

GTA2 PLAYABLE PREVIEW

WHAT AM I?

A tough guy - a hardened criminal back in The Big City after a long spell away.

WHERE AM I?

In The Big City's Downtown District comprising four distinct territories - three of them in the iron grip of rival gangs.

Gangs are readily identifiable by their unique colours, the vehicles they drive and the prevalence of their emblems in their particular areas.

For more information about the gangs and the Downtown District itself answer the first payphone you see and take part in the simple tutorial.

WHAT AM I DOING?

In this particular slice of GTA2 heaven? Whatever you can manage to fit into six minutes. (Plastic explosives have been planted in your guts to ensure that you don't get too carried away beyond the time limit imposed in this special preview release.)

Cash is the key to opening up The Big City. There's a price tag attached to pretty much everything (particularly criminal pursuits such as theft and murder) but the best way to earn a dishonest crust is to take on one of the jobs available only from the gangs.

HOW DO I DO IT?

Run, jump, punch, shoot, steal, race, chase, crush, crash, smash... Get a life. Take a life. Live a little. Earn some respect from one of the gangs and see where that takes you. Take on the hard-boiled Law Enforcement and see where that gets you...

For reference, the default keyboard controls are as follows...

Up Arrow	MOVE FORWARDS
Down Arrow	MOVE BACKWARDS
Left Arrow	TURN LEFT
Right Arrow	TURN RIGHT
Left Ctrl	ATTACK (USE WEAPON)
Enter	ENTER/EXIT VEHICLE
Spacebar	HANDBRAKE/JUMP
Z	PREVIOUS WEAPON
X	NEXT WEAPON
Tab	SPECIAL

WHAT'S MISSING?

Plenty. Here are some of the features only available in the full-blown release...

- Extra WEAPONS including Grenades, ElectroGun, Vehicle Machine Guns, Vehicle Mines, Vehicle Flame Cannons...
- Extra LAW ENFORCEMENT including soulless Special Agents and The Army.
- Extra VEHICLES (and appropriate special features) including Remote-Control Cars, Karma Buses, Garbage Trucks, Hot Dog Vans, Armoured Personnel Carriers, Land Roamers, Tanks...
- Extra DISTRICTS featuring distinctive locations including Trailer Park, Prison, Shopping Mall, Vedic Temple, Construction Yard, Power Station, Mad Island...
- Extra GANGS including rowdy Rednecks, scheming Scientists, and a rough-edged Russian Mafia...
- Extra JOBS - dozens of them to perform for the feuding gangs.
- A selection of extra special Bonus Stages.
- The opportunity to get together your own gangs and cruise the city in search of trouble.
- A selection of multiplayer games including Tag, Frag and Score scenarios.
- A dozen active Radio Stations city featuring exclusive DJs and advertising and playing over two dozen original pop tracks PLUS exclusive tracks from Flytronix.
- Bonus GTA2 video.

WHEN CAN I GET MY HANDS ON THIS FULL-BLOWN RELEASE?

Friday 22 October 1999 - from all leading retail outlets.

Known Video Card Problems -

ATI Rage Pro

- make sure that "Special Recognition" is selected on the video tab in GTA2 Manager

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NVidia Riva 128

With this chipset, on-screen sprites can be displayed incorrectly in GTA2. To solve this :

- make sure that "Special Recognition" is selected on the video tab in GTA2 Manager
- go to the Riva 128 tab on your display properties (get this by right-clicking on your Windows desktop).
- select "More Direct3D"
- change "Non-Filtered Texel Origin" to be "Center($x=\text{texel}/2, y=\text{texel}/2$)" not "Upper left corner($x=0, y=0$)".