

# Bulk Slash

## Instructions

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### Backstory

The Great War played out across three worlds, finally drawing to a close with the fall of the fascist planet Blau. The two victorious planet-states formed a coalition government, executing Blau's top officials as war criminals and dispersing its people across the solar system to prevent the recurrence of a coup. The nightmare seemed over, ushering in a new era of peace.

For the displaced people of Blau, however, the nightmare continued. Despite having equal rights in the eyes of the law, they constantly met all manner of discrimination, from slander to threats to all-out violence. For the people of Blau, the war was far from over.

This harsh and constant discrimination also befell a young girl named Riesen Lavia, who had immigrated to the planet Grün after the execution of her father, a high-ranking Blau official. Riesen's sole salvation was Chris Dooley, the boy who stood up for her at every turn, and indeed, the only person to whom she could open up or show a smile. She hoped their wholesome, untinged friendship would last forever.

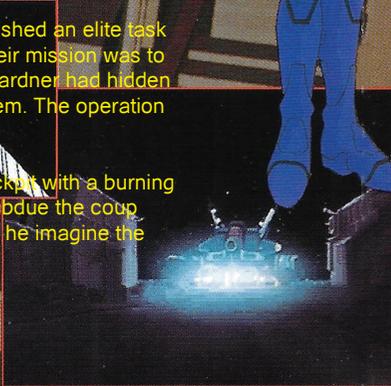


Twenty-five years after the Great War...

The declaration of a coup d'état was sudden. Former Blau military chief Alois Gardner consolidated the remnants of his planet's forces to erect a rebel army, and used the "Spät Fest," an apocalyptic weapon capable of destroying entire planets, to take Blau and its approximate 3.2 billion inhabitants hostage. Among those who vowed to serve in the coup was Riesen Lavia, filled with anger over her father's execution and desperate to end her people's suffering.

Wasting no time, the coalition government established an elite task force to avert the detonation of the Spät Fest. Their mission was to thwart the coup by acquiring seven passwords Gardner had hidden inside "Guardian" weapons across the solar system. The operation was dubbed "Bulk Slash."

Appointed to this task force, Chris took to the cockpit with a burning drive to uphold his duty. He was determined to subdue the coup army and pacify their ultimate weapon. Never did he imagine the bittersweet reunion fate had in store...



**Chris Dooley (19)** | Voice actor: Takeshi Koyasu / Jonathan Boncher. In reverence to his father, a military mechanic, Chris enlisted in hopes of "trying out Dad's craftsmanship firsthand." Though hardly the best pilot in the solar system, he embarks upon his mission boldly and with a deep-seated righteousness.



**Riesen Lavia (19)** | Voice actor: Yuri Amano / Luuzine. Following her father's execution as a war criminal, Riesen joins the coup d'état army led by her father's old friend, Gardner. Riesen's cold, emotionless visage is a mask to protect her from the discrimination she endures; in truth, she is as kind and gentle as they come.



### Meet the Navigators

#### About the Navigation (M.I.S.S.) System

These seven young women serve as your partners, their voices informing you of enemy and target locations. Each navigator has her own unique way of supporting you. But be warned — at low levels, their navigation may leave something to be desired.

**Leone Rhodes (16)** | Voice actor: Miki Nagasawa / Edobean. Born into a military family spanning generations of service, Leone is an elite soldier with a promising future. Popular among her peers, she is a reliable navigator despite her youth.



**Lira Hart (18)** | Voice actor: Kyoko Hikami / Erin. Became a pop star as an act of rebellion against her parents, who only showed affection to her brother. Because she is not a soldier, her ability as a navigator is rather shaky.

**Rupia Rude (20)** | Voice actor: Naoko Matsui / Diana Allocco. Rupia's cool manner belies an extremely cautious personality. Descended from a long line of thieves, she believes thievery is the most sensible vocation one can occupy.



**Naira Savage (22)** | Voice actor: Ai Orikasa / Raycher. Chris's superior officer. Though skilled enough to put her male peers to shame and execute even the most demanding tasks with ease, Naira has a fixation with baths and spends nearly half her time in the tub.



**Colón Steiner (19)** | Yuko Mizutani / Saskia. Has experience beyond her years and a knack for wit, but when she remembers her painful past she often falls into a depression.



**Mystery Girl** | Satomi Kohrogi / CrouchingMouse. Possesses superior navigational ability to all other navigators. Because of her horrendously tragic childhood, she occasionally exhibits strange behavior.



#### One Point of Advice

The conditions for leveling up vary from one navigator to the next. Your romantic affinity may rise by achieving chain combos or collecting lots of items. These parameters are hidden, so be sure to try various approaches.

#### What to do after clearing the game...

After clearing all stages, you'll be treated to a unique ending for the navigator accompanying you. That's not all — you also get to view one of three "visual bonuses," depending on your romantic affinity level with that navigator. Whichever navigator is with you when you clear the game will maintain her level progress, so you might try taking her out again to further level her up. Any visual bonus you have viewed will be saved to your file automatically and can be viewed again in the OPTIONS menu.

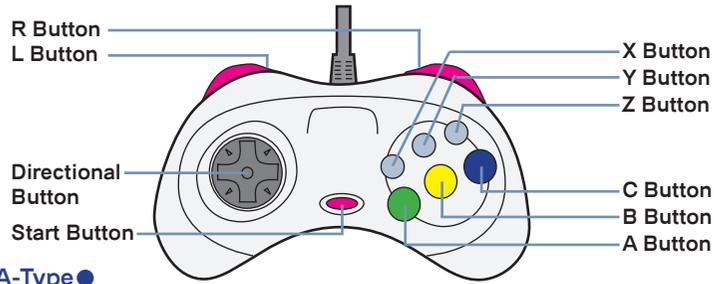


**Metical Flair (16)** | Voice actor: Michiko Neya / Dark Mysty. Eldest daughter to the royal family of planet Grün. Whether a result of her upbringing or an innate personality trait, she is the epitome of conceit in both word and action.



# Control Pad Layout

How to control the transforming mobile weapon GuardDual



## ●A-Type●

	Robot Mode	Plane Mode	In Menus
D-Pad ▲/▼	Move Forward/Back	Pitch Down/Up	Move Cursor
D-Pad ◀/▶	Move Left/Right	Move Left/Right	Move Cursor
L/R Button	Rotate Left/Right	Rotate Left/Right	N/A
A Button	Transform	Transform	N/A
B Button	Attack	Attack	Cancel
C Button	Jump	Toggle Speed	Confirm
XY/Z Button	Long-Range Radar	Long-Range Radar	N/A
Start Button	Pause During Gameplay	Start Game	Start Game

\* In addition to A-Type, you can select B-Type, C-Type and D-Type button layouts by going to OPTION ► CONTROLLER from the title screen.

\* You have three types of attack when in Robot Mode (the close-range sword attack, the shot attack and the bomb attack after powering up your meter) and two forms of attack in Plane Mode (the normal shot and the homing missiles after powering up your meter), for a total of five attack types. Your attack meter powers up automatically whenever you don't press the B (attack) button.

# Heads-Up Display

Default Battle HUD



Boss Battle HUD



- ① **Navigator Window**
- ② **Item Gauge**: Displays when you acquire a special weapon; when the gauge depletes to zero, you revert back to your normal attack (Robot Mode only)
- ③ **Bomb Gauge**: As this gauge fills, you can perform an increasingly strong bomb attack.
- ④ **Shield Gauge**: Displays the GuardDual's remaining shield strength.
- ⑤ **Radar**
- ⑥ **Speed Gauge**: Displays your speed when in Plane mode.
- ⑦ **Timer**
- ⑧ **Score**: Displays the number of points you have acquired so far.
- ⑨ **Boss HP**: Displays the boss's remaining health.

# Items



**Fire Blaster**  
Launches powerful flame rounds.



**Bézier Blaster**  
Arcing shot that homes in on enemies.



**Napalm Blaster**  
Fires a three-way shot.



**Medal**  
Increases score by 500 points.



**Gold Bars**  
Increases score by 500 points.



**Shield Recovery Lv. 1**  
Restores your shield strength. Comes in three levels, from 1 to MAX, with each level restoring a different amount of your shield.



**Shield Recovery Lv. 2**



**Shield Recovery MAX**

## M.I.S.S. Partner Items



Touch one of these items to meet a navigator. If you already have a navigator on board, you'll be asked if you want to switch her out. Choose "Yes" if you do, "No" if you do not.



# Getting Started



① After placing the Bulk Slash Sega Saturn CD in your Sega Saturn and pressing the power button on, you will be taken to the title screen. Press Start, then highlight START and press the C button to confirm. If you don't press anything on the title screen, the opening cinematic will commence. When the opening cinematic is over, you will return to the title screen.



② If you have save data, you will be able to select a navigator from those you have unlocked before beginning the game. If you have multiple save files, be sure to choose which file you want to use beforehand by going to OPTION ► BACKUP SELECT.



③ If you're playing for the first time, you'll be taken to the Stage Select screen. The only stages selectable from the start are stages 1 to 3. Subsequent stages are only available after clearing stages 1 to 3.



④ Once you select a stage, you can view that stage's mission objective and tactical map.



⑤ After confirming your mission and pressing the C button, the game will begin.



⑥ During a mission, if your shield drops to zero, you can continue by pressing the Start button within 10 seconds. If you don't press anything, you'll get a Game Over.



⑦ If you achieve a high score, you'll be able to enter your initials. Your score will be saved automatically.



⑧ After pressing Start on the title screen, you can choose OPTION to change the game's difficulty level and controller configuration. Use D-pad ▲ and ▼ to highlight the item you want to change, then use ◀ and ▶ to execute the change.

# Combat Techniques

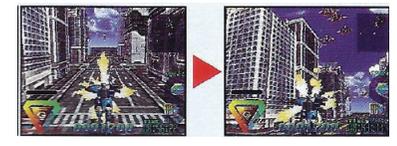
● During boss fights, if you have a navigator aboard the GuardDual, press the X, Y, or Z button to automatically face the enemy.



● When in Plane Mode, pressing the C button allows you to toggle between four speeds. Holding the C button down allows for more minute speed adjustments.



● When in Robot Mode, first hold the B button and then use the D-pad to aim the direction of your attacks.



● Use your bombs or homing missiles to create chain explosions that engulf enemies and obstacles in their blast radius. The larger your chain, the greater your score bonus.

