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### Nintendo B00004SVXP

# Dr. Mario Nintendo NES Instruction Manual

Official Guide for Nintendo Entertainment System

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the world of Dr. Mario! This instruction manual provides essential information for setting up, playing, and maintaining your Dr. Mario game cartridge for the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES). Dr. Mario presents a unique puzzle challenge where you, as Dr. Mario, must eliminate viruses by strategically aligning multi-colored vitamin capsules. The objective is to clear all viruses from the bottle by matching four or more capsules or viruses of the same color in a row, either horizontally or vertically. As you progress, the game introduces faster falling capsules and more viruses, increasing the difficulty.

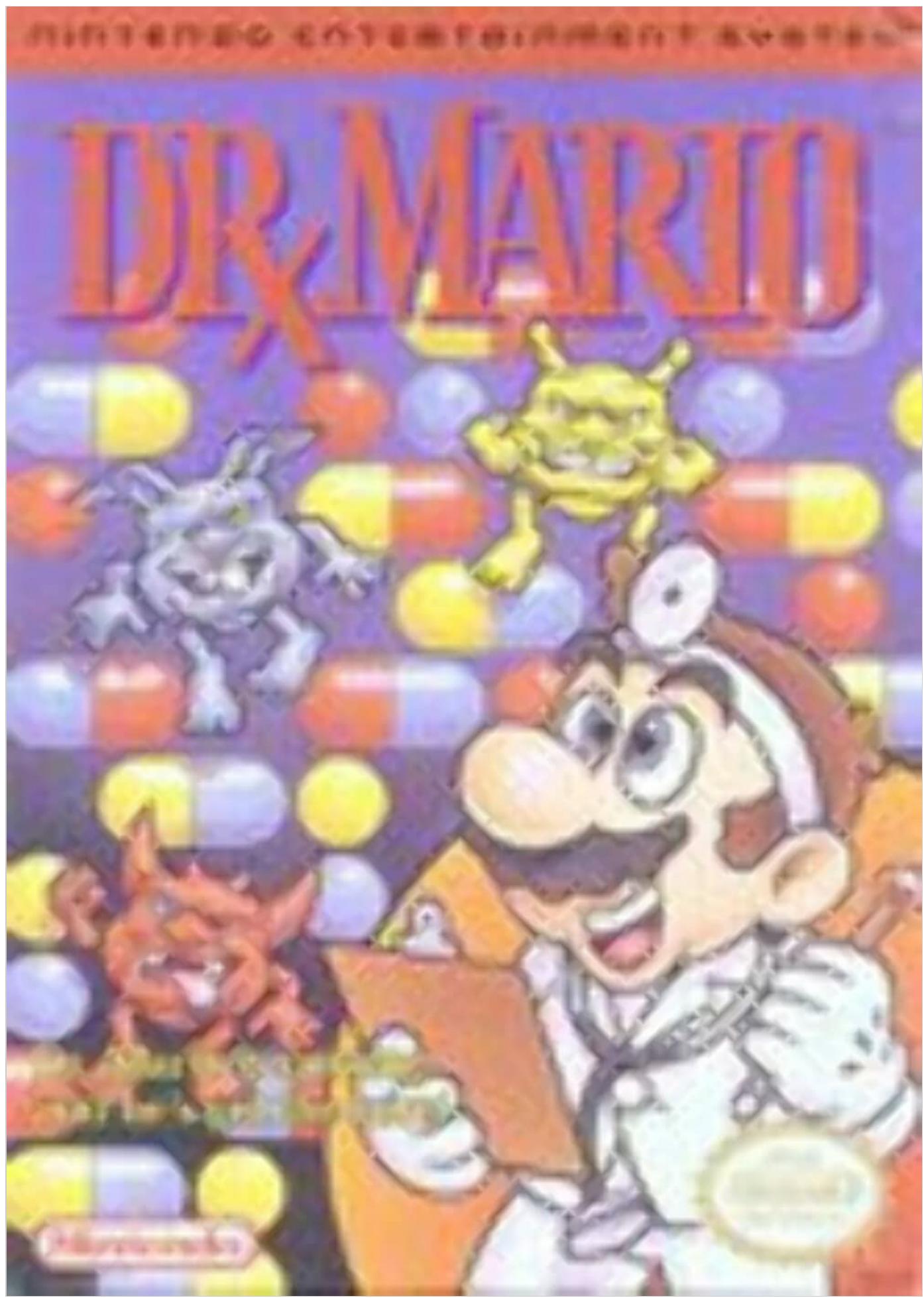


Image 1.1: The Dr. Mario game cartridge for the Nintendo Entertainment System. This cartridge is designed to be inserted into the NES console's slot.

## 2. SETUP

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Follow these steps to set up your Dr. Mario game on the Nintendo Entertainment System:

1. **Connect the NES Console:** Ensure your Nintendo Entertainment System console is properly connected to your television set and power outlet. Refer to your NES console's manual for detailed connection instructions.
2. **Insert the Game Cartridge:** Open the front flap of your NES console. Hold the Dr. Mario game cartridge with the label facing upwards. Gently but firmly insert the cartridge into the console's slot until it clicks into place. Do not force the cartridge.
3. **Connect Controllers:** Plug your NES controllers into the controller ports on the front of the console. Port 1 is typically for single-player games or the first player in a two-player game.
4. **Power On:** Turn on your television and select the correct input channel. Then, press the POWER button on your NES console. The game should appear on your screen. If not, refer to the Troubleshooting section.

## 3. OPERATING (GAMEPLAY)

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### 3.1 Game Objective

The primary goal in Dr. Mario is to eradicate all viruses present in the bottle. Viruses are represented by single blocks of red, yellow, or blue. You achieve this by matching four or more blocks of the same color, including parts of the falling vitamin capsules, in a horizontal or vertical line. Once a line of four or more identical colors is formed, those blocks disappear.

### 3.2 Controls

Use the NES controller to manipulate the falling vitamin capsules:

- **Directional Pad (D-Pad) Left/Right:** Moves the falling capsule horizontally across the screen.
- **Directional Pad (D-Pad) Down:** Increases the speed at which the capsule falls.
- **A Button or B Button:** Rotates the capsule 90 degrees clockwise or counter-clockwise, allowing you to change its orientation before it lands.

### 3.3 Gameplay Mechanics

Vitamin capsules fall from the top of the screen. Each capsule consists of two blocks of varying colors. You can move and rotate these capsules as they descend. When a capsule lands or hits another block, it becomes fixed. If a line of four or more matching colors (capsule blocks or viruses) is formed, those blocks are cleared. Any blocks above the cleared line will fall down to fill the empty space. The game ends if the bottle fills up to the very top, preventing new capsules from entering.

### 3.4 Game Modes

Dr. Mario offers both single-player and two-player modes:

- **1 Player Game:** Play against the computer, progressing through increasing levels of difficulty and virus counts.
- **2 Player Game:** Compete against another player. In this mode, clearing multiple lines or chains can send garbage blocks to your opponent's screen, hindering their progress.

### 3.5 Scoring

Points are awarded for clearing viruses. More points are typically granted for clearing multiple viruses simultaneously or for creating chain reactions. The score is displayed during gameplay.

## 4. MAINTENANCE

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Proper care of your Dr. Mario game cartridge ensures its longevity and reliable performance:

- **Cleaning Cartridge Contacts:** If the game does not start or experiences glitches, the gold connector pins on the bottom of the cartridge may be dirty. Use a cotton swab lightly dampened with isopropyl alcohol to gently clean these contacts. Allow them to dry completely before re-inserting the cartridge.
- **Storage:** Store the game cartridge in its original sleeve or a protective case when not in use to prevent dust accumulation and physical damage. Keep it away from extreme temperatures, direct sunlight, and moisture.
- **Handling:** Always handle the cartridge by its plastic casing. Avoid touching the gold connector pins directly, as oils from your skin can cause corrosion over time.

## 5. TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you encounter issues while playing Dr. Mario, try the following solutions:

- **Game Not Starting / Blank Screen:**
  - Ensure the NES console is powered on and connected to the TV.
  - Verify the TV is on the correct input channel.
  - Remove the game cartridge, clean the gold connector pins as described in the Maintenance section, and re-insert it firmly.
  - Try pressing the cartridge down into the console after insertion, then pressing the reset button.
- **Game Freezes / Glitches:**
  - This can often be resolved by cleaning the cartridge contacts.
  - Ensure the console is not overheating.
- **Controller Not Responding:**
  - Check that the controller is securely plugged into the correct port.
  - Test with another controller if available to rule out a faulty controller.

## 6. SPECIFICATIONS

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Feature	Detail
Product Title	Dr. Mario
Platform	Nintendo NES (Nintendo Entertainment System)
ASIN	B00004SVXP
UPC	045496630621
Publication Date	July 27, 1990
Product Dimensions	5.5 x 4.7 x 0.7 inches
Item Weight	0.8 ounces
Language	English

Rating

Everyone

## 7. SUPPORT

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As Dr. Mario for the Nintendo Entertainment System is a vintage product, direct manufacturer support may be limited. For general inquiries regarding classic Nintendo products or historical information, please visit the official Nintendo website or consult online communities dedicated to retro gaming.

For issues related to the console itself, refer to your Nintendo Entertainment System console's original instruction manual or support resources.

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