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MICROSOFT INTRODUCES CLASSIC ARCADE GAMES FOR WINDOWS

REDMOND, Wash. -- July 6, 1993 -- Microsoft Corporation today introduced Microsoft(r) Arcade, the newest title from the entertainment product unit. Microsoft Arcade is an accurate and faithful replication of five of the most popular arcade games from Atari -- Asteroids(r), Centipede(r), Battle Zone(r), Missile Command(r) and Tempest(r) -- for use with the Microsoft Windows(tm) operating system. These high quality games were reproduced to give uses the same look and effect on the Windows platform that they recall from the original arcade versions.

"With this classic compilation, users can once again experience the fun and excitement of these all-time favorite games, and save a lot of money in quarters!" said Anthony Garcia, manager of the entertainment product unit at Microsoft. "Microsoft is committed to high-quality entertainment products, and with Arcade we bring the best games of the past to platforms of today."

CLASSIC ARCADE ACTION AND SOUND
In addition to a faithfully accurate re-creation of the familiar arcade games, Microsoft Arcade supports a full range of the original arcade sounds. To create the realistic sounds, the Arcade design team recorded actual arcade machine sounds for the featured games and digitized these sounds for use with Windows. In addition, specially designed software allows for multiple sounds to be played at one time with standard sound hardware, such as the Microsoft Windows(tm) Sound System. The result is an exceptional range of sounds from starship blips in Asteroids to the exciting explosions in Missile Command.

Microsoft Arcade is fully operational in a window on the computer screen. For true game aficionados, full-screen mode expands the game play area to the entire screen, eliminating all obvious signs of the Windows interface such as the menu bar and scroll bars. Game playing professionals should also appreciate the function of the "Escape" key to immediately pause and minimize their game in case of an "office emergency."

PROMOTION WITH VERBATIM
Beginning later this month, customers who get specially-marked packages of Verbatim(r) brand floppy discs will receive an additional free disc containing four fully operational games, one from each of Microsoft's four Entertainment Packs for Windows. The promotion, entitled "Microsoft Game Sampler," introduces Microsoft Arcade and other Microsoft entertainment favorites to Verbatim customers with a special flyer in the box. The Microsoft Games Sampler promotion runs though December 1993.

AVAILABILITY, PRICING AND SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS
Microsoft Arcade is scheduled to be available in computer stores in August for a suggested retail price of $39.95. To run Microsoft Arcade, the following are required: MS DOS(r) operating system version 3.2 or higher; Microsoft Windows operating system version 3.1 or higher; personal computer with 386SX 20 MHz or

higher microprocessor; 2MB RAM; one high-density disc drive; VGA or SuperVGA monitor; and a Microsoft Mouse or compatible pointing device. Microsoft Arcade performs best with a color monitor and sound board.

Founded in 1975, Microsoft (NASDAQ "MSFT") is the worldwide leader in software for personal computers. The company offers a wide range of products and services for business and personal use, each designed with the mission of making it easier and more enjoyable for people to take advantage of the full power of personal computing every day.

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