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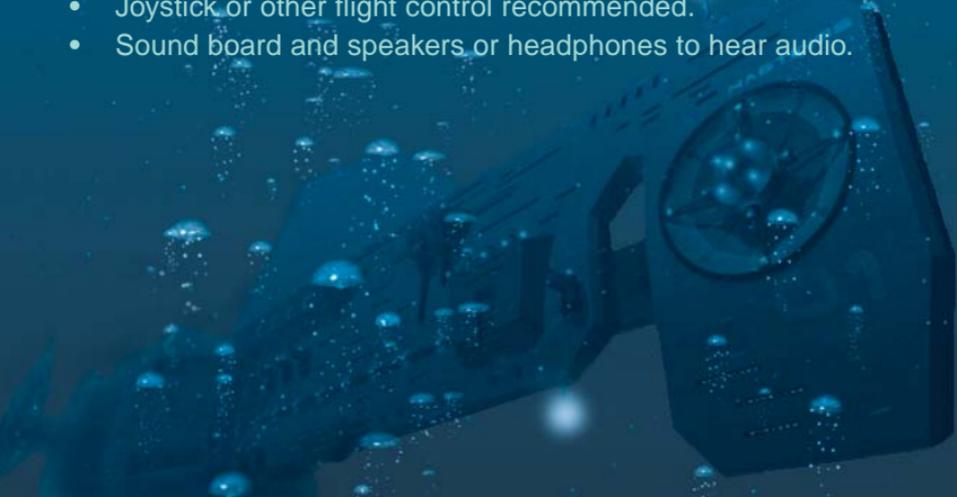
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System Requirements

To run Deadly Tide, you need:

- Personal computer with a Pentium® 75 MHz or higher processor.
- 8 MB or more of RAM.
- 25 MB of available hard disk space.
- 4X CD-ROM drive or faster.
- PCI SVGA video with 1 MB of memory.
- 256-Color display.
- Microsoft® Windows® 95 operating system or later.
- Mouse or other pointing device.
- Joystick or other flight control recommended.
- Sound board and speakers or headphones to hear audio.



To Set Up Deadly Tide

- 1 Turn on your computer and start Windows 95.
- 2 Insert Deadly Tide Disc 1 in the CD-ROM drive.
If AutoRun is enabled on your computer, Deadly Tide Setup starts automatically. Click Install to continue.
If AutoRun is disabled, continue with steps 3 and 4.
- 3 Double-click the My Computer icon, and then double-click the icon for the CD-ROM drive.
- 4 Double-click the Setup icon.

To Start Deadly Tide

- 1 Insert a Deadly Tide disc in the CD-ROM drive. For first-time pilots, insert Disc 1. For those continuing the battle, insert the disc that contains the last level you played. Levels are labeled on each disc.
If AutoRun is enabled on your computer, the Deadly Tide Setup dialog box appears. Click Play to continue.
If AutoRun is disabled, continue with steps 2 and 3.
- 2 Click the Start button, point to Programs, and then point to Microsoft Games.
- 3 Click Deadly Tide.

The Alien Threat

What if the enemy were no longer out there in space, but right here on Earth, building massive fortifications in our oceans? What if the enemy's presence and mission to exterminate the human race had finally been discovered? Those pounding explosions you hear, they're only the beginning—the beginning of the end of humanity. And only you can stop it.

As a 26th century Earth Oceans Alliance (EOA) hydrofighter pilot, your mission is to destroy the aquatic-based aliens. Armed with the latest in underwater technology, you are Earth's only hope for victory. Some missions put you in the cockpit of the *Hydra*, a sleek, deadly hydrofighter prototype. Others take advantage of your aquatic combat suit's deep sea-pressure handling capabilities.

Relentless encounters with powerful biomechanical aliens continually challenge you to make strategic as well as combative choices. The aliens' underwater defensive shield will vaporize human craft—can the shield be disabled, or is there a way around it? A found crystal may help you to navigate an alien ship, or it could explode upon contact—do you risk the chance? The wrong answers mean certain death.



The Pilot Control Center

After starting *Deadly Tide*, you'll be launched into the Pilot Control Center—the place to sign in, customize your controls, and plunge into combat. Ready to start a battle or revisit a former battle? Click Start from within the Pilot Control Center.



Need to fine-tune your cockpit by increasing the difficulty level, adjusting your graphic quality, or cranking up the volume? Return to the Pilot Control Center at any time during gameplay by pressing F3 or PAUSE.

Signing In

The first time *Deadly Tide* is played, the default pilot is the registered user. Want to play incognito or let a friend try? Click **Add**, and type another name. To delete a name from the drop-down list, select the name and click **Delete**.

When you enter a new name in the Pilot sign-in box during gameplay, you must start *Deadly Tide* from the beginning. If you switch to an existing pilot's name during gameplay, you must start *Deadly Tide* from that particular pilot's last save point.

Choosing Your Controls: Joystick vs. Mouse

You can sight your targets with either a joystick or a mouse. If a joystick is detected during Setup, the Joystick button is selected automatically, under **Controls** in the Pilot Control Center. If you prefer aiming with a mouse, click the **Mouse** button.

Joystick Calibration

To calibrate your joystick, click **Calibrate**, and the standard Windows 95 Joystick Properties dialog box will appear.

Flip Direction

Tired of your cross-hairs moving up when pulling your joystick or mouse back? Click **Flip Direction** and reverse the trend.

Starting a Battle

Once you've signed in and calibrated your controls, click Start in the Pilot Control Center to begin battle. After you've engaged in battle for the first time, clicking Start will take you to the Tactical Engagement Sphere, where a record of your progress is kept.

Using the Tactical Engagement Sphere

The Tactical Engagement Sphere indicates the sites where you've fought and the position where you are currently battling. To replay a particular battle, click its corresponding level number. To continue the battle in progress, click the highest level number.

Some battles include multiple save points. To return to the beginning of a level that is already in progress, click the highest level number while pressing CTRL.

To return to the Tactical Engagement Sphere at any time during gameplay, press F2.

Pausing a Battle

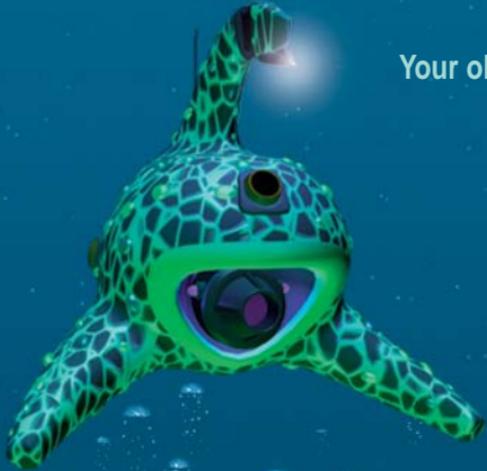
A reprieve is often necessary, no matter what your line of business. Press F3 or PAUSE and reenter the Pilot Control Center for a well-deserved break. Click Continue and you're back on your way.

Saving a Battle

When you exit a battle—and even as you're playing—Deadly Tide automatically saves for you. The next time you click Start from within the Pilot Control Center, the highest level number in the Tactical Engagement Sphere will indicate the battle you need to fight next.

Exiting the Game

To exit a battle, press F3 or PAUSE to return to the Pilot Control Center. From here, click Exit, and you will exit the game.



Your objective: to save Earth from being flooded

How to Play

- Shoot everything that shoots at you.
- Keep an eye on your HUD. Close to the temperature gauge and shield indicator instrument determines when you will run out of power. The second indicates when you will be destroyed.
- There are two modes of play. In flight mode, the joystick handles your steering. In rotate mode, the joystick stops and you can rotate as if in a first-person shooter mode, aim and fire!
- Listen to the Comp. She provides you with your missions and for survival.
- Select your paths carefully. When you are in rotate mode to choose a path, press joystick button. In flight mode, simply aim your cross-hair.



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HUD 101

Your head-up display, or HUD, will vary depending on whether you're navigating the *Hydra* or exploring the terrain in your aquatic combat suit. Two instruments are vital on either HUD: the shield integrity indicator and the engagement conditions bar.

Specific to the *Hydra's* HUD is the weapon temperature gauge. Unlike the forearm blaster in your suit, the *Hydra's* lasers are capable of rapid fire. Excessive rapid fire may result in their overheating, and you'll be unable to shoot until they cool.



— Rotate/Flight Indicator

— Weapon Temperature Gauge
Blue = cool
Red = overheating

— Shield Integrity Indicator
Blue = full strength
Green = light damage
Yellow = heavy damage
Red = critical depletion

Aquatic Concussion
Torpedo Count

Engagement
Conditions Bar

Selecting a Path with Navigational Control

Navigational Control is a highly advanced steering system utilized by all EOA vessels. It employs two modes: flight and rotate. When either mode is activated, the flight or rotate indicator appears in the upper-left corner of your HUD. How you select a path depends on the particular mode you're in.

Selecting a Path in Flight Mode



When Navigational Control is in flight mode, it acts as an auto-pilot and performs steering for you. Where you move your cross-hairs will not affect where Navigational Control moves you, *unless* you're at a specific path juncture.

The Comp will alert you when selecting a path is necessary while in flight mode. Aim your cross-hairs in the direction you want to go—and live with your decision.

Selecting a Path in Rotate Mode



In rotate mode, Navigational Control stops your movement, allowing you to rotate and survey the scene. Beware of enemies, doubtlessly coming at you from *all* sides.

If your cross-hairs change into an arrow, now's the time to escape—aim the arrow in the direction you want to go, and press joystick button 2 or your right mouse button.

Sighting and Destroying Your Targets

When your cross-hairs lock onto an enemy target, they will change in both size and color. Shoot immediately. Press your joystick trigger or left mouse button.

Forearm Blaster

Your suit is a deadly weapon when you access the forearm blaster. Blast away, but note that rapid fire is not accessible when using this weapon.

Lasers

The *Hydra's* standard weapon is the laser. Use the rapid-fire option cautiously. Note your HUD's weapon temperature gauge. Overheat and you're without weapon power until your lasers cool down.

Aquatic Concussion Torpedoes

Lasers aren't the only weapons that you can wield on the *Hydra*. Aquatic Concussion Torpedoes, or ACTs, are the latest in underwater weaponry. Press the SPACEBAR to trigger this weapon, but do so sparingly. ACTs are limited and are only supplied at the beginning of each level.

Your Allies in War

You can rely on two essential pieces of equipment in your fight against the alien threat: the Comp and the Vidlink.

The Comp

Your most dependable ally is the Comp. This transportable computer will offer life-saving advice and information at various points during battle. In the *Hydra*, the Comp is part of the ship's computer. In your aquatic combat suit, the Comp becomes part of the suit's built-in computer system. When you're aboard the *Hastings*, the Comp resides within your personal data terminal.

The Vidlink

The Vidlink is a two-way HDTV located on the *Hastings*. An earlier prototype of the Vidlink is also located on the *Hydra*. You'll receive mission briefings from your commander through the Vidlink.



Fine-Tuning Your Cockpit

While in the throes of battle, you may want to fine-tune your controls. Press F3 or PAUSE at any point during gameplay and return to the Pilot Control Center.

Graphic Quality

If Deadly Tide is running slowly, try decreasing your graphic quality to improve performance. Level III represents the highest graphic quality. After adjusting your graphic quality, you will be prompted to begin Deadly Tide from your last save point.

Difficulty Level

Choose a higher difficulty level, and the rate and accuracy of enemy fire will automatically increase. Decrease the difficulty level, and the enemy will not only lose its targeting edge, but your shield repair rate will increase as well. Level III represents the highest difficulty level.

Volume

Cockpit too noisy? Slide down the Volume control, or press F4 to mute the sound altogether.

Need Help?

For more information about Deadly Tide, click Help in the Pilot Control Center, or press F1 at any point during gameplay.

Troubleshooting

For troubleshooting information, see the Readme file, or look in the Troubleshooting topic of online Help.

Microsoft AnswerPoint

In the event you cannot install Microsoft Deadly Tide, please refer to the following support offerings. Microsoft's support offerings range from no-cost and low-cost online information services (available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week) to annual support plans.

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