

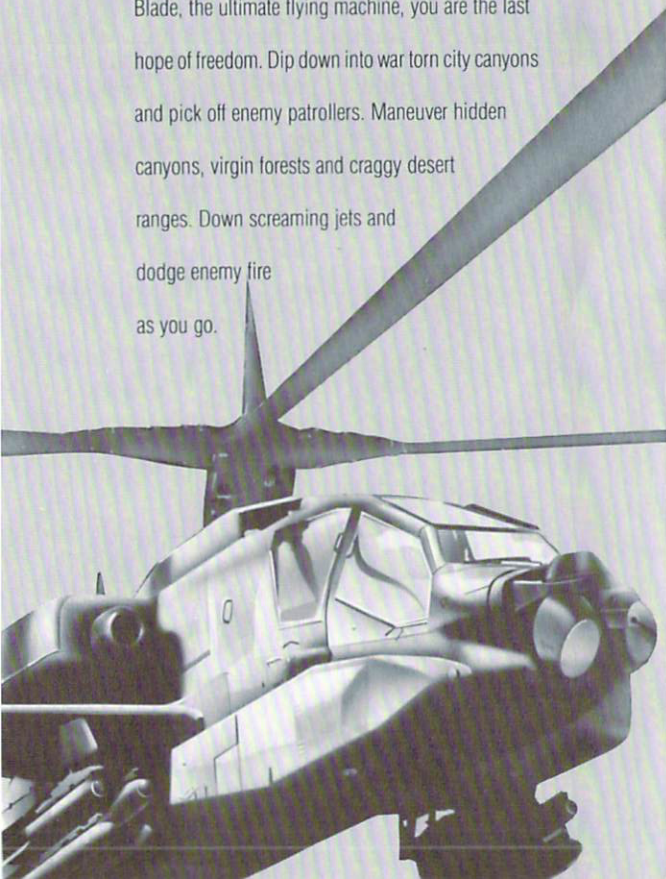
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**T**his 3-D chopper

combat mission is hectically spectacular. 'Cause everything's always changing. The scenery. The enemies. Even the perspective. **A**s the pilot of Thunder Blade, the ultimate flying machine, you are the last hope of freedom. Dip down into war torn city canyons and pick off enemy patrollers. Maneuver hidden canyons, virgin forests and craggy desert ranges. Down screaming jets and dodge enemy fire as you go.



**For Commodore 64® & 128™,  
Atari® Series and Amiga®**

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# Thunder Blade™

**The Meanest  
Machine Ever  
to Storm  
the Skies!**



## Power Up

### Commodore 64 & 128

- 1) Set up your computer as shown in the Commodore 64 or 128 owner's manual.
- 2) Plug a joystick into Port #2.
- 3) Turn on your disk drive, computer and monitor.
- 4) Insert the Thunder Blade disk into the drive. Type **LOAD "\*" ,8,1** and press RETURN.
- 5) After the game loads, press the fire button on the joystick to start the game.

### Atari ST

- 1) Set up your computer as shown in the Atari ST owner's manual.
- 2) If you want to play the game using joystick control, plug the joystick into Port #1.
- 3) Turn on the drive and the monitor. Insert the Thunder Blade disk into the drive. Turn on the computer.
- 4) To start the game using joystick control, press the fire button on the joystick. To start the game using mouse control, press either button on the mouse.

### Amiga

- 1) Set up your computer as shown in the Commodore Amiga owner's manual.
- 2) Plug in your joystick or mouse as shown in the manual. Turn on the computer and the monitor.
- 3) Insert the Thunder Blade disk.

**NOTE: Kickstart™ 1.2 or higher is required to play this game on the Amiga 1000.**

## Taking Control

### Get Ready

When you're ready to go, press the fire button.

To climb up: Pull back on the joystick.

To go down: Push forward on the joystick.

To move left/right: Push the joystick in the desired direction.

To shoot: Press the fire button.

To pause during game: Press SPACE BAR, press again to continue. (For the Commodore, press RUN/STOP key).

To restart the game: Press ESC key. (For the Commodore, press RESTORE key).

You can control how fast you're going with either the joystick or the keyboard.

### Commodore 64 & 128

You must choose either F1 (for keyboard) or F7 (for joystick).

To accelerate: Hold down the fire button (or press the SPACE BAR) while pushing forward on the joystick.

To decelerate: Hold down the fire button (or press any other key than the space bar ) while pulling back on the joystick.

### Amiga and Atari ST:

To accelerate: Hold down the fire button (or press the up arrow) while pushing forward on the joystick.

To decelerate: Hold down the fire button (or press the down arrow) while pulling back on the joystick.

To turn the sound effects on/off: Press the "S" key.

To turn the music on/off: Press the "M" key.

You can also play the Amiga and Atari ST versions of Thunder Blade with a mouse:

To move: Move mouse in desired direction.

To fire: Press left button.

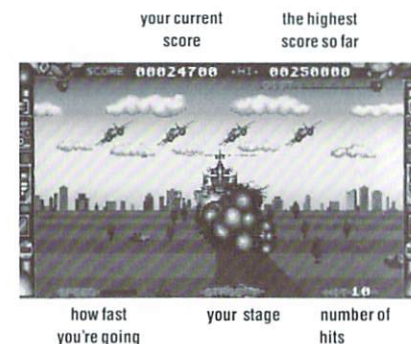
To accelerate: Press right button and go forward.

To decelerate: Press right button and pull back.

## Mastering The Game

### Seen On The Screen

In order to complete your mission successfully, you'll have to familiarize yourself with what's on the screen.



### Your Name in Lights

To place your initials on the screen, move the joystick right or left to highlight each letter. Press the fire button to make your selection. When you are finished entering your name or initials, highlight ED and press the fire button again.

### Winning Tips

- To hit tanks and jeeps on overhead view, swoop down and shoot them from about less than one half the height.
- Vary your speed and position fairly randomly in order to "throw off" enemy fire.
- On the end level of each stage, try to stay towards the top of the screen. This will allow you to retreat under enemy fire.
- Keyboard speed control allows you freer movement. Joystick speed control allows total control from the joystick, but you have to be careful not to hold down the fire button, and affect your forward speed. Experiment with both methods of control until you find the one that is comfortable for you.