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Model: Shining Force CD

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1. INTRODUCTION TO SHINING FORCE CD

Shining Force CD is a tactical role-playing game developed by SEGA for the Sega CD console. This manual provides essential information for setting up, playing, and understanding the game's features.

The game combines elements from the Shining Force series into four distinct role-playing adventures. Players will engage in strategic combat, utilize magic spells, and manage a team of characters to progress through the story.
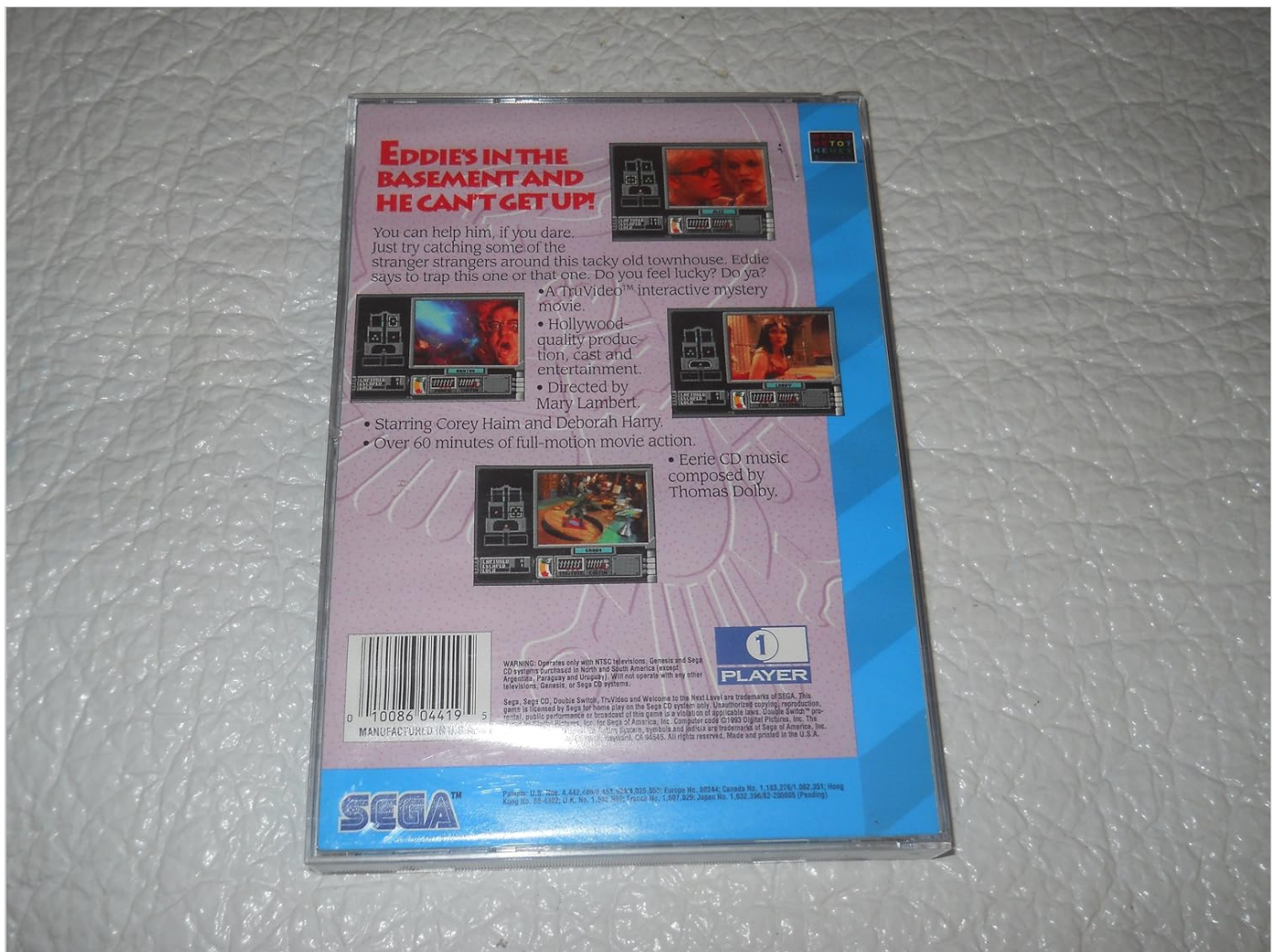
Figure 1.1: Front cover of the Shining Force CD game case.

2. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

To begin playing Shining Force CD, follow these steps:

1. **Insert the Game Disc:** Open the disc tray of your Sega CD console and carefully place the Shining Force CD game disc onto the spindle, label side up. Close the disc tray.

2. **Power On:** Ensure your Sega CD console is properly connected to your television and power source. Turn on the console.

3. **Start Game:** The game should automatically load. If not, navigate to the game selection menu on your Sega CD system and select "Shining Force CD."

Figure 2.1: Shining Force CD game disc and internal manual.

Saving Game Progress: Shining Force CD utilizes the Sega CD's internal backup RAM or an optional CD Backup RAM Cartridge for saving game progress. Ensure sufficient space is available before starting a new game or saving. The game allows for multiple save slots.

3. OPERATING THE GAME (GAMEPLAY)

Shining Force CD is a turn-based strategy RPG. Players control a team of characters on a grid-based battlefield.

3.1 Core Gameplay Mechanics

- **Strategic Combat:** Battles occur on a tactical map. Players move their characters and execute actions such as attacking, using magic, or using items.

- **Character Management:** The game allows control of up to 12 characters simultaneously from over 20 unique classes. Each character has distinct abilities and growth potential.

- **Character Promotion:** Characters can be promoted to advanced classes once they reach a certain level, gaining increased power and access to more potent weapons and spells.

- **Story Progression:** The game features multiple storylines, often referred to as "Books." Completing one book typically unlocks the next, expanding the narrative and character roster.

3.2 Controls

Refer to your Sega CD console's controller manual for basic button layouts. In Shining Force CD, typical controls include:

- **Directional Pad:** Move cursor, navigate menus, move characters on the battlefield.

- **A Button:** Confirm selection, interact.
- **B Button:** Cancel selection, open character menu.
- **C Button:** Speed up text, confirm.
- **Start Button:** Pause game, open system menu.

4. MAINTENANCE

Shining Force CD is a software product and requires minimal maintenance. To ensure optimal performance and longevity of your game disc:

- **Disc Handling:** Always hold the disc by its edges. Avoid touching the reflective surface.
- **Cleaning:** If the disc becomes dirty, gently wipe it with a soft, lint-free cloth from the center outwards. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** Store the disc in its original case, away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues while playing Shining Force CD, consider the following common solutions:

- **Game Not Loading:**

    - Ensure the disc is clean and free of scratches.
    - Verify the disc is inserted correctly into the Sega CD console.
    - Check that your Sega CD console is functioning correctly with other games.

- **Freezing or Glitches:**

    - Clean the game disc as described in the Maintenance section.
    - Restart the console.
    - Ensure the console is well-ventilated to prevent overheating.

- **Save Data Issues:**

    - Check the available space on your Sega CD's internal backup RAM or CD Backup RAM Cartridge.
    - If using a cartridge, ensure it is properly inserted.

For persistent issues, consult the Sega CD console's official support documentation or online communities dedicated to retro gaming.

6. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

ASIN	B0007U6WF0
Type of Item	Video Game
Rated	Kids to Adults
Item Weight	0.8 ounces
Manufacturer	Sega
Date First Available	February 17, 2005

Figure 6.1: Back cover of the Shining Force CD game case, detailing features and copyright.

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Information regarding specific warranty details for the Shining Force CD game is not available in this manual. For support related to the game or your Sega CD console, please refer to the original documentation provided with your console or contact SEGA customer support channels available at the time of the product's release.

As this is a legacy product, direct manufacturer support may be limited. Online communities and fan resources may offer additional assistance.