ACTIVISION Star Wars: Force Commander

Star Wars: Force Commander (PC) Instruction Manual

Model: Star Wars: Force Commander | Brand: ACTIVISION

1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to **Star Wars: Force Commander**, an epic real-time strategy game set in the iconic Star Wars universe. This manual provides essential information for installing, operating, and troubleshooting your game, ensuring an optimal experience as you command the great armies of the Star Wars saga in 3D real-time ground combat.

Prepare to deploy over 40 distinct Star Wars military units across 24 single-player missions and numerous multiplayer engagements. Engage in strategic battles across dozens of diverse 3D environments, from the lush terrain of Yavin to the desolate wastelands of Tatooine.

Image 1.1: The official game box art for Star Wars: Force Commander, featuring AT-AT walkers amidst explosions, illustrating the real-time strategy combat.

2. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

2.1 System Requirements

To ensure proper functionality and performance, your computer system must meet the following minimum specifications:

- **Operating System:** Windows 95 or Windows 98
- **Graphics:** Requires a 3D Accelerator compatible graphics card
- **Storage:** Sufficient hard drive space for installation and game saves
- **Optical Drive:** CD-ROM drive

2.2 Installation Procedure

1. Insert the Star Wars: Force Commander game CD-ROM into your computer's CD-ROM drive.
2. If the installation program does not start automatically, navigate to 'My Computer', double-click on your CD-ROM drive icon, and then locate and double-click 'Setup.exe' or 'Install.exe'.
3. Follow the on-screen prompts to complete the installation. This will typically involve accepting the license agreement, choosing an installation directory, and selecting components.
4. Once installation is complete, you may be prompted to restart your computer. It is recommended to do so to ensure all changes take effect.

3. OPERATING THE GAME

3.1 Starting the Game

After successful installation, you can launch Star Wars: Force Commander by:

- Clicking the game icon on your desktop (if created during installation).
- Navigating to 'Start Menu' > 'Programs' > 'LucasArts' > 'Star Wars: Force Commander' and selecting the game executable.

3.2 Gameplay Overview

Star Wars: Force Commander is a real-time strategy game where players assume command of either the Galactic Empire or the Rebel Alliance. Your objective is to manage resources, construct bases, train units, and strategically deploy them to achieve mission objectives. The game features a dynamic 3D camera, allowing you to view the battle from practically every angle.

3.3 Unit Deployment and Combat

The game allows you to deploy over 40 different Star Wars military units, each with unique strengths and weaknesses. Understanding unit types and their effective counters is crucial for success. Combat unfolds in real-time, requiring quick decision-making and tactical positioning.

3.4 Multiplayer

Star Wars: Force Commander supports multiplayer gameplay for up to 4 players via LAN (Local Area Network) and Internet connections. Consult the in-game multiplayer menu for options to host or join a game.

4. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your game, consider the following:

- **Disc Care:** Keep your game CD-ROM clean and free from scratches. Store it in its original case when not in use.
- **Game Updates:** While less common for older PC titles, occasionally check official LucasArts or

ACTIVISION websites (if available) for any patches or updates that might improve compatibility or fix known issues.

- **Saving Progress:** Regularly save your game progress during missions to avoid losing significant gameplay time due to unexpected interruptions.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues while playing Star Wars: Force Commander, try the following common troubleshooting steps:

- **Game Not Starting:** Ensure your system meets the minimum requirements. Verify that your graphics drivers are up to date for your operating system. Try running the game in compatibility mode for Windows 95 or 98 if you are on a newer OS.
- **Graphics Issues:** If you experience graphical glitches or poor performance, ensure your 3D accelerator card drivers are correctly installed and updated. Adjust in-game graphics settings to lower resolutions or detail levels.
- **Sound Problems:** Check your computer's sound settings and ensure your sound card drivers are installed. Verify in-game sound options are enabled and volume is adjusted.
- **Crashes or Freezes:** Save your game frequently. Close other background applications that might be consuming system resources. Reinstalling the game may resolve corrupted files.
- **Multiplayer Connection Issues:** Verify your network connection. Ensure firewalls are not blocking the game's communication ports. Consult your router's manual for port forwarding if necessary.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Product Title	LucasArts Classic: Star Wars: Force Commander (PC)
Brand	ACTIVISION
ASIN	B00005Q6XM
UPC	023272998448
Release Date	September 21, 2001
Platform	PC (Windows 95, Windows 98)
Item Weight	4.2 ounces
Manufacturer	Activision

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

As an older PC game title, direct manufacturer warranty and technical support from ACTIVISION or LucasArts may be limited or no longer available. For assistance with common issues, it is recommended to:

- Consult online PC gaming communities and forums dedicated to classic Star Wars games. These communities often have extensive knowledge and solutions for compatibility issues on modern operating systems.
- Refer to fan-made patches or compatibility guides that may exist for running the game on newer

systems.

Always exercise caution when downloading unofficial software or modifying game files from third-party sources.