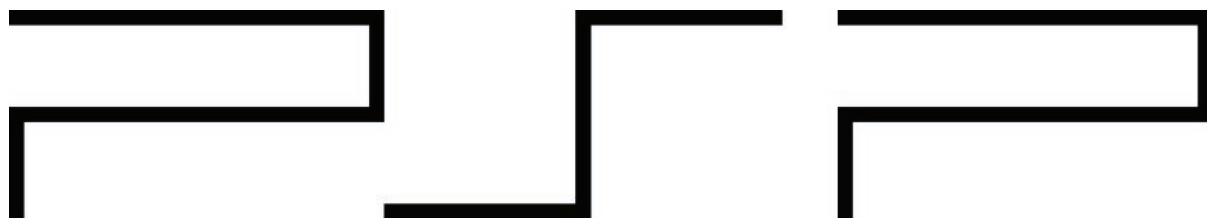




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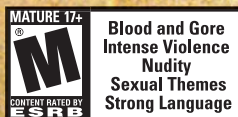
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In the pages of this guide, we show you the hot PSP launch titles for all gaming tastes—whether it's driving (*Ridge Racer*, *Need for Speed Underground Rivals*), fighting (*Darkstalkers Chronicle: The Chaos Tower*), sports (*Tiger Woods PGA Tour*, *FIFA Soccer*), or RPGs (*Untold Legends: Brotherhood of the Blade*), this guide has you covered. Be sure to check out the handy checklist on this page to select your favorite PSP video games.

We hope this guide helps you make all of your PSP buying decisions at Best Buy—the best source for all your gaming needs, from software to hardware. Be sure to keep the guide for future reference—you never know when the expert *GamePro* editorial and information might come in handy! For more late-breaking gaming news, reviews, previews, tips, and codes, visit **GamePro.com** regularly. **Game on!**

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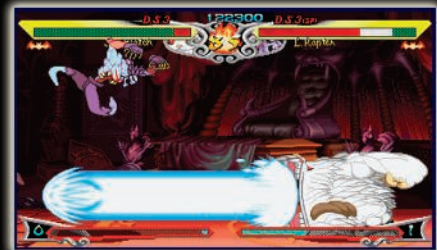
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The UMD is Sony's proprietary compact, high-capacity optical disc storage device for the PSP. It can store up to 1.8 GB of digital data—more than three times the amount of data held on a CD-ROM. A broad range of digital entertainment content, such as video games, videos, movies, and other programs, can be distributed on the UMD.

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PlayStation

May 11, 1995: The PlayStation is unveiled at the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles.

September 6, 1995: The PlayStation is unveiled at Sony Plaza in New York City, and the game Ridge Racer is played from the console and displayed onto a gigantic screen in Times Square.

September 9, 1995: The PlayStation goes on sale for \$299 in more than 12,000 stores in the U.S. An estimated 100,000 units are sold in the first two days.



PS one

September 20, 2000: Sony ships the PS one in the U.S., which retails for \$99.

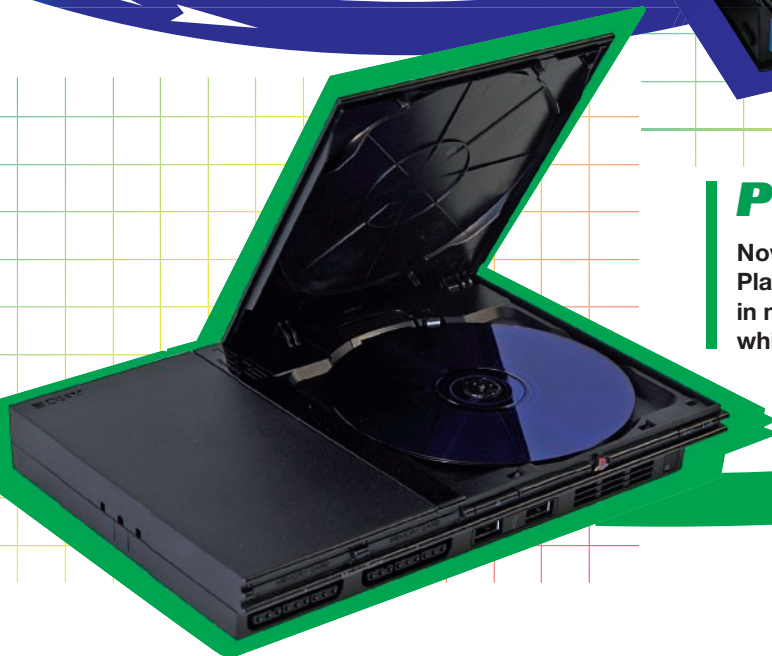
PlayStation 2

October 26, 2000: The PlayStation 2 is launched in the U.S. and sells for \$299.



PS2

November 1, 2004: Sony launches the redesigned PlayStation 2 unit for \$149. The new unit has a built-in modem and doesn't require the Network Adaptor, which was sold separately for the first PS2.



Ape Escape: On the Loose

By Sony

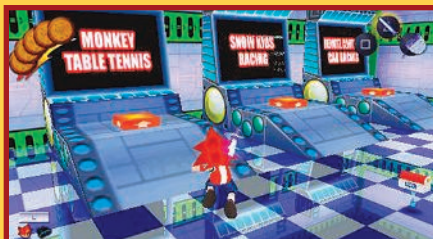


What's more fun than a barrel full of monkeys? How about a pocket full of 'em! Ape Escape tells the colorful tale of a primate named Specter who manages to get his opposable thumbs on the Professor's Peak Point Helmet, an intellect-boosting chapeau that turns the normally friendly monkey into an angry ape with plans for world domination. Specter frees his fellow monkeys and uses the Professor's trusty time machine to go back in time and wreak havoc on history. That's where you, a young kid named Spike, come in: In order to prevent Abe Lincoln from becoming Ape Lincoln, you have to travel back into the past and capture all 200 primates before they have a chance to make a monkey out of human history. Ape Escape's eight worlds, 20 levels, and banana-bunch of multiplayer wireless mini-games mean it's frantic, goofy fun for the whole family.

FAST FACTS: 1-4 players • ESRB: Everyone • AVAILABLE: March



Capture hyper-intelligent monkeys to prevent an epic disaster!



Play wacky Wi-Fi mini-games with other Ape Escapers.



Travel through time to pursue the primates.

FIFA Soccer

By EA Sports

The FIFA series takes its trademark realism onto the PSP with more than 350 official FIFA teams and league licenses. You can play in one of several modes, including Friendly, Away, Home, Tournament, Season, Custom, Challenges, and more. And the EA Pocket Trax lets you watch and listen to music. Mid-Season Scenario also adds a bit of spice as you can play out the remaining 04/05 season with all the current real-time team standings. For soccer fans, FIFA is the must-own sports game for the PSP launch.

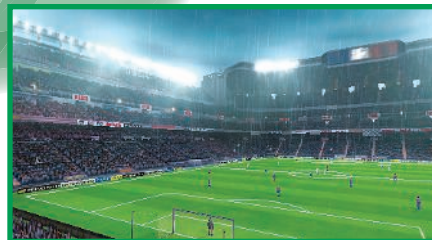
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ATV Offroad Fury: Blazin' Trails

By Sony



Don't be afraid to get dirty in this scaled-down version of the PlayStation 2 off-road racing hit. In Blazin' Trails, you can choose from 24 ATVs and then race in 30 unique environments that consist of snow, dirt, mud, ice, water, and grass terrain with interactive objects like ramps, tires, and cones. You'll be able to compete in several types of modes, including freestyle, career, and a plethora of mini-games, and switch between first- and third-person views. The game features a variety of play options, such as race, freestyle, career, and even a training course where you can hone your skills.

FAST FACTS: 1-6 players

ESRB: Everyone

AVAILABLE: March



Choose from 24 ATVs and then race them in 30 environments.



You can earn extra points by performing death-defying stunts.



Switch between first- and third-person view on the fly for a flawless race.

Darkstalkers Chronicle: The Chaos Tower

By Capcom

It's the *other* 2D fighting family in the Capcom brawling stable, and we don't mean Street Fighter. You'll select from 18 haunting, supernatural brutes that span the

entire Darkstalkers series—including sultry Morrigan, blade-wielding Bishamon, vampire Demitri, werewolf Talban, Frankenstein Victor, and other monsters from Darkstalkers, NightWarrior: Darkstalkers Revenge, and Darkstalkers 3—and choose from the three game types and four fighting styles. The single-player mode is an endurance test in which you can unlock bonuses and other goodies, too. Thanks to the PSP's built-in wireless multiplayer abilities, the game will feature furious head-to-head battles along with several play modes, including Versus, League, Limit Battle, and Tower.

FAST FACTS: 1-4 players • ESRB: Teen

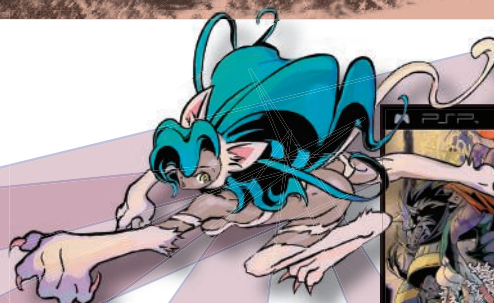
AVAILABLE: March



Eighteen characters from the Darkstalkers universe are playable in this PSP version of the fighting franchise.



In the Chaos Tower, two people can battle it out via the PSP's wireless connectivity.



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Dynasty Warriors

By Koei



While still retaining the series' intense button-mashing action, Dynasty Warriors on the PSP takes a more strategic angle, making it well suited for gaming on the go. Playing as one of 42 Chinese warriors, you can collect and take into battle second-in-command officers—bodyguards that can be customized with special skills. Although no multiplayer is supported, the game boasts a couple hundred officers that can be unlocked, which then can be exchanged with other players over wireless LAN. Mounts are available in this PSP version with the ability to ride both stampeding elephants and swift horses to aid you in battle. In full 3D, the stunning graphics make little compromise, featuring the same vibrant Musou attacks and feverishly crowded battlefields as those in the PS2 installments. For any fan of the series, it's a must have.

FAST FACTS: 1 player • ESRB: Teen • AVAILABLE: March



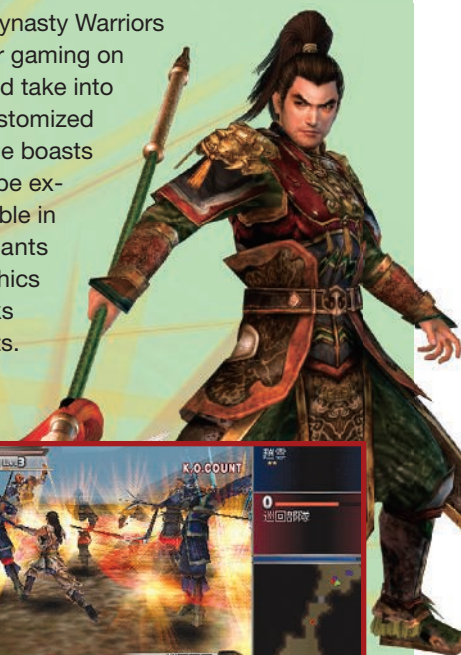
Turncoat Lu Bu is back with his menacing spear in Dynasty Warriors for the PSP.



Maps are cut into smaller missions, and the outcome affects your morale in succeeding levels.



You can wreak havoc on encroaching enemy forces with your potent Musou attacks.



Gretzky NHL

By Sony

Gretzky makes his PSP debut with Gretzky NHL, which includes a host of features that hockey fans crave. Perhaps the most notable feature of this PSP version is the Gretzky Challenge, where you can step into the skates of the famed player as an Edmonton Oiler, a Los Angeles King, or a New York Ranger, and earn points by breaking Gretzky's actual NHL records. Other modes include Quick Game, where teams are picked at random so you can immediately hit the ice; Season mode, where you play as the general manager and draft, sign, and trade players, and then play a regular 82-game season; and Exhibition mode, which lets you select your favorite team and play any NHL rival. You can play as or against all 30 NHL teams (all teams' arenas and players are included, too). Plus, all 400 of the AHL's top players are also available, and they can be put onto any NHL team.

FAST FACTS: 1-2 players
ESRB: Everyone
AVAILABLE: March



All 30 NHL teams, arenas, and players are at your command in addition to 400 top players from the AHL.



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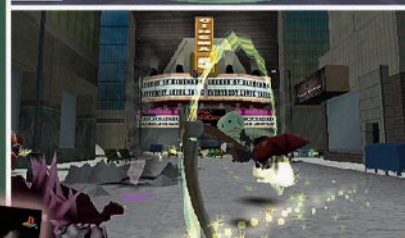


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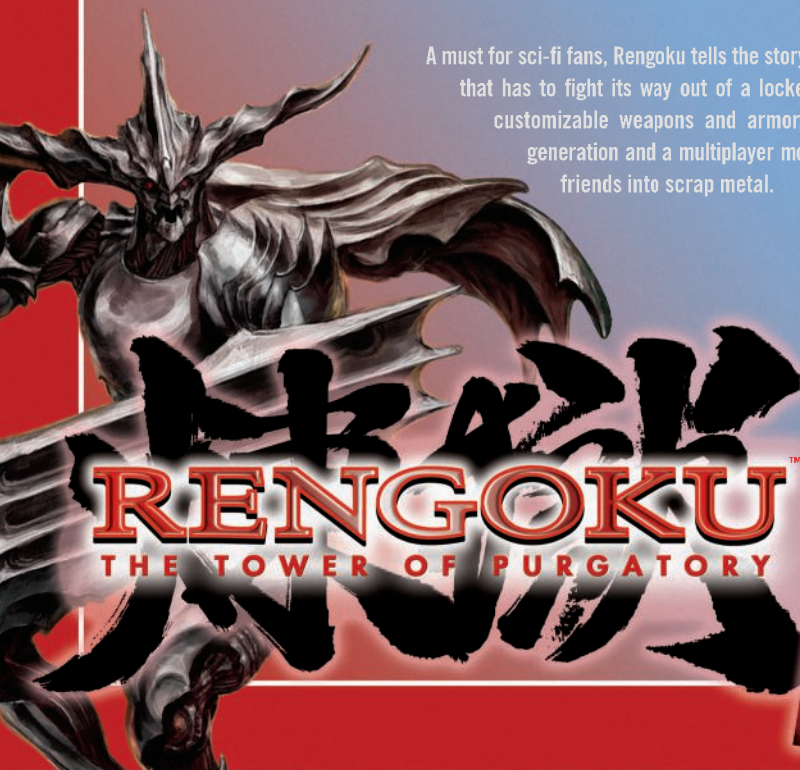
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A must for sci-fi fans, Rengoku tells the story of a battle android that has to fight its way out of a locked tower. There are customizable weapons and armor, randomized level generation and a multiplayer mode that lets you turn friends into scrap metal.

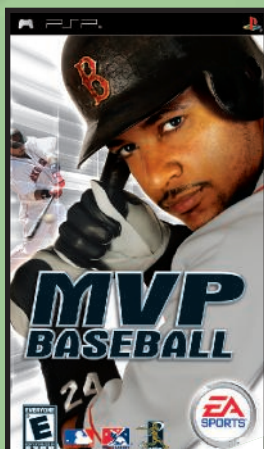


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MVP Baseball

By EA Sports

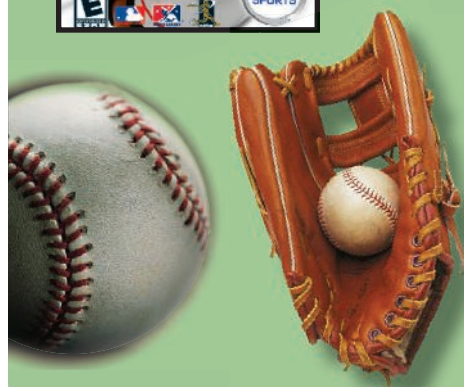


MVP Baseball is notable as the first full-fledged sports sim to come up to bat for the PSP. Early versions offered little gameplay but showed much promise. The batting and pitching interfaces from the console versions make the transition intact. The gameplay uses a widescreen view that enables you to see all the bases. For quick games and party play, MVP features new mini-games, including Pitcher Showdown and Home Run Derby. Additional features include Season mode and Exhibition, and you can listen to and watch preloaded music content via the EA Pocket Trax player. This ambitious game is swinging for the fences.

FAST FACTS: 1-4 players • **ESRB:** Everyone
AVAILABLE: March



Challenge your friends to one of several wireless mini-games, including Pitcher Showdown and Home Run Derby.



Use the Pure Swing System to park the ball out of the park.



The PSP's widescreen display puts you in the middle of the game.

Metal Gear Acid

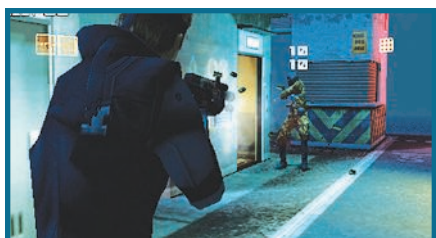
By Konami

The Metal Gear series has always been known for its innovated gameplay, which you'll certainly receive in this next offering of stealthy strategy. But instead of controlling hero Solid Snake in real time, you use a deck of cards to determine his sneaky movements in a turn-based system. Each card gives you different abilities and infiltration tactics to best achieve your mission objectives. And don't worry about receiving the same cards after every turn—there are over 200 battle cards to collect and use. The concept may be uncharacteristically different from that of past Metal Gear games, but with sizzling visuals and a completely new story line, how can you resist playing as a top-secret agent out to save the world?

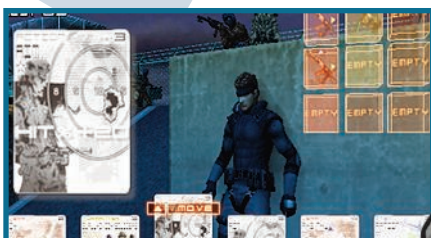


Familiar stealth tactics like hugging walls and crouching remain at the core of this new Metal Gear game.

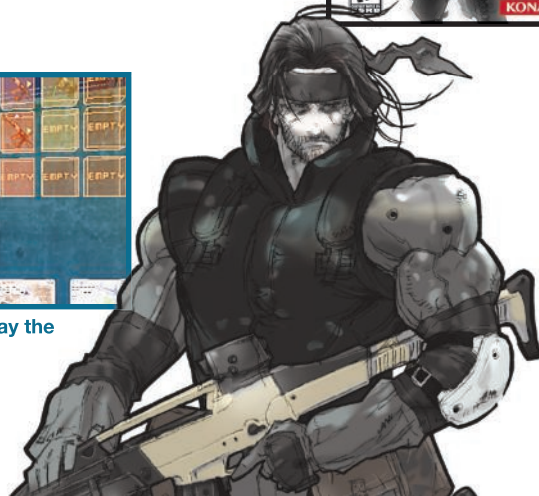
FAST FACTS: 1-2 players • **ESRB:** Mature
AVAILABLE: Spring 2005



Only when necessary will you need to use deadly force against enemies.



Even the cards you amass to play the game are drawn with style.



NBA 2005

By Sony

At the PSP's opening tip-off, the NBA will check in as the first major sports game. NBA 2005 is a basketball simulation from Sony's own internal development team, 989 Sports. The game packs in all the NBA regular league teams as well as teams from the developmental league, and it showcases all the superstars with spot-on visuals and seamless animation. Exhibition, Full Season, and Play Off modes replicate the challenge of real NBA action, and the Season mode also enables you to build up your favorite teams through trades and free-agent signing. But gamers can also take on a series of mini-games to hone their court skills, including Paint mode for all-around shooting and the 3-point Challenge. Additionally, the 989 Sports Skills Challenge sets up an All-Star-style competition. Online mode enables two players to go head to head via a wireless connection. However, the real showstopper might be the ability to create your own virtual Upper Deck trading card by taking snapshots of players in action.

FAST FACTS: 1-2 players • ESRB: Everyone • AVAILABLE: Spring 2005



Full-size, full-featured NBA action in a small package



Sony is looking to capture all the NBA superstars in NBA 2005.



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NBA Street Showdown

By EA Sports Big

NBA Street Showdown features the same three-on-three street ball, tricks, and gameplay as the consoles versions, but it's more than a port of the TV-needng game. You get two new courts in addition to the 12 from the original NBA Street, new boss players for the King of the Courts campaign mode, and even new uniforms for players. All the NBA teams have representative squads that feature the superstars of the league, and 22 NBA greats can take the court in Legends mode. You can also take on EA's best fantasy players in Street Legends mode. Party Play mode includes two new mini-games: the Arcade Shootout and Shot Blocker. Just like their names imply, these enable you to get a quickie b-ball fix and hone your handheld skills at the same time. Party games also enable up to four players to challenge each other with two players on the screen at the same time.

FAST FACTS: 1-4 players • ESRB: Everyone • AVAILABLE: March



NBA Street Showdown has all the right street ball moves.



In the Shot Blocker mini-game, you're swatting for dollars.



Some courts have been tuned for a smaller screen, but they all look just as good as those in the console versions.

Need for Speed Underground Rivals

By EA Games



Need for Speed Underground was tuned to better display its racing graphics and animations on a smaller screen, but that doesn't mean Rivals is gearing down at all. You can drive 24 licensed cars (10 of which are muscle cars) in eight game modes, including Drift Attack, Nitrous Run, Drag Race, Car Spec, Lap Knockout, Circuit, and Rally Relay, which is new for the PSP. Additionally, the 10 racing circuits feature track layouts exclusive to the PSP. All cars are fully tunable and customizable with all the licensed parts from the console versions, and you can set up a Pocket Garage to show off your rigs. For multiplayer traffic jams, you can go head to head via Wi-Fi, and if you beat your opponent, you'll own his car. Party play enables four players to race as well. Of course, there's no cruisin' without the sounds. Rivals features all 38 music tracks from the console games and six new tunes, some of which also have music videos.

FAST FACTS: 1-4 players
ESRB: Everyone • **AVAILABLE:** March



Rivals features 24 licensed cars, including 10 muscle cars.



The Pocket Garage enables you to work on and show off your rides.



You can drift with Rivals, too!



Little things like widescreen view at the line of scrimmage make this Street sweet.



Boss characters lead your opposition.



All the offensive and defensive plays from the console versions of Street are at your command.

NFL Street 2: Unleashed

By EA Sports Big

Despite its debut on a small-screen format, NFL Street 2: Unleashed actually brings a little bit more to the crazy football party than its console counterparts. Notable is the widescreen view at the line of scrimmage that enables you to see receivers and defensive backs, making it much easier to see where you're throwing when you bounce off a wall and whip a pass behind your back. The game's 14 fields include two from NFL Street, and all the offensive and defensive plays from the original and its sequel, NFL Street 2, are also here. The players number 400 from every NFL team, and Unleashed includes AFC and NFC throwback teams, too. Here, past and present league superstars play for the teams that made them famous. For example, Jerry Rice is with the 49ers, where he rightfully belongs. Mini-games include three new challenges: Street Slalom, a sort of back-alley obstacle course; Style Challenge, where you see how many style points you can score on one play of your choosing; and Style Stand-off, a sort of follow the leader-style game.

FAST FACTS: 1-4 players • **ESRB:** Everyone
AVAILABLE: March



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MLB
 By Sony


MLB on the PSP promises to make America's pastime more exciting than ever before with a host of innovative features. Gameplay options include Quick Game (jump right into a game as any team against the A.I.), Season mode (play as your favorite team through a regular season and to the playoffs, and—hopefully—the World Series), and Online mode (compete via PSP wireless multi-player capability). MLB sports the new Branch Point Technology (BPT) that allows for smoother base running and field transitions, and the Release Point Pitching with Confidence

Meter helps determine a player's ability to hit spots in the strike zone—all to keep the game play consistently fresh and exciting. There are a ton of details, too, including broken bats, check swings, dragging bunts along with wild pitches, and more.

FAST FACTS: 1-2 players • **ESRB:** Everyone
AVAILABLE: March



You can play against the computer A.I. or against a friend via the PSP's built-in wireless connectivity.



Engrossing camera angles, lively commentary, and an unsurpassed broadcast presentation bring MLB to life.



Experience all-new play mechanics, such as the Playmaker Fielding Marker, that make MLB a thoroughly tuned game.

Ridge Racer

By Namco

Handheld racing is brought to new heights with Namco's Ridge Racer. New to the franchise is the nitrous boost, which fills up when you sustain drifts while turning. Get an edge over the competition by engaging nitrous on those long straightaways, and twist your car into extreme-angled power drifts whenever opportune moments strike. The game features 58 new vehicles and 24 courses—the largest number of courses ever offered in the series. New cars and tracks are continually unlocked as you progress, ensuring long hours of enthralling gameplay. In addition to the dynamic single-player campaign, Ridge Racer offers head-to-head wireless multiplayer races, enabling up to eight players to compete against each other through the PSP's wireless connectivity. Taking advantage of the immense capabilities of the PSP, the graphics are nearly on par with those in the Ridge Racer series on the PlayStation 2. With console-level polish, the days of bland handheld racing are over.

FAST FACTS: 1-8 players • **ESRB:** Everyone • **AVAILABLE:** March



With the option to choose standard, mild, or dynamic drift cars, you can race in your own style in Ridge Racer.



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Spider-Man 2

By Activision



Yeah, you've seen it by now: 3D web slinging in between the towering buildings of Manhattan. But is this just another Spidey game that's loosely based on the movie sequel? Even if it is, you can't argue that throwing webs isn't fun. New to this version are additional attack combos and extra moves like the cocoon, web net, and heavy web ball. Use them against Doctor Octopus, Shocker, Mysterio, Rhino, and Vulture in 19 levels of swinging, jumping, and wall crawling. Don't get the idea that this is a picture-perfect port of the PlayStation 2 game as this PSP version will feature exclusive characters, scenarios, and settings not found in its console big brother.

FAST FACTS: 1 player • ESRB: Teen • AVAILABLE: March



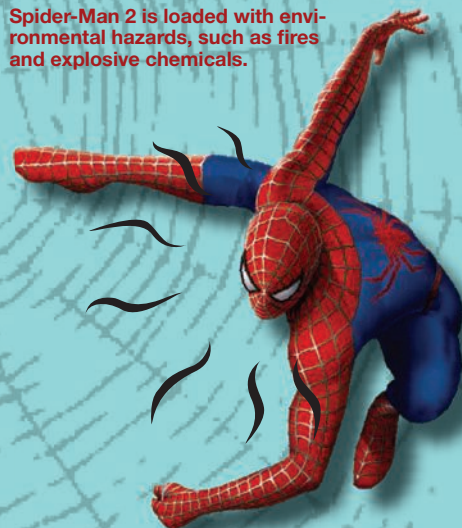
Spider-Man 2 is loaded with environmental hazards, such as fires and explosive chemicals.



Spider-Man can execute a number of punch and kick attacks to keep the city streets safe.



Take on fearsome Spider-Man foes like the high-flying Vulture!



Tiger Woods PGA Tour

By EA Sports

He's dominated the green for so long that it's just expected that Tiger should appear on the PSP. You can create and customize a player, and then play against top pros like Jack Nicklaus, Vijay Singh, Arnold Palmer, and—of course—Tiger Woods on 12 demanding courses, including Sherwood Country Club, Harbor Town, Pebble Beach, Paradise Cove, and others. You can participate in various golf matches and wager bragging rights by playing another armchair golfer using the wireless connection in five game modes, such as the brand-new Bingo Bango Bongo. Another notable feature is EA Pocket Trax, which lets you listen to and watch preloaded music content via a built-in player.

FAST FACTS: 1-4 players • ESRB: Everyone
AVAILABLE: March



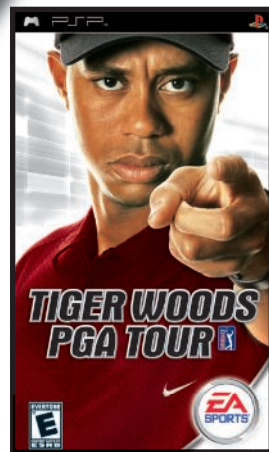
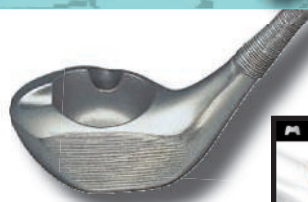
Be aware of wind direction and other factors that can affect your drives.



A handy grid can help improve your putting accuracy.



Play as any of several famous golfers, including Tiger Woods himself.



Tony Hawk's Underground 2 Remix

By Activision

The Hawk soars again in this PSP remix of the ever-popular console-skateboarding series. You'll visit locations like Las Vegas, Atlanta, and Santa Cruz while busting phat tricks and pulling mischievous pranks (courtesy of jester Bam Magera). Each environment is loaded with crazy goals, secret locations, and earth-shaking events. You can also choose to play Classic mode and hunt for old-school goals like the High Score and Secret Tape. The multiplayer mode's kickin', too, as four players can compete in team-based mini-games like SLAP! and Scavenger Hunt via the PSP's wireless network. Plus, you can create custom decks, skate parks, and graffiti tags—you can even import your photo into the PSP and create a personalized skater! The Chairman of the 'Board returns this March. Viva la Hawk!

FAST FACTS: 1-4 players • ESRB: Rating Pending

AVAILABLE: March



The environments are all fully interactive—you can skate anywhere!



You can still catch wicked air, but with the PSP, you're not tied to a TV.



Throw a temper tantrum during a gnarly combo to land even more points.

Twisted Metal: Head-On

By Sony

The Twisted Metal series is already a PlayStation and PS2 fan favorite, and for good reason: What other game lets you blast enemy cars from the safety of an evil ice cream truck? Now, lucky PSP owners can join in on the vehicular mayhem with Twisted Metal: Head-On. This portable powerhouse features 14 deadly vehicles, including returning favorites like Mr. Grimm, Warthog, and Sweet Tooth. Every car comes standard with blistering machine guns, scorching rockets, and a devastating special attack (such as napalm ice cream cones and heat-seeking skulls). In the single-player mode, you'll blast other car combatants while progressing through 12 depraved arenas. But for many Twisted Metal fans, multiplayer mayhem is the key feature. Fear not: The PSP version's heart-stopping multiplayer mode can wirelessly connect up to eight players (that's twice the number of players supported by the last PlayStation 2 version!) for unparalleled portable destruction. Saddle up with Twisted Metal: Head-On this March.

FAST FACTS: 1-8 players • ESRB: Teen • **AVAILABLE:** March



There aren't many problems that a heat-seeking missile won't solve.



Twisted Metal: Head-On sparkles with sizzling special effects and Hollywood-grade explosions.



You can wreak havoc with series veterans like Sweet Tooth in Twisted Metal: Head-On's intense multiplayer battles.



Untold Legends: Brotherhood of the Blade

By Sony Online Entertainment



In Untold Legends: Brotherhood of the Blade, you'll reexperience the addictive action/RPG gameplay that made games like Diablo II famous. Only this time, the adventure is portable! After creating a custom warrior (choose from classes like Knights, Alchemists, and Druids), you'll collect hundreds of ancient artifacts and weapons, upgrade your skills, and master magic arts in order to defeat over 150 types of monsters. But best of all, the wireless multiplayer mode enables you to team up with three friends and battle evil as a powerful party. The randomized environments mean every play session is an adventure—you can expect to find rare items, new deadly monsters, and other surprises around every corner! Gear up,



Sand, scorpions, and giant mutants make a dangerous mix.



Each character class has unique skills and abilities, and it pays to hone them throughout your quest.



You'll face over 150 types of beasts on your epic quest to save Aven.

adventurers, and prepare to join the Brotherhood of the Blade this spring.

FAST FACTS: 1-4 players

ESRB: Teen

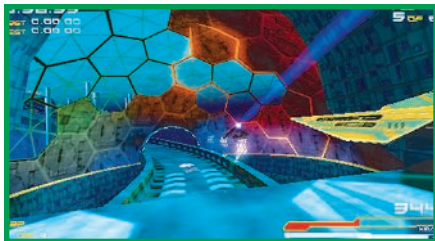
AVAILABLE: Spring 2005



Wipeout Pure

By Sony

Wipeout Pure is a shot of icy adrenaline, a futuristic racing game with enough dizzying twists and turns to make you lose your lunch...at the lunch table, no less. The antigrav racetracks in this racer look gorgeous—they're easily as crisp and colorful as those in any PlayStation 2 game—and move with breathtaking speed. You'll whip through dimly lit tunnels, zigzag through apocalyptic cityscapes, and launch over jaw-dropping chasms as you outpace your hovercraft opponents. If you fall behind, just fire a missile or hit a boost pad to regain the lead. Multiplayer races (up to eight players) are a riot, too, thanks to the PSP's wireless capabilities. Better yet, you can download bonus tracks, hovercraft, and tunes online. Even the tunes come courtesy of some of the hottest dance artists in the industry. Plug in and Wipeout this March.



Wipeout Pure's lush 3D environments look amazing, even on the pint-sized PSP.



If you fall behind the pack, a homing missile can make all the difference.

FAST FACTS: 1-8 players

ESRB: Everyone • **AVAILABLE:** March



Don't get distracted by the vibrant lighting—you've got a race to win!

Movies

Here are some of the marquee titles that have been confirmed for release on the PSP

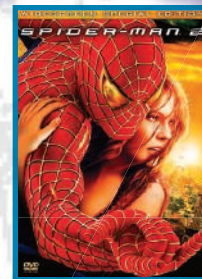
The retail packaging featured here is not final and is subject to change.

Available at launch:

Spider-Man 2

The PSP will be bundled with this blockbuster hit, which is directed by Sam Raimi and stars Tobey Maguire as Peter Parker, an ordinary teenager who becomes imbued with spiderlike powers after being bit by a radioactive crawler. Alfred Molina plays Spidey's nemesis, Doctor Octopus, and Kirsten Dunst plays Parker's love interest, Mary Jane. Filled with dizzying, Academy Award-winning visual effects and nonstop action sequences, *Spider-Man 2* will truly come alive on the PSP.

PG-13 • 2004 • Columbia TriStar • 124 minutes



The following movies will be available in April:

XXX

Vin Diesel stars as Xander Cage, a nihilist extreme-sports enthusiast nicknamed "Triple X" because of the large tattoo covering his back and neck, who lands in jail and is recruited/blackmailed into government service by the National Security Agency's Augustus Gibbons (Samuel L. Jackson). Cage has to infiltrate a Russian crime ring and stop them from unleashing a biochemical weapon on the U.S. before time runs out. Featuring nonstop action and tons of extreme-sports stunts, *XXX* is intended to be the "James Bond" of the 21st Century.

PG-13 • 2002 • Columbia TriStar • 124 minutes



Once Upon a Time in Mexico

Director Robert Rodriguez returns to the characters of his breakthrough hits *El Mariachi* and *Desperado* in a grand-scale, south-of-the-border action/adventure saga. Antonio Banderas reprises his role as the gun-toting El Mariachi, who goes up against the forces of a ruthless drug kingpin while avoiding the target sight of a rogue C.I.A. agent played by Johnny Depp. Salma Hayek cameos as the sultry Carolina. Rodriguez ups the ante on his trademark action sequences by featuring even more gunfire and explosions than ever, and every scene oozes with a zesty, cool attitude that made *Desperado* a cult hit.

R • 2003 • Columbia TriStar • 101 minutes



Hellboy

Ron Perlman stars as Hellboy, a creature from Hades who lands on Earth during WWII and becomes a super-powered agent for the Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense, which targets modern-day occult forces. Fighting alongside Liz (Selma Blair), a woman who can create fire with her mind, and Abe Sapien, an aquatic humanoid, Hellboy battles the evil forces of the mad Russian monk, Rasputin. Based on the popular Dark Horse comic-book series, *Hellboy* features plenty of over-the-top action and demon butt-kicking fun.

PG-13 • 2004 • Columbia TriStar • 132 minutes



Resident Evil: Apocalypse

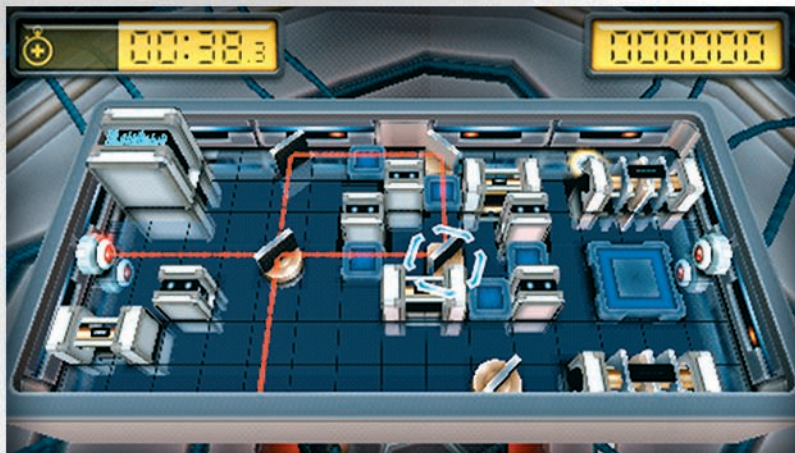
Resident Evil: Apocalypse is based on the popular video game from Capcom that began on the PlayStation. Milla Jovovich plays Alice, a survivor of the zombie massacre in the first film, and this sequel finds her in possession of superhuman powers that were forced on her by Umbrella, a powerful pharmaceutical conglomerate that inadvertently turned the once-peaceful Raccoon City into a city of the walking dead and mutated monsters. Together with Jill Valentine (Sienna Guillory) and Carlos Olivera (Oded Fehr), Alice tries to escape the blocked-off city, but Umbrella has no intention of letting the trio escape as it sends its deadliest creation, the Nemesis, after them. Complete with striking visual effects and tons of creepy scenes, *Resident Evil: Apocalypse* is a must-see film for fans of the video-game series and zombie horror movies.

R • 2004 • Columbia TriStar • 93 minutes

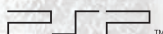


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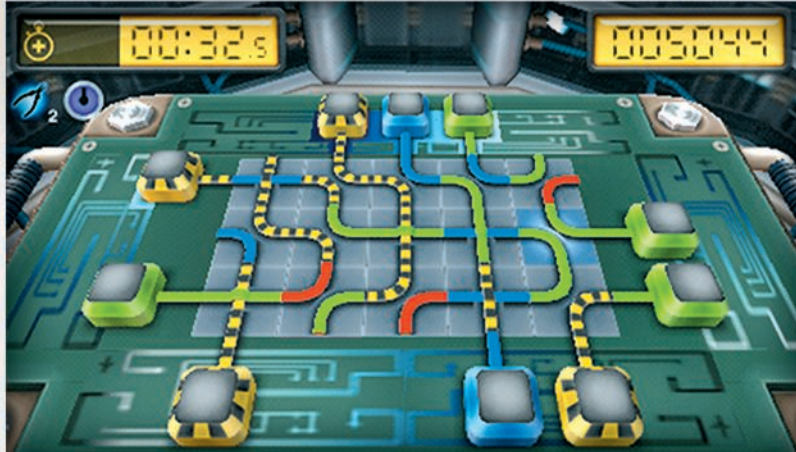
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