





## ATARI ON POLE POSITION WITH THE RELEASE OF GRAND PRIX CHALLENGE

Enter a universe born of speed, power and excitement with Grand Prix Challenge on PlayStation 2.

Sydney, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2003 - Leading interactive games publisher, Infogrames, announces **Grand Prix Challenge** - the most exciting Formula One game to date - to the Sony PlayStation 2 games console in March 2003.

Officially licensed by the Formula One Administration Limited and based on the 2002 FIA Formula One World Championship, **Grand Prix Challenge** is designed to conquer the hearts of all F1 followers. Developed by Infogrames Melbourne House, **Grand Prix Challenge** brings a level of realism to the physics, handling and racing strategy never before achieved in a console game. Feel the adrenaline rush of being behind the wheel of an F1 powerhouse as you race against 21 other cars at 60 frames-per-second.

Grand Prix Challenge offers the ideal balance between accessibility and depth, in a game, aiming to fully entertain not only the F1 fans but all the gamers, seeking the perfect combination between graphic quality and addictive gameplay within the fantastic F1 universe. Grand Prix Challenge on PS2 compliments the already successful F1 Grand Prix series perfectly." Indeed, while Grand Prix Challenge is heavily based on real world driving physics and constraints, it has been tuned to allow instant enjoyment to the new racer. But Grand Prix Challenge, with its 3 different level of handling and 4 different level of artificial intelligence, will also provide huge depth and compelling challenges for the most experienced race player.

Infogrames Melbourne House has modelled the 22 cars and 17 tracks to an unprecedented level of detail. Even the many drivers' personal styles have been simulated. Pit Stops are now interactive; you can affect the performance of your pit crew to gain those valuable seconds.

**Grand Prix Challenge** offers 5 addictive game modes that will keep you coming back for more, from championship mode where you can live all the thrill of a full championship season to frenzy multiplayer races up to 4 players in split screen. Formula One gaming has never been so much fun.

Andrew Carter, Executive Producer at Melbourne House says, "Grand Prix Challenge's biggest strength is that it is a unique F1 game - full of personality and magic. It's a totally fantastic game that is also really great fun to play."









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