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Controls

Steer ................................................................. left analog stick
Throttle ......................................................... R button or right analog stick ↑
Brake/Reverse .................................................. R button or right analog stick ↓
Look back ....................................................... button
Speedbreaker ..................................................... R button or R3 button
E-Brake ............................................................. R1 button
Nitrous .............................................................. L1 button
Shift up/down .................................................... R2 button / L2 button
Enter shop (Career mode only) ......................... D-button ↑
Blacklist (Career mode only) .......................... D-button ↓
Display world map (Career mode only) .......... D-button ←
SMS (Career mode only) .................................. D-button →
Reset car ......................................................... button
Pause .............................................................. button

Note: Need for Speed™ Most Wanted only supports the Logitech Driving Force Pro steering wheel.

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Starting the Game
PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system

1. Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual.
2. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located at the back of the console) is turned ON.
3. Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the OPEN button and the disc tray will open.
4. Place the Need for Speed Most Wanted disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the OPEN button again and the disc tray will close.
5. Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate.
6. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

Command Reference
DUALSHOCK®2 analog controller configurations

Setting Up the Game
My Alias
You are prompted to create an alias the first time you start with a memory card (8MB) for PlayStation®2 inserted in MEMORY CARD slot 1. Your game progress is automatically saved to your alias, once it is created.

- Enter an alias name using the on-screen keyboard and press the □ button. A prompt appears asking if you are sure you wish to create this alias. Select YES. Your alias is created.
- To create a new alias, delete an existing alias, load an alias, or manually save your game progress, select ALIAS MANAGER in the Main menu.

Main Menu

CAREER
Conquer Career mode and become the Most Wanted (see p. 5).

CHALLENGE SERIES
Complete a series of tasks and races in order to beat the best (see p. 7).

QUICK RACE
Jump right into a race (see p. 6).

MY CARS
Outfit your ride with a variety of parts or visual and performance upgrades.

ALIAS MANAGER
Manage your alias and save and load games (see above).

OPTIONS
Adjust audio, video, gameplay, player, and controller options (see p. 4), select EA™ TRAX, or view the credits.
Options
To access the Options menu in the Main menu, select OPTIONS.
To access the Options menu in-game, press the start button to pause the game, then select OPTIONS.

Note: Default options are listed in bold type.

AUDIO
Set the in-game volume levels.

VIDEO
Adjust screen and display options.

GAMEPLAY
Turn the game moment camera, speedometer units, autosave, rear view mirror, explore map modes, or car damage ON or OFF.

PLAYER
Choose a transmission type, select a camera angle, or turn gauges, scoring, and leaderboards ON or OFF.

CONTROLS
Choose between ten preset controller configurations.

EA™ TRAX
Adjust and preview the soundtrack in the game.

CREDITS
Meet the team behind Need for Speed Most Wanted.

Playing the Game
Slide into the driver's seat. With a variety of races, neighborhoods, and modes to choose from, the race to become the Most Wanted is at your fingertips.

Game Screen

Milestone Status—Illustrates the current milestones and your progress towards them.

Evade Meter—Illustrates how close you are to either being busted or evading the cops.

Speedbreaker
Tach
Speed
Nitrous

Radar

Heat Meter—The higher your heat is, the greater the chance that you are pursued by the police. (For more information, see Cop Pursuit and Bounty on p. 63)

Mini Map

Saving and Loading
Your game progress is saved automatically to your alias (for more information, see p. 3). A memory card (8MB) for PlayStation®2 inserted in MEMORY CARD slot 1 is required to save game progress. Never insert or remove the memory card when loading or saving files.

To save a game:
1. Select ALIAS 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.
3. Select an alias. Your alias, with all of your saved game information, is loaded.

Game Modes
Earn your place in the racing world via a variety of game options, from one-shot Quick Races to an in-depth Career mode.

Career Mode
Only the driver with the highest bounty and most impressive rap sheet will climb the Blacklist and become the Most Wanted. Think you're ready for glory? The road starts here.
• To start a game in Career mode, select CAREER in the Main menu then either RESUME CAREER, START NEW CAREER, or LOAD an existing alias.

Free Roam
The best spots to race in the city and its surroundings are begging to be discovered. Drive around to get a feel for the lay of the land, and as you cruise the world, test out some juicy stretches of road. Just remember to keep your eyes and ears peeled for news on the daytime racing scene and watch out for the cops. They stop at nothing to keep racers off the streets.
• To explore, select RESUME FREE ROAM in the Safe House menu.

The Blacklist 15
The Blacklist represents the fifteen street racers who are the most wanted by the police. Beat every one of them and you'll shoot to the top of the list, becoming the Most Wanted street racer. You'll need to challenge and beat every one of them using your driving skills. To do this, complete a series of events and challenges to prove your mettle.
• To view the Blacklist, select BLACKLIST 15 in the Safe House menu.

Events, Milestone Competitions, and Challenges
You have to earn your right to see your name on the Blacklist 15. To do this, win races, complete pursuit milestones, and evade the cops. If you're good enough, you may find yourself challenged to a showdown with one of the Blacklist racers. Beat them and you'll score their spot on the list.
• To jump to an event, select BLACKLIST 15 in the Safe House menu, or press the R button when you are in a Free Roam. Select RACES EVENTS or MILESTONE EVENTS and press the X button on an event you wish to enter.
Cops Pursuit and Bounty

In the anything-goes world of street racing, the cops can be anywhere, and like you, they've got a few tricks up their sleeves. Eluding them requires a cool head and a little bit of fancy pedal work.

Keep your eye on the Heat Meter, which surrounds your minimap. As your heat increases from 1 to 5, the chase gets tougher and the cops get harder to beat. If your driving style is particularly attention-grabbing, you may find yourself being pursued by state or even federal authorities. As the chase escalates, so does the quality of gear the police use to try to take you down. Those tiny roadblocks set up by the small-time fuzz may be a cinch for you to bypass, but try getting away from that state police chopper or heavy SUV. It's not just your rival racers you have to worry about. If you successfully evade the cops, they will increase your bounty and bump you up their Blacklist. Get busted, however, and it will cost you.

Tip: There are hiding spots all over the open world where you can lay low until the heat is off. When you're in cooldown (meaning you broke line of sight with the pursuing cops), hiding spots appear in your minimap. Pull into one to speed up the cooldown period.

Note: While in a police pursuit, you are unable to enter any locations or races.

Rap Sheet

Ever wonder what the cops think about when they hear your license plate number over the radio? View your rap sheet to find out. Your rap sheet offers the police your pursuit statistics, the number of infractions on your record, and the total amount of dollars your antics have cost the state.

• To view your rap sheet, select RAP SHEET in the Safe House.

Quick Race Mode

Enter a variety of one-off races. Choose between a QUICK PLAY race and a CUSTOM RACE, or race a friend in SPLIT SCREEN mode.

Quick Play

Jump right into the driver's seat in a Quick Play race. In Quick Play, the event type, track, and car you drive are all picked for you. All you need to do is show up and be ready to throw down. You could get lucky and get a car that has not yet been unlocked in Career mode.

To start a Quick Play game:

1. Select QUICK RACE in the Main menu.
2. Choose QUICK PLAY.
3. A screen appears showing the race type, track, and car you'll be driving. To select a new configuration at random, press the C button.
4. Press the X button to confirm. The race begins.

Custom Race

Like a Quick Play race, a Custom Race drops you right into the action, only here you get to select which available race, track, and car you wish to drive.

To start a Custom Race:

1. Select QUICK RACE in the Main menu.
2. Select CUSTOM RACE.
3. Choose between a CIRCUIT, DRAG, LAP KNOCKOUT, or SPEEDTRAP race.
4. Select a location for your race.
5. Adjust race options, including the difficulty level and number of opponents. The race begins.

Split Screen

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

Note: Only one USB steering wheel is supported for split-screen games.

To start a 2 Player Split-Screen race:

1. Select QUICK RACE in the Main menu.
2. Select SPLIT SCREEN.
3. Choose one between a CIRCUIT, DRAG, LAP KNOCKOUT, or SPEEDTRAP race. Then select the location and race options.
4. Player 1 presses the Start button, then selects a car.
5. Player 2 presses the Start button, then selects a car. The race begins.

Challenge Series

The Challenge Series is designed to test your driving and pursuit evasion abilities. When you begin a Challenge Series, you are hooked up with a car and a specific challenge. The further you get into the Challenge Series, the harder the tasks. Do you have what it takes to beat them all?

• To start the Challenge Series, select CHALLENGE SERIES from the Main menu.

Race Types

CIRCUIT
A traditional lap-style course. Finish first and leave your competitors driving in circles.

DRAG
A pedal-mashing, speed-shifting race to the finish line.

LAP KNOCKOUT
Race laps around a track. At the end of each lap, the driver in last place is eliminated. The driver in first place at the end of the last lap wins.

SPEEDTRAP
There are speed traps posted all over the city. Blow through each as fast as possible. Earn the highest cumulative score and you're the winner.

SPRINT
Find out how fast you can get from point A to point B.

TOLLBOOTH
Smack your way through as many tollbooth checkpoints as you can. As the race progresses, the allotted time you have to hit the next checkpoint decreases. If you hit a checkpoint with time to spare, you get a bonus.

Customization

Cold hard cash is the currency of choice on the street. With it, you can outfit your ride with a variety of aftermarket parts you'll find in the shops. To earn money, enter—and win—one of the daytime racing events happening around town.

As your bounty increases you get the chance to go up against key opponents in order to earn markers. Markers allow you to unlock special visual and performance upgrades in the shop's back room. This is reserved for only the best racers. If you go up against a member of the Blacklist 15 and win, the marker you earn may even be a pink slip—redeemable for your opponent's ride. Not bad for a day's work.

• There are one-stop shops all over where you can do everything from customize your engine to add the latest paints and decals.

Note: When you upgrade your ride, your old parts are automatically traded in.
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