



Strap yourself into your mega-speed road racer and ready yourself for the trials and tribulations of the life on the Formula One circuit! Turbo Racing has a lot in common with the ageing coin-op classic, Pole Position, in that the action is based around a scrolling 3D track and your objective is simple. Use your racing skills and guide your speed monster through the traffic to the coveted number one slot.

Al Unser Jr (a bit of a big light in the USA when it comes to driving fast cars) has officially endorsed this Nintendo driving game, and the programmers have taken every opportunity to use his inane smiling features wherever possible...



TURBO POWER!

If you thought that your Formula One car's prowess was equal to that of an L-reg Skoda, guess again! When you reach top speed, simply by moving your joyypad upwards a special boost of turbo power propels your car forward at truly phenomenal speeds! Watch it though, because using this option burns up your fuel at an alarming rate!



COMMENT

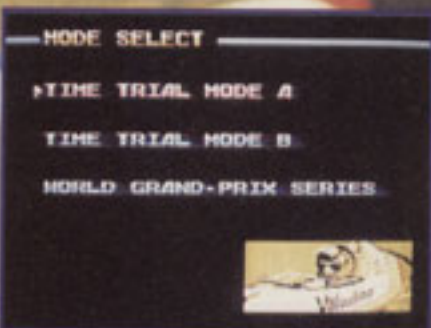


Being a bit of a speed freak, I thoroughly enjoyed playing this. The 3D update is smooth, fast and convincing and the computer opponents are no dummies, so you really do have to race to get a decent grid position, making the game challenging and exciting. The most important thing in a race game is that the action is fast and exhilarating, and I found that with

JULIAN Turbo Racing this is certainly the case - the opposing cars weave about and if you're not concentrating it's easy to spin off on a corner. Nintendo race games have been thin on the ground up until now - so if you feel the urge to warm your turbos, take this for a test drive immediately.



▲ It's customary to use the road, unlike this loser!



▲ The time trial options pit your skills against the clock.



▲ This is the road to Hell... or maybe Watford.

TURBO RACING



THE MEAN MACHINES ARCHIVE

ROUND 1
B. GERMANY

SETTING TYPE

SPD *****
ACC *****
DUR *****
SUS *****
PIT *****
TRD *****

00 POINTS LEFT
00 TOTAL POINTS

▲ Racing around the autobahns of Germany.



▲ Watch out for the cones left by the maintenance men!



UNSER FOR THIS

Al Unser Jr, the game's official sponsor gives out his own special advice for each of the game's 16 tracks! Among the tracks included in the game are Brazil, Spain, Monaco, and the UK, although it must be said that Mr Unser Jr's words of wisdom are pretty useless for anyone speed freak psycho driver who's any good at all at any road racing games.

YOUR FIRST CHALLENGE. GO FOR THE TURBO ON THE BACKSTRETCH, BUT BE READY TO DOWNSHIFT ON THE EARLY AND LATE TURNS.

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L. RYUN
USA
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GRID
WALKING

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K. EVIL
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00: 53"3

PIT-IN PRANKS!

During the course of your Formula One frivolity, the chances are that just like real life, you're going to run out of fuel! At the beginning of each lap there's special lane that you can enter in order to refuel your car. Also, if your car sustains some damage (some of the computer drivers are graduates from the Ayrton Senna School of Motoring), it can be repaired here! Time is lost of course, but it's a lot better than not finishing the race at all isn't it?



MATT

Turbo Racing is a pretty playable game - your Formula One car is easy to control and the feeling of speed when you ignite your nitros is quite neat (the screen even shakes!). The 3D update is fast and realistic, although the graphics tend to flicker when things get very busy, and the roadside obstacles are very plain. There are a lot of tracks, and it takes quite a while to learn them all, and the computer opponents are also challenging, so it takes plenty of practice before you start winning races. Still, if you're prepared to stick with it, Turbo racing offers plenty of thrills and spills for a speed freak.



BY: NINTENDO
PRICE: £29.99

RELEASE DATE: APRIL
GAME DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM
LIVES: N/A
CONTINUES: 0
SKILL LEVELS: 1
RESPONSIVENESS: TURBO

1 PLAYERS

PRESENTATION 82%

There's plenty of presentation screens to wade through, and also a save game option.

GRAPHICS 78%

The in-game graphics flicker sometimes when there's a lot happening, but the 3D update is fast and the cars are excellent.

SOUND 63%

Pretty standard road-racer fare. Nothing to pump up the volume for.

PLAYABILITY 81%

The car is easy to control and the game is fast and exhilarating...

LASTABILITY 76%

...and the tough computer opponents make sure that it takes plenty of practice before you become a Grand Prix winner.

OVERALL 80%

An excellent road racing game with plenty of options and fast and challenging action. A must for Nintendo road racing freaks.