

HAND-HELD
SPECIAL

BY: IREM
PRICE: £24.99

R-TYPE

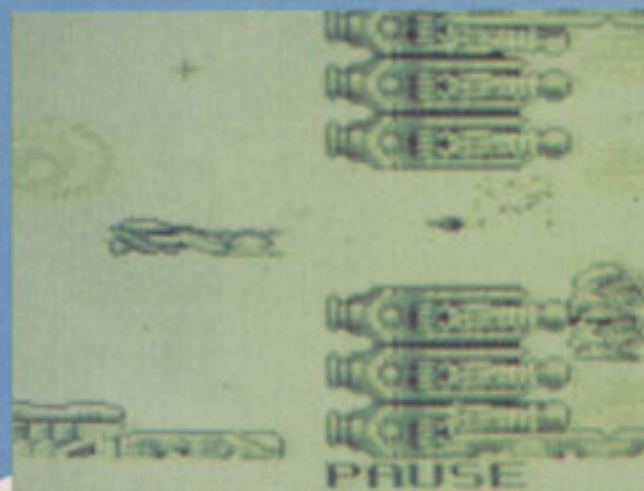
ORIGINAL COIN-OP RELEASE: 1986

ORIGINAL COIN-OP BY: IREM

ORIGINAL COIN-OP HISTORY:

Although the horizontally scrolling shoot 'em up format was nothing new, R-Type's fantastic, gory graphics and stunning gameplay guaranteed it instant classic status.

GAME: Guide your R-9 fighter against the mighty Bydo Empire in this horizontally scrolling progressive shoot 'em up.



▲ The R-Type must blast the hollow orb in order to send this ring of rascals on their merry way.

COMMENT

Unbelievable! Despite one or two compromises, this is as close a version of R-Type as you could possibly wish for. Occasionally things get a bit blurry, but otherwise this is superb, packing all the challenge, addiction and features of the original coin-op. Even the music is the same! A must for shoot 'em up fans.

PRESENTATION 78%
GRAPHICS 93%
SOUND 90%
PLAYABILITY 95%
LASTABILITY 92%
ACCURACY TO COIN-OP 92%
OVERALL 93%

BY: MINDSCAPE
PRICE: £24.99

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ORIGINAL COIN-OP RELEASE: 1984

ORIGINAL COIN-OP BY: ATARI

ORIGINAL COIN-OP HISTORY:

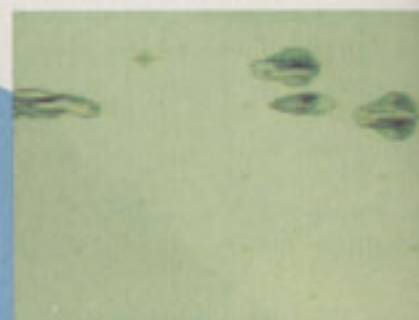
The first (and probably the last) arcade game to use BMX handlebar controls, this graphically stunning diagonally scrolling deliver 'em up was quite a sensation in its day.

GAME: Hop on your bike and battle your way through the weirdest, most hazard-packed paper round in existencel!

COMMENT

Blurry graphics and poor collision detection ruin this otherwise admirable attempt at converting the brill coin-op. The presentation is just like the original machine, but on later levels spotting hazards and acting quickly and precisely to avoid them is frustratingly difficult, consequently, playing the game becomes a chore rather than fun.

PRESENTATION 87%
GRAPHICS 65%
SOUND 69%
PLAYABILITY 65%
LASTABILITY 51%
ACCURACY TO COIN-OP 82%
OVERALL 59%



▲ The start of level one sees the R-Type ship blasting its way through hordes of rather small and uninteresting boddies.

