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   Note: Sonic™ 3D Blast™ is for one player only.

2. Place the Sonic™ 3D Blast™ disc, label side up, in the well of the CD tray and close the lid.

3. Turn ON the TV or monitor and the Sega Saturn. The Sega Saturn logo will appear on screen. If nothing appears, turn the system OFF and make sure it is set up correctly before turning it ON again.

4. If you wish to stop a game in progress and return to the on-screen Control panel, simultaneously press Buttons A, B, C and Start on the Sega Saturn Control Pad. When the game Title screen appears, press Start again to go to the on-screen Control panel.

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Flicky Island Under Siege!

Sonic and his friends are off to visit the mysterious Flicky Island. According to legend, the island contains precious gems - among them the Chaos Emeralds. Sonic must find the Flickies, mysterious little birds who hold the key to finding the gems. Flickies are rarely seen, and it is said that their existence is tied closely to the location of the Chaos Emeralds.

Meanwhile, Dr. Robotnik has hatched a new scheme. His target this time is Flicky Island. He has detected the presence of the Chaos Emeralds on the island. Upon arriving there, Robotnik immediately starts setting up intruder defenses, and begins building the robots he loves so much. But Robotnik needs to find the Flickies to place inside his machines. Suddenly, in the distance he sees a bright shining Dimension Ring appear. A flock of Flickies fly out of the ring, perch on a tree branch, pick up some food, and then disappear into the Dimension Ring. “So they live in another dimension, do they? Hah! I’ve found the secret of the Flickies!”

The Flickies travel freely between dimensions using the Dimension Rings! Without wasting any time, Robotnik develops a new device: the Dimension Ring Generator. He captures Flickies from the Flicky Dimension using his new device, and begins turning them into robots. Later on, Sonic and his friends arrive at Flicky Island, and find the place in pandemonium.

Sonic sees the crazed doctor busily placing the Flickies into his robot shells. “Robotnik!” Sonic yells.

“Sonic? Again? Well, no matter. With the robots I’ve created using the Flickies, you’ll never be able to stop me! At last I’ll be free to find all the Chaos Emeralds and rule the world!” Sonic realizes that he must save the Flickies by freeing them from their robotic prisons and sending them back into the Flicky dimension. More importantly, Robotnik must not be allowed to find the Chaos Emeralds first. Time to go, Sonic!
Take Control!

Saturn Control Pad

Left Shift Button (Button L)  Right Shift Button (Button R)

Directional Pad (D-Pad)

- Cycles through pregame options
- Guides Sonic

Start Button (Start)

- Advances to Title screen from movie
- Enters/exits Option screens
- Pauses game; resumes paused game

Buttons A and C

- Plays BGM (background music) or SFX (sound effects) in the Sound Test Option screen
- Makes Sonic jump
- Makes Sonic perform the Blast Attack (when using the Gold Shield)

Button B

- Stops BGM (background music) or SFX (sound effects) in the Sound Test Option screen
- Makes Sonic perform the Sonic Spin Dash

Note: Buttons X, Y, Z, L and R have no functions in this game.

Saturn 3D Control Pad

Front View

Analog Thumb Pad

Buttons X, Y and Z

Buttons A, B and C

Directional Pad (D-Pad)

Mode Switch (Switch between + and O modes; see below)

Start Button

When the Saturn 3D Control Pad is switched to the “O” Mode, the Analog Thumb Pad is used to guide Sonic. When switched to the “+” Mode, the Directional Pad (D-Pad) guides Sonic.

Note: The button functions for the Saturn 3D Control Pad are the same as for the Saturn Control Pad. The Triggers L and R have no function.

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After the Sega and Traveller's Tales logos appear, a short movie begins, followed by the Sonic 3D Blast Title screen. In a few moments, a game demo begins. Press Start at any time to return to the Title screen.

Press Start at the Title screen to see your options. Enter and Exit the HELP and SOUND TEST options screens by pressing Start.

HELP
View the various shields and icons available for Sonic to collect on his quest through Flicky Island. A brief explanation of each item is included.

SOUND TEST
Play the music and sound effects in the SOUND TEST. Press Button A or C to start the BGM/SFX, Button B to stop it.

START
Select this option and press Start to begin the game.

Flickies
Jump on or Spin Dash into a robot to break it open and release the Flicky inside. After the Flicky is free, run past it to attract its attention. The Flicky then follows Sonic obediently. Keep an eye on the Flickies Sonic has collected — they have a tendency to scatter when they or Sonic are hit by enemies.

Rings
Collect Rings to increase your score and to gain entrance to the Knuckles and Tails Bonus Stages.

Lives Remaining
The number of Sonic's remaining Lives is shown at the bottom left corner of the screen.

Flicky Counter
The number of Flickies needing to be rescued is shown at the bottom right corner of the screen. If the Flicky indicator is lit, the Flicky has already been found.
Springs and Transports

The Flickies' pleasant island has been changed into a danger-filled maze. Sonic must find his way through this mayhem in order to free his Flicky friends and stop Robotnik from getting his mitts on the Chaos Emeralds. There are many items Sonic may come across in his adventure, so take a look at the items below to help Sonic out.

**Rings**

Collect Rings to protect Sonic from Robotnik’s traps, gain access to the Knuckles or Tails Bonus Stages (to find Chaos Emeralds) and gain Bonus Points at the end of each Act. Remember, Sonic needs to collect at least 50 Rings to enter the Bonus Stages.

**Shields**

There are three kinds of Shields to be found on Flicky Island. The Blue Shield protects Sonic against regular and electrical damage, the Red Shield protects against both regular and fire damage, and the Gold Shield gives Sonic the power to use the Blast Attack as well as protecting him from enemy attacks.

**Sonic Medals/Extra Lives**

Collect ten Sonic Medals to gain a Continue! Look for medals above you when bouncing on Springs. Extra Lives can be found inside TVs and gained in the Knuckles or Tails Bonus Stages (if you’ve already gained all seven Chaos Emeralds).

**Sonic Blast Attack**

Take on all challengers! Press Button A or C to jump, and press either button again in midair to hone in on enemies. Sonic needs to find the Gold Shield first to use the Blast Attack.

**Chaos Emeralds**

Dr. Robotnik wants to use the power of the Chaos Emeralds to gain control over the world. The only way to stop him is by racing to the Emeralds first! Once you have collected 50 or more Rings, look around for Tails or Knuckles, who can transport you to the Bonus Stage, where the Chaos Emeralds can be found.

**Dimension Rings**

At certain points on Flicky Island, Sonic can find Dimension Rings, the doorways to the Flicky Dimension. Jump and grab the red area of the Dimension Ring whenever Sonic has Flickies following him. The Dimension Rings take the Flickies out of the hands of the fiendish Dr. Robotnik, and gets them safely back into their dimension!

**Springs and Transports**

Use springs to jump from one place to another and collect Rings or Sonic Medals for extra Lives! Transports move Sonic UP and DOWN levels. Try the Spin Dash to activate some transports.
Dr. Robotnik has made quite a mess of things! The once-peaceful Flicky Island is now inhabited by vicious robots and fiendish traps designed to stop Sonic! Release the Flickies from the robots and get them back to their own dimension, dodge the traps, race through snow, rain, and fog, find the secret passageways leading to helpful items, collect all the Chaos Emeralds, defeat Dr. Robotnik and above all - HAVE A GOOD TIME!

**Green Grove Zone**

The hills are alive with the sound of camshafts, engines, and various other machinery. The Flickies have been turned into nasty robots, and it's up to you to guide Sonic through the Green Grove Zone!

**Rusty Ruin Zone**

The ruins of the fabled continent of Atlantis were brought up from the depths when Flicky Island was created. Robotnik has fitted the ancient booby traps with modern machinery, making them more dangerous than ever! Dark and gloomy, some parts of the Rusty Ruin Zone are drenched in fog and rain, but Sonic has a job to do and nothing will dampen his spirits.

**Spring Stadium Zone**

This area is a crazy funhouse of pinball cushions and bumpers, springs and not-so-friendly spike traps. Hone your jumping and bouncing skills here.

**Diamond Dust Zone**

Did you bring your Sonic snowboard? The snowy mountains of Flicky Island are filled with icy snowblowers, frozen paths and rivers of slush. The occasional snowfall doesn't even faze Sonic, but watch out for snow-spitting snowmen and uncover snowy Springs to make your way through this Zone.

**Volcano Valley Zone**

Quite a change from the cool slopes of Diamond Dust! Leap the lava beds and go with the flow! Use the Sonic Spin Dash to activate the elevators, and keep an eye out for Fire shields to save Sonic from suffering a hot foot!

**Gene Gadget Zone**

This mixed-up mecha zone is chock full of pipes, tubes and wiring. Not to mention electrified floors, shocking beam weapons, and industrial fans that will blow Sonic away!

**Panic Puppet Zone**

Looks like Robotnik hasn't even had time to place the Flickies into the robots here. Sonic must be catching up to that evil genius! Bounce on the containers to free the Flickies inside, and make sure to avoid the bubble guns infesting the area.
Game Over/Continue

You start the game with three Sonic Lives — but no Continues. Gain Continues (three Sonic Lives per Continue) by collecting ten Sonic Medals. You can also gain Lives by finding the Sonic 1-UP item.

If Sonic loses all his Lives, and has remaining Continues, a timer appears. Press Start before the timer reaches zero to continue where Sonic left off (Sonic resumes his quest at the beginning of the Stage previously played).

Strategies for Flicky Island

Press Button B on an uneven surface or while running to perform the Sonic Slow Roll. This keeps Sonic moving in a straight line even on angled surfaces. Use the Slow Roll to collect Rings when walking is too difficult, or when avoiding dangerous obstacles.

Regain control of Sonic on icy surfaces by jumping up and landing in place. All momentum disappears when Sonic lands.

Don’t take chances when liberating Flickies from the robot shells. The easiest and safest way of rescuing the Flickies is by performing the Sonic Spin Dash to crack open the robots.

It may seem obvious, but watch where Sonic is going. There’s danger around every corner, and a little too much speed can lead to a big tragedy!

Look for hidden doorways and secret passages throughout Flicky Island. Extra Lives, Shields, Rings, and Sonic’s pals, Knuckles and Tails, can be found if Sonic looks hard enough.

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