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CD SCOOP SHOCK! CVG GRABS THE LOT!

EXCLUSIVE!! Just as CVG was going to bed (stained smoking trousers and Co-Op Yellow Label for us!) something incredible happened. Out of the blue dropped these amazing first pictures of all the greatest console goodies in the world - including the first ever impression of the long awaited Super NES CD-ROM! Our spies in Japan say these represent the very first look at all the new machines, giving you a glimpse into the future of computer gaming across the world! You just don't get any hotter than this, so here are the CVG boys with the full lowdown on each machine as known at present! Remember, you can't get your hands on them yet and they won't be around for ages, but we're so hot we've decided to tell you about them anyway. Take it away lads...

EXCLUSIVE! - NINTENDO SUPER CD

As you can see from this picture, the CD-ROM unit for the Super NES is one spanky looking piece of kit, stylishly designed to sit underneath your Super Nintendo. But what sort of punch will the wonder machine really pack?

Rumours abound of the capabilities of the Famicom CD-ROM unit. The top secret tech specs have recently been sent to developers and the news is excellent. The machine will have all the benefits of a Philips CD ROM drive as well as a huge RAM cache (fast loading with no lag).

Best of all is the inclusion of new graphics hardware. This definitely includes sprite scaling and rotation (at present the Fammy only does this with backgrounds), but most importantly a polygon chip. This means that the Fammy or SNES will be capable of smart flight Sims and 3D games.

The audio capabilities are gobsmacking. The Fammy already uses CD quality samples but the CD means that speech and real instruments can now be incorporated. Pricing looks like a big plus too: when launched in America the machine is expected to sell for \$199 - that's about £130!

So now all you prospective Super NES owners know what the CD unit will look like and what it's capable of. Are your trousers still dry? What's wrong with you!



▲ The lovely, sexy, Super CD



▲ JVC's all in one unit!

Smart animation is one of CD ROM's advantages ▼



EXCLUSIVE! - JVC MEGA CD

Sega developed the Mega CD in conjunction with JVC. As part of the deal, JVC are allowed to release a combined Mega CD/Megadrive unit. In a sleek plastic case, this is certainly more aesthetically attractive than the Sega setup. It will be totally compatible with both cartridge and Mega CD software and will hopefully come in at a low pricepoint, definitely under 300. Worth a look if you've got neither a Megadrive nor Mega CD and want to splash out on some seriously spanky kit!

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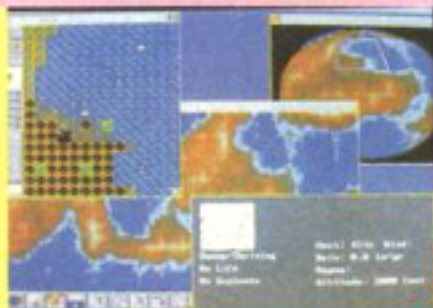
▲ The Philips CDI is looking good (if dull).

EXCLUSIVE! - PHILIPS CDI

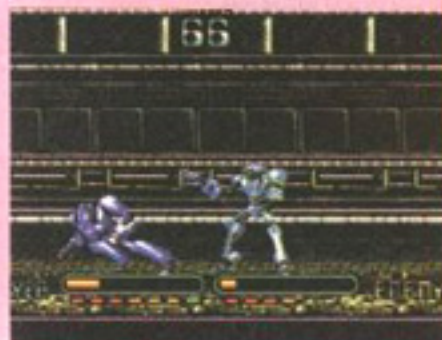
The Philips CDI is set to be the new standard for CD units. It has a lot in common with Commodore's CDTV, but is technically far superior. There are no firm details on the machines full specifications as yet, but 16 Bit oversampling, live video and a host of extra editing features look very likely. The machine is aimed at home users for education, entertainment and reference purposes and a lot of people are backing this little filly as the future of home entertainment. Mmm. The initial CDs will include encyclopaedia, games and educational software - so now yer know.

EXCLUSIVE! - SONY PLAYSTATION

This looks like the sad lad of the pack. This hybrid of a Famicom and a nonstandard CD unit looks set to have the same awesome success that Sony's Betamax format had. Ace it ain't. It will be able to run Fammy carts, but not the CDs. Sony have pledged to support the new format, but from what we can gather that's about all.



The sad Sony Playstation may get left by the wayside. ►



▲ Heavy Nova on the Mega CD.

▼ Heart of China on the PC CD ROM

WELL THERE YOU HAVE IT, BRIAN...

So there you are - the look of all the upcoming CD goodies revealed together with a fair few tech specs to boot. Can't say fairer than that, John! Which do you reckon is best and why? Drop us a line at: CD SURVEY, CVG, 30-32 FARRINGDON LANE, LONDON EC1R 3AU. We'll print a selection of your best letters and award free software to the top of the lot. Get going!



▲ Sony's smart Data Discman!



▲ Sol Feace on the Mega CD.

