



Ratchet and Clank – Overview and Key Features

Summary

Set in and around some of the darkest, most inhospitable, not to say downright scary areas of a hostile universe, Ratchet and Clank™ is an entertaining blend of action adventure, exploration, puzzle solving and all-out combat.

You'll find yourself seeking out strange new worlds, encountering bizarre and wonderful new species, roaming weird alien landscapes – and blowing most of it up with really big weapons.

Storyline overview

On a forgotten planet in a forgotten backwater of a forgotten galaxy lives Ratchet, a young, talented mechanic, who dreams of one day using his abilities to quit his boring homeworld and set off in search of adventure.

That day is not as far off as he thinks. A polluted planet called Belchworld, inhabited by an ugly race known as the Blarg, is ruled by the Big Bad Boss, who has come up with a slightly unusual solution to his planet's problems. He plans to build a new world using the best parts of all the other planets. And if the inhabitants of those planets don't agree, they'll just have to deal with his fearsome army of Blarg warriors.

Meanwhile, in one of the factories manufacturing the Boss's robot army, a computer glitch creates Clank, a highly intelligent robot with that strangest of things, a conscience. Discovering Big Bad Boss's evil plans, he flees the factory to look for help, pursued by heavily armed ships who eventually catch him and shoot him down – over Ratchet's planet.

Brought together by fate, Ratchet and Clank are now presented with the minor task of stopping the Big Bad Boss and saving the galaxy.

Key features

Travel the universe

Ratchet and Clank gives you an entire universe to explore in your spaceship, with many different weird and wonderful locations to land on, explore and get shot at in – including beautiful ocean planets, floating space stations and giant alien metropolises.

Inspect a gadget

To help you in your mission to thwart Big Bad Boss and save the universe, you'll have a range of cool vehicles and even cooler gadgets, including a hover-board and the extremely handy Magneboots. One of the coolest of all is Clank himself, as you can transform him into a thrusterpack, a hydropack and a helipack.

Weapons of mass destruction

Among the vast array of hugely destructive weapons you'll collect on your travels are some of the coolest ever wielded, including the remarkable Bomb Glove, the Bolt Blaster, a Suck Cannon, a mind-blowing Morpharay and, of course, the aptly-named Devastator.

A Clank's eye view

Some sections of the game also let you play as Clank, wandering about and viewing the world from the point of view of a small, intelligent but slightly weird robot.

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Peripherals: Dual Shock®2 Analogue Controller, 8MB PS2 Memory card **Release Date:** Winter 2002