

MANUAL v0.9.5



VOID MERCHANTS IS A SPACE INVADERS-INSPIRED SIDE-SCROLLER ROGUE-LIKE ACTION GAME BUILT ON PICO-8.

BLAST ENEMIES, COLLECT RESOURCES, AND TRADE YOUR WAY TO UPGRADES AS YOU PROGRESS THROUGH INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT SPACE BATTLES!

THIS IS THE GAME MANUAL. IT INTENTIONALLY DOESN'T REVEAL EVERY LITTLE DETAIL.

BUT IT SHOULD STILL AID YOU WELL IN YOUR ADVENTURE.

THANK YOU FOR PLAYING!



# CONTROLS

↑ ↓ ← → MOVE YOUR SHIP AND CURSOR WHILE TRADING

X OR V SHOOT-CAN BE HELD DOWN

Y/Z OR C INTERACT-TALK TO CHARACTERS OR PERFORM TRADES

ENTER OPEN THE PICO-8 PAUSE MENU FOR OPTIONS, SUCH AS THE VOLUME CONTROLS. USE THE START BUTTON ON CONTROLLERS!

CONTROLLERS ARE ALSO SUPPORTED!

THE BUTTONS SHOWN IN THE GAME ARE FOR A PLAYSTATION CONTROLLER BUTTON LAYOUT.

# SAVE & LOAD

YOU CAN CREATE A SAVE FOR YOUR CURRENT GAME AT EACH VISIT TO THE TRADER BY HITTING THE SHOOT BUTTON.

YOU CAN <mark>LOAD</mark> THEM AGAIN AT THE TITLE SCREEN BY HITTING THE INTERACT BUTTON.

#### BEWARE THOUGH®

EACH TIME YOU LOAD BACK INTO YOUR SAVE, 100 POINTS WILL BE SUBTRACTED FROM YOUR HIGH-SCORE AT THE END OF THE GAME.



# Abbreviations

HP SHIP HEALTH POINTS

SH . SHIP SHIELD POINTS

DR DRONE HEALTH POINTS + SHIELD

STG COMBINED FREE SHIP & DRONE

STORAGE

DMG COMBINED SHIP & DRONE DAMAGE

WPS COMBINED EQUIPPED WEAPONS

SP YOUR SPEED AS DECIMAL

STS YOUR SHOT SPEED AS DECIMAL

STG:0 DMG:<mark>:</mark> WPS:5 SP:1.4STS:1.7



# Tradins.

NAVIGATE WITH ↑ AND ↓. SELL OR BUY WITH THE INTERACT BUTTON.

SAVE WITH THE SHOOT BUTTON.

THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT TRADER:

- SELL GOODS SELL ALL GOODS YOU'VE
- PICKED UP SELL UPGRADES SELL ALL YOUR STORED UPGRADES
- SHIP HULL FULLY RESTORE YOUR
- UPGRADE<mark>SHIP HULL</mark> REPAIR SHIP HULL SHIP'S LIFE UPGRADE SHIP UPGRADE YOUR SHIP UPGRADE SHIP UPGRADE WHE UPGRADE SHIP - UPGRADE YOUR SHIP TIER. THIS IS ONLY AVAILABLE WHEN YOUR SHIP IS AT FULL LIFE REPAIR DRONES - FULLY RESTORE YOU

- REPAIR DRONES
  DRONES' LIFE
  RESTORE SHIP SHIELD RESTORE ONE
  POINT OF YOUR SHIP'S SHIELD
  RESTORE DRONE SHIELD RESTORE ONE
  POINT OF YOUR DRONES' SHIELD
  INSTALL STORED UPGRADES INSTALL
  INSTALL STORED UPGRADES NOT BE STORED UPGRADES THAT COULD NOT BE EQUIPPED DURING THE BATTLE INSTALL STRONGER WEAPONS - APPLIE
- APPLIES .
- POSSIBLE NUMBER
- INSTALL STRUNGER MEHPONS REPLIES ONLY TO SHIP MEAPONS
  INSTALL NEW MEAPON POSSIBLE NUMBER
  OF MEAPONS INCREASES WITH UPGRADED
  SHIP AND MORE DRONES
  BUY ATTACK / CARGO DRONE GET AN
  ADDITIONAL DRONE
  REBUILD DRONES TO ATTACK / CARGO CHANGES THE DRONE TYPE. BEWARE! THIS
  MIGHT COME WITH CERTAIN CAVEATS!

@SELL GOODS(<del>29</del>6) = 1009 SELL UPGRADES(40) REPRIR SHIP HULL(15) REPAIR DRONES(30) RESTORE SHIP SHIELD(1 \* 25) RESTORE DRONE SHIELD(3 \* 50) INSTALL STORED UPGRADES(1) INSTALL STRONGER WEAPONS(50) INSTALL NEW WEAPON(150) BUY ATTACK DRONE(400) REBUILD DRONES TO CARGO LERVE

YOUR CREDIT BALANCE STORED ITEMS





■ TO SRVE LEAVE THE TRADER



# **ITEMS**

THESE ARE ALL ITEMS THAT CAN BE DROPPED BY ENEMIES, LISTED IN THEIR ORDER OF RARITY AND VALUE.

### **BUFFS & RESTORATION**



SPEED BUFF



SHOT SPEED BUFF



LIFE RESTORE



SHIELD RESTORE

#### CREDITS



CREDIT



SUPER CREDIT

### **UPGRADES**



DAMAGE UPGRADE



EXTRA WEAPON UPGRADE



EXTRA DRONE UPGRADE







### TRADING GOODS



SCRAP



COPPER



GOLD.



PARTS CRATE



COBALT



PLATINUM



VDID FRAGMENT



VOID CRYSTAL



