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FAULTESS DEFFENSE

Push the punch and kick buttons simultaneously while pushing the directional button for a guard position to enter a special guard condition that creates a barrier around you. This prevents your opponent from shaving away your strength with deadly attacks, and the knock back is greater than when you use normal guards, giving you more time to ready an attack against your opponent. You can also guard against attacks that cannot be guarded against during jumps. One drawback: while performing this Faultless Defense, your Tension Gauge decreases in real time. When the Tension Gauge power is depleted, this guard can no longer be used.





ROMAN CANCEL

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While hitting your opponent with an attack, push any 3 of the attack buttons to forcefully stop attack actions and return your character to a normal standing pose. With the application of this move, you can create your own original combo attacks. In order to perform a Roman Cancel, your Tension Gauge must be at least 50% full.









JUMP CANCE

There are certain attacks that can be cancelled mid-move into a jump. This is called a Jump Cancel. When hitting an opponent with, or guarding against certain attacks, press the Directional button UP to cancel into a jump. Successfully Jump Canceling can help to enhance your combo techniques.

COUNTER HIT

While your opponent is trying to use a move, you can counter attack by hitting him with one of your attacks. Because your opponent's time off balance is increased, this move allows you to use combo attacks that you normally couldn't use.

RECOVERY DIRECTION

When you use a Recovery move by pushing a directional button, you can recover from a knock down in the direction you press. Once you realize you're going to be knocked down, a Recovery can provide you with a chance to counterattack if used correctly.

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In the 22nd Century, mankind succeeded in harnessing the power of magic, which provided for a limitless source of natural energy. Scientific thought, as it was known, was outlawed throughout the world. But warring among the nations continued, and eventually, a new breed of amazingly powerful biological weapons was developed. This was the birth of the "Gears."

One day, from among the ranks of these slave-like Gears, a rebel appeared, declaring himself capable of independent thought. This powerful being possessed awesome fighting ability, and went by the name "Justice." Enlisting an army of fellow Gears from around the globe, he declared war on the human race. In opposition, humankind formed the Sacred Order of Holy Knights, whose sole purpose was to crush the Gear rebellion and wage a Holy War against the renegade humanoids. After a period of countless battles, which came to be known as the Crusades, Justice was eventually banished to an impenetrable dimensional prison, and the remaining Gears, now leaderless, were hunted down one by one...

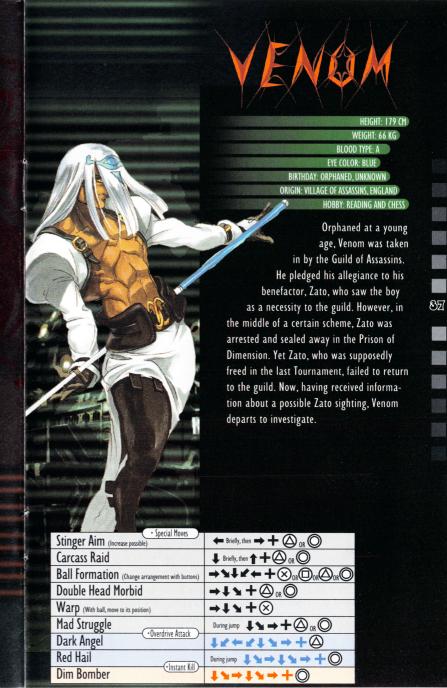
Five years later, a morbid sense of fear that Justice had been resurrected enveloped the world. The Union of Nations, who looked gravely upon the current state of affairs, organized an international fighting tournament to select members suitable enough for inclusion in the Sacred Order of Holy Knights. It was a cruel and suspicious affair, wherein criminals were allowed to compete and the shedding of blood during battles was not only permitted, but common...

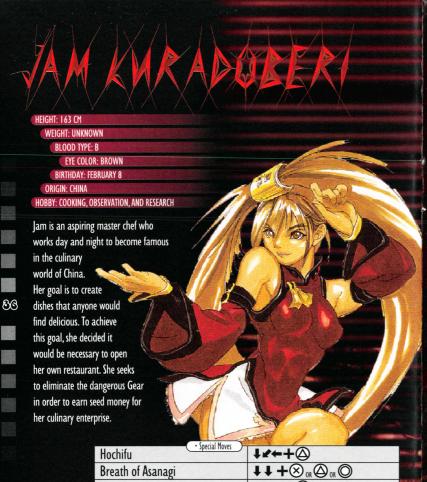
In the year 2180, Justice—the most powerful and diabolical Gear ever to have been encountered by humans—was defeated in the international fighting tournament. The remaining Gears, now leaderless, were hunted

down and eliminated. Humankind was finally free from the catastrophic menace brought on by the Gears.

However... less than a year after the incident, information about the discovery of a particular Gear rose to the public's attention. The report stated, "This Gear is functioning properly, even though its activities should be inhibited by its lack of leadership. There are no signs of abnormalities or physical damage. It is also noted that no civilians have been harmed, either intentionally or accidentally. We have made several attempts to eliminate the Gear, but due to its tremendous combat capabilities, we have been unsuccessful. The number of casualties has yet to be confirmed. We are currently keeping the Gear under surveillance." Gears are biological weapons that are programmed to blindly obey the orders given to them by their commander. In the absence of orders, they become passive and behave peacefully. However, all existing Gears have had their memories erased by Justice, and without orders, they are incapable of doing anything. Not only do they lack the instinct to protect themselves, they cannot even perform the essential activities they need to keep themselves alive. As long as a Gear is functioning properly, it should be following commands given by lustice. Understandably, the news of this Gear that seemed to have a will of its own stunned everyone. Humans became terrified by the possible emergence of a second self-reliant Gear like Justice. To make matters worse, rumors were flying that each nation was in possession of their own Gears for the purpose of military use, driving anti-Gear sentiment among humans to an all-time high. They would not give up their long-awaited peace so easily, and soon, an announcement was made:

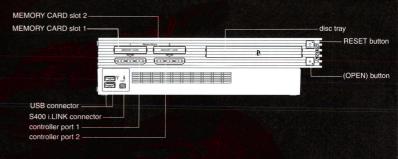
Whosoever brings about the demise of this dreadful Gear shall be rewarded with the lofty sum of 500,000 World Dollars!





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| Ryujin | ↓1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 |
| Gekirin | ↓/ ← + ⊗ (OK During Jump) |
| Kenrokaku | →↓↓ +⊗ (OK During Jump) |
| Bakushu | ↑ ⊁→+⊗ |
| Mawarikomi | During Bakushu |
| Ashibarai | During Bakushu 🛞 |
| Hyappo Shinsho | During Bakushu 🔷 |
| Senri Shinsho | During Bakushu |
| Houeikyaku Overdrive Attack | During Jump ↓+⊗ |
| Chokyaku Houosho | →≯†×←→ + (|
| Renhoukyaku (Instant Kill) | →×+×←→ + ○ |
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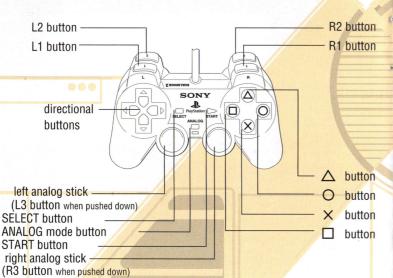


STRUTTER

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 Guilty Gear X 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 onscreen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.



DUALSHOCK™2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



GUARD (POSSIBLE DURING JUMPS)

Push the directional button in the opposite direction to guard against attacks. This can be done during jumps, too. DASH (POSSIBLE DURING JUMPS)

Push the directional button quickly two times in the direction of your opponent to dash. (This move cannot be used with some characters.)

BACKSTEP (POSSIBLE DURING JUMPS)

Push the directional button quickly two times away from your opponent to jump back. (This move cannot be used with some characters.)

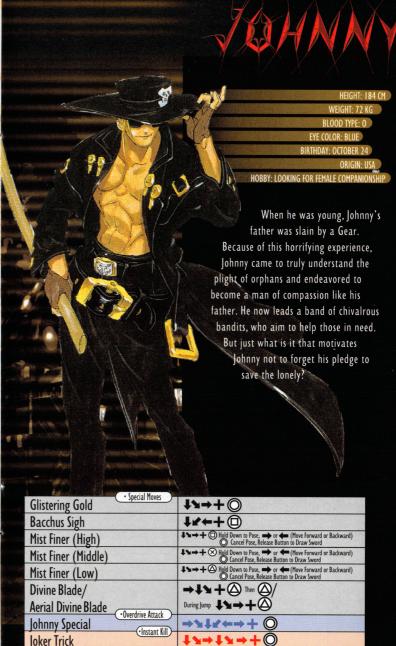
START BUTTON

Push this button during game play to pause. Push this button on the unused controller for Burst-In Two-Player Play.

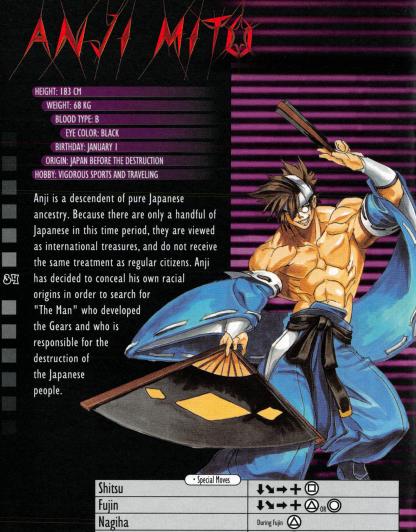
R1: Taunt/Respect - Press R1 Button to Taunt Press R1 Button and Directional Button forward to respect the opponent LI Button: Memory Button, used for the background selection.



*All commands are for characters facing the right of the screen.



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| Nagiha | During Fujin 🛆 |
| Shin Ichishiki | During Fujin 🔘 |
| Shin Nishiki | During Fujin 🗙 or During Jump 💵 🖛 🕂 🔲 |
| Kou | During Attack Guard Motion |
| On | →↓ ¥+◎ |
| Kai Overdrive Attack | ↓/ ←+□ _{0R} ⊗ |
| Issei Ogi "Sai" | →×+×←→+© |
| Zetsu | ↓ → ↓ × → † ○ |

GUUSSELETU

I. LIFE BAR

Shows the character's remaining strength. The characters that use up all of their strength lose first.

2. VICTORY MARK

This mark shows the number of battles you have won.

3. TIME CLOCK

Displays the remaining amount of time in the round. The player with the most remaining strength wins when time runs out.

4. SCORE

Displays players' current scores.

5. GUARD LEVEL GAUGE

This gauge increases when you successfully guard against opponent attacks and decreases when you are attacked. When this gauge climbs to a certain level, any oncoming attacks are unconditionally treated as a counterattack.

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6. TENSION GAUGE

A gauge required for moves like Overdrive Attacks and Roman Cancels. This gauge increases with the use of attacks and dashes. (For more details, see p. 20)

7. HITS

Displays the number of times your attack hit the opponent in succession.

8. MEDALS

Shows the medals you've won in the Arcade Mode and Training Mode when the MEDAL MODE has been switched to ON in the Game Options Mode.







Combatants engage in battle and the first to deplete the opponent's Life Bar wins the round. The first to win the best of 3 rounds wins the match.

*You can change the number of rounds in the Game Options Mode.



One round consists of 99 seconds. If this limit is exceeded. the game ends and the player with the highest remaining strength level wins.

*You can change time limits in the Game Options Mode.



In the event of a double knockout or when players have the same amount of remaining strength levels when time runs out, the round ends in a draw. If the match cannot be decided in 3 rounds, a fourth round (the final round) begins. If the match is not decided even in the fourth round, the game ends for both players.



Even when the game ends in the Arcade Mode, you can resume play by pushing the START Button while the Continue Screen is displayed.

*By switching the Short Cut option to ON in the Game Options Mode, the Continue Screen appears immediately after losing to let you select whether you want to continue and choose a new character. The match will resume if you select Continue, and when you select Character Select, you can choose a new character for the resumption of play.



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During Souten Enshin Rambu

Backward Move

Shower Hack

In Your Face!

From On High

Gamble Attack

Watch Your Back!

Super What's Next?

This Week's Climax

Neck Periscope/Growing Flower

Overdrive Attack

Instant Kill

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Push the START Button when the Title
Screen appears to call up the Mode
Select Screen. Select a mode with the
directional buttons and push the START
Button to confirm your choice.

*Push the Button while the Mode Selection Screen is displayed to return to the Title Screen.



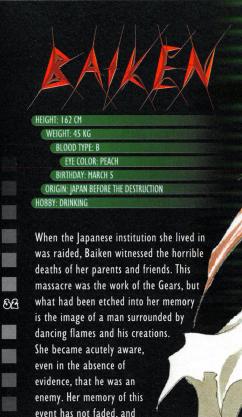
ARCADE

ARCADE MODE

A mode wherein you take on CPU opponents in elimination battles. Defeat a certain number of opponents to clear the game and reach the ending. Another player can burst into a one-player game for two-player competition by pushing the START Button on the unused controller.







she continues on to search for the true identity of "The Man," to exact her revenge.



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VERSUS MODE

A mode for two-player battles only. This mode cannot be used unless two controllers are connected to the main console. Once a round ends, the Character Select Screen will again appear.

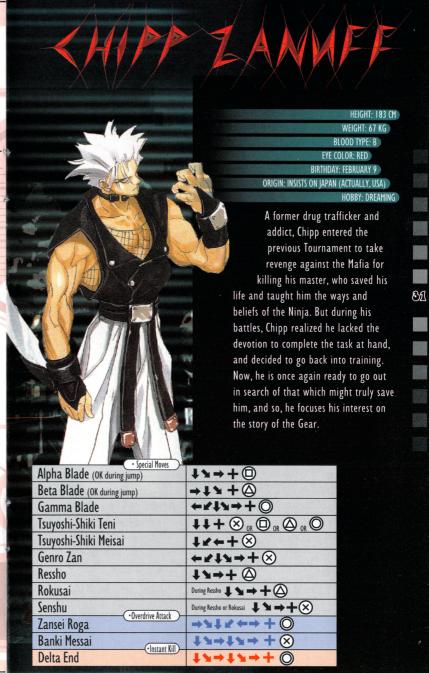
*Two-player battles require a second game controller, which is sold separately.

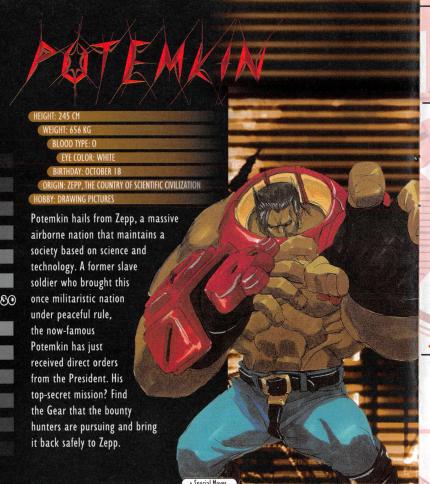


*SELECTING BACKGROUNDS

You can select battle venues in the Versus Mode and Training Mode. First, call up the Character Select Screen and move the cursor to the character whose background you want to use. Then push the L1 Button to call up the "BG" cursor, which shows this background has been selected. If no background is selected, the background of the Player 2 character will be selected automatically.







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| Mega Fist II | 1×++@ |
| Sliding Head | 17→+◎ |
| Hammer Fall | ← Briefly, then → + ○ |
| Potemkin Buster | Near Opponent → ★ ↓ ✔ ← → + □ |
| Heat Knuckle - | → ↓ > + ◎- |
| Heat Extend Overdrive Attack | → > 1×←+◎ |
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| Heavenly Potemkin Buster | ↑ ≯→ ↑ ≯→+◎ |
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TRAINING

TRAINING MODE

A mode for practicing basic commands and combo attacks. Select your character and sparring partner to serve as your punching bag. If you want to adjust various settings during game play, push the START Button to call up the Training Menu. Switch between CONFIG and ENEMY SETTING using L1(L2)/R1(R2) buttons.





CONFIG

Used primarily to change System Screen settings.

RETURN

Returns you to the game screen.

TENSION MAX

Locks the Tension Gauge in the maximum position.

GUARD LEVEL

Lets you adjust the initial position of the Guard Level Gauge.

DAMAGE DISP

Displays information such as character damage and numbers of combos used.

CHARACTER SELECT

Lets you change the character for training.

KEY CONFIG

Lets you rearrange attack buttons to your preference.

COMMAND LIST

Displays the move commands for your character.

DEFAULT

TITLE

Returns all CONFIG settings to their initial state.

Returns you to the Title Screen.

ENEMY SETTING

This is used primarily for changing sparring partner settings.

RETURN

Returns you to the game screen.

MODE

Lets the CPU control your sparring partner.

ENEMY STATE

Lets you adjust the condition of your sparring partner to 1 of 3 settings.

GUARD

Lets you determine whether your sparring partner can guard against attacks or not.

RECOVERY

Lets you set your sparring partner's ability to recoil from attacks at 1 of 4 levels.

ATTACK MEMORY

When you switch this item to ON and exit the menu, "STANDBY" appears on the screen to prompt recording. Then push the Memory Button (LI Button) to begin recording.

Recording time lasts 15 seconds.

You can control the sparring partner during the recording period. Recording is completed when 15 seconds pass or you push the Memory Button a second time.

Once recording is complete, you can make the sparring partner perform the recorded moves each time you push the Memory Button. This recorded action can be used indefinitely, as long as a new recording is not made. *SHORTCUT: Depress the Memory Button for 1 second or more to call up the Record Standby state any time you want and bypass the menu screen.

ENEMY LEVEL

When choosing "vsCPU" from the MODE, this lets you set the CPU opponent's strength setting; the higher the level, the stronger the character.

LIFE REGAIN

Lets you determine whether the sparring partner recovers strength during play.

DEFAULT

Returns all ENEMY SETTING items to their initial settings.



HEIGHT: 181 CM
WEIGHT: 68 KG
BLOOD TYPE: A
EYE COLOR: ORIGINALLY BLUE
BIRTHDAY: JANUARY 28
ORIGIN: VILLAGE OF ASSASSINS, SPAIN
HOBBY: GUESS WHO WROTE CERTAIN FLOWERY PHRASES

The leader of an organization of assassins, Zato has gained the ability to manipulate shadows in exchange for his vision. But the constant battling in the previous Tournament took its toll on him, and the shadows seized control of his body. Now, his shadow possesses its own will and thought, and seeks out its brethren. With the word of a substantial amount of prize money, the shadow begins to follow the scent of the new Gear.

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| | • Special Moves | |
|------|---------------------------------------|--|
| ı | Invite Hell | ↓↓ + △ or ○ |
| 用的 | Break the Law | ↓ / ← + ⊗ Pressed Down |
| | Summon Eddie Return with same command | ↓ ▶ + ⊗ OR □ OR △ OR ○ |
| | Tiny Attack | During Summon Eddie 🔘 |
| | Moving Attack | During Summon Eddie 🗙 |
| | Anti-Aerial Attack | During Summon Eddie 🛆 |
| P | Drill Special | During Summon Eddie |
| | Drunkard Shade | ↑* ←+⊗ |
| 用 | Damned Fang Overdrive Attack | Near Opponent → ↓ ★ + △ |
| 間語 | Executor | During Jump The state of the |
| | Amorphous | →>+×+→+○ |
| | Megalith Head | During Summon → ★ ↓ ✔ ← → + △ |
| nill | Black in Mind | ↑ > ↑ > + ○ |



Axl is actually a man of the 20th century. Due to a cruel twist of fate, he got sucked into a time slip that has been bouncing him around irregularly through time and space. Unable to find a way back home, he continued to roam through time in search of an answer. During his journey, he learned of another time traveler just like him, known only as "The Man."

Sensing the presence of "The Man" behind the incident with the Gear, he

decides to enter the Tournament...

BIRTHDAY: DECEMBER 25

ORIGIN: ENGLAND

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inked to Axl Bomber) Special Moves Benten Gari -Continue to Axl Bomber ← Briefly Then → + △ Rensen Geki During Rensen Geki T OR Pressed Down Kyokusa Geki Sensa Geki During Rensen Geki JOR Marressed Down ← Briefly Then → + ○ Rasho Sen Tenhou Seki 14-+0 Raiei Sageki →>↓ L × ← + △ OR ○ (During Jump) → ↓ 🕦 + 🔘 Axl Bomber · Overdrive Attack Hyakue Renshou (Instant Kill **↑**×→ **↑**× → **+** ○ Midare Gami

SURVIVAL

SURVIVAL MODE

A mode wherein you race to defeat one CPU opponent after another and rack up points.

In this mode, you build up experience points to increase your ability level whenever you bop an opponent. As your level rises, the opponents become stronger and you clear the game when your level reaches 100. When you clear a stage, your Life Bar is slightly restored. If you lose a round, though, the game ends. Compete for the highest total of cleared stages or the fastest time.

*You cannot adjust the number of round or game difficulty in Survival Mode using the Game Options Mode.



Current Level

Total Time



Level Up Display



RECORDING

RECORDING MODE

This is a one-player mode wherein you can record one round's worth of images played against a sparring partner.

*You can save recorded rounds when a memory card is inserted into the console.

One recording session requires 95 KB of the memory card's (8MB)(For PlayStation®2) storage capacity.



RECORDING

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Select this to record a round from the start. If a memory card is not inserted, previous recordings will be deleted each time this item is selected. Recorded rounds are also deleted when the console is turned off.



REPLAY

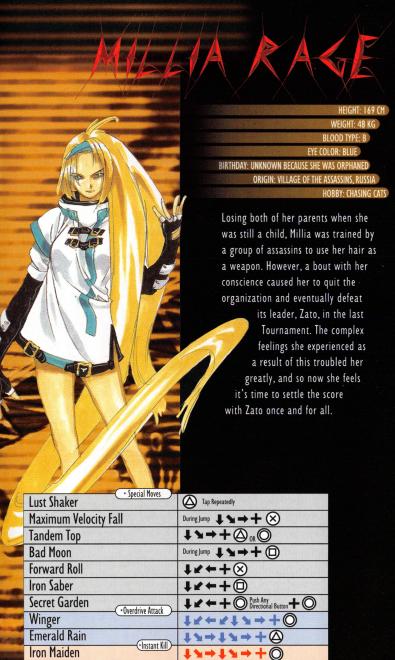
Replays rounds stored with RECORDING. Numerous files may be store when a memory card is inserted into the console. Select the file you want to see with the cursor.

DATA DELETE

Lets you delete rounds saved with RECORDING. When a memory card is inserted into the console, you can select any number of files you want to delete.

TITLE

Returns you to the Title Screen.



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OPTIONS

OPTIONS MODE

Lets you change various game settings.



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GAME OPTIONS

GAME LEVEL

Lets you set the game difficulty of the Arcade Mode at 1 of 6 levels.

TIME LIMIT

Lets you set the game time at I of 4 times in the Arcade Mode and VS Mode.



ROUND

Lets you set the number of rounds per match at 1 of 3 settings for the Arcade Mode and VS Mode.

SHORT CUT

Lets you set whether you want to cut scenes, demos, and continue displays during play.

MEDAL MODE

Lets you set whether medals will be awarded for score levels in the Arcade Mode and Training Mode.

DEFAULT

Returns altered settings in Game Options to their initial state.

EXIT

Returns you to the Options Screen.

SOUND TEST

Lets you listen to such things as the game soundtrack and special effects or change the output to stereo or mono.



MEMORY CARD

DATA SAVE

Lets you save score rankings, character charts, option settings, etc., on the memory card. 70 KB of memory are required to save this data.



DATA LOAD

Lets you load files saved on the memory card.

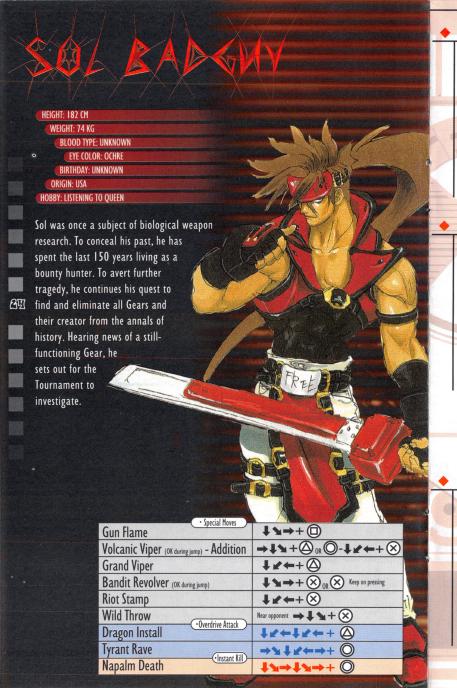
AUTO SAVE

Saves all sorts of data automatically when set to ON.

A separately sold memory card is required to save game data. Once the items above have been determined, push the directional button to select the memory card you want to use and push the Button to confirm.

*Do not turn off the console, or remove/insert the memory card, other peripherals or the game controller while saving and loading data.





RANKING

Lets you check scor<mark>es</mark>, character charts, rankings, etc., from the Arcade Mode and Survival Mode.

- Push the right and left directional buttons to cycle through the score menus.
- Switch between ARCADE and SURVIVAL using the L1 (L2)/R1(R2) buttons.



ADJUST SETTINGS

Lets you set the position of the game screen on your television. Select each item with the cursor and make adjustments by pushing the right and left directional buttons.



POSITION V

Lets you adjust the vertical positioning of the screen.

POSITION H

Lets you adjust the horizontal positioning of the screen.

DEFAULT

Returns the screen display to its initial position.

KEY CONFIG

Lets you assign various movements like punches and kicks, as well as special actions to the buttons you want. You can also use this to turn the Vibration function on or off.



All commands are for characters facing the right of the screen.

GUARD

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ECHNIQUE

Stand or Crouch

Push the directional button opposite of the direction of your opponent to guard against attacks. There are standing and crouching guards which you must use according to your opponents' attacks. Standing guards are used to defend against high and mid-level attacks, while crouching guards are used against low attacks. You can use guards during jumps, but these are basically useless if your opponent is attacking on the ground.



TWO-LEVEL JUMPS

During Jump ► or ↑ or ➤

Lets you jump again while in the air (allows Chipp Zanuff to jump three levels).



INSTANT KILL

Push 4 attack buttons simultaneously and enter special character commands.

As the name implies, these are the ultimate deadly attack that can do away with opponents with a single blast. As these moves are awesomely powerful, they take a long time to unleash.

Command Input Process

First push down all 4 attack buttons.

The Tension Gauge changes from its normal condition to the INSTANT KILL GAUGE to prepare for the INSTANT KILL. The energy level of the INSTANT KILL GAUGE is the same as the Tension Gauge level was before activation. The INSTANT KILL GAUGE decreases with time, and when the gauge is emptied, character strength starts to be consumed. If you push all 4 attack buttons again in this state, you can return to the normal Tension Gauge state.





To unleash the Instant Kill attack, enter the special commands in this state. (See pp. 24 to 37).



Unleashing an Instant Kill attack, completely depletes the Tension Gauge. That is, if this move misses your opponent, during the rest of the round you won't be able to use various actions that require the Tension Gauge.

GATLING COMBO

COMMAND

Push buttons at the right time in a specified order

A method of linking normal moves together as combo attacks. The moment you hit an opponent with a normal attack, enter the commands for another normal attack to create combos. The number of moves that can be used in combos vary with each character. Find out which attacks can be linked together!



OVERDRIVE ATTACK

COMMAND

Enter special commands unique to characters

These are awesomely powerful attacks that use up 50% of the Tension Gauge. The commands for this move vary with each character. (See pp. 24 to 37.)



HIGH IUMP

COMMAND

COMMAN

Press the down then up directional buttons quickly to jump higher than the usual jumps. However, you cannot use a Two-Level Jump after a High Jump.



FORWARD THRUST ATTACK

+ Attack Button

With a Punch or Heavy Slash common to all characters, keep the right directional button pressed down while attacking to transform attacks.

*Certain characters can use this with kicks,



DEAD ANGLE ATTACK

COMMAND

During Guard + Any 2 Attack Buttons Pushed Simultaneously

At the instant you've guarded against an opponent's attack, push any 2 attack buttons simultaneously while pushing down on the right directional button to counterattack from the guard position.

*The Tension Gauge must be at 50% or above for this move.



DUST ATTACK

Push a Slash and Heavy Slash button simultaneously while standing.

By pushing a Slash and Heavy Slash button you can use attacks that break crouching guards. Opponents attacked with this move will be spun around and knocked down, becoming temporarily defenseless. At this time, push up on the directional button to pounce on your opponent. It's a perfect chance to strike back with a combo attack.





Push a Slash and Heavy Slash button simultaneously while crouching.

Push a Slash and Heavy Slash button while in crouch to use the Sweep move. If this attack hits your opponent, he cannot bounce back from the attack with a Recovery move.



TENSION GUAGE

The Tension Gauge is a gauge that shows a character's hostility, which holds the key to victory. The power of this gauge increases when you use aggressive moves like moving forward, dashing, forward jumps, and attacks. As the power of this gauge increases, the moves listed below can be used.

MOVE NAME

Overdrive Attack (See p.22) Faultless Defense (See p. 38) Dead Angle Attack (See p. 19) Roman Cancel (See p. 38)

CONSUMPTION RATE

Gradually decreases while in use.

RECOVERY

Push any 2 attack buttons when knocked down

When knocked down after being attacked, push any 2 attack buttons simultaneously while in the air to regain your balance. This move enables you to quickly ready yourself against the next attack.



THROW

Push the right or left directional button near an opponent and push the Heavy Slash button to activate this special attack. It's a risky move because you have to be right near an opponent, but because he/she can't guard against this, it's an effective move to mix in with normal attacks.



+ Heavy Slash while near opponent

NEGATIVE PENALTIES

Negative penalties are levied against players who use moves contrary to those listed in the Tension Gauge section. If your attacks fail to hit their mark, or you do things like lingering too long at the side of the screen and backing away from opponents, all of the energy may drain from your Tension Gauge. In short: if you wimp out, you'll lose outso butch up, buddy!



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