

## Nintendo Alien 3

# Alien 3 - Nintendo NES Instruction Manual

## INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the instruction manual for Alien 3 on the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES). This guide provides essential information for setting up, playing, maintaining, and troubleshooting your game cartridge. Prepare to navigate the perilous halls of Fiorina "Fury" 161 as Ripley, battling xenomorphs and rescuing survivors.

## SETUP

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To begin playing Alien 3, follow these steps to properly insert the game cartridge into your Nintendo Entertainment System console.

1. **Power Off Console:** Ensure your Nintendo Entertainment System console is powered off before inserting or removing any game cartridges.
2. **Insert Cartridge:** Hold the Alien 3 game cartridge with the label facing upwards. Gently slide the cartridge into the NES console's cartridge slot until it clicks into place. Do not force the cartridge.
3. **Press Down:** Once inserted, firmly press down on the cartridge until it locks into the lowered position.
4. **Power On:** Turn on your television and then power on your NES console. The game should load automatically. If the game does not load, refer to the Troubleshooting section.



Image: Front of the Alien 3 NES game cartridge. This image displays the gray plastic casing of the cartridge with the game's label prominently featuring the "Alien 3" title and a stylized alien head logo.

## OPERATING (GAMEPLAY)

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Alien 3 is a side-scrolling action game where you control Ellen Ripley. Your primary objective is to rescue prisoners scattered throughout the penal colony Fiorina "Fury" 161 while eliminating hostile xenomorphs within a strict time limit.

### Controls

- **Directional Pad (D-Pad):** Move Ripley left or right. Press Up to climb ladders or enter doors. Press Down to crouch.
- **A Button:** Fire weapon.
- **B Button:** Jump.
- **Start Button:** Pause the game and access the inventory/options menu.
- **Select Button:** Cycle through available weapons in your inventory.

### Gameplay Mechanics

- **Rescue Missions:** Each level requires you to locate and rescue a specific number of prisoners before the timer runs out.
- **Time Limit:** A strict timer is present in each stage. Failure to complete objectives within the time limit results in a lost life.
- **Weapons:** Collect various weapons and ammunition throughout the levels to combat different types of xenomorphs.
- **Health:** Monitor Ripley's health bar. Contact with enemies or environmental hazards will deplete health. Collect health packs to restore it.

- **Exploration:** Levels are often multi-layered with elevators and vents. Explore thoroughly to find prisoners, items, and the exit.

## MAINTENANCE

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Proper care of your Alien 3 NES game cartridge will ensure its longevity and reliable performance.

- **Storage:** Store the cartridge in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and humidity. Keep it in its original sleeve or a protective case to prevent dust accumulation.
- **Cleaning Contacts:** If the game experiences difficulty loading, the gold connector pins on the bottom of the cartridge may need cleaning. Use a cotton swab lightly dampened with isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol) to gently wipe the pins. Allow them to dry completely before reinserting the cartridge.
- **Handling:** Always handle the cartridge by its plastic casing. Avoid touching the connector pins directly, as oils and dirt from your hands can cause corrosion.
- **Avoid Liquids:** Keep the cartridge away from all liquids. Spills can cause permanent damage to the internal components.



Image: Back of the Alien 3 NES game cartridge. This image shows the reverse side of the gray cartridge, highlighting the exposed gold connector pins at the bottom, which interface with the NES console.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you encounter issues while playing Alien 3, try the following solutions:

- **Game Not Loading (Flashing Screen):**
  - Ensure the cartridge is fully inserted and pressed down into the console.
  - Power off the NES, remove the cartridge, clean the connector pins (as described in Maintenance), and reinsert it.

- Try blowing gently into the cartridge slot and the console's cartridge receiver (use caution to avoid moisture).
- Ensure your NES console is functioning correctly with other games.
- **Game Freezes or Glitches:**
  - Power off and restart the console.
  - Ensure the cartridge is securely seated.
  - Check for any physical damage to the cartridge.
- **No Sound or Distorted Sound:**
  - Check the audio connections between your NES console and your television.
  - Adjust the volume on your television.
  - Ensure the game cartridge is clean and properly inserted.

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Compatible Console</b>	Nintendo Entertainment System
<b>Item Weight</b>	2.4 ounces
<b>Package Dimensions</b>	5.4 x 4.8 x 0.7 inches
<b>Rating</b>	Everyone
<b>Manufacturer</b>	LJN GAMES
<b>Date First Available</b>	January 1, 2000