

- Minimum 12 Megs Hard Drive Space free for Virtual Memory

RECOMMENDED:

- Pentium processor
- 16 MB RAM
- stereo 16-bit soundcard
- 20 Megs Hard Drive Space free for Virtual Memory

SUPPORTS:

- Sound cards: Soundblaster Pro/16/AWE32/compatibles, ProAudio Spectrum Plus/16/Studio, Gravis Ultrasound/Max.

(2) M.A.X. under Win95

M.A.X. will run under Win95, and may be installed Windows by using the autorun feature. If your computer is set up to use the autorun feature, simply insert the MAX CD into your CD drive, and the Max install program will start automatically.

Multitasking, Screen Savers, or simply switching back to Windows while M.A.X. is running can cause M.A.X. to lock up on some systems. It is recommended that you exit M.A.X. before switching back into Windows if you experience this problem. If you must switch back into Windows while M.A.X. is running, be sure to pause the game first.

If you experience problems running any of the M.A.X. movies, check the Windows 95 CD ROM settings. If these are not correct for your CD-ROM the M.A.X. movies may skip or have other difficulties.

Your CD-ROM settings may be changed by clicking on the START button, selecting SETTINGS, and then selecting CONTROL PANEL. From the Control Panel select the SYSTEM icon. From the System Menu, select PERFORMANCE. Then click on FILE SYSTEM Button. From the FILE SYSTEM select the CD Tab. Insure that the information displayed on the CD Tab is correct for your system.

If you are experiencing any other problems running M.A.X. under Win95 (sound, netgame difficulties, etc.) try running M.A.X in DOS mode.

(3) Keyboard Reference

Following is the full keyboard command reference list for M.A.X.

- D Activates the DONE button for the selected unit.
- E Enter (used to Enter Depots, Hangars or Docks)
- F Find Selected Unit. Currently selected unit will be centered on screen.

-,+ Zoom In, Out

G Turns on Grid Display

F1 Centers on Tagged Unit

Arrow Keys: Scrolls the map

ALT-L Opens the Load Game Menu

ALT-S Opens the Save Game Menu

ALT-X Exits the Game to the Main Menu

ALT-F5, ALT-F6, ALT-F7, ALT-F8 Saves the current window position

F5, F6, F7, F8 Jumps to a previously saved window position

/? Initiates HELP mode. The cursor changes to a question mark, clicking on screen items will display help text.

ALT-C Saves a screen shot of the game in PCX format.

Shift Hold the Shift key while selecting units to create groups.

Space Bar, Enter or ESC cancels the self running demo.

ENTER End Turn

Shift-DONE Holding the shift key while clicking the DONE button on the M.A.X. control panel will cause all units to execute any outstanding orders.

Shift-Click Test Path. If you are unsure about the path a unit will take when it is given a movement order, hold the SHIFT-KEY down while you click the mouse to give the MOVE order. The path the unit will take will then be displayed, but the unit will not move. Simply release the SHIFT key and click again if the path is satisfactory.

3a. Advanced Hot Keys

Many commands can be given using the 0-9 keys on your keyboard. The function of these keys depend on the Unit that is currently selected. For instance, hitting the 1 key will activate the BUILD command when a Constructor is selected, but will issue the AUTO-SURVEY command if a Surveyor is selected.

Hot keys for unit commands:

Press 1 (or the first letter of the word) for these functions:
...Activate

- ...Allocate
- ...Auto-Survey
- ...Build
- ...Buy Upgrade
- ...Disable
- ...Place Mines
- ...Reload
- ...Repair
- ...Research

Press 2 (or the first letter of the word) for these functions:

- ...Load
- ...Start
- ...Steal

Press 3 (or the first letter of the word) for these functions:

- ...Attack
- ...Transfer

Press 4 (or the first letter of the word) for the Manual function.

Press 5 (or the first letter of the word) for these functions:

- ...Enter
- ...Upgrade

Press 6 (or the first letter of the word) for the Upgrade All function.

Press 7 (or the first letter of the word) for the Stop function.

Press 8 (or the first letter of the word) for the Sentry function.

Press 9 (or the first letter of the word) for the Done function.

Press 0 (or the first letter of the word) for the Remove function.

(3b) Additional Features

Shots Display: When the status button is clicked, units capable of firing may display small icons of a bullet along their path markers. These icons let you know how far the unit can move and still be able to fire a shot. Some units, like the Scout, can move all their movement for a turn and still be able to fire. Others, like the Missile Crawler, lose the ability to shoot in that turn if they move at all. Still other units, like the Tank and Assault Gun, can move a short distance and still be able to shoot in the same turn. The Shots Display can be used to gauge your firepower when advancing on the enemy.

Halt when enemy sighted:

By default, units will automatically stop when

they see an enemy unit. This option can be changed in the PREFERENCES MENU.

Auto Survey: An "AUTO" button has been added to the Surveyor Unit. When Auto is On, the Surveyor will automatically search the map for resources.

Alien Units: Alien Units are sometimes found in the Campaign and Stand Alone Missions, and can optionally be added to Custom Games if desired. When first found, Alien units do not belong to any team, and must be captured by an Infiltrator before they can be used.

Computer Opponent:

The settings for Computer Player level affects only the intelligence and tactics of the computer opponent. In all other respects, it is not a standard difficulty level setting.

Hint: If you are having trouble winning a particular mission, look beyond the more obvious tactics, or brute force attacks. There may be a simple trick which will gain you the advantage required to emerge victorious.

(4) Troubleshooting

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If you are experiencing any other problems running M.A.X. under Win95 (sound, netgame difficulties, etc.) try running M.A.X in DOS mode.

If you use the Minimum or Medium Install, the M.A.X. sound files will not be copied off the CD to your hard drive. This may slow down game play on some systems. If you experience this problem, go to the Preferences Menu and turn Music off. If the game still runs too slow, turn off the Animate Effects option in the Preferences Menu.

If you get an "Out of Environment Space" message when running M.A.X., add the following line to your CONFIG.SYS:

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shell=C:\DOS\COMMAND.COM /e:512 /p
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The FILES statement in your CONFIG.SYS should read 25 or more:

ex. FILES=25

M.A.X. doesn't support some brands of Sound Cards. If you experience problems try running under Sound Blaster Emulation.

M.A.X. has a built-in check to ensure all network game stay in sync. If a game goes out of sync, a message will be displayed. At this point you will be given the option to Quit or Restart the game. Restarting should allow you to continue without further problems. However, if you continue to experience problems, select the QUIT option and reload the AUTO-SAVE game.

CD-PATH

If the path to your CD ROM drive changes after you have installed MAX, the game will not be able to run until you tell it the new drive letter of your CD. To do this, edit the MAXRUN.BAT file and change the path to the new location.

Example: (MAXRUN.BAT)

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Maxrun.exe -sD:\MAX
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In the example above, the CD drive is listed as D:
To change, simply replace with the correct drive letter,
leaving the rest of the text alone.

In the following example, the CD drive letter has been
changed to drive E:

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Maxrun.exe -sE:\MAX
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Once you have made your changes, save the file and run M.A.X. again.

If you receive a message stating "Not enough memory for buffers" you'll need to free up some disk space. M.A.X. makes use of Virtual Memory, and must have at least 12 megs of free disk space available for the Virtual Memory function to work properly. 20 megs free disk space is recommended.

If you have problems running the Movies included with M.A.X. try the following:

Movies Slow or choppy:

Edit the MAX.INI file and change the movie_play=0 parameter to
read movie_play=1

Movies won't play at all:

Some video cards are unable to display the special resolution
used by the M.A.X. movies. If the movies will not play on your system,

edit the MAX.INI file and change alt_movie_res=0 to alt_movie_res=1.

This will set the movie resolution to the standard 640x480 mode which can be displayed by all SVGA video cards.

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