

“Whacked!”

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What: “Whacked!™”

Publisher: Microsoft® Game Studios

Developer: Presto Studios Inc.

Format: DVD for the Xbox™ video game system

Price: \$49.99 (U.S.) estimated retail price

Availability: Fall 2002

Product

Overview: “Whacked!” is a fast and furious combat game in which eight demented contestants are pitted against each other in the world’s most irreverent and dangerous game show. When contestants take the stage, all hell breaks loose as free-for-all combat ensues. Contestants must use power-ups and zany weapons such as giant staplers and rubber ducky grenades to flatten their opponents to win a once-in-a-lifetime grand prize.

Features:

- **Bizarre, yet appealing characters.** Players will meet a variety of contestants, each with their own quirky personalities and unique traits, including Otto, the emaciated, narcoleptic dude who lets his recliner do all the work; and Lucy, whose dangerously attractive body is surpassed only by her cunning ability to use it as a lethal weapon during combat.
- **Multiple gameplay modes.** Players can choose from Combat mode, in which they compete in a race to collect resources; Chicken mode, which pits the player against a horde of man-eating chickens in a quest to stay alive; or other modes, including King of the Hill, Grab ’n’ Run, Fragfest and Dodgeball.
- **Highly detailed levels.** Players can do battle in an arctic pipeline or clash under a Christmas tree. There are more than a dozen intense levels (including the kitchen sink) where gamers can destroy their opponents.
- **Vast array of weapons and power-ups.** There are more than 40 weapons and power-ups to use. Players can blast enemies with the

circus cannon, toss them with the pitchfork, peg them with a staple gun, or poke them with a shish kabob.

Developer

Information:

Founded in San Diego, Calif., in 1991, Presto Studios is a cutting-edge entertainment software development company best known for its engaging, photo-realistic games, including “Myst III: Exile” and the “Journeyman Project” series of time-travel adventures. More information on Presto can be found at <http://www.presto.com/>.

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