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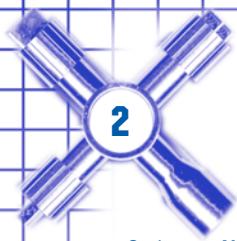
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INTRODUCTION

Grab your **X-Tool®** parts and driving gloves and get ready to race! **Mechanix™** Racing brings the line of **Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™** cars to the PC for racing and adventure excitement. You can collect car parts and **X-Tool®** points on different racetracks to further customize your cars. These **Mechanix™** parts give better performance to each car — you can add wings to fly over obstacles or off-road tires to drive full-speed through a series of mud patches!

Choose a **Mechanix™** Car and hit the racetracks to compete for first place. You will begin with a choice of only 6 Cars. Unlock additional Cars by collecting **X-Tool®** parts or by finishing 1st on each race. Avoid the obstacles, or equip your Car with upgrades to drive through them!

Before you can play the Championship track Asteroid Belt, you will have to unlock all 12 cars. So put the pedal to the metal and go for first place, picking up the **X-Tool®** as you race your way to victory.

MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Pentium® II 233MHz with MMX
4MB Video Card
32MB Available RAM
100MB HD Space
8x CD-ROM
Windows® 95, 98, ME
MS DirectX® 8
Sound card (100% DirectX compatible)

It is highly recommended that you have a 3D Hardware Accelerated Video Card that is 100% Direct 3D compatible.



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INSTALLING HOT WHEELS™ MECHANIX™ CD-ROM

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1. Insert the **Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™** CD-ROM disc into your drive.
2. If you have the Auto insert notification feature enabled for your CD-ROM, just left click on the install button and skip the next two steps.
3. Select **Start** and then **Run** from the Windows Taskbar.
4. Type d:\setup (d refers to your CD-ROM drive. If your CD-ROM drive is not d; type the appropriate drive letter.)
5. Follow the instructions that appear on your screen.

After installation is complete, you find an icon for **Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™** in the **Hot Wheels™** menu item within Programs under the Start Menu in the Windows Taskbar as well as on the desktop.

RUNNING HOT WHEELS™ MECHANIX™ CD-ROM

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Anytime you want to run the **Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™** game, you must place the **Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™** CD-ROM disc into the drive before you start the program. Insert the **Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™** CD-ROM into your drive and perform the following:

1. If you have the Auto Insert notification feature enabled, just left click on the **Play** button.
2. You may also double click on the desktop icon and then select **Play** or select **Start** from the Windows Taskbar and search through Programs for the **Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™** menu.





UNINSTALLING HOT WHEELS™ MECHANIX™ CD-ROM

1. If you have the Auto Insert notification feature enabled, just left click on the **Uninstall** button.
2. You may also uninstall the program by using the **Add/Remove Programs** Control Panel or from the Start Menu — search through the listed Programs for the **Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™ Uninstall**.

MAIN MENU

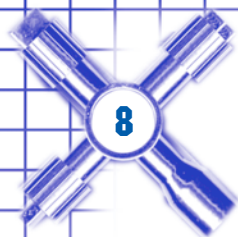
From the Main Menu, you have three choices — **Race**, **Options**, and into the selection window, or use the arrow keys. When you are on the selection you want, click in the large screen shot to advance to the next screen. Clicking on the **BACK** arrow in the lower right hand corner has the same effect as choosing **Exit** from the Main Menu.

Race — Grab your **X-Tool®** and head for the tracks.

Options — Customize the game settings. See the next section for more information.

Exit — To **EXIT Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™**, move the cursor over **EXIT** and left click. A message will ask if you are sure you want to exit the game; Type **"Y"** (for Yes) to return to your Desktop. Type **"N"** (for No) to go back to the Main Menu.





OPTIONS

You can customize the game settings of **Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™** via the Options Menu. Here are the things you can adjust and change.

Wheel/Joystick — How do you want to play the game? **Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™** supports the keyboard, a game pad, a joystick or even a racing wheel.

Background Music — Turn the background music on or off or adjust the volume.

Sound Effects — Turn the sound effects on or off or adjust the volume.

Visual Effects — If your system is very close to the minimum specs listed at the beginning of the manual, make sure you turn off Visual Effects — it will help the game run faster. This will automatically be set to OFF when playing in Software mode.

New Player — Begin a new game as a new player. Warning: This will delete any previously saved drivers! Only select NEW PLAYER when you want to start over from the beginning.

RACE

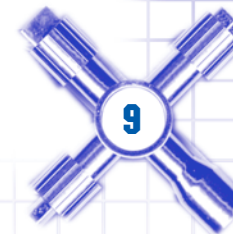
Select Track

Once you pick the Race option from the Main Menu, you will first have to select the track you want to race on. Initially there are three tracks available — Urban Wasteland, Tiki Jungle, and Pluto Mines. If you do well on these tracks (finishing first or collecting the required amount of **X-Tool®**) you will unlock the other three tracks — Construction Site, Beachway, and Moon Base. If you complete the first six tracks, you will unlock the final track, Asteroid Belt.



Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™ Tip

Do you see the two 'locked' cars next to the large track icon? Finishing in first and collecting the **X-Tool®** will unlock these extra cars too!



RACE

Select Car

After selecting your track, you will have to select your car. Initially you can play as one of the following cars – Track T™, Cat-A-Pult, Screamin' Hauler™, Silhouette® II, Sol-Aire® CX4 or the Splittin' Image®. As you do well on the tracks, you will begin to unlock the other cars to make them available.



Configure Vehicle

Pick up blue Mechanix™ Tool Boxes on the track to unlock some of these add-ons for your vehicle. Here's a list of the things you can add to your car for better performance.

Paint – Don't like the default color? Then change it to something more to your liking. You must collect the different paint jobs for each car.

Tires – Select from Pontoon, Spikes, or Off-Road tires. Pick the ones that best suit the track you will be racing on.

Engines – Select from 50HP, 100HP, or 150HP engines. The bigger engines will get you better speed and acceleration.

Wings – Upgrade your vehicle with either short, medium, or long wings. Wings help your car when they go airborne – so if the track has a lot of jumps, add better wings to help you get better air and control.

The Race – With the track picked out and your car selected and configured, you are finally ready to race. The main path is clearly marked with checkpoints. As long as you hit the checkpoints in order, your car will power up – giving you additional speed. Miss a gate, and your car will fall back in power to where it started. Miss three gates and the race is over. Also, if you miss two gates in one lap, you will fail and the race will be over.



X-Tool®

Gate Marker

RPM / Speed Gauge

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RACE

Hot Wheels™ Mechanix™ Tip

So why would you miss a gate? To collect the number of **X-Tool**® points you need to fulfill the secondary goal on each course, you will have to find nearly all of the Silver and Gold **X-Tool**® boxes. Some of them are located in tricky spots, which will cause you to miss a gate or two. If you fall too far behind, you might need to take a shortcut.

PICKUPS



When you are out searching for **X-Tool**® pickups, we know that you can get turned around. That's why we've put the green arrow on-screen. It always lets you know which direction you should be heading to reach the next checkpoint.

You can also see what place the cars are in front of you by the number floating above the car as you approach it. Keep the pedal to the metal and race past all of your opponents.

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PICKUPS

During the race you will see three kinds of tool boxes. Drive through them to collect the bonus.

Silver X-Tool® Boxes

The Silver X-Tool® Boxes are worth 5 tools. You will need to collect these in order to reach the secondary goal on each track.



Gold X-Tool® Boxes

The Gold X-Tool® Boxes are worth 10 tools. Make sure you go for these when you see them — they are definitely worth finding!



Mechanix™ Tool Boxes

Blue Mechanix™ Tool Boxes contain upgrades that you can use to configure your car the next time you race — like Paint so your car can be a different color. See page 10 for a listing of all the upgrades you can get for your car (in the Configure Vehicle section).



CONTROLS

KEYBOARD CONTROLS

	Accelerate
	Brake / Reverse
	Turn Left
	Turn Right
or	Activate Turbo Boost
	Jump
	Look Behind
or	Toggle Camera View
	Toggle Gauges On / Off
or	Toggle Directional Arrow On / Off
or	Quit Race
	Pause Race
	Restart Race
	Show Race Requirements
	Honk Horn
	First Person View
	Third Person View (Near)
	Third Person View (Far)

NUMERIC KEYPAD CONTROLS

	Accelerate
	Turn Left
	Turn Right
	Brake / Reverse
	Honk Horn
	Jump
	Activate Turbo Boost
	Look Behind
	Toggle Camera View
	Toggle Gauges On / Off
	Toggle Directional Arrow On / Off

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