HOT WHEELS(R) SLOT CAR RACING CD-ROM MANUAL

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INTRODUCTION

It's a magnificent stormy night in Hot Wheels(R) City as lightning strikes across the sky and fires up the dark Hot Wheels(R) Racing Lab. A top secret experiment is taking place inside and it's up to you to investigate! Sneak into the high-security research and development lab where you'll discover the incredible Hot Wheels(R) slot cars and tracks of the future!

Meet the eccentric Inventor himself, who will give you a brief tour of the mysterious Hot Wheels(R) Racing Lab and enlist you as the first tester for his futuristic creations!

You've never raced anything like this before! These innovative Hot Wheels(R) slot cars are amazing to drive, and they demand the most expert players to operate perfectly! You will need to push your timing, lane jumping, and puzzle-solving skills to the limit as you race your way through eight awesome tracks full of tricky obstacles. Are you up to the challenge? If you make it through all eight test tracks, you'll be awarded a super Hot Wheels(R) slot car for your

victory!

MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Pentium(R) 200 MHz
- ☐ Microsoft(R) Windows(R) 95 or 98
- ☐ 32 MB RAM
- ☐ 100 MB free hard drive space
- ☐ Quad speed (4x) CD-ROM Drive
- ☐ DirectX(R) compatible video card capable of displaying 16-bit graphics with a minimum of 4MB of RAM
- ☐ Direct 3D(R) compatible, 3D hardware accelerator, VooDoo 1 equivalent
- ☐ 16-bit Sound Blaster(R) or 100% compatible sound card and speakers
- ☐ Standard keyboard
- ☐ Gameport

INSTALLATION

The Hot Wheels(R) Slot Car Racing CD-ROM should automatically run the first time it is inserted in your computer's CD-ROM drive. If the Autorun feature is not enabled, double-click on the Setup file (Setup.exe file) and follow the on-screen instructions.

Uninstall
To remove the game, choose Uninstall Hot Wheels(R) Slot Car Racing within Programs under the Start menu and follow the on-screen instructions.

Slot Car Controller
Two special slot car controllers are included with your Hot Wheels(R) Slot Car Racing CD-ROM. Install the game controllers in the PC game port to simulate real slot car racing! The first time you use the controllers, you should go to Settings and choose Control Panels, then open Game Controllers. Choose the 2-button, 2-axis joystick. The controllers let you speed up and slow down, by squeezing the trigger, and change lanes, using the button on the back. Watch those corners - if you don't slow down on the sharp turns, you will fly right off the track!

Keyboard Controls
The game can also be played in both Single and Multiplayer modes using keyboard
controls instead of the game controllers. However, the keyboard controls will only work if the controllers are not plugged in to the gameport of your computer.

MAIN MENU

When you launch the Hot Wheels(R) Slot Car Racing CD-ROM, the Main Menu will appear with two exciting playing options:

Single Player
Click on the Single Player option to test your racing skills against three other computer-controlled slot cars. When you choose this option, you will enter the Hot Wheels(R) Racing Lab where you can test drive the latest Hot Wheels(R) slot cars, race eight different tracks, and even build your own custom tracks!

Multiplayer

Select the Multiplayer option to compete against a friend, using the second controller. You can pick out cool Hot Wheels(R) slot cars to race on any of the eight awesome tracks! See the Multiplayer Mode section on page 15 for more information.

GAME OBJECTIVES

Choose a fantastic new Hot Wheels(R) slot car and track, and you're ready to race your way through eight of the most awesome slot car tracks ever invented! Test your driving and jumping skills against the powerful computer-controlled cars, or see if you can beat your friends! With the Trackbuilder, you can even create an original Hot Wheels(R) slot car track to race any time you like!

HOT WHEELS(R) RACING LAB

Welcome to the top secret Hot Wheels(R) Racing Lab, where you will be the first to test the latest inventions in slot car racing! Here you can choose the Hot Wheels(R) slot car and track you'd like to race, or design and build your own unique track. There's a roomful of slot cars and tracks to try out, so let's get started!

Car Selector
Click on the Car Selector to pick out your amazing Hot Wheels(R) slot car! When you begin, four vehicles will be available to choose from. As you master each track level, a new car will be unlocked for you to race. Complete all eight tracks in the game and you will be rewarded with a special bonus car for your victory!

Trackbuilder
Design and build your own race tracks! Select the Trackbuilder to enter a 3-D grid where you can customize your own Hot Wheels(R) tracks. You can assemble from several individual track pieces, or you can let the computer do the work for you. You can race or edit the tracks anytime you want!

Track Selector
This is where the real challenge begins! The lab shelf will serve as your Track Selector. Click on any of the track icons to race on that track. When you start the game, only the first track, Space Race, will be available for selection. You must place first on each track in order to advance and unlock the next track on the shelf. There are eight tracks in all, and each is increasingly more difficult as you progress. It takes perfect timing, expert jumping skills, and puzzle-solving wit to conquer each race track. As you finish each track, they will become available on the lab shelf for you to race in any order you like!

ON-SCREEN ICON

Exit Icon
Click on this icon in the Hot Wheels(R) Racing Lab to return to the Main Menu, where you can begin a Single Player game against computer-controlled slot cars or play in Multiplayer mode against another human driver.

HOT WHEELS(R) CAR SELECTOR

Get behind the wheel of the slot cars of the future! Click on the Car Selector in the Hot Wheels(R) Racing Lab to enter the Car Selector screen. You can scroll through the selection of Hot Wheels(R) slot cars on the bottom right side of the screen to determine the model you'd like to race. Each slot car is displayed on the electric pedestal as you browse through the list. When you have chosen your perfect Hot Wheels(R) slot car, simply click on the Select Car button and the computer will choose your opponents from the remaining lot. Back in the lab, you'll see the car you selected displayed in full 3D mode on the electrified pedestal. When you start the game, only four cars will be available. A new slot car is unlocked for every level you complete, and is added to the list for you to select. Master all eight track levels and you will be awarded a bonus Hot Wheels(R) slot car to race anytime you like!

HOT WHEELS(R) TRACKBUILDER

Design and assemble your own Hot Wheels(R) tracks! Select the Trackbuilder in the Hot Wheels(R) Racing Lab to access the Trackbuilder screen. You'll find several individual track pieces displayed on the left- hand side of the menu. Simply click on the one you'd like to begin your track design with, and it will automatically appear on the building grid. The list of pieces changes with each selection to reveal only the pieces that will work with your new design. Keep clicking on track pieces until you've closed your track. If you change your mind, you can click on the Undo button, which will remove the most recent piece you've added to the track. When the track is complete, the Inventor will tell you that it is ready to race!

You can also use the Quick Build button to let the Trackbuilder randomize pieces and instantly create new custom tracks!

While you are building a track, it is automatically saved by the computer. You can save up to four different tracks at a time, whether they are works-in-progress or completed tracks. By clicking on the Track buttons at the bottom of the screen, you can access those tracks anytime you like, whether to race or edit them. Select the Clear All button to completely erase whichever track is currently on the building grid. This is a useful feature, whether you'd like to start a track over, or make room for saving another track.

HOT WHEELS(R) RACING TRACKS

Space Race
Launch into outer space as you speed around the rings of Saturn while being bombarded by meteor showers and space debris. Dodge wayward astronauts and alien spaceship fire or you will end up being knocked right off the track. Get a big boost from the Accelertube and, with precision timing, you can hopefully make it back to the starting line in one piece!

Chaos City
It's complete madness as you race through busy city streets, sidewalk cafes, parks, construction zones and downtown neighborhoods. Watch out for criss-crossing taxis, careening delivery trucks and pesky pedestrians. You will need expert timing and lane-changing skills to avoid colliding with a huge wrecking ball, a hot dog cart and even a piano!

Jungle Isle
Explore a wild, tropical jungle island, filled with ancient ruins and rampant wildlife. What seems like paradise quickly turns into a test of your driving skills as you jump to avoid crazy monkeys hurling coconuts at you, flying fish, giant ants and a massive electric eel! Whatever you do, don't make the tiki gods angry or you'll never get off this island!

Haunted Hill
Drive the long and windy road up Haunted Hill, through the cemetery and, if you dare, into
the creepy mansion up at the top. Along the way, you'll encounter ghoulish ghosts, a spooky spider and some ghastly goblins who will try their best to sabotage you! Watch out for that giant guillotine - it's a crusher!

Rattlesnake Raceway
Journey to the desert where nothing is what it seems! You'll witness such oddities as a snake tunnel, crazy cactus, and a weird oversized cow skull! There's also an abandoned ghost town full of dark secrets. You may even discover a forgotten gold mine. But don't get distracted by the shining treasure because you'll need excellent timing to dodge tumbleweeds, mine carts, and rattlesnakes!

Knight's Kingdom
This enchanted kingdom is no fairy tale! Speed your way through fireballs from enemy troops, and switch lanes to avoid deadly arrows from outlaw archers. Beware of the frog prince's snapping tongue and the wizard's all-powerful b

lack magic! They will conjure up tricks to slow you down. Escape from the unsuspecting bridge troll and ferocious fire-breathing gryphon and you will be able to live happily ever after!

Stoneage Speedway
Take a prehistoric ride on the Stone Age Speedway. It's a time warp as you try to outrun a stomping T-Rex, gigantic Brontosaurs, pesky Raptors, and swooping Pterodactyls! Watch out for lethal sulphurous fumes, bubbling tar pits, hot molten lava, and slimy brontoswamps! Don't get lost inside the erupting volcano. Make sure you jump in time or else you will be history!

Wonderland Amusement Park
Congratulations on making it to the last level! You are in for the thrill ride of your life! Imagine racing and jumping through your favorite amusement park attractions such as the Bumper Cars, Fun House, Freak Show, Ferris Wheel, and many more! Step right up and match wits with carny barkers, fire eaters and the mysterious gypsy fortune teller. See if you can hang on through the final ultimate roller coaster ride with its terrifying dips, multiple loops, scary curves, sky jumps, and dizzy dives!

MULTIPLAYER MODE

To compete against another human driver, click on the Multiplayer option on the Main Menu. Each player can use their own controller, and race on the same machine!

You will then select a track to race on, and each player will choose their vehicle in the Car Selector. When the race starts, you will be in Split Screen mode, with two separate views of the race!

SLOT CAR CONTROLS

Keyboard
Using your keyboard, you can control your Hot Wheels(R) slot car in single player or multiplayer mode:

Single Player Mode
Press up arrow to ACCELERATE.
Press down arrow to BRAKE.
Press space key to CHANGE LANES.

Multiplayer Mode

Player one uses the following keys:
Press R to ACCELERATE.
Press F to CHANGE LANES.
Press C to BRAKE.

Player two uses the following keys:
Press I to ACCELERATE.
Press K to CHANGE LANES.
Press M to BRAKE.

Slot Car Controller
You can use one controller in single player mode, or both controllers for multiplayer racing between two players.

Plug the Game Controllers into the 15-pin Game Port on the back of the computer.
Select 2-button, 2-axis joystick in the Game Controllers Control Panel.
Press button to CHANGE LANES.
Press trigger to CONTROL SPEED.

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