



INSTRUCTION BOOKLET



DESERT FIGHTER

SUPER NINTENDO
ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM
PAL VERSION



CONTENTS

2	INTRODUCTION
3	CONTROLS
4	BUTTON FUNCTIONS
5	FIGHTER DESCRIPTIONS
6	FIGHTER EQUIPMENT PACKAGE DETAILS
7	FEATURES
11	HOW TO START AND PLAY THE GAME
13	MISSIONS SUMMARY
14	MISSIONS
22	SYSTEM 3 ARCADE SOFTWARE LTD

OPERATION 'DESERT FIGHTER'

The despotic ruler of Zarak, a usually well behaved Middle-Eastern country, mobilised his forces and invaded the nearest neighbouring country. Because of the superior forces of Zarak, they quickly overcame resistance and took control of all the major oil and chemical production facilities.

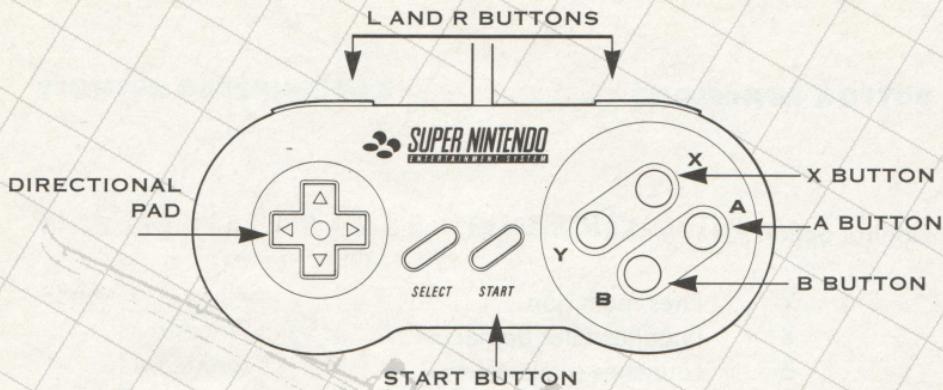
Little time passed before Zarak had completely subjugated the latest edition to their empire. In particular, the elite forces captured the gulf harbour facilities from which they would launch the next stage of their invasion plans.

Not able to ignore the aggressive actions of the Zaraks, the UN security council earnestly tried to negotiate a withdrawal from the occupied territories. Frustration grew as the negotiations were going nowhere; an ultimatum was issued. If the Zarak forces did not withdraw immediately retribution would be swift and deadly.

The Zarak forces did not withdraw. In fact, they reinforced the original invasion force with some of the latest military hardware and crack troops.

The time limit for the ultimatum came and passed, the UN marshalled its forces and went to war.

You are the leader of the UN Air squadron and responsible for the combat in the front line. Your mission is to reach into the enemy's territory and attack their key military facilities and weapon bases, and finally destroy the tyrant's headquarters. This war must be ended as quickly as possible, your abilities are all there is that separates victory from defeat.



CONTROLS

START BUTTON

Activates the selection highlighted by the cursor and also pauses the game during play.

SELECT BUTTON

Allows the selection of different options at the start of the game.

DIRECTIONAL PAD AND L & R BUTTON FUNCTIONS

Cockpit control type A

Up Increase flying speed

Down Decrease flying speed

Left/Right Change direction of flight

L & R Buttons No function in this mode

Cockpit control type B

Up/Down and Left/Right Change direction of flight

L Button Increase flying speed

R Button Decrease flying speed

BUTTON FUNCTIONS

Control option A:-

- Y** Fires main gun
- X** Engages after burner
- B** Launches a missile
- A** Sets of a flare

Control option B:-

- Y** Launches a missile
- X** Engages after burner
- B** Fires main gun
- A** Sets of a flare

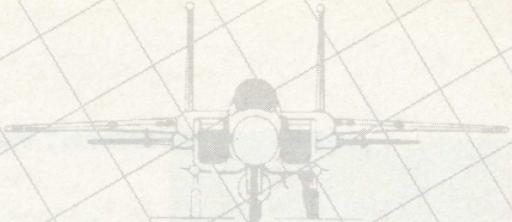
Control option C:-

- Y** Sets of a flare
- X** Engages after burner
- B** Fires main gun
- A** Launches a missile

Control option D:-

- Y** Sets of a flare
- X** Engages after burner
- B** Launches a missile
- A** Fires main gun

FIGHTER DESCRIPTIONS



F-15 STRIKE EAGLE - DUAL ROLE FIGHTER

Spec:

Maximum Speed :	M2.5 (2658km/h)
Flying Range:	6745Km
Engine:	P&W F100
Maximum Thrust:	10.637t x 2

Data:

Total Length:	19.43m
Total Breadth:	13.05m
Weight:	30.945t



A-10 THUNDERBOLT II - CLOSE SUPPORT PLANE

Spec:

Maximum Speed:	767km/h
Flying Range:	6745km
Engine:	GE-1F34
Maximum Thrust:	4.85t x 2

Data:

Total Length:	16.28m
Total Breadth:	17.53m
Weight:	20.883t



FIGHTER EQUIPMENT PACKAGE DETAILS

M61 20m/m VULCAN

- the air-to-air cannon installed in the F-15

Not applicable for air-to-ground attack. Although destructive power is not so great, continuous shooting ability is superior. With several hits, an enemy aircraft is easily set down.

GAU-8 30m/m AVENGER

- the air-to-ground cannon installed in the A-10

This weapon is designed primarily to destroy ground vehicles. It can not be used to attack other aircraft or building facilities.

AIM-9 SIDEWINDER

- the main air-to-air missile installed in F-15

Cannot be used in any ground attacks. The missile homes-in on enemy aircraft and destroys the target with one hit.

FLARE

Flares launch from the rear of the fuselage. The flare itself does not have any destructive power, however, if a flare is launched at the right time it can lure away an approaching enemy missile.

AGM-65 MAVERICK

- the air to ground missiles installed in the F-15 & A-10

Once the sight is locked -on to a ground target it will be destroyed.

MK.82 500lb BOMB

- a general purpose bomb installed in the F-15 & A-10

It is only suitable for attacking ground targets.

MK.20 LOKEYE

- the air-to-ground cluster bomb installed in the A-10

Once dropped, it breaks up into many smaller bomblets, this gives a broad damage pattern to the target. It is best suited to attacking military bases.

AFTER BURNER - only on the F-15

Accelerates aircraft and is mainly used when avoiding enemy missile attacks or when a rapid evacuation is necessary from a combat area. It does have the downside of consuming a lot of fuel.

HEADQUARTERS

Battle headquarters is the place where you can check all the tactical information and current conditions of engagement. Also, it is where you can make your plane selection and choose the appropriate equipment for a mission.



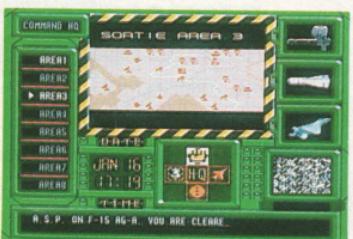
PRIMARY FUNCTIONS SELECTION

The multiway control allows you to select areas of engagement, fighter type and equipment package, and maps. You cannot choose items which are displayed darkened - these items will be available in other missions.



DATE AND TIME

This tells you the date and time in the game. Every mission has a maximum allowed time. Keeping a close eye on the time left is important.



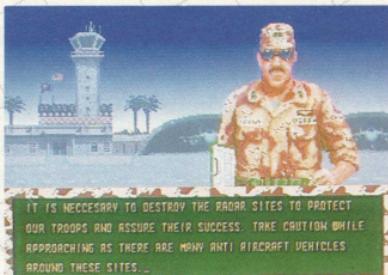
MAIN SCREEN

This screen displays a lot of information. Normally it displays the main map but when you enter various other sections it displays appropriate information like: fighter selection, news broadcasts etc.



C-IN-C SCREEN

This screen shows your main operations or hangar. The main function of this screen is to give you a briefing from your commanding officer. Much useful information can be obtained from the mission briefing notes so it is worth paying close attention.



MESSAGE SCREENS

The messages supply you with command information, communication with operator or hanger, information of area for battlefield or equipment for fighter and detailed news reports.





AREA SELECTION

You can choose the area which you wish to operate in. The choices of areas are limited according to which mission you are on.

By pressing the directional pad up or down, you can choose an area. Press the A button to select that area. When you have chosen an area, the screen displays the expanded area map.



AREA MAP

The expanded area map shows you where the enemy targets are for this current mission you are in. Also shown is the required Minimum Destruction Ratio (MDR)

Also in this map display mode, you will be asked if you want to retrieve information about the enemy. Answering 'Yes' will give you a more detailed breakdown about the enemies status, placement of weapons etc.

CHOOSING YOUR AIRCRAFT

Choose either a F-15 or A-10. Each fighter has three different equipment options. By pressing the directional pad up or down you can move from item to item. Pressing button A makes the selection.

F-15 Type/AAM AIM-9 Sidewinder antiaircraft missile

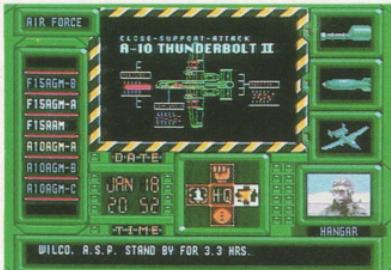
F-15 Type/AGM-AAGM-65 Maverick air-to-surface guided missile

F-15 Type/AGM-B Mk.82 500lb. Bomb

A-10 Type/AGM-A Mk.82 500pd. Bomb

A-10 Type/AGM-BAGM-65 Maverick air-to surface guided missile

A-10 Type/AGM-C Mk.20 Rockeye



TIP

The main objectives in any mission are to meet the minimum destruction ratio required and to do it in the least possible time. Strategic selection of the right aircraft will maximise your effectiveness for example, if you know there are enemy fighters in an area then it is pointless trying to attack any installations until the enemy airborne threat has been removed.

HOW TO START THE GAME

TITLE SCREEN

Insert the game pak into the console and turn on the power, the demonstration screen begins.

During the demonstration screen, press any button to show the title screen.

GAME START

In the title screen, choose the way how to start the game with (+) button, either START from the beginning or CONTINUE from the stage you finished last. Press start button to start the game.

PLAYING THE GAME

The game consists of eight missions with each one becoming progressively harder and more intricate.

The aim of the game is to defeat the enemy forces while keeping a balance of your government's spending, political power and popularity. If any of these factors become too low then you will be forced to retreat and you will lose the war. Each mission has a time limit and violation of these will also force you to retreat.

To start the game press the A button from anywhere in the introduction sequence, this will place you on the start screen. From here you can select the game difficulty level and choose which control options you prefer.

SKILL LEVEL

These skill levels are provided in the game. Please note that the level cannot be changed once a game mission begins. The three levels are:

- | | |
|--------|---|
| NORMAL | - Standard level for the general player |
| EASY | - The level for the novice player |
| HARD | - The level for the skillful player |

SELECTING THE CONTROLLER CONFIGURATION

After pressing the start button, the screen for controller configuration appears. You highlight the option wanted and then press the select button.

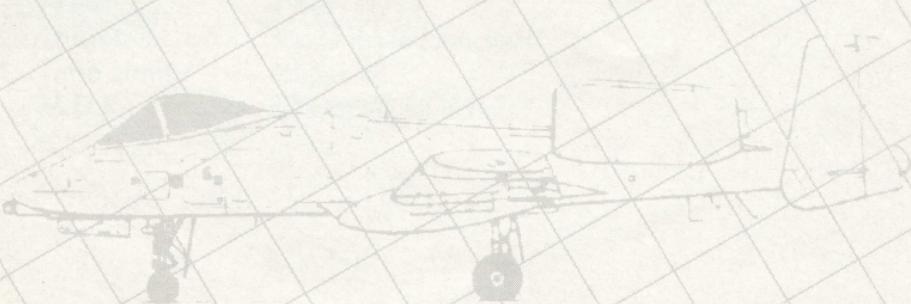
After selecting the desired configuration , press the start button to commence the mission.

After pressing the start button the screen will display the first mission briefing; to page through the briefing use the A button. Once the message has finished you will enter the main command screen.

From the main command screen you can view the satellite information about the mission you are about to undertake. Once you have a clear idea of what the mission objectives are you should then select the appropriate aircraft best suited for that mission. Don't forget to check your political and financial status. Please read the following sections for a detailed description of screen functions.

MISSIONS SUMMARY

Number	Objective
1	DESTROY RADAR SITES
2	DESTROY SCUD LAUNCHERS
3	DISABLE OIL SUPPLY DEPOTS
4	ATTACK ZARAK AIR BASES
5	REGAIN CONTROL OF THE GULF HARBOUR AND PORT
6	DESTROY N.B.C. WEAPONS FACTORIES
7	ELIMINATE THE ELITE GUARD UNITS
8	DESTROY THE ZARAK HQ



MISSION ONE

Your first mission is to open an avenue of approach for allied ground troops by destroying the enemy's radar sites.

The radar bases are located in areas 1 & 3. Check satellite photos for exact locations, you will see the mission targets flashing.

To ensure success you must destroy 80% or more of the targets, and you must complete the mission within 60 hours.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Area 1

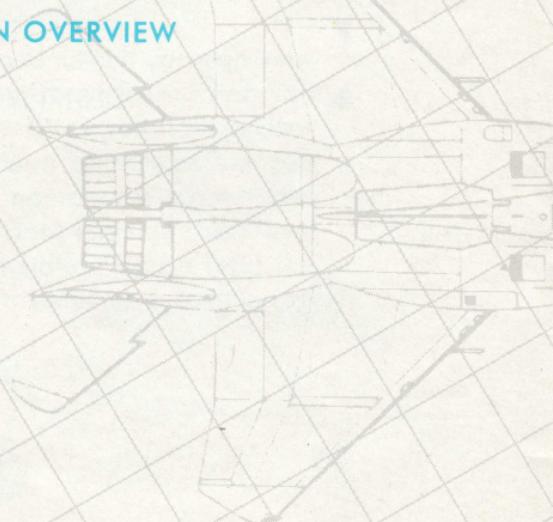
Many radar sites are in this area to observe our forces. They are mostly located in the southern part of the area and are protected by a large number of ground troops.

Area 3

This area also has a large number radar. Their main concentration is in the southern part of the area. They are well protected by a large number of ground forces.

MISSION OVERVIEW

Areas:	1 & 3
Targets:	Radar bases
Time limit:	60 hrs
M.D.R.:	80%



MISSION TWO

This mission is of vital importance to the success of the allied forces. You must destroy the large number of Scud missile sites under control of the enemy . The scud launches are overwhelming the patriot defence perimeter and can only be taken out by you.

The launcher's are not visible on satellite intel so you can only be given general information that the launcher's are somewhere in areas 4 & 6. To ensure success you must destroy 80% or more of the targets, and you must complete the mission within 48 hours.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS

Area 4

There are many enemy facilities in this area including: air fields, ground troops and munitions sites. There are 25 scud missile tracks, in groups of five, known to be in this area.

Area 5

Further intelligence suggests that there is another 25 missile tracks in this area and are centrally located deep into enemy territory. However, use caution as the enemy has strategically positioned many anti-aircraft vehicles.

MISSION OVERVIEW

Areas:
Target:
Time Limit:
M.D.R.:

4 & 6
Scud missile launchers
48hrs
80% or 40 launchers

MISSION THREE

The enemy is still inflicting massive damage on the allied forces because of their highly mobilised forces.

This mission is to disrupt the enemy's fuel supply lines by destroying the pumping depots and pipelines.

Latest intelligence reports indicate that the areas are heavily guarded by T-80 tanks and crack anti-aircraft gun emplacements. The pipelines are located in area 1 & 4.

To ensure success you must destroy 80% or more of the targets, and you must complete the mission within 48 hours and keep a close eye on your time.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS

Area 1

There are 5 fuel pipeline pumping stations in the area, and one leads directly to enemy facilities. Although the radar sites should have been destroyed you need to use caution as there are a lot of anti-aircraft units in the area.

Area 4

This area also contains 5 fuel pipeline pumping stations and 4 lead to enemy military facilities. Also, there are heavily armed troops with ground-to-air weapons, and at least 5 Mig fighters .

MISSION OVERVIEW

Area: 1 & 4

Targets: Fuel facilities, anti-aircraft defenses and troops

Time limit: 48hrs

M.D.R.: 80%

MISSION FOUR

The Allied intelligence service cryptologists have deciphered coded information that the Zaraks are preparing to launch an air assault on the border town of Tafiji.

Allied ground troops have been sent to defend the border region but they are under severe pressure from the more heavily armed enemy forces. Satellite intel shows that the biggest concentration of enemy troops are in areas 7 & 8. Also, these areas contain large quantities of reserve enemy hardware and aircraft support facilities.

This mission is critical in order to stop the enemy forces from breaking through the border. You must wipe out the enemy troops, destroy the aircraft support buildings and wipe out the munitions and hardware stores.

Because many of our forces are there defending the border, make sure there are no mistakes when selecting your targets.

To ensure success you must destroy 80% or more of the targets, and you must complete the mission within only 60 hours, there is a lot to do so watch your time.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS

Area 7

This area is extremely hazardous. Many of the enemy's main military bases are located here. The mission is to destroy the air fields before the Zaraks launch their air attack on the border town of Tafiji.

Area 8

The enemy air fields in this area must be totally destroyed but they are located near to important civilian oil facilities which must not be damaged, they are vital to our war effort

MISSION OVERVIEW

Areas:	7 & 8
Targets:	Ground forces, aircraft facilities and munitions stores
Time limit:	60 hrs
M.D.R.:	80%

MISSION FIVE

To compensate for the damage done to their own fuel production capabilities, the Zarak forces have taken control of the oil production facilities in the large Gulf harbour and port (areas 5 & 6).

The port must be returned to allied control. Your mission is to completely destroy the enemy ground forces and their support bases. There are many civilians in the port area, they must be liberated.

The Zaraks are confident they can hold on to the ports areas and will put up a tremendous fight. If you fail in this mission there will be little to prevent the enemy from mounting a counter offensive.

The latest secret intel suggests that if the Zarak forces have the opportunity to carryout an act of eco-terrorism they will, by releasing crude oil into the Gulf harbour.

To ensure success you must destroy 80% or more of the targets, and you must complete the mission within only 60 hours. The threat of eco-terrorism is worrying so you must go all out for a swift victory

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS

Area 5

This area has several military bases that act as support to the invasion of the harbour. The bases must be destroyed or it will impossible to clear the harbour of the enemy entrenched forces.

Area 6

The extensive civilian oil facilities are totally under the control of the enemy. The enemy will make use of the resources to construct permanent bases in this area unless the enemy forces are wiped out.

MISSION OVERVIEW

Area: 5 & 6

Targets: Ground forces and support bases

Time: 60 hrs

M.D.R.: 80%

MISSION SIX

The high command of the Zarak forces are planning to use Nuclear, Bacteriological and Chemical (N.B.C.) weapons on civilians and allied forces.

We know where the N.B.C. factories are and you must destroy them before the Zarak's can carry out their plan of terror and destruction. Your mission is to fly into area 3 and destroy the factories before distribution of these weapons commences.

The facilities must be destroyed completely, leave anything standing and the enemy will be able to quickly rebuild.

To ensure success you must destroy 100% of the targets, and you must complete the mission within only 36 hours. There is very little time and so much at stake. If you are not successful the scale of casualties is difficult to imagine.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Area 3

This area is the location of the enemy's N.B.C. weapons factories and as the importance of them grows in the final stages of this conflict the enemy will do anything to protect them. There are more mobile Scud launcher's in this area than was originally thought and our ground forces are under extreme pressure.

MISSION OVERVIEW

Area:	3
Targets:	All chemical factories and troops
Time Limit:	36 hrs
M.D.R.:	100%

MISSION SEVEN

Allied P.D.F. scouts have reached the city limits of the enemy's capital and have reported a massive military presence there.

In particular, intel gathered by forward recon units believe the enemy forces to be an elite Zarak guard unit.

Because of the typical cowardly nature of the enemy forces, they have blended in their facilities with those of civilian ones. You must be especially careful in acquiring your targets and only attack the military ones - do not hit any civilian facilities.

To ensure success you must destroy 100% of the targets, and you must complete the mission within only 36 hours. Although there is very little time you must be very careful what you destroy.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Area **2**

The enemy is using the civilian population as a human shield, latest reports indicate that the civilian buildings near to military installations are full of people. It is absolutely essential that you only destroy legitimate military targets.

MISSION OVERVIEW

Area:	Capital of Zarak
Targets:	Enemy ground forces and bases
Time Limit:	36 hrs
M.D.R.:	80%

MISSION EIGHT

The allies have the Zarak forces on the run and they have retreated to their heavily fortified headquarters.

Satellite intel shows they have dug in and created a very well defended perimeter. Their troops have been equipped with their best weapons and they also have nuclear strike capabilities.

You must hit hard and fast before they strike at civilian and military targets and cause massive destruction. You will have to complete this mission faster than any you have so far undertaken.

You have only got 24 hrs in which to completely destroy the enemy forces and hardware.

INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Area 9

There is a very tight security blanket covering this area and the intelligence gathered so far is minimal. All that is known for sure is that the enemy's best troops are definitely guarding the area and do not intend to take any prisoners.

MISSION OVERVIEW

Area:	Zarak Headquarters
Target:	Total destruction of enemy HQ, forces and weapons
Time limit:	24 hrs
M.D.R.:	100%

SYSTEM 3 ARCADE SOFTWARE

Thankyou for buying Desert Fighter.

We have been producing quality entertainment software for over ten years and in that time we have created some of the most exciting and original games.

By combining the talents of the programmers, graphic artists, musicians and game designers we strive to provide you with the highest quality games and the maximum in entertainment value.

We hope that you will enjoy playing Desert Fighter and look forward to entertaining you again with our other great games.

Mark Cale
Managing Director

**Distributed by Centre Gold Plc, Units 2-4 Holford Way,
Holford, Birmingham, England B6 7AX.**

PRINTED IN JAPAN