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- Be sure to take an occasional rest break during extended play.
- Keep this compact disc clean. Always hold the disc by the edges and keep it in its protective case when not in use. Clean the disc with a lintfree, soft, dry cloth, wiping in straight lines from center to outer edge. Never use solvents or abrasive cleaners.

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GETTING STARTED

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

At any point during ESPN Major League Baseball gameplay you may quit the game by pressing the START button and choosing "Quit." To restart your PlayStation®2, press the RESET button on the front side of the console.

STARTING UP

DUALSHOCK[®]2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



NOTE: In order to save ESPN Major League Baseball files, you will need to insert a memory card (8MB) (for PlayStation®2) into MEMORY CARD slot 1 with sufficient memory. Some files require up to 884 kb. **ESPN Major League Baseball** raises the bar with Power Pitching, Online Gameplay and a stellar ESPN presentation featuring Jon Miller and Karl Ravech. A new name, a new season, a new way to play!

• **POWER PITCHING -** Take complete control of the mound with new pitches, pitch speeds, pitch interface, pitch animations, pitcher momentum and exclusive ESPN K-Zone pitch analysis.

• Take Your Game Online - complete with downloadable rosters, voice chat, and more!

• ESPN Presentation - An all-star cast featuring Jon Miller and Karl Ravech delivers insightful game analysis along with everything you'd expect from an ESPN Major League Baseball broadcast including exclusive GameCast simulations that allow you to join or view the At-Bat by At-Bat progress of any simulated game.

 Go Pro with First Person Baseball[™] - A revolutionary first person mode that allows you to play through the eyes of any player on the field; from batting to pitching, fielding to baserunning – you'll see, feel and hear the game from ESPN Videogames' perspective.

 Broken Bats and More - Hundreds of new, breakthrough animations including broken bats, mound conferences, ondeck batters, curtain calls, and player reactions.

• New General Manager Mode - Now you'll have to answer to the owners if you can't keep your club running on all cylinders. If you don't make wise decisions, you can get fired by your team or, if successful, be lured away by other teams.

• **Clutch Gameplay** - A new confidence meter allows you to tap into the power of your player for extra speed, longer throws, and more powerful swings when you need it most.

• **The Trophy Room** - Earn and display trophies by accomplishing in-game goals and surpassing MLB[™] milestones.

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NEW GAME MODES SUMMARY

The new following features can be found by accessing Game Modes.

GM Career

Ever wonder if you have what it takes to manage a baseball team under aggressive deadlines and salary budget constraints with the owner breathing down your every move? This is your chance! Begin your career here and let your name be known throughout the Major Leagues.

Duel

Choose your favorite pitcher and hitter then pit them against other duos in this fast paced hard hitting game.Consecutive strikes, balls, or beans will garner an increasing bonus or penalty.

- Rules: The batter gets 5 outs per turn. An out is a strike, a foul ball, or any hit less than 100 ft.
- Batting: Earn points for hits longer than 100 ft. The longer the hit, the more points you'll get. Homeruns are worth a lot of points. Consecutive hits will award you an increasing bonus.
- Pitching: Earn points for getting called and swinging strikes. You lose points for throwing balls or hitting the batter. Consecutive strikes, balls, or beans will garnish a increasing bonus or penalty.

Gamecast

Armchair coaches will be pleased with this new addition to ESPN Major League Baseball. With the exclusive Gamecast feature, you now have the power to simulate 1 play at a time, substitute players on the fly, and hop right in the middle of the game.

CONTROLLER CONFIGURATION

MENU CONTROLS

left analog stick and Move highlight directional button



PITCHING

left analog stick Aim pitch
directional button Align Outfield / Infield
L1 button
R2 button
+ O button
+ 🛆 button
+ 🖲 button
R1 button
Solution
button
button
button Select Pitch
START button

COACH'S TIP - Power Pitching

Pitchers this year will find that after they have selected a pitch an empty black bar will appear. This is the new power pitching bar and when you press and hold \otimes to deliver the pitch the bar will fill with power until you release the button. Depending on the pitch type and amount of effort used, your ball flight will have enhanced speed or movement. Power pitching will rapidly tire your pitcher's arm so use it sparingly.



BATTING & STEALING

left analog stick	Aim Bat Cursor
directional button (up)	Signal Steal 2nd
directional button (left)	Signal Steal 3rd
directional button (down)	Signal Steal Home
L1 button	Lead Off All
R1 button	Shorten Lead All
Solution	Practice Swing / Contact Swing
Solution (tap)	Check Swing
• button	Power Swing / Get Back All
O button (tap)	Check Swing
button (hold before pitch)	Sacrifice Bunt
button (hold after pitch)	Bunt for Base Hit
button (release)	Check Bunt
button	Steal All / Fast Steal Signaled Runner

START button. Pause Game

COACH'S TIP - True Aim Hitting

This new feature allows you to move the left analog stick in the direction you want to swing the bat. Unlike last year's cursor hitting, the aim follows exactly where you hold the left analog stick and is pressure sensitive. Optimal contact depends on your ability to judge how hard to move the left analog stick in the ball's path, and when to swing.



Note: Move the left analog stick towards the corresponding base and press Circle Button, Triangle Button, or Square Button. You cannot order baserunners running towards 1st base to hold, retreat, or advance.

BASE RUNNING

 button 	Retreat to selected base
button	Hold running towards selected base
button	Advance to selected base
L1 button	
B1 button	All Betreat

FIELDING BALL

left analog	stick	 	 .Move Player
L1 button		 	 .Turbo Burst
R1 button		 	 .Jump / Dive
R2 button		 	 .Select Player
START butt	on	 	 .Pause Game

Note: When using a Turbo Burst, the yellow cursor will expand and turn red, but only for a few seconds. During this time, your player's running and throwing speed is enhanced.

FIELDING W/ BALL

left analog stick
L1 button
L2
Solution
Solution (hold)Cutoff Redirect to Home
O button
O button (hold)Cutoff Redirect to 1st
button
button (hold)Cutoff Redirect to 2nd
button
button (hold)Cutoff Redirect to 3rd
START button



ONLINE

Select Online from the Main Menu to experience a whole new level of competition with ESPN Major League Baseball online! In order to access ESPN Major League Baseball's Online mode, you will need a network adaptor (Ethernet/modem) (for PlayStation®2), a memory card (8MB) (for PlayStation®2), and a broadband connection to the Internet from an Internet service provider.

Note: Online play for ESPN Major League Baseball is not supported for dial-up modem users.

Creating a Network Configuration:

- On the Network Configurations Screen, press the START button to launch the Network Configuration Utility.
- On the Network Setting Screen, select ADD SETTING.
- Follow onscreen instructions.
- Press the S button when complete to save your settings.
- On the Confirm Overlay, to test your connection, highlight YES and press the Solution.
- Press the

 button to quit the Network Configuration Utility and return to the title screen.

Logging On:

- On the Network Configurations Screen, select a saved Network Setting and press the S button to log on.
- If you've already created a User Account, select EXISTING ACCOUNT from the overlay that appears, then enter your username and password.

Creating a New Account:

- On the Online Authentication Screen, select NEW ACCOUNT.
- On the Create Account Screen, enter account information using the Virtual Keyboard.
- Press the START button to advance.

ONLINE MENU

Play

On the Online Lobbies Screen, you select the game lobby you wish to enter.

- Press the R1 or L1 button to cycle forward or backward through the available modes (Exhibition, Rookie, Pro, All-Star, Legend).
- While you are in the lobby, you can use a USB keyboard to communicate with others. While playing, you can use a USB Headset (for PlayStation®2) to talk to other users.

Exhibition

Select Exhibition to play an unranked game.

- Highlight a user and press the S button. An overlay will appear.
- Select CHALLENGE. If the user accepts, the Team Select Screen will appear. Note: There are some gameplay options that are only available when playing Exhibition.

Rookie, Pro, All-Pro, and Legend

These lobbies work the same as the Exhibition lobby. However, wins and losses in these lobbies count towards the Leaderboard. Also, the lobby you select will determine the game's difficulty setting.

Latest News

The Latest News Screen gives you all the latest news pertaining to ESPN Major League Baseball Online.

Leaderboard

The Leaderboard screen displays the online player rankings for each difficulty setting except Exhibition.

Downloads

The Roster Downloads Screen allows you to download the latest Major League Baseball rosters, making it quick and easy to keep ESPN Major League Baseball current with trades and other roster movement. Downloaded Rosters are only used in Offline gameplay.

Sign Out

Select Sign Out to log off from the network.

Firewalls - In order to join or host an ESPN Major League Baseball game from behind a router with Network Address Translation, or firewall, you may need to enable PORT FORWARDING. You will need to route, or forward, all data on TCP port 19999 & 80 and port UDP 1024 & up to the IP address assigned to your PlayStation®2 console. (Note: Users using DHCP must ensure that their PlayStation®2 console is assigned the IP address specified in the PORT FORWARDING setup, under these circumstances you may need to change your PlayStation®2 from "Auto Detect" (DHCP) to a "Static IP" address using the Network Configuration GUI or Network Adaptor Start Up Disc to ensure that forwarded data always gets to your PlayStation®2 console.)

If you are still having trouble connecting to other players, try bypassing the router or firewall by connecting your PlayStation®2 console directly to your DSL, modem, cable modem, or other broadband device.

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