GAME PLAY
INSTRUCTIONS
AND
POSTER
RESERVE SHIPS
You begin TAC-SCAN with no reserve ships. Every time you complete a round by shooting 10 enemies, you are awarded a reserve ship. These reserve ships are stored off-screen for deployment during the docking maneuver. When you complete a round with empty ships in your formation, the score at the bottom of the screen is replaced with a two digit number showing how many reserve ships you have.

END OF GAME
When your flying squadron loses the last ship, the game is over. This happens whether or not you have ships in reserve. At the end of the game, the highest round you achieved is shown on the screen, as well as your final score. To start another game, simply press the FIRE button.

GAME DIFFICULTY
When you complete four rounds, TAC-SCAN automatically advances to the next difficulty level. You'll know when this happens. The screen colors change, and a special sound is heard. Now the action picks up, and you have the chance of scoring even higher points.

TAC-SCAN has 15 "theoretical" levels of difficulty. We say theoretical because the highest anyone at SEGA has managed is level 7.

SCORING

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A mysterious enemy ship which shimmers in color appears at various times during a TAC-SCAN game. Hitting it awards an additional 500 points.

Bonus points are awarded for completing a round, for hitting three enemy ships with one salvo, and for hitting four enemy ships with one salvo.

STRATEGIC TIPS

1. Be patient and let enemies go by when you are in a vulnerable position. There is no penalty for enemies not shot.

2. For high scores, concentrate on lining up three and four (rare) enemies for the 10,000 and 20,000 point bonus. This is fairly easy to do in the early rounds.

3. In the early rounds, purposely avoid docking the reserve ships so that they are added to your off-screen inventory. You'll need them in the later rounds!

4. Experiment with different squadron formations. Some are easier than others to avoid enemy fire.

5. Always hit the shimmering enemy ship for extra points.
Squadron alert! Squadron alert! This is not a drill. Enemy airships are approaching your command base. All that stands between you and annihilation is your five ship squadron.

Wipe out 10 enemy ships and you can bring in any needed replacements. If you don't need them, leave them in the reserve fleet for later use.

Complete four rounds and advance to the next level. Now the action gets hot and heavy.

**USING YOUR CONTROLLERS**

Plug the game paddle into the RIGHT connector at the rear of your game console. TACSCAN uses the RIGHT connector. So if you already have a joystick plugged into the left connector, you can leave it alone.

TACSCAN is started by pressing the FIRE button of the correct game paddle controller. Unfortunately, we can't tell you WHICH control this is, since they are not marked. Try them both—you'll know when you have the correct one when the game starts.

Use the rotary control to steer the squadron. Every time you press the FIRE button, a missile salvo is unleashed by your squadron ships. Each ship fires one missile, so the more ships you have in your formation, the more firepower you have.

**HOW TO PLAY**

**OPTIONS**

Push in the TAC-SCAN cartridge and go! No option switches to fool with. The only console switch which has any effect is RESET, which terminates a game in progress.

**ENEMY APPROACH**

You command a squadron of five ships, shown at the bottom of the screen. Watch out for the approaching enemy ships! They fire deadly laser bolts, which can wipe out ships in your squadron formation. As your skill level improves, you will be able to hit these enemy ships and then dodge their deadly laser bolts.

Every time you hit 10 enemy ships, you end a round (signalled by a distinctive sound). At this point, if you have any ships missing in your squadron, you are given the opportunity to dock new ships into fighting formation. These ships slowly descend one at a time, and you must steer them into the “docking platforms” shown in the vacant ship positions. Anytime you miss (or avoid) docking a ship, it floats past your squadron, and the next round begins. Any ship which is not docked is put back into the reserve fleet—you do not lose it.