

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

**LEGO**

**RACERS**



NINTENDO<sup>64</sup>



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## Game set-up

1. Ensure the **N64™ Control Deck** is set up correctly, following the instructions provided by the manufacturer.
2. Before inserting or removing the Game Pak ensure the **power is switched OFF**.
3. Insert the **LEGO Racers Game Pak** into the **Control Deck**.
4. If you have a **Controller Pak**, insert it now, before you turn the Control Deck on. You can save your custom Racer data and game data to this Controller Pak.
5. Make sure your **N64™ Controller(s)** is plugged into the Control Deck.
6. **Turn ON** the Control Deck.
7. **Pick a language.** After the introduction sequence, you will see a screen where you should pick a language. Use the **Control Pad** or **Control Stick** to move **left** or **right** to choose the language you want. Once you pick a language it will be saved to the **Controller Pak** (if one is inserted), so you won't have to choose it again. You can always go to the **Options** screen to change the language again.
8. Once you have chosen a language you will be taken to the **Main Menu**. From here you can build a custom car or go straight to the racing.



## Quick Start

Do you want to start racing right away? Here is how to get going without delay.

- Select **Single Race** from the **Main Menu**.
- Select the **track** that you want to race on. As you are just starting out, you will have four tracks to choose from.
- Select any **Racer** you like. As you are just starting out, you will have four racers to choose from.
- Now you are ready to race. On your mark, get set, go!



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## Controls

Here is a list of the default controls. You can change these controls in the **Options Menu**.

**Note:** You must have **two controllers** plugged in to play in the **Versus** mode.

### Controller

<b>Control Stick</b>	Turn left and right
<b>A Button</b>	Accelerate
<b>B Button</b>	Brake and reverse (hold button)
<b>C (down) Button</b>	reverse camera view (hold button)
<b>Z Button</b>	Activate Power up
<b>R Button</b>	Power slide
<b>C (right) Button</b>	Toggle map/speedometer display
<b>C (up) Button</b>	Change camera view



## Playing the game

LEGO Racers is an action-packed racing game, filled with thrills, spills and exciting challenges. You will be up against the all-time greatest LEGO Racers, each one with a unique brand of clever driving skills and tricks to outwit you. You will have to master lots of driving maneuvers, and find out just when and how to use them. Then you can win races and become a LEGO Racing champion yourself.

### Turbo Start



The Turbo Start is all about timing. Watch the 3-2-1 countdown. As soon as the word **Go** comes up, hit the acceleration button. If you time it just right, you can start the race at full speed!



## Playing the game

### Power Sliding



You will probably be able to get through the earlier races without learning how to power slide. But if you want to beat the LEGO Champs on the harder tracks, you will have to know how to power slide. So why not think of the early races as your training ground and use them to learn how to become a power sliding expert? Power slides are not very hard to do. Just hold down the **acceleration** and **power slide** buttons at the same time. Then turn **left** or **right** while still holding the buttons. Power slides will let you make sharper turns at high speeds.

### Super Sliding



Super sliding is a bit more tricky. Hold down the **accelerator**, **brake** and **power slide** buttons and turn **left** or **right**. This will make a very tight turn. When you let go of either the brake or power slide button, the car will zoom off in the direction you are facing. Super slides are not easy, and you will really need to practice to get them right. You can try them out on the test track until you become a super sliding ace. (Find out how to get to the test track on page 25.)



## Playing the game

## Power Ups



If you want to be a winner, you will have to use power ups. Power ups range from basic shields or projectiles to ultra-powerful enhancements such as the awesome **Guided Rockets** or the mysterious **Mummy's Curse**. You will need to know how to use them all.



There are four basic power ups: **Projectile** (red), **Hazard** (yellow), **Shield** (blue) and **Turbo** (green). To collect a power up, drive through one of the colored spinning bricks on the track. To increase the level of a power up, you can collect power plus bricks. Power plus bricks are the white bricks. Look at the chart below to see what happens to basic power ups as you collect power plus bricks.

Color	Type	Basic Power Up	1 Power plus Brick	2 Power plus Bricks	3 Power plus Bricks
Red	Projectile	Cannon Ball	Grappling Hook	Lightning Wand	3 Guided Rockets
Yellow	Hazard	Oil Slick	Barrel of Gun Powder	Magnetic Trap	Mummy's Curse
Blue	Shield	5 Second Shield	6 Second Shield	8 Second Shield (reflect Cannon Balls and Rockets. Spin opponents)	10 Second Shield (reflect Cannon Balls and Rockets. Spin opponents)
Green	Turbo	Turbo Boost	Extra Turbo Boost	Flying Turbo Boost	Warp Turbo Boost





## Playing the game

### Racing Screen



#### ● Race Position

The race position indicator shows how well you are doing while you are racing. If there are six Racers in the race, it will show your position from 1st to 6th place.

**LAP 2** 0:12:67  
**BEST** 0:55:54

#### ● Lap Timers

The lap timer shows how long it has taken for you to go round one lap of a race. Once you have completed the first lap, a new timer appears. This shows your fastest lap time within the race.

**HOT TIP:** If you are not in 1st place at the end of a lap you will see a time showing how many seconds behind the leader you are. E.g. -0:01:65 shows that you are 1.65 seconds behind the race leader.



## Playing the game

## ● Power Up Icons



This display shows you what kind of power up you are carrying and how many power plus bricks you have collected.



## ● Speedometer / Course Map This display has three choices:

- The **Speedometer** shows how fast you are going.
- The **Course Map** shows a bird's eye view of the whole track and where the other Racers are during the race.
- The **Close-up Map** shows the track around you in more detail.

Press the **toggle map/speedometer** display button to choose the display that you want or to turn them all off.

## Circuit Race

## ● Story of the Circuit Race

Meet Rocket Racer – the greatest racing champion in all LEGOLAND®. But Rocket Racer has a problem. He's such a brilliant racer that no-one can beat him and now he's bored. So, to find a real challenge, Rocket has decided to hunt down the best Racers in the history of LEGOLAND and set up a truly awesome racing contest.



## Playing the game

Rocket's friend, Veronica Voltage, is a top scientist and mechanical genius. She has designed and built a fantastic LEGO® dimensional warp machine to send her and Rocket all around LEGOLAND. They have hunted high and low and even travelled through time to find the best LEGO Racers for the ultimate racing challenge.

Now, in a thrilling test of driving skills and nerve, you can take on these top LEGO Racers in a series of **Circuit Races**. And if you beat them all, you will get the chance to compete in a race to end all races and go head-to-head with Rocket Racer himself. The winner will be declared the **Greatest LEGO Racer of All Time!** Are you ready to be that LEGO Racer?

### ● Scoring

A complete Circuit Race is made up of four races on four different tracks. Each race has three laps. After each race, you will be awarded points. The better you do in each race, the more points you will get. Here are the points for each position:

<b>First</b> 30 points	<b>Second</b> 20 points	<b>Third</b> 10 points
<b>Fourth</b> 3 points	<b>Fifth</b> 2 points	<b>Sixth</b> 1 point

To continue the Circuit Race, you will need at least **10 points** after the first race, **20 points** after the second race, and **30 points** after the third race. If you have fewer points at the end of each race, the Circuit Race will end and you will have to start the circuit again. To be the overall winner of a Circuit Race, you must finish the circuit with the most points.



## Playing the game

## Unlocking Circuits



When you first start playing LEGO Racers, you will be able to race on only the first circuit and its four tracks. These early races are a bit easier to help you to learn how to drive and use power ups. But once you become an ace driver and are one of the top three Racers for a Circuit Race, the next circuit and its tracks will be unlocked. Winning First place in Circuit Races also unlocks more character pieces and car sets for you to build with and race.

**NOTE:** The unlocked Circuits will be saved to a **CONTROLLER PAK** if one is inserted. If you do not have a **CONTROLLER PAK**, Circuits can still be unlocked, but the unlocked information will be lost when the **Control Deck** is turned off.



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## Playing the game

### Single Race



If you select **Single Race** from the **Main Menu**, you can race against up to five LEGO champions on a single track. To get racing, choose a **Racer** and a **track**. When you first start playing, only the tracks from the first Circuit Race will be unlocked for you to use. But as you unlock other circuits the tracks from those circuits can be played as Single Races.

### Versus Race



If you choose **Versus Race** from the **Main Menu**, you can go head-to-head with a friend. In this type of race the only Racers on the track will be yourself and your friend. The other Racing Champs will not take part.



## Playing the game

Remember that you can only use the tracks you have unlocked. Now each player must choose a **Racer** to play with. You can choose the same Racer if you wish. **Player One** chooses first, then **Player Two**. Once player two has chosen a Racer, the race will begin.

When you play a Versus Race the screen is split in two halves. Player One's view is the top half of the screen and Player Two's view is the bottom half of the screen.

**Note:** To play a Versus race you will need two game controllers attached to your N64.

### Time Race



If you want to race against the clock, select **Time Race**. This will enter you into a race against the great Veronica Voltage. Her "ghost car" will appear on the screen, so you will have something to chase, and eventually beat. If you better Veronica's top time on every track, you will win the pieces of her cool and powerful racing car to use in building your own car. (Find out more about building a car on page 21.)



## Playing the game

### Options

You will be able to change different things such as sound effects and music volume, and controller configuration on the Options screen. Choose:

- **Game Options** to change the number of opponents in a Single Race and the number of laps in a Versus Race.
- **Audio Options** to change the volume of the sound effects and the music, and to choose between stereo and mono sound.
- **Player 1 and 2 Controls** to change which buttons are used to play the game, highlight the action you want to change with the **Control Stick**, press the **A Button** and then the button you want to replace it with.
- **Pick Language** to change the language shown. Use the **Control Pad** or **Control Stick** to select the language you want to use. Select **Options** to exit the screen. You will now see the language you have chosen.
- **View Credits** to find out who helped to make LEGO Racers.



## Customizing Your Racer

**Q. What do I need if I want to race?**

**A. A LEGO Racer.**

**Q. What is a LEGO Racer?**

**A. A Racer is made up of three main parts: the driver, the driver's license, and the car.**

**Q. So, how do I make a LEGO Racer?**

**A. Just go to the Build Menu and select the New Racer button.**

### New Racer



You can create a new Racer when you start LEGO Racers. You must have a Controller Pak to save your Racer data permanently. You can still create Racers without a Controller Pak, but you will lose this information when the Control Deck is turned off.

You can create your car and your driver, giving him or her a name you like. Choose **New Racer** to create your character. This will take you to a menu where you can specify where to save your New Racer data. You can choose from **Controller Pak A - D** or **Continue without Controller Pak**. If you choose any of the Controller Paks, your Racer will be saved to the corresponding Controller Pak. If you choose **Continue without Controller Pak**, the Racer data you create will only be stored until your Control Deck is turned off.

### TO PERMANENTLY STORE A RACER YOU MUST HAVE A CONTROLLER PAK.

Once you have finished creating your Racer and return to the **Build Menu**, you will see a note below the currently selected Racer that shows what Controller Pak that Racer Data is saved on. If the Data is not saved to a Controller Pak it will display a **"Not Saved"** message.





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This will then take you to the **Build Driver** screen. You can change the hat or hair, head, body and legs of your driver. Using the **Control Stick** on your controller, move **up** or **down** to highlight the "part" of your driver that you want to change. Then by using the **Control Stick** move pieces **left** and **right** to change them. Choose **Mix** to quickly build a driver for you. When you are happy with your driver choose **Make License**.

### Make License



Before you can drive you must get a License! To enter your driver's name, highlight the **text entry box** using the **Control Stick**. To delete a letter press the **B** button. To move to the next letter, press the **A** button. To change a letter use the **Control Stick**.

Finally, take your driver's photograph by highlighting the **Snapshot** option using the **Control Stick** on the controller and pressing the **A** button to change your driver's Snapshot. Now it's time to build your driver a car. Choose **Build Car** by highlighting the option using the **Control Stick** and pressing the **A** button.



## Customizing Your Racer

### Build Car



First, choose your chassis, the starting point for all cars. To choose a chassis, highlight the **arrows** and icon just above the view area by moving the **Control Stick**. Move **left** and **right** using the **Control Stick** to choose a chassis. Press the **A** button to select the chassis.

You now have three options:

- **Quick Build** will quickly build a car to fit the chassis you have chosen. Each time you click on Quick Build it will create a brand new car for you. You can select this speedy option if you want to spend more time racing than car building.
- **Remove Bricks** will take all the bricks off the chassis. If you have started to build a car, you will need to do this before you can choose a new chassis. If you have chosen a Quick Build car you can choose a new chassis at any time.
- **Build** will let you create a unique, custom-built car. It will take you into an area where you can design a car to suit your own driving style.

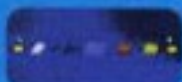


## Customizing Your Racer



### Choosing a car set

You can select different LEGO Bricks to build your car. Use the **Directional Pad (DPAD)** to select a car set. Each car set contains a different group of LEGO Bricks.



### Using the LEGO Brick Selector

You can use the LEGO Brick Selector to choose a LEGO Brick to put on the chassis. Use the **L and R Buttons** to select an element from the car set. The LEGO Brick in the middle of the selector will be the currently selected one. This LEGO Brick will be above your car in the view screen.

**Note:** You can use LEGO Bricks from different car sets to build the ultimate race car.



### Change camera view

You can change the camera to look at your car from different angles. Use the **C buttons** on your Controller to change the view angle.



### Rotate LEGO Brick

You can rotate the LEGO Brick you have chosen. Use this to get the LEGO Brick in the right position before placing it on your car. Rotate the currently selected piece by pressing the **Z button** on your controller.



### Move piece

You can move the LEGO Brick into the position you want above the car by using the **Control Stick** on your controller.



## Customizing Your Racer



### Drop LEGO Brick

You can drop the LEGO Brick you have chosen onto the car using the **A Button**. A "ghost" image of the brick will drop into place if it will fit on the car. If the LEGO Brick won't fit, the ghost image will not drop down and red squares will appear. The red squares show where the brick cannot be connected.

If the LEGO Brick won't fit, you can try doing the following things:

- **Rotate** the brick or move it to make a successful connection
- **Change** the view of your car so that you can see where the brick will connect
- **Look carefully** at the brick. Just like real LEGO® bricks, some have unique connecting shapes. This could mean that you can't place other bricks on top of them, or they can only fit in certain places.

If you are still having trouble placing a LEGO Brick, it's possible that the brick you have chosen is too big for the place you want to put it, or your car might have reached its length, width or height limit.



### Undo

You can Undo the last brick that you placed on the car by pressing the **B Button**. You can use this control repeatedly to remove as many bricks as you want.



### Exit

When you have finished creating your car, just press **START** to leave the build area.



## Customizing Your Racer

### Quick Reference for Car Building

This is a short list of the buttons you can use in the build area.

<b>Directional Pad</b>	Change currently selected car set
<b>L and R</b>	Change currently selected LEGO Brick
<b>C buttons</b>	Change camera view
<b>Z button</b>	Rotate piece
<b>Control Stick</b>	Move piece
<b>A button</b>	Drop piece
<b>B button</b>	Undo
<b>START</b>	Exit build screen

### Building and Car Performance

The way you build your car will have some effect on how well it races. The way your car is built will affect two things: **weight and balance**. Changing the weight and balance of a car can make it perform in different ways. You can ignore these effects and simply build the most amazing and incredible car you can think of, or you could go for the best of both worlds – a cool-looking car that handles well. It's your choice. There is no right or wrong way to build a car. It all depends on your driving style.

### Balance

The balance of the car depends on where you place the bricks on the chassis. A stable car will have LEGO bricks spread evenly over the chassis. Building a car with a larger number of bricks to one side of the car will make the car unbalanced and affect the steering.



## Customizing Your Racer

### ● Weight

The weight of the car depends on the chassis and the number of bricks you put on the chassis. Different chassis weigh different amounts and some bricks weigh more than others. On the whole, bigger bricks weigh more than smaller ones. **Heavier cars have a better top speed and are easier to steer, but will take longer to reach their top speed. Lighter cars have a lower top speed and will not turn as easily, but will accelerate more quickly.**

### Test Drive



If you want to try out your new car, take it for a drive on the test track. Select Test Drive from the Build Menu. You will be able to drive on the concrete track for high speed tests or on the off-road track to find out how your car handles on rougher driving surfaces. When you've had enough drive to blue exit door, and you will be taken back to the **Build Menu**.

**HOT TIP:** If you have just created your first Racer, it will be the only one to choose from when you come to do a test drive. But later, when you have created more Racers, you will have to make sure that you choose the car you have been working on and want to test.



## Customizing Your Racer

### Unlocking Car Sets and Characters

When you start using LEGO Racers, you will have a choice of four basic car sets: General Bricks, Race Bricks, Space Bricks and Castle Bricks. As you become a better driver and start unlocking Circuit Races, you will also unlock more car sets and character sets to choose from. The LEGO Bricks from different car sets can be combined onto one chassis in Build Mode, so the more car sets you win, the more variations you will be able to build.

**NOTE:** The unlocked Car sets will be saved to **Controller Pak A** if it is inserted. If you do not have a Controller Pak, car sets can still be unlocked, but the unlocked information will be lost when the Control Deck is turned off.

### Saving Your Racer

Your new Racer will be saved automatically if a Controller Pak is present once you have finished creating or editing it. The character, car configuration and driver's license information will all be stored for you to use again. You can also make a copy of your Racer by selecting Copy Racer from the Build Menu. This will create a second copy of your Racer for you to edit.

### Delete Racer

Choose Delete Racer to permanently remove Racers you no longer want. You will be asked if you really want to delete the Racer, so you can cancel if you change your mind. You can only remove Racers you have created yourself. **Once you have removed a Racer it cannot be recovered.**



## Racing Tips

1. Try to get really good at the easier races first. Then practice **power sliding** to get ready for tackling tougher opponents and tracks.
2. Use the **test track** to try out your car before racing in a real race.
3. If you have trouble beating the LEGO Racer Champs, you may need to get hold of Veronica Voltage's car set. But how do you do that?

**HOT TIP:** It's all in timing. See Time Race on page 17 if you can't remember.

4. There are **shortcuts** on most tracks that may help you to get the edge. Find out where these are so you can use them often.

**HOT TIP:** Some of the shortcuts are triggered by power ups.

5. Different **power ups** have different effects. Make sure you learn all the types and the effects they have on you and your opponents.
6. Although collecting **power plus bricks** will give you the most powerful power up, this is not always the best strategy. Try to learn how each Champ uses power ups and think of a strategy to beat them.

**HOT TIP:** Captain Redbeard likes to use the cannonball so try to use the shields to beat him.





## Building Tips

1. If you are having trouble placing bricks on your car, try moving the camera around. You can move the camera to a top down view. This should show you exactly where the brick will connect.
2. Different **chassis** have different handling abilities. Experiment to find one that suits your driving style.
3. Always try out a new car on the **test track**. This will allow you to make sure that it feels right before you start to race.
4. Try to keep the car **balanced** when building. Don't put all the bricks in one corner of the car. This will make it lop-sided and awkward to drive.
5. To get a really good looking car, try combining different LEGO bricks from each of the car sets.

