



“Combat Flight Simulator 2: WWII Pacific Theater”

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What: Microsoft® “Combat Flight Simulator 2: WWII Pacific Theater”

Developer: Microsoft Corp.

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Platform: CD-ROM for the Microsoft Windows® 95, Windows 98,
Windows NT® 4.0 and later operating systems

Product Overview:

“Combat Flight Simulator 2: WWII Pacific Theater” takes the excitement, realism and challenge of the best-selling “Combat Flight Simulator” from the skies over Europe to the South Pacific for one of the most fierce air battles of World War II. Amid the Pacific Theater of Operations (PTO) of 1941–43, players will start out as rookie ensigns and will be challenged to hone their skills to become ace of the skies by engaging in one thrilling air battle after another. “Combat Flight Simulator 2” takes the combat realism beyond the fighter plant to the pilots who fought in the fierce action as the gritty storyline unfolds in gritty realism as the war rages across the Solomon Islands. Players can fly for either the Japanese or U.S. Navy in more than 120 distinctly intense and taxing missions.

Key Features:

- **New Pacific Theater aircraft.** In “Combat Flight Simulator 2,” players can choose to pilot a variety of American and Japanese aircraft, each accurately representing its historical counterpart. Players can fly the deadly single-engine American Vought F4U-1A Corsair, one of the most feared planes of the era, otherwise known as the “ensign eliminator” or take to the skies in the A6M2 Zero, the

Japanese fighter that dominated the Pacific with its 20 millimeter cannons and lithe maneuverability.

- **Realistic aircraft flight models.** Rendered in meticulous detail, the aircraft featured in “Combat Flight Simulator 2” are four times more graphically detailed than those in the original game. Each aircraft featured in “Combat Flight Simulator 2” is based on extensive research and detailed “Flight Simulator” models, a program recently selected for a U.S. Navy training program for its unparalleled realism. Planes feature their own unique flight model, performance style and detailed cockpit. Players can watch the Corsair’s wings fold on the aircraft carrier pitching deck as they land with a bone-dry fuel tank.
- **Increased depth of play.** Starting out as rookie ensigns, players immerse themselves in two action-packed, extensive campaigns. Starting out as rookie ensigns, players will feel what it was like to be a young pilot in one of the bloodiest battles of World War II as an engaging storyline based on the real-life events of the PTO unfolds. Featuring over 120 challenging missions, players will embark on torpedo bombings, ground attacks and carrier landings over the seas of the South Pacific. A flexible mission structure adds to the challenge, as events are triggered by the individual actions of the player.
- **Enhanced visuals.** “Combat Flight Simulator 2” features enhanced 3-D objects and effects such as explosions, splashes and wakes. The game also features new weather effects, including clouds, haze and rain. Peeking out the window in-flight, players see new terrain rendered in impressive detail using an improved “Flight Simulator 2000” terrain engine. Using digital elevation model (DEM) data from the U.S. Geological Survey, the South Pacific Islands come alive with realism. Each aircraft is designed to take damage realistically. Players can fly in close and see the bullet damage and broken wings of their defeated enemy.
- **Harder and smarter fighting.** Players can take advantage of their wingmen’s improved artificial intelligence and dog-fighting abilities, issue orders and get feedback on their status. When wingmen can’t help, players can sit back and enjoy the new bailout sequences.
- **Graphical mission editor.** Creating and modifying missions is easier than ever with a full-featured, graphical mission editor and campaign builder – the same tool used by the game’s designers to create the battles featured in “Combat Flight Simulator.” Add-on developers and enthusiasts can take advantage of this tool to expand the range of missions they can fly in the PTO or European Theater.
- **Full multiplayer support.** Free Internet play (connect-time charges may apply) for up to eight players on the MSN™ Gaming Zone (<http://www.zone.com/>), over a LAN or modem-to-modem.

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