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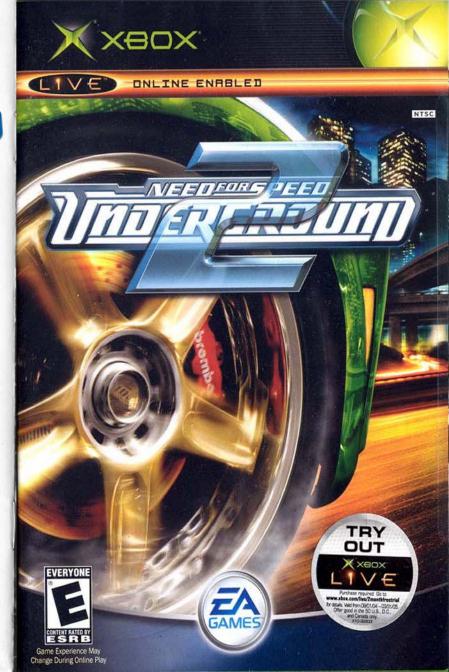
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Bayview, your destination in *Need for Speed Underground 2*. In Bayview, the Underground is thriving. With over 125 miles of open road to drive, feast on an almost limitless array of choices. Cruise the freeways for races, comb city streets for secret hotspots or get modded with the latest gear at one of Bayview's numerous car shops. Customise your car with hundreds of accessories and aftermarket parts, including brand-new options like wheel spinners and audio upgrades. Once your ride is up to speed, take it to the streets in one of the all-new racing modes like Street X and Downhill Drift. Think you've got what it takes to make it in the Underground? Here's your chance to prove it.

SETTING UP THE GAME

Get into the Underground.

MAIN MENU

CAREER	Conquer Career mode and rule the Underground (see p. 8).
QUICK RACE	Jump right into a race (see p. 10).
2 PLAYER SPLIT-SCREEN	Challenge a friend to a race (see p. 10).
XBOX *LIVE*™	Race others online (see p. 11).
CUSTOMIZE	Mod your ride from bumper to headlights (see p. 6).
PROFILE MANAGER	Save or load your game (see p. 14).
OPTIONS	Adjust audio, video and gameplay options (see below).

OPTIONS

- To access the Options menu in the Main menu, select OPTIONS.
- To access the Options menu in-game, press ◐ to pause the game then select OPTIONS.

AUDIO	Set in-game volume levels or select an audio mode.
VIDEO	Adjust screen and display options.
GAMEPLAY	Adjust the jump camera, rearview mirror, speedometer units, career difficulty level and map modes or toggle the autosave ON/OFF.
PLAYER	Choose a transmission type, select stability control, change the default camera or toggle heads-up display content ON/OFF.
CONTROLLER	Choose from preset controller configurations and toggle controller vibration.
EA TRAX	Adjust the in-game music.

PLAYING THE GAME

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CUSTOMISE YOUR RIDE

Competing in the Underground requires an eye-catching combination of speed and beauty. Choose from hundreds of available performance parts and visual customisation modifications available in *Need for Speed Underground 2* to make your ride look good over and under the hood.

SELECT A CAR

Your ride makes or breaks your reputation in the Underground. Looks are important, but no one pays attention to a car that's running dead last.

MAKE AND MODEL

Browse the available cars but don't think of them as finished products. With a few wins under your belt you'll be customising these basic vehicles into exquisite street machines that car dealers can barely recognise.

- When picking a car check out the Acceleration, Top Speed and Handling ratings at the bottom of the screen. Performance modifications can improve these characteristics later, but you'll need to win some races with your stock vehicle in order to fund any serious work under the hood.

CUSTOMISING

New cars are nice in the showroom, but there's plenty of room for improvement once they hit the streets. Make your car your own through a thorough customisation process. A vast array of modifications is available for your ride – if you've got the cash, that is.

- To begin customising your vehicle, select CUSTOMIZE in the Main menu.
- To switch cars, press ⊕→
- To toggle between stock cars and the cars you own, pull 🄻 or 🅁.

VISUAL STAR RATING

Your car can contribute to your visual star rating by looking smooth and upgrading your performance. As you modify your car, your star value increases. The star value contributes to your progression through the game by rewarding you with DVD covers and money.

- The maximum number of stars you can earn is ten.

VISUAL MODS

Style is in the details, so *Need for Speed Underground 2* leaves the details up to you. Choose from dozens of styles of hoods, rims, body kits, exhaust tips, spoilers, side mirrors and more. Transform your car's surfaces with pearl, gloss or metallic paint, vinyl graphics, positional decals, window tints and neon. There's also a car speciality shop that allows you to install hydraulics, add some scissor doors or wheel spinners and put in some trunk audio.

VINYLS

Vinyls are distinctive graphics that stick to your car's bodywork. They can be placed in up to four layers, allowing you to stack graphics for a collage effect. Each vinyl's colour can also be customised, to further individualise your car's look.

- To stack vinyls, place the first vinyl on the bottom layer and then select a different layer for the next vinyl. The new vinyl is placed on top while leaving the first one undisturbed. You also have the ability to reorder the layers to get the perfect look.

PERFORMANCE MODS

Let's face it, the automotive engineers who designed these cars never thought they could go this fast. Today's tuner culture hungers for speed, so they've enhanced every aspect of automotive performance with hundreds of aftermarket parts. *Need for Speed Underground 2* offers hundreds of modifications, from weight reduction to Nitrous Oxide, suspension kits to ECU fuel systems. Add all of this available power to your car and just keeping it under control could be a challenge.

HYDRAULICS

If you have hydraulics installed on your car they are automatically enabled once you begin driving. Once you exceed 30 mph they are automatically disabled.

TO PRESSURISE:

1. Press and hold handbrake (Ⓐ).
2. Move Ⓛ to the side you wish to extend.
3. Let go of the handbrake.

TO BOUNCE:

1. Double tap and hold the handbrake (Ⓐ).
2. Move Ⓛ to side you wish to bounce.
3. Let go of the handbrake.
- Centre Ⓛ to shut off the bouncing.

GAME MODES

Take on the Underground in a variety of Quick Race mode races, 2-Player Split-Screen or Career modes.

CAREER MODE

Rise to the top of the Underground in Career mode.
- To start a game in Career mode, select CAREER in the Main menu then either create a new profile or load an existing profile.

EXPLORING

Want to make a name for yourself in the Underground? You're going to have to find it first. In Career mode, the city is yours to discover. Explore it by driving around to get a feel for the lay of the land. As you cruise you'll encounter rival racers who you can challenge to an Outrun race. Keep your eyes and ears open for hints pointing you to the areas where you can find the hottest races or the coolest upgrades.

- If you perform a cool move while you cruise, such as impressive slides, you earn points. These fill up your Race Breaker meter if you have Nitrous Oxide installed. Do something uncool like hit another driver and points are deducted from your Race Breaker meter.

SHOWCASE MODE

As you win races and upgrade your car you receive messages telling you to proceed to locations where a photographer is waiting to take a picture of your souped-up ride. To set up the best shot you can pop your hood, trunk or doors to show off the goods.

- To open or close the doors, press ⊕♦.
- To open or close the hood, press ⊕♦.
- To open or close the trunk, press ⊕➡.

SMS

Messages from other SMS users offer you details on races, car shops, challengers and opportunities. If you find yourself needing some input in order to advance, check out your mail box. Clues can be found within the messages there.

- When you see the SMS icon appear on-screen, press ⊕➡. The game pauses and your messages appear.
- To read a message, press Ⓐ.
- To return to the game from the Inbox, press Ⓑ.
- To return to the game from the message screen, press Ⓐ.
- To return to the Inbox from the message screen, press Ⓑ.

WORLD MAP

The world map offers a bird's-eye view of the entire city. Icons representing your car, opponents and the locations of potential races and shops also appear here.

- To access the world map, press ⊕♦.
- To activate the GPS, press Ⓐ.
- To return to the game, press Ⓑ.

Quick Race Mode

Jump into the driver's seat and let the race begin.

To start a quick race:

1. Select QUICK RACE in the Main menu
2. Choose between CIRCUIT, SPRINT, DRAG, DRIFT, STREET X, UNDERGROUND RACING LEAGUE or FREERUN modes.
3. Select a location for your race.
4. Adjust race options.
5. Select a vehicle.
6. Choose a MANUAL or AUTOMATIC transmission. The race begins.

CIRCUIT	A traditional lap-style course. Finish first and leave your competitors driving in circles.
SPRINT	Find out how fast you can get from point A to point B.
DRAG	A pedal-mashing, speed-shifting race to the finish line.
DRIFT	Break loose into a stylish drift and rack up the points.
STREET X	Lap-based racing on tight and technical closed circuits. Fight for first place whatever the cost.
UNDERGROUND RACING LEAGUE	Lap-based racing on dedicated racetracks.
FREE RUN	No competition. No time limit. No rules. The open road beckons.

2 Player Split-Screen

Race a friend and find out who can grab the chequered flag first.

To start a 2 Player Split-Screen race:

1. Select 2 PLAYER SPLIT-SCREEN in the Main menu.
2. Choose between a CIRCUIT, SPRINT, DRAG, DRIFT, STREET X, UNDERGROUND RACING LEAGUE or OUTRUN race.

3. Select a location for your race.
4. Adjust race options.
5. Select a vehicle.
6. Choose a MANUAL or AUTOMATIC transmission. The race begins.

Xbox Live™

Take the challenge online and race the best drivers the worldwide Underground has to offer.

- To begin, select XBOX LIVE™ from the Main menu.

Take Need for Speed™ Underground 2 Beyond the Box

Xbox *Live*™ is a high-speed or broadband Internet gaming community where you can create a permanent gamer identity, setup a Friends List with other players, see when they're online, invite them to play, and talk to them in real-time as you play.

Connecting

Before you can use Xbox *Live*, you need to connect your Xbox console to a high-speed or broadband Internet connection and sign up for the Xbox *Live* service. To determine if Xbox *Live* is available in your region and for information about connecting to Xbox *Live*, see **www.xbox.com/connect**

Note: If you are using a router or firewall ensure that UDP port 3074 is open.

Setting Up

1. Select XBOX LIVE from the Main menu. The Select Gamertag screen appears.

2. Choose your Gamertag and press Ⓐ to verify your account and sign in.

- If you have not created a Gamertag, select CREATE NEW ACCOUNT and press Ⓐ to exit to the Xbox Dashboard, then follow the on-screen instructions.

Online Menu

NEWS	Get the latest news on the Need for Speed Underground 2 online community.
QUICK MATCH	Quickly search and join an existing race or create a new online race.
OPTIMATCH	Use OptiMatch to filter your search for existing races.
CREATE MATCH	Create a new online race.
SELECT CAR	Choose or customise your online vehicle of choice.
RANKING	View your personal stats, get the overall stats or find out who the monthly point leaders are.
OPTIONS	Adjust audio, video, gameplay, player, controller and XBOX LIVE options.

Quick Match

Jump right into an online race with Quick Match mode.

- To start a Quick Match race, select QUICK MATCH in the XBOX *LIVE* menu, then select the game mode you wish to play. If a race in the game mode you wish to play already exists, you automatically join that race. If no race exists in the game mode you are searching for, a new race is automatically created.

Note: All races in Quick Match mode are unranked races.

OptiMatch

OptiMatch allows you to filter the list of online games.

- Select OPTIMATCH in the Online menu to access OptiMatch mode. Filter by game mode, car performance, game type, race breaker and collision detection.

To create a new online game:

1. Select CREATE MATCH in the Online menu.
2. Chose between CIRCUIT, SPRINT, DRAG, DRIFT, STREET X, UNDERGROUND RACING LEAGUE or OUTRUN.
3. Select the location of the race.
4. Adjust race mode options and press Ⓐ to advance to the game lobby.

Player Status

A list of icons appears next to a player's name in each game room.

— Awarded upon completion of each event (including non-mandatory events) in Career mode.

— Awarded upon completion of Career mode.

 Achieving Elite Ranking in Circuit mode.

 Achieving Elite Ranking in Street X mode.

 Achieving Elite Ranking in Drift mode.

 Achieving Elite Ranking in Sprint mode.

 Achieving Elite Ranking in Drag mode.

 Achieving Elite Ranking in the Underground Racing League.

EA MESSENGER

- Find your friends online – or discover new ones.
- To open EA Messenger, press ⊗.
- To toggle between friends lists, friends requests and blocked players, pull 🄻 or 🅁.
- Highlight a player's name and press ⊘ to send them a message, a challenge or a friend request, start voice chat, block them or offer feedback.

SAVING AND LOADING

To save a game:
1. Select PROFILE MANAGER in the Main menu.
2. Select SAVE. Your game is saved.

To load a game in Career mode:
1. Select CAREER in the Main menu.
2. Select LOAD GAME.
3. Select a profile and select LOAD. Your profile – with all your saved game information – is loaded.

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