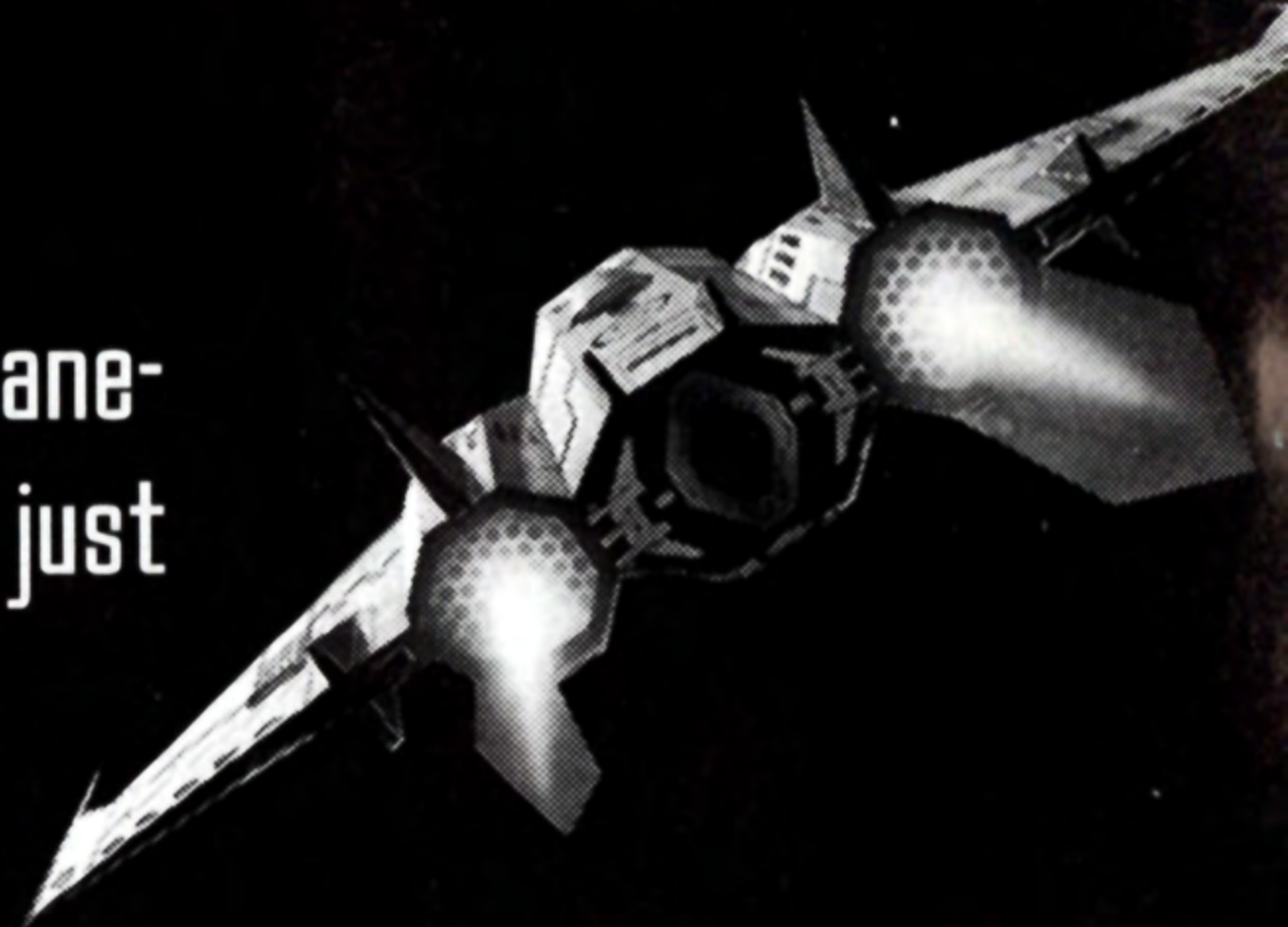
Your Star Fighter is capable of engaging in combat above a planetary surface and in deep space. To leave a surface for space, just aim the ship's nose up and pound the throttle.

Maneuvering the Star Fighter is a snap! Press the Directional Button LEFT/RIGHT lightly to bank to the left or right and hold it down to roll. Press Directional Button UP/DOWN to change the pitch up and down. Press the **X** Button to engage the throttle and accelerate.

While banking in a turn to the left or right, press the Directional Button UP/DOWN to perform a tight left or right turn. Remember this maneuver, maggot! It could save your butt!

RESUPPLY

Occasionally, the top brass will remember that you need to resupply your Star Fighter to continue the battle. You will be alerted that FedNet is undertaking a paradrop with new supplies — ammunition, weapons, and upgrades to your fighter. Fly your Star Fighter directly into these supply containers before they hit the ground. You can track their drop locations via the strategic map, where supply containers appear as red and white parachutes. If you miss them, you may come home in a coffin instead of your aircraft.



MOTHERSHIP

You start some missions being carried to the battlefield inside the mothership. To leave big mama, press the R1 Button once.

On the strategic map, the mothership appears as a yellow "M." Know where the mothership is at all times since it is an attractive target for enemy fighters. You take care of big mama and she'll take care of you!



COMBAT

You have a wide variety of weapons at your command on the Star Fighter. As you progress through the game, you acquire more powerful weapons. To cycle through your available weapons, press the L1 Button. To fire a weapon, press the R1 Button. Remember, newbie, you can change these controls if you like. Most weapons fire ammunition — missiles, bombs and mines. The number at the upper right corner of the view screen shows the amount of ammunition for the active weapon. If you run out of ammunition for a weapon, you can no longer use it until you get a reload. Your lasers do not use ammunition and can be fired as long as they are not destroyed.



Aside from lasers and megabombs, don't fire your weapons unless you have a target painted with a green targeting box. If you see the box, you'll hit the target. Don't waste your ammunition!

Your Star Fighter weapon systems include:



LASER: Fires a laser beam at the target. The ship's power plant gives you infinite ammunition as long as you keep it in the air.



AIR-TO-GROUND (A-T-G): Fires a guided missile at the highlighted target.



AIR-TO-AIR (A-T-A): Fires a guided missile at the highlighted enemy aircraft or space target.



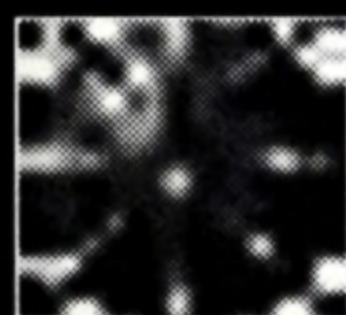
MEGABOMB: Drops a bomb that destroys everything within the blast radius.



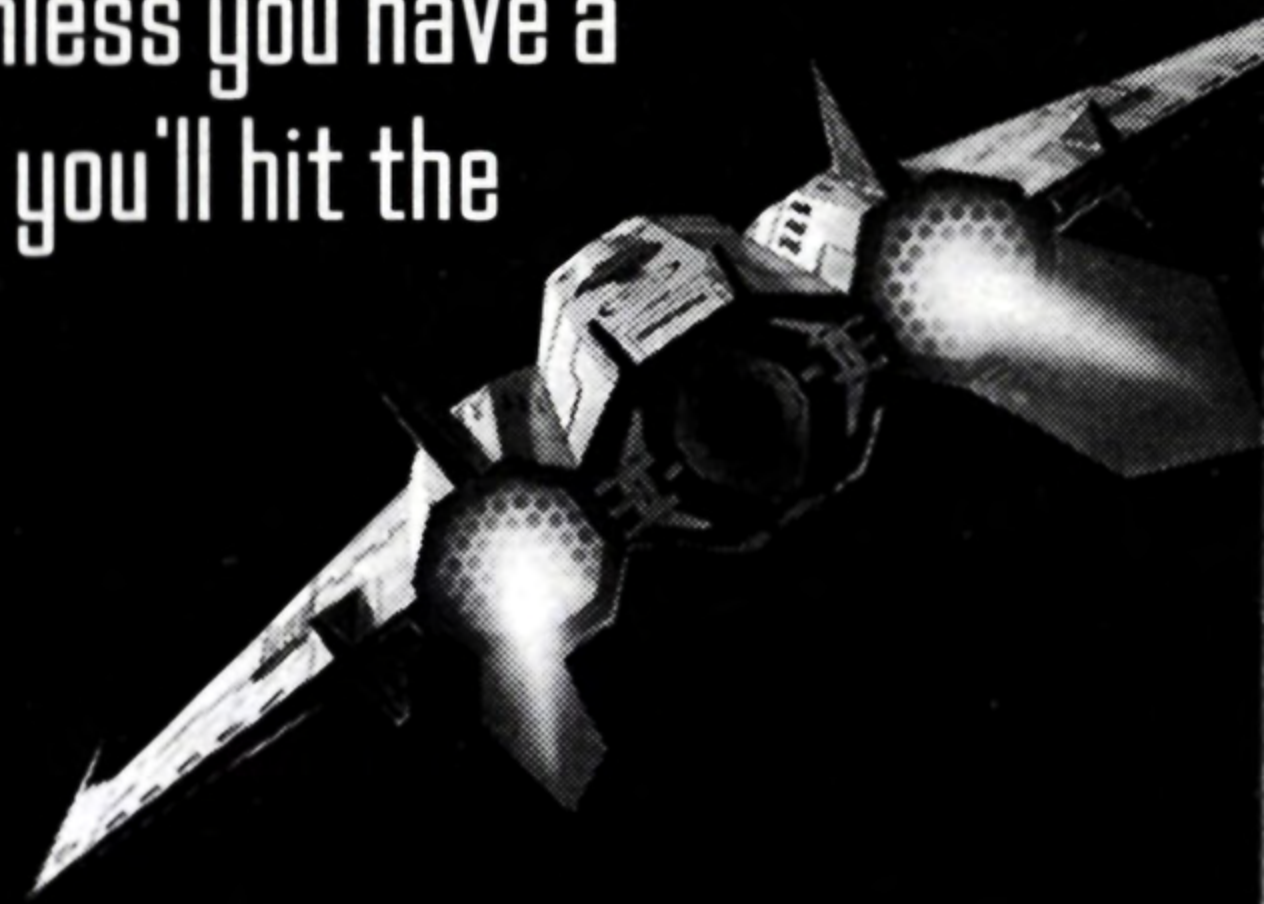
BEAM LASER: Fires a concentrated energy burst at the highlighted target.



MULTI-MISSILE: Fires three independently-targeted missiles at enemy targets. This puppy's so smart the enemy doesn't even have to be on the screen. The downside is that they only work at close quarters.



MINES: Releases airborne mines that destroy pursuing enemy aircraft and incoming missiles.



If it gets too hot for you in battle, use your panic button — the ■ Button — to save your worthless hide! The Emergency Counter-Measures (ECM) control emits an electromagnetic burst that destroys all missile targeting systems in the area. Including your own missiles, so be careful with it!

STRATEGIC MAP

So you won't get lost, we provided a nice little map for you! The strategic map not only shows your current position above the battlefield but it also helps you identify targets and keep track of friendly aircraft. Press the ▲ Button to activate or close the strategic map. Remember that you can reconfigure this control if you want.



The letters (A-H) and numbers (1-8) are map coordinates. Press the R1 or L1 Button to increase and decrease the magnification of the strategic map, as shown by the 1, 2 and 4 in the upper left corner.

Pressing the Directional Button moves a red bull's-eye targeting icon around the strategic map. At 2 and 4 times magnification, you scroll the map with the Directional Button.



INFORMATION SCREEN

Pressing the **X** Button when the targeting icon is over a moving object locks onto it. Pressing the **■** Button brings up an information screen about the object. For the Star Fighter, the top four boxes show the power level of the engine, ship controls, shields and lasers in order. The lower eight boxes show the current ammunition and lives remaining (A-T-G missiles, A-T-A missiles, Megabombs and ECMs to the left; beam laser, multi-missile, mines and remaining lives to the right).



MAP SYMBOLS

M On the strategic map, the Star Fighter appears as a ship graphic (in a blue circle) pointing in the direction it is moving. Your mothership appears as a yellow "M." Friendly aircraft in your formation appear as yellow "F"s with blue arrows.

F Enemy aircraft appear as yellow "F"s with red circles. Enemy targets appear on the strategic maps as red **X**'s, and enemy satellites are marked by small satellite icons inside red circles. If it's red on the strategic map, attack it!

The yellow dots that light up on radar are things that can be destroyed. They may or may not be objective targets. And they may or may not be of strategic importance to your survival!

REVIEWING THE MISSION OBJECTIVES

While the strategic map is active, press the ● Button to replay your mission briefing. During the briefing, use the Directional Button UP/DOWN or L1/R1 Button to scroll through the mission description. Press the ▲ Button at any time to return to the map.

ENERGY CRYSTALS

As you zip around the battlefield, blasting things to atoms, you'll notice some strange colored crystals floating up into the air. The boys in R&D have incorporated the first ever matter-energy converter in your Star Fighter! It transforms some of the chemical and electromagnetic components in destroyed targets into energy crystals. These crystals help you replenish the ammunition for your weapons or enhance your fighter.

Just fly your Star Fighter through the energy crystals to gather them, but be quick about it because they soon dissipate. You can hold four crystals in your cargo hold, as shown in the lower right corner of the view screen.

As you gather energy crystals in certain orders, they are removed from the screen and you get ammunition refills and other bonuses. Groups of crystals are removed from right to left and require either two, three or four crystals.



The boys in R&D are still trying to figure out all the possible combinations, but they're sure about these two groups:

BONUS

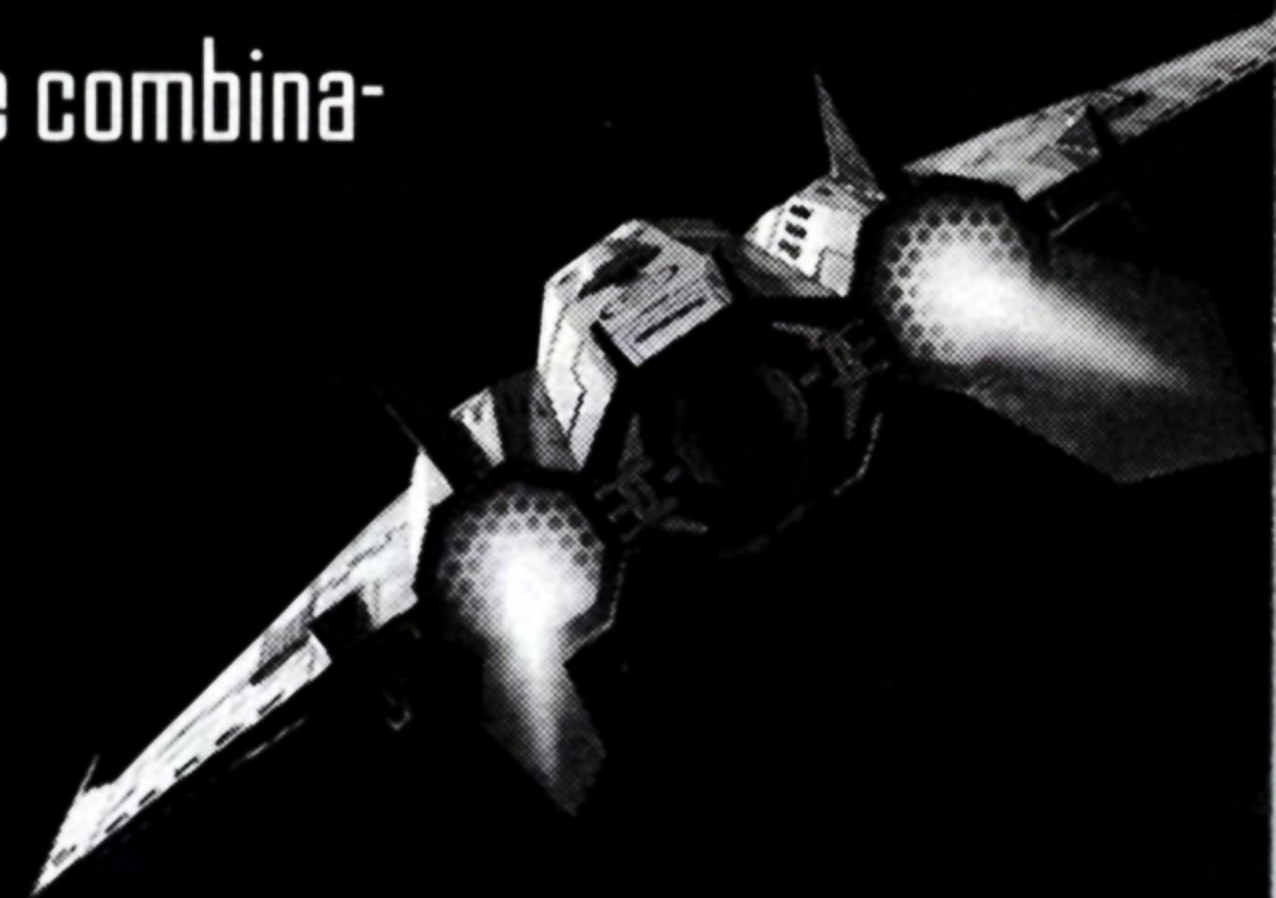
ENERGY CRYSTALS

Laser

Red, red

Shields

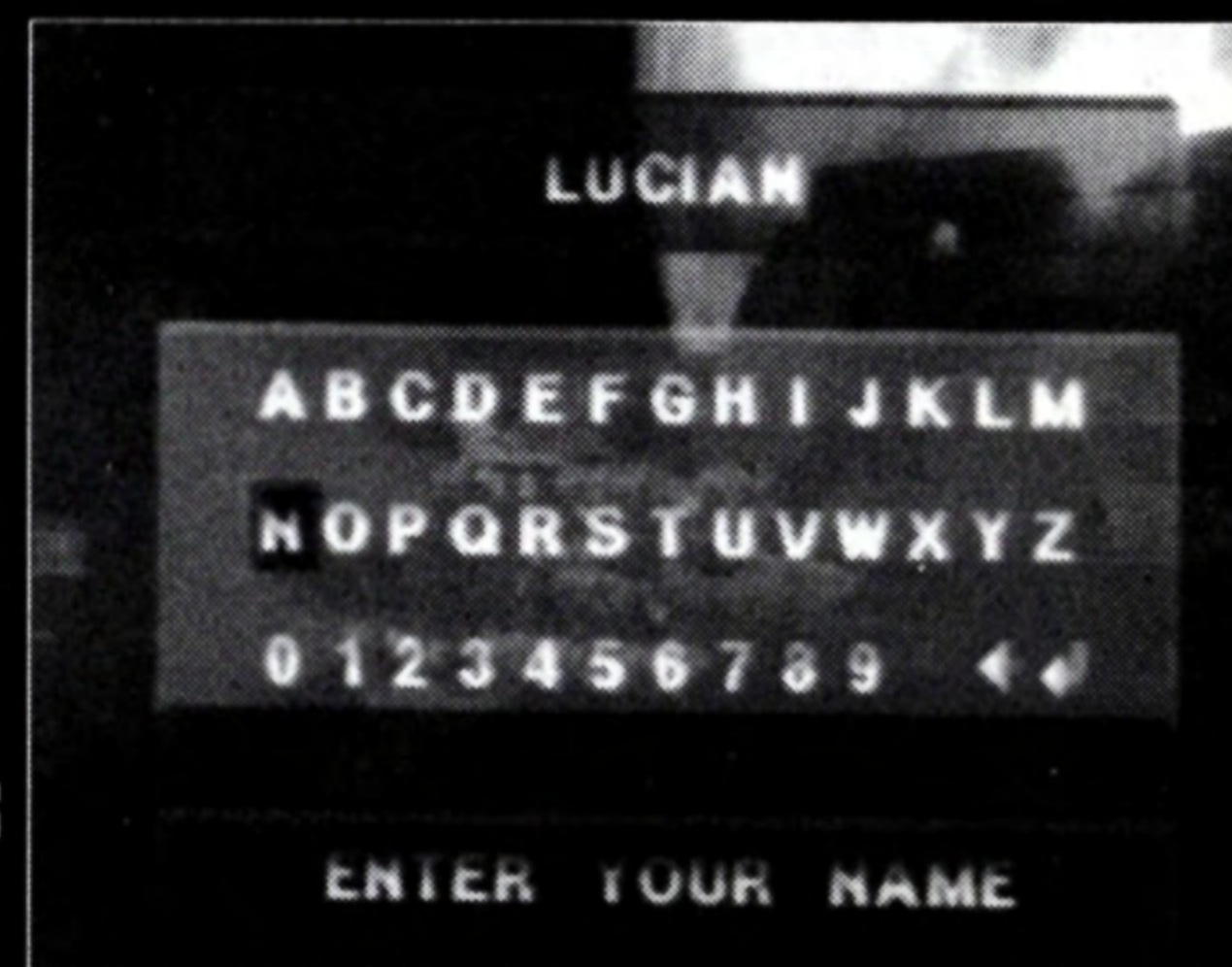
Yellow, yellow



Make sure you tell the R&D pencil-necks any new crystal combinations you stumble upon. They haven't got a clue. Isn't it nice to know there's someone even less competent than yourself?

COMPLETING A MISSION

You end a mission by fulfilling the objectives given in the mission briefing. You'll be alerted automatically when this happens. Sometimes you'll have to dock with the mothership to leave the battlefield. We keep track of completed missions by deleting the mission number in the Select Mission menu. When you finish all the missions in a row, you move up to the next row. As you complete groups of 15 missions, you'll get a promotion...if you're lucky!



If you scored high enough, we'll let you enter your name in the Hall of Fame. When the Name Entry box appears, scroll through the box with the Directional Button and press the **X** Button to spell out your name. If you make a mistake, highlight the pink arrow and press the **X** Button. When you finish your name, highlight the green return symbol and press the **X** Button.

There are four Halls of Fame, one for each command level. The halls appear when you are outside a mission, have a menu open and do nothing for a period of time. Press any button to go back to the menus. To view the Halls of Fame, open a menu and wait for a few minutes. The Halls of Fame do not appear when you are in a mission.

THE GAME PAUSED MENU

If the action gets too hot for you, you can wimp out and press the **START BUTTON** to bring up the Game Paused menu. To resume the game, press the **START BUTTON** again.

The Game Paused menu is used to change the player and game camera settings, to give orders to other ships

accompanying you on a mission and to quit the game. Camera settings and aircraft formations are explained below.



If you want to quit the game, press the **SELECT BUTTON**, then highlight "Quit" and press the **X Button**. You will be asked to confirm that you want to leave the game. Press the **X Button** again if you wish to quit or the **START BUTTON** to return to the game.

FORMATION CONTROL

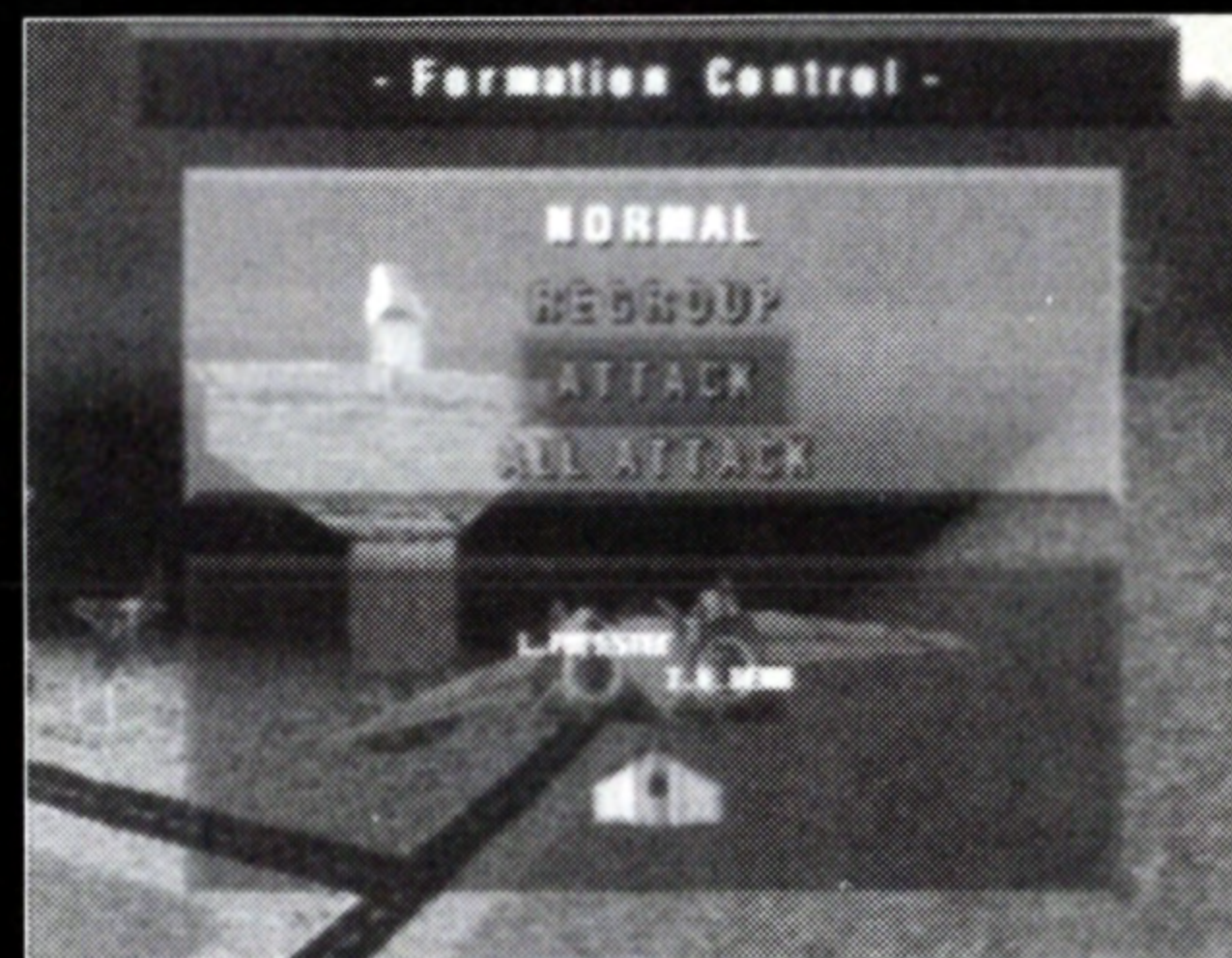
In many missions, the enemy will be so tough that even a hot-shot pilot like you won't be able to survive on your own. In such cases, we'll order other friendly combat aircraft to accompany you. Although you don't fly these ships personally, you determine their overall conduct as a formation.

If you do not start the mission near the rest of the ships in your formation, you will have to track them down. When you get close enough, they will request to join up with you. Press the **START BUTTON** to bring up the Formation Control menu. Press the **X Button** to enter the Formation menu and assign them the formation you wish.

You'll have four formation options:

ATTITUDE: Changes the formation's approach to combat from Normal to Aggressive to Defensive.

REGROUP: Orders the other fighters to join up on your wing.



ATTACK: Orders individual vehicles to peel off one at a time to launch individual attacks.

ALL ATTACK: Orders all vehicles in the formation to attack.

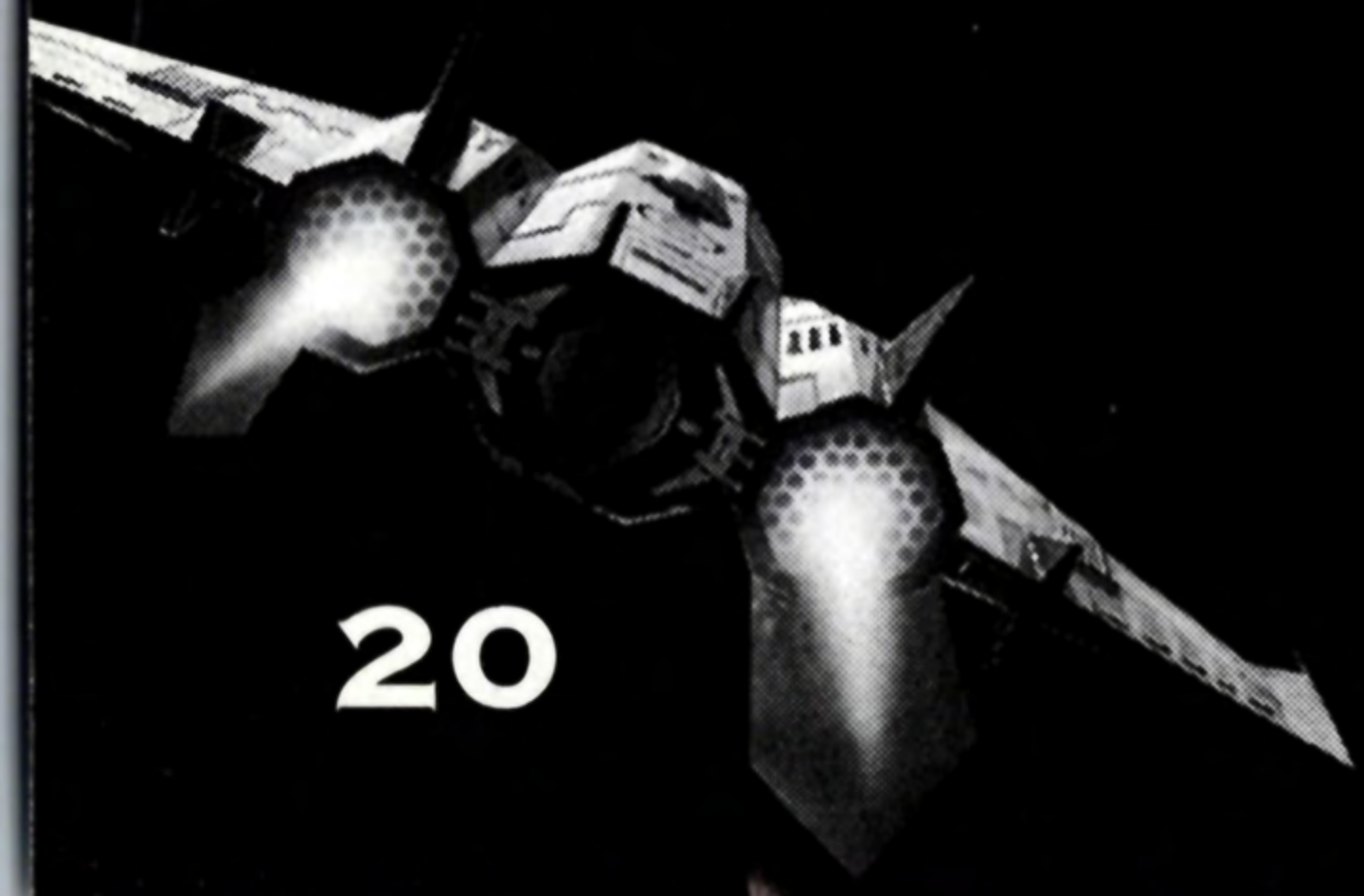
Friendly ships on the attack display a small red "A" on the strategic map, and ships on patrol bear a small blue "P." You'll know the ships in your formation cause we marked them on the strategic map with a green "F" — as in FRIEND! So don't blow your friends away!

CAMERA SETTINGS

You can employ two camera views during a mission. The "Camera 1" always looks at your Star Fighter. The "Camera 2" looks at the Star Fighter by default but can be set to look at something else. Pressing the ● Button toggles between the two camera views (you can change this control if you want).



Both cameras can be set to four different viewpoints. To change camera views, bring up the Game Paused menu and select the camera you want to change.



Here are your available view options:

EXTERNAL: Views the Star Fighter from outside — behind, ahead, above or below. The default setting is just behind the aircraft. The angle at which this camera is set can be changed to suit your taste (see "Moving the Camera" on page 23).

COCKPIT: Views the battlefield from inside the Star Fighter's cockpit.

TRACKING: Views the Star Fighter from outside at a distance.

FLYBY: Views the Star Fighter zooming at an angle across the screen.

For Camera 2, you have an additional option — Look At. There are four viewpoints you can assign to this camera:

PLAYER: Shows the Star Fighter in the assigned camera view — external, cockpit, tracking or fly-by. This is the default setting.

TEAM: Shows each team member in order.

ENEMY: Shows the external view of each enemy aircraft in order. If there are no enemy vehicles, it defaults to "Player" (the Star Fighter) until an enemy appears.

WEAPONS: Shows the external view of your first fired missile or megabomb. Until a weapon is fired, the camera defaults to the Camera 1 view. When a weapon is fired, the camera switches to its view in Camera 2 until it is destroyed.

To change camera options, use the Directional Button LEFT/RIGHT. When using the Look At option to change Camera 2, press the L1/R1 Button to cycle through team members, enemy ships and weapons. Return to the game by pressing either the START BUTTON or X Button.

Note: While in the formation screen, the ▲ BUTTON must be pressed to return to the "PAUSE MENU" and then the START BUTTON must be pressed to return to gameplay.

MOVING THE CAMERA VIEW

For both cameras, you can change the angle for the external camera by pressing the X Button. You can't change the camera angle for the other options.

Press the Directional Button to rotate the camera. Press the X Button to cycle through the four set camera views. The L1/R1 Button zooms the camera in and out. When you are satisfied with the camera view, press the START BUTTON to exit.



All right, rookies, that's it! You are dismissed!

Well, what are you loitering around here for? You've got a mission to fly!

Move it!

GO, GO, GO, GO, GOOOO!!!

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