

THQ 40346

THQ Dirt 3 - Xbox 360 Standard Edition Instruction Manual

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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the THQ Dirt 3 - Xbox 360 Standard Edition video game. Dirt 3 is a rally racing game designed for the Xbox 360 platform, offering a blend of arcade-style racing and realistic off-road features. The game includes various racing disciplines, locations, and a selection of licensed action-sports racing cars. Key features include multi-stage rallies, snow racing, and Gymkhana events.



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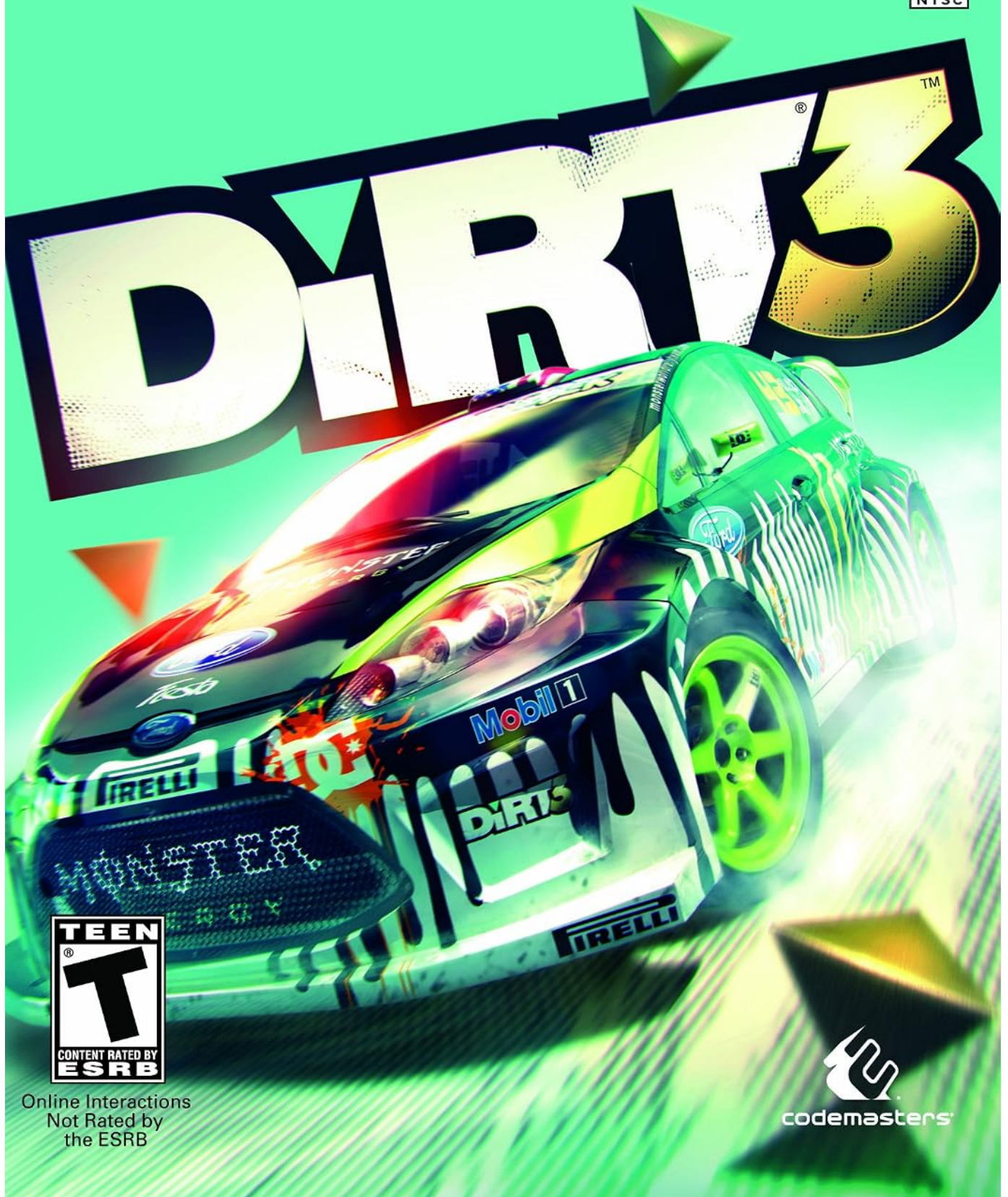


Image 1.1: The official game cover for Dirt 3 on Xbox 360.

2. SETUP

2.1 Unpacking the Game

Carefully remove the game disc and any accompanying materials from the packaging. Inspect the disc for any visible damage before use.

2.2 Inserting the Game Disc

1. Ensure your Xbox 360 console is powered off.
2. Open the disc tray on your Xbox 360 console.
3. Place the Dirt 3 game disc into the disc tray with the label side facing up.
4. Close the disc tray.

2.3 Initial Installation

Upon first insertion, the Xbox 360 may prompt you to install game data to the console's hard drive. This process is recommended to improve loading times and overall game performance. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

2.4 Controller Setup

Ensure your Xbox 360 controller is properly connected and powered on. For wireless controllers, verify battery levels. The game is designed for standard Xbox 360 controllers. Steering wheel peripherals may also be compatible, refer to the peripheral's manual for setup.

3. OPERATING THE GAME

3.1 Starting the Game

With the disc inserted, power on your Xbox 360 console. Navigate to the "Play Game" option on the Xbox Dashboard and select Dirt 3 to begin.

3.2 Main Menu Navigation

The main menu provides access to various game modes and settings:

- **Career:** Progress through the main single-player campaign, unlocking new events and vehicles.
- **Gymkhana:** Participate in skill-based driving challenges focused on precision and style.
- **Rally:** Engage in traditional point-to-point rally stages across diverse environments.
- **Multiplayer:** Compete against other players online or locally.
- **Options:** Adjust game settings, including controls, audio, and display.

3.3 Basic Controls (Standard Xbox 360 Controller)

Control	Action
Left Stick	Steering
Right Trigger	Accelerate
Left Trigger	Brake / Reverse
A Button	Handbrake
Y Button	Change Camera View

Control	Action
Start Button	Pause Menu

Detailed control customization options are available within the game's 'Options' menu.

3.4 Saving Progress

The game features an auto-save function. Look for the auto-save icon on the screen to confirm your progress is being saved. Do not turn off your console while the auto-save icon is displayed.

3.5 Gameplay Features

Dirt 3 offers a variety of racing experiences:

- **Diverse Environments:** Race across rally stages in Europe, Africa, and the US, featuring mud, dirt, and snow conditions.
- **Vehicle Selection:** Access over 50 rally cars spanning five decades of the sport, including classic models and modern rally vehicles.
- **Gymkhana Events:** Master precision driving in specially designed arenas, performing drifts, spins, and jumps.
- **Snow Racing:** Experience unique handling dynamics on snow-covered tracks, influenced by advanced particle and physics models.



Image 3.1: A rally car navigating a wet, muddy track during a race.



Image 3.2: A rally car performing a turn on a snow-covered track.



Image 3.3: A rally truck driving through a water hazard.



Image 3.4: A rally car executing a drift maneuver in a Gymkhana arena.



Image 3.5: Two rally cars performing a Gymkhana stunt, creating smoke from their tires.

3.6 Official Product Videos

Dirt 3 Gameplay Overview

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Video 3.6.1: This video provides an overview of Dirt 3 gameplay, showcasing various racing environments and vehicle types. It highlights the dynamic weather effects and different race modes available in the game.

Dirt 3 Launch Trailer

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Video 3.6.2: This is the official launch trailer for Dirt 3, featuring high-speed racing, intense crashes, and a glimpse into the game's diverse locations and vehicle roster. It demonstrates the game's visual fidelity and action-packed gameplay.

4. MAINTENANCE

4.1 Game Disc Care

- Always hold the disc by its edges to avoid fingerprints on the playing surface.
- Store the disc in its original case when not in use to protect it from scratches and dust.
- To clean the disc, gently wipe it with a soft, lint-free cloth from the center outwards. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- Avoid exposing the disc to direct sunlight or extreme temperatures.

4.2 Console Ventilation

Ensure your Xbox 360 console has adequate ventilation to prevent overheating, especially during extended gameplay sessions. Do not block the console's vents.

4.3 Software Updates

Periodically check for system software updates for your Xbox 360 console and game updates for Dirt 3. These updates can improve performance, add features, and resolve known issues. An internet connection is required for updates.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

5.1 Game Not Loading / Disc Read Errors

- Ensure the game disc is clean and free of scratches. Clean the disc as described in Section 4.1.

- Verify the disc is inserted correctly into the Xbox 360 disc tray.
- Restart your Xbox 360 console.
- If the issue persists, try another game disc to determine if the problem is with the console's disc drive.

5.2 Game Freezes or Crashes

- Ensure your Xbox 360 console has adequate ventilation.
- Clear the system cache on your Xbox 360 (Go to System Settings > Storage > Highlight Hard Drive > Press Y > Clear System Cache).
- If the game was installed to the hard drive, try deleting and reinstalling the game data.
- Ensure your console's system software is up to date.

5.3 Controller Not Responding

- For wireless controllers, check battery levels and replace if necessary.
- Resync your wireless controller with the console.
- For wired controllers, ensure the connection cable is securely plugged into both the controller and the console.
- Test with another controller if available.

5.4 Online Connectivity Issues

- Verify your Xbox 360 console is connected to Xbox Live.
- Check your internet connection and router.
- Ensure there are no ongoing Xbox Live service alerts.
- Restart your router and modem.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Product Title	Dirt 3 - Xbox 360 Standard
Brand	THQ
Model Number	40346
Platform	Xbox 360
GTIN / UPC	767649403462
Release Date	May 24, 2011
Rated	Teen
Product Dimensions	7.48 x 5.43 x 0.59 inches
Item Weight	3.2 ounces
Compatible Consoles	Microsoft Xbox 360, Microsoft Xbox 360 E

7. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

7.1 Manufacturer's Warranty

This product is covered by the standard manufacturer's warranty provided by THQ. Please refer to the warranty information included with your game packaging or visit the official THQ website for details regarding warranty terms and conditions.

7.2 Technical Support

For technical assistance, gameplay questions, or issues not covered in this manual, please contact THQ customer support. Support contact information can typically be found on the game packaging or on the official THQ website. When contacting support, please have your game title, platform (Xbox 360), and a description of your issue ready.

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