

Introduction

Slicing through the entire country, ripping through small towns and large cities with equal abandon, The Autobahn carves up the premier driving experience.

These roads were built for the best - the best cars, and the best drivers. Speed limits are a joke. This asphalt cries out to be ridden hard and fast. Drive against the clock, or pit yourself against other speed-crazed fanatics. Some drivers may crawl along; others push the limits, passing you in a second. Each driver is unique with their own arsenal of techniques, attitude, and fears! Just like in life, your choices on the road will effect everyone around you.

This is real. If you don't want to deal with traffic, cruddy weather, and drivers which range from dumb to death defying, go get your Matchbox cars.

- 32 different challenges/tracks and 10 different levels of difficulty lay down hours of ripe road.
- Do time trials or go for the one-on-one duel against Germany's quickest and most daring drivers (still) alive.
- Navigate sunny, cloudy and rainy conditions to save yourself.
- Race any time of day or night - the Autobahn doesn't close.
- Tracks up to 16 miles long lie waiting for your ride.
- Customizable graphics guarantee you'll feel the rush at every turn. Supports 3D accelerated cards for added impact.
- Unlimited road is yours with the "Random Race" feature!

Menu selections

· Main Menu

Duel A one-on-one racing mode that pits you against Germany's top drivers 32 tracks, 10 separate difficulty levels and Random Race feature

Time Trial A race against the clock - good for practice or a leisurely drive (if such a thing exists on the Autobahn...).

Options Change graphics, detail and control settings

Exit Quit Autobahn and go back to the Windows desktop

Keys Use the mouse to make your menu choice.

Press the left mouse button to select.

· Duel Screen

So you're ready to take on some of Germany's finest, craziest and most dangerous drivers (still) alive? You might want to start by racing against some of the lesser drivers on the less dangerous roads. But, if you want to take on the most difficult challenges right from the beginning, be our guest - we're not paying the hospital bills.

Smart drivers will start slowly in preparation for future battles against the true masters of the road. The difficulty levels of the 32 challenges range from "one" to the dangerous fear-fest, "ten".

Or, have the computer randomly match you up with an opponent and a stretch of Autobahn. Never the same challenge twice - that is the sign of a true Autobahn lunatic.

All you need to do is get to the exit before your opponent. Sounds easy, doesn't it...

· Settings

Choose between the 32 pre-set challenges. This will show you details of your challenge, including start point (From) and exit (To) as well as the Distance, the Traffic conditions, the Time and the Weather conditions you have to perform in.

These tracks will also give you a Difficulty rating between 1 and 10.

You can select Start Race to do just that, and Random Track to let the computer create a brand-new challenge for you.

Can you take it?

Back to Main Menu will take you back to the first screen so you can make a different basic choice, change the options, or quit the game.

· **Time Trial Screen**

Time Trials pits you against the clock on 32 tracks - and saves the record time for the track (high scores). Alternatively, just race a random track.

The Keys and Settings are the same as in the Duel mode. Please refer to that section of the manual for details.

· **Options Menu**

The options available are there to allow you to optimize the game for your system.

Graphics allows you to change the setting between Software Rendering, 320 x 240 resolution; Software Rendering, 640 x 480 resolution; Direct 3D (3D hardware required).

Detail allows you to change the level of graphical and musical settings: Low (without music), Medium (without music) or High (without music) or: Low (with music), Medium (with music) or High (with music) depending again on the age and speed of your computer.

Controls allow you to select between keyboard, mouse, game-pad, steering wheel and joystick control.

The Race

If you have selected the keyboard control method, then you will be required to use following keys:

Cursor Up Accelerate

Cursor Down Brake (or if you are standing still, Reverse)

Cursor Left Turn car to the left

Cursor Right Turn car to the right

Space-bar Sound the horn

F1-key Toggle between the four different views (one first person, two separate third person views and a rear-view)

ESC Quit challenge

Some advice from an experienced Autobahn Driver

If you have elected to use the joystick, mouse, game-pad or steering wheel to play the game, this will replace the four Cursor keys' functions described above.

- Remember that the Autobahn has no speed limit - so you don't have to worry about the police.

- However, remember that this environment produces drivers who are faster than you, so be careful when switching lanes.

- You may feel very safe in your vehicle, but high-speed impacts, especially with concrete, are not advisable.

- You need to finish the track to win, so calculate the risks you take. This is reality -you have one life, not three.

- Your car is equipped with brakes - use them when necessary. Good luck driving the Autobahn. Remember: not every risk is worth taking ...a successful manoeuvre can save seconds - an unsuccessful one can cost dearly.