

= Mega Man : Dr. Wily 's Revenge =

Mega Man : Dr. Wily 's Revenge , known as Rockman World (????????? , Rokkuman W?rudo) in Japan , is a platform video game by Capcom for the Nintendo Game Boy . It is the first game in the handheld series of the Mega Man franchise . It was first released in Japan on July 26 , 1991 , and was localized in North America that December and in Europe the following year . The game continues the adventures of the android hero Mega Man as he once again confronts the evil Dr. Wily , who has recently dispatched his revived " Robot Masters " and a new " Mega Man Killer " named Enker .

Dr. Wily 's Revenge is an action and platform game in same vein as the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) Mega Man games . The player is tasked with completing a series of four stages in any order desired . Beating a stage 's boss will earn the player a special weapon that can be selected at will and used throughout the rest of the game . Dr. Wily 's Revenge specifically takes components of the original Mega Man and Mega Man 2 , including their enemies , stage aesthetics , and Robot Masters .

According to series artist Keiji Inafune , Dr. Wily 's Revenge was the first Mega Man game to be outsourced to a developer separate from Capcom . Critical reception for the game has been favorable , and most sources have denoted it as a competent , if excessively difficult , portable version of the popular NES series . Dr. Wily 's Revenge was a best @-@ seller and spawned four sequels of its own on the Game Boy , many of which follow its trend of reusing elements from their home console counterparts . In 2011 , Dr. Wily 's Revenge was made available as a Virtual Console launch title on Japan 's Nintendo eShop for the Nintendo 3DS . It also appeared on PAL region and North American eShops later that year .

= = Plot = =

Set in the 21st century (" 200X ") , Mega Man : Dr. Wily 's Revenge follows the storyline of the original Mega Man series . The titular protagonist Mega Man , a super robot created by the benevolent Dr. Light , has restored peace to the world by halting the plans of the evil Dr. Wily and his powerful " Robot Masters " . In Dr. Wily 's Revenge , the mad scientist returns to send eight of his old robot masters to contend with the hero once again . After vanquishing four of the robot masters , Mega Man heads to Wily 's Fortress and deals with the remaining half of them . The protagonist then battles a new robot designed solely for destroying him , the " Mega Man Killer " Enker . As Mega Man defeats Enker and obtains his mirror buster ability , Wily retreats to a space station . Mega Man gives chase and , using the mirror buster , destroys Wily 's newly built , final weapon . After putting a stop to his nemesis once again , Mega Man travels back home via space shuttle .

= = Gameplay = =

Mega Man : Dr. Wily 's Revenge is an action @-@ platformer that shares many similarities with its NES counterparts . The player , as Mega Man , is able to choose among four stages to complete in whatever order desired . Each stage contains various enemies to blast through and obstacles to overcome , such as leaping between disappearing blocks over deadly spikes and bottomless pits . Mega Man 's primary weapon is an arm cannon that has unlimited ammunition . Destroyed enemies typically leave items that replenish Mega Man 's health or extra lives . At the end of every stage is a boss battle with a robot master , and defeating it earns the player its special weapon . Each boss is weak to another 's weapon , allowing the player to strategize the order in which they are beaten .

Dr. Wily 's Revenge reuses and mixes stage components , enemies , and robot masters from the first two NES games in the Mega Man series . The initial four stages and bosses (Cut Man , Ice Man , Fire Man , and Elec Man) come from the original Mega Man . A password system allows the player to return to the game after any or all of these first four stages are cleared or when the player suffers a game over . Once the player completes these stages and travels through Wily 's fortress ,

four more robot masters must be fought in order to progress . These bosses (Quick Man , Bubble Man , Flash Man , and Heat Man) are taken from Mega Man 2 for NES . Although they do not have their own stages , the player earns the special weapons of these bosses . Once all four are defeated , the player faces a new robot master created for the game , Enker .

= = Development = =

According to series artist and producer Keiji Inafune , Mega Man : Dr. Wily 's Revenge was the first Mega Man game to be outsourced by Capcom for its development . He felt the game turned out well because the project 's leader was a " huge Mega Man fan " who appeared to understand the games better than some of Capcom 's own people . Because he thought much of his artwork from the original Mega Man was not aging well , Inafune redrew many of his old illustrations to be used for the game 's enemy character sprites . Beginning with Mega Man 2 for the NES , Capcom began accepting boss ideas from fans . It was not until Dr. Wily 's Revenge that Inafune was able to design a boss character from scratch . To keep with the musical motif of naming characters , the new character Enker was named after the Japanese genre enka .

The decision to release a Game Boy incarnation of the Mega Man series came after the release of Mega Man 3 on the NES . Early reports of Dr. Wily 's Revenge were made in February 1991 in both the magazine GamePro and Steven A. Schwartz 's book The Official Guide to Mega Man . The North American version of this game and the first DOS Mega Man game share a similar cover art . Instead of being an all new illustration , the Dr. Wily 's Revenge North American artwork is a simple touch @-@ up of Mega Man 3 's regional cover , with the surrounding landscape and robot masters cropped out of the picture .

= = Reception and legacy = =

General critical reception for Mega Man : Dr. Wily 's Revenge has been above average , a popular opinion being that the game retains the respectable run @-@ and @-@ gun gameplay of the earliest NES entries in the series . " What makes this game especially attractive to adults , " proclaimed Entertainment Weekly 's Bob Strauss , " is that you can begin your quest on any one of four stages , thus avoiding that linear , start @-@ over @-@ again @-@ from @-@ scratch quality that only 12 @-@ year @-@ olds find hypnotic . " The use of old stages and bosses has not been universally positive . GamePro was disappointed by the game 's lack of originality but preferred its use of recycled content to poorly made new content . In a 2007 retrospective of the Mega Man franchise , 1UP.com writer Jeremy Parish found the use of rehashed details acceptable for its original release , but believed that Dr. Wily 's Revenge " hasn 't really held up " .

Reviewers have also commented on the game 's high difficulty level . Craig Skistimas of ScrewAttack stated that certain parts of the game simply require one to have played before in order to succeed . Allgame contributor Colin Williamson noted the game as extremely hard due to its " pixel @-@ perfect jumps " , the " sheer number of attackers and flying bullets " , and a lack of checkpoints within each stage . IGN editor Lucas M. Thomas pointed out that the large size of the player character within the small Game Boy screen makes dodging enemy attacks overly challenging and sometimes impossible . He furthermore observed the difficulty to be compounded by a lack of helpful Energy Tanks introduced in the NES Mega Man sequels .

The readers of GamePro voted Dr. Wily 's Revenge the best handheld game of 1991 . Nintendo Power readers voted it the fifth @-@ best Game Boy game of that year . In North America , Dr. Wily 's Revenge was released under Nintendo 's Player 's Choice best @-@ seller label in 1996 . The game was followed by four sequels on the Game Boy , of which the first three similarly recycle content from the NES games . In Japan , the game was made available on the Nintendo Power cartridge service on March 13 , 2001 . Capcom had planned to release a full @-@ color compilation of all five Game Boy games on the Game Boy Advance in 2004 , but the project was cancelled . In 2011 , Dr. Wily 's Revenge was released as a Virtual Console launch title on Japan 's Nintendo eShop for the Nintendo 3DS . The game made its way to PAL region and North American eShops

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The character Enker , who debuted in Dr. Wily 's Revenge , appeared as a boss in the Game Boy game Mega Man V and as a playable character in the Super Nintendo Entertainment System game Mega Man Soccer . A downloadable stage in Mega Man 10 features Enker as its boss and his Mirror Buster weapon as the reward for beating him .

= = Other Media = =

Mega Man : Dr. Wily 's Revenge (Rockman World) is one of the video games featured in the manga titled Rock 'n Game Boy , by Shigeto Ikehara and Published by Comic BomBom October 1989 to December 1991 .