HOW TO BE A STAR IN BAJA BUGGIES™

OFFICIAL RACING MANUAL

GAMESTAR

BUGGY BASICS

Congratulations. You've been invited to participate in the most challenging road race yet devised—the GAMESTAR 100!

You'll be racing against some of the best computer drivers in the world on some of the most exciting race courses imaginable.

Nerve, anticipation, and reflexes are at a premium here. So please read this racing manual first, to get the most out of your super-charged buggy. If you're good enough you may even become a Buggy Star! Good Luck.

MEET YOUR COMPETITION

The top road racers in the world have gathered for the GAMESTAR 100, including three of the sport's "legends." Heres a brief rundown on each of them, so you know who you are up against.



MARIO SANDDUNI

Truly the "King" of the sand dunes, Mario has won 3 million races in a row! Incredibly, he's compiled this record despite being the only driver on the circuit to make regular "spaghetti stops" *during* a race!



A.J. CACTUS

A.J. is a true sportsman and all-around nice guy. He's best known for giving stranded drivers cactus juice as he roars by them, although at the speeds he travels it's more like being given a cactus juice bath!



PARNELLI POTHOLE

Parnelli loves to fly over ditches, gullies, and canyons at 99 mph. He's also the most unpredictable driver on the circuit, so if you want to finish the race in one piece, watch out for ol' 99.

LOADING THE GAME CASSETTE

1. Make sure that the computer is **OFF,** all cartridge slots are **EMPTY,** and the 410™ Program Recorder is properly connected.

2. Place the game tape into the 410™ Recorder, close the door and rewind to the beginning.

3. Turn the computer's power switch **ON** while holding down the **START** key on the computer console. You will hear a "beep."

4. Press **PLAY** on the 410™ Recorder, then press the **RETURN** key on the computer console. The game will load in a few minutes.

DISKETTE

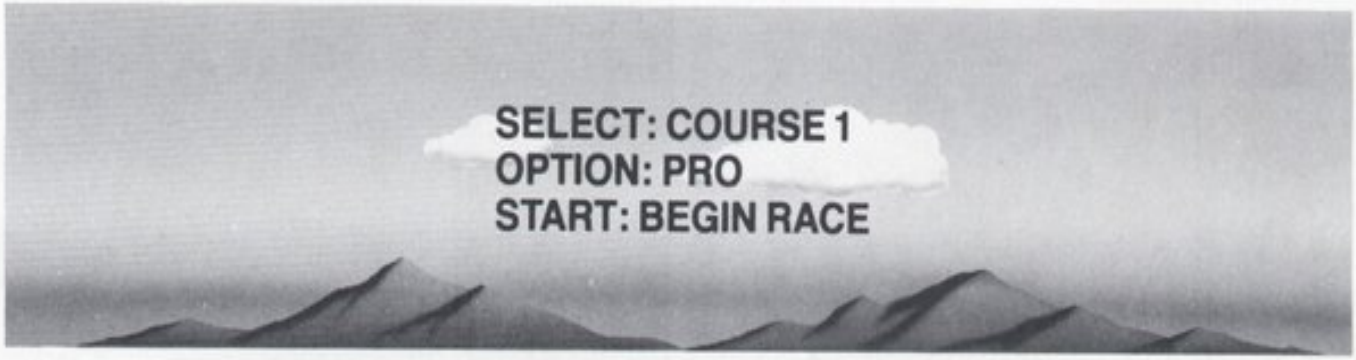
1. Make sure that the computer is **OFF,** all cartridge slots are **EMPTY,** and the 810™ Disk Drive is properly connected.

2. Turn the Disk Drive's power switch **ON.** When the busy light goes out, insert the game diskette into the Disk Drive and close the door.

3. Turn the computer's power switch **ON.** The game will load automatically.

If you have trouble loading the game, please refer to your 410™ or 810™ owner's manual for details.

RACERS, START YOUR ENGINES!



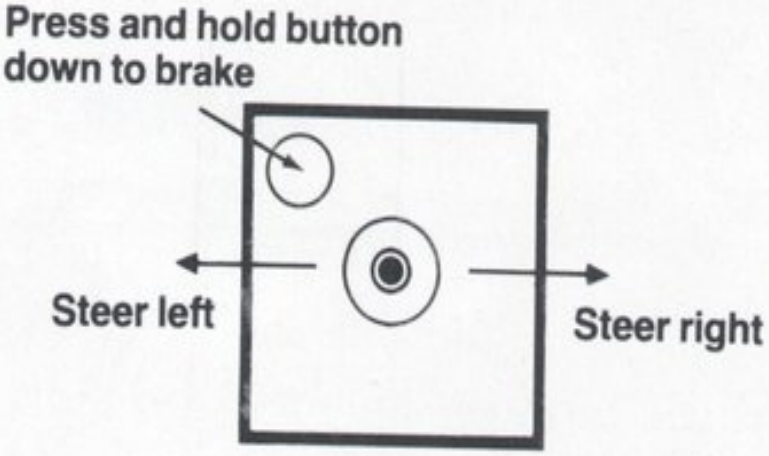
1. Press the **SELECT** key on the computer console to select a race course (1, 2, random).

2. Press the **OPTION** key to choose a skill level (amateur, pro).

3.

LEVEL	COURSE	DIFFICULTY (1-5)
AM	1	1
AM	2	2
AM	R	3
PRO	1	3
PRO	2	4
PRO	R	5

4. Plug a joystick controller firmly into jack 1 on the front of the computer console. Hold the joystick with the red button in the upper left corner, towards the TV screen. Steer and brake your buggy as shown:



5. Press the **START** key to begin the race. Your buggy is the last car to start. It will emerge from the bottom of the screen, pause at the starting line, then take of and automatically build to top speed.

THE RACE IS ON

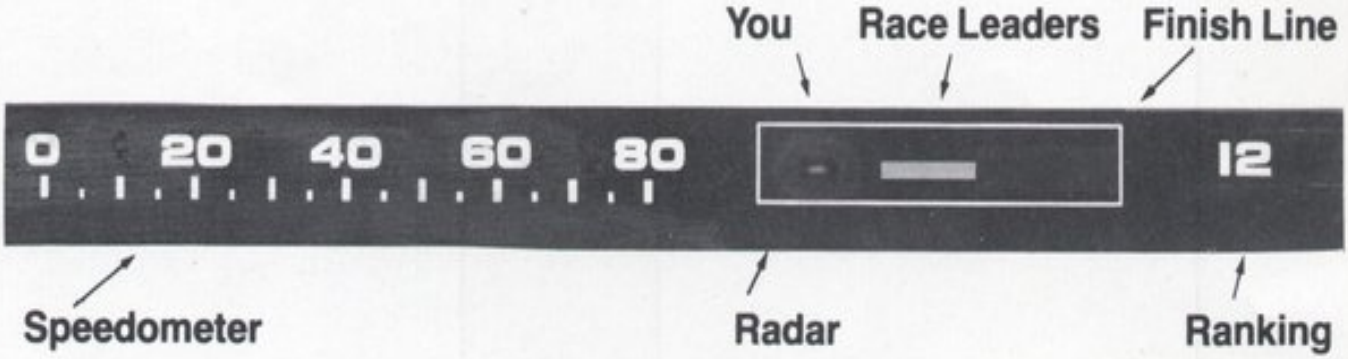
Your goal in BAJA BUGGIES is to simply finish the GAME-STAR 100 road race. If you run off the road too often or have too many crashes, your buggy will break down and the race will be over. If you're good enough to finish in the top 6, consider yourself a Buggy Star!

DRIVING A BAJA BUGGY

1. Use the joystick to steer your buggy left and right. As in real road racing, your buggy's handling becomes more responsive the faster it goes. Keep this in mind as you weave through slower packs of cars—it could help keep you on the road and out of trouble.

2. Baja buggies accelerate and shift automatically as they reach maximum speed. Press and hold the red button on your joystick controller to brake. The longer you hold down the red button, the slower your buggy will go, until it stops completely.

THE CONTROL PANEL



1. The speedometer shows you how fast your buggy is going at any given time. As you gain experience, you'll know what average speed it takes to finish among the leaders.

2. The radar detector shows you where your buggy (flashing red dot) is relative to the race leaders (white line). Remember that you started in last place, so the white line will be ahead of you until the very end. The race **ENDS** when the trailing car of the lead pack (*left* edge of the white line) crosses the finish line.

3. The number on the right in the control panel is your rank in the race. It will decrease as you pass cars and increase as cars pass you (when you run off the road, crash with other cars, or brake too often).

SPECIAL FEATURES

1. BAJA BUGGIES incorporates two skill levels—pro and amateur. The basic difference is that your opponents are more predictable and travel at slower average speeds in the amateur level than they do in the pro level.

2. BAJA BUGGIES gives you three race courses to choose from.

   Course 1: A good beginners course with a lot of straights and easy curves.

   Course 2: Definitely for pros, course 2 sports more *and* sharper curves than course 1.

   Course R: Comparable in difficulty to course 2. Since the course is randomly created, however, you really can't anticipate curves and straights, so more emphasis is placed on driving skills than on strategy.

3. If your average speed in any given race exceeds the standards set by other drivers, you'll have the opportunity to put (3) initials on the scoreboard as one of the best drivers around. This top (6) ranking will change as needed and will stay in memory as long as the computer is left on.

JOIN THE BUGGY BUNCH

If you finish in 6th place or better during any race, you're eligible to join GAMESTAR'S exclusive "Buggy Bunch Racing Club." Here's How:

1. Take a photo of your TV screen with the control panel showing your final ranking.

2. Send that to us *along with* proof of purchase.

You'll receive an official Buggy Bunch keychain and membership card!

TIPS FOR STARS

FROM DAN UGRIN, DESIGNER OF BAJA BUGGIES™

"At first, you should spend some time getting a 'feel' for your buggy and the race courses. Notice how your buggy tends to drift wide on sharp curves, particularly at high speeds. Learn to use your brake to keep your buggy under control and out of trouble. By just *tapping* the brake, you'll slow down just enough to avoid crashes or stay on the road without losing valuable time.

"As you gain experience you'll begin to sense patterns in how your opponents drive. Knowing these patterns will help you *anticipate* what lies ahead and bring you that much closer to Buggy Stardom!

"Remember, the race doesn't end until *all* the leaders finish the race so don't give up just because you don't actually win—you still might finish among the leaders if you push yourself.

"If you have any tips or strategies you'd like to share with other racers, please drop us a note. Happy Racing!"

Dan Ugrin

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