

# MEGADRIVE





In the original PacMan game, only four ghosts were in pursuit. Now there are seven - eeek! Here are their characteristics...

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SPUNKY (BLACK) Not a lot is known about this mysterious ghost.

acMan, one of the most famous arcade characters of all time, is back - and this time he's brought his Dad. Well, no, he hasn't really, but this Megadrive version of the coin-op includes all the features of the original 1989 coin-op. Featuring all four of the original levels - Block

Town, PacMan's Park, Sandbox Land, and Jungly Steps - this forced-perspective 3D game stars everyone's favourite happy yellow blob collecting dots that are scattered around the landscape.

Of course things are never that simple. Pursuing PacMan are a number of ghosts, all bent on bringing about his demise. Some ghosts track him by his trail, others by working out where he is at present. Luckily our hero can jump, and neatly evade the nasties - if the hand on the joypad is quick enough!



SUE (PURPLE) Shadow's PacMan's every move.



FUNKY (LIGHT GREEN) Beware - this ghost jumps!



PINKY (PINK) Clever - likes to head PacMan off and ambush him.



INKY (LIGHT BLUE) Totally unpredictable - so watch



CLYDE (YELLOW) Pursing ghost who's a bit slow.



**BLINKY (RED)** The fastest and cleverest ghost.



# COMMENT



The concept of dot-gobbling might be as old as the hills, but Pacmania proves that it's still as addictive as ever! It's a very slick conversion, and features

IAN every aspect of the coin-op, from the crisp graphics and wacky tunes to the neat intermission screens between levels. The varied difficulty settings offer plenty of challenge, even to the most seasoned of PacMan veterans, and the Pac boost adds a new aspect to the gameplay. If you're after something simple, addictive and different, Pacmania fits the bill perfectly.

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Two Funky ghosts are scared of PacMan!

Funky versus PacMan - a terrifying competition!



## COMMENT



Until now, Megadrive owners have been deprived of Pac-related hilarity. Fortunately, Pacmania goes a long way to redressing the balance. It adds an awful lot to

the old PacMan formula, the 3D angle and giant mazes make the game much less predictable, Pac's jumping ability stops you getting into any instant-death positions and each level's graphical difference prevents the action becoming too repetitive. Visually, there are few differences between Megadrive Pacmania and the arcade version, and the sound is also faithfully reproduced. If munching dots and dodging ghosts is your thing, you won't be disappointed.

# **MEGADRIVE**







RELEASE DATE: DECEMBER GAME DIFFICULTY: EASY/MEDIUM LIVES: 5

CONTINUES: 3 SKILL LEVELS: 4 RESPONSIVENESS: GOOD







A load of decent options, and great intermission screens.

Simple and crisp. The scrolling is faultless, and sprite movement is smooth.

Very similar tunes and sound effects to the arcade game.

Getting into the game couldn't be easier, and within a few goes you're hooked.

Tons of levels, and the different difficulty settings give Pacfans plenty of scope for long-lasting dot-gobbling fun.

One of the simplest games available on the Megadrive - but it's also very challenging and highly addictive!