

; FULL THROTTLE (TM) DEMO -- THE README FILE!
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A PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE DESIGNER

Why are you reading this? Play the game! It's fun! More fun than reading! Reading is what we did BEFORE we had CD-ROM games! I guess you're reading this because you want to know how it all works. Or you just can't resist opening any file called "README." Or you just like to read. Whatever. Here it is!

TO START

Okay... put the CD in your CD-ROM drive... Wait, you must have done that already if you're reading this file. Okay, then type "DEMO" from the LUCASART directory. It won't install much on your hard drive--Just a few essential files. After installation is complete, you should probably make a boot disk unless you have specifically configured your machine to run protected-mode CD-ROM games (if you generally run Windows and you have 8 MB of RAM or less, then you will definitely need a boot disk). Once you have done this and are returned to the LucasArts Demo Launcher, choose item 2 and prepare yourself emotionally for a life-changing experience.

For more detailed instructions and requirements, please see the section titled 'Troubleshooting' at the end of this file.

OVERVIEW OF THE DEMO

This demo consists of three interactive segments, each representing an area and style of gameplay from FULL THROTTLE. In all three segments, you control Ben, leader of the Polecats. The controls for each section are not all the same, but you'll always be steering Ben through different environments, using him to find clues, and helping him fight his way past obstacles.

THE KICKSTAND

Ben's been tricked, knocked out, and thrown out with the garbage. This makes him mad. He needs to catch up with his gang, but someone's taken the keys to his bike. Help Ben make someone pay for this.

First, get Ben out of the dumpster. He'll punch the dumpster wherever you point the cursor and click, so just hit the right place and he'll pop out. Now, walk Ben around. Just point and click on the ground and watch him go. Look at the cursor. When it's over an interesting object, it either goes "hot" (framed by red brackets) or becomes an arrow. The arrows indicate exits. Click with an arrow, and Ben will walk that way and enter another area. (Double-click with an arrow, and Ben will jump to the new area immediately!)

When the cursor is "hot," (for example, when the cursor is over the dumpster) click and HOLD DOWN the mouse button. Yikes! What is that thing!? It's a flaming tattoo! It's covered with icons. These icons represent actions Ben

can take on the object you clicked on (the dumpster). While the tattoo is on the screen, slide the cursor over the boot and let go. Ben should kick the dumpster. Bring up the tattoo again, slide the cursor over the eyes, and let go. Ben should examine the dumpster. Next, try the hand and the mouth. This is how Ben interacts with his environment. Try different actions on different objects and see if you can make something interesting happen. Use your fists on the front door of the bar. Talk to the bartender (use the mouth.) Kick the piano. Try it all, until you find Ben's keys.

THE BIKER ROAD DUEL

This part is totally different from that last part. Forget about that part. Now you're on the road--The Old Mine road! There are no cops here, no rules--just bikers. Bikers who are looking for trouble.

Swerve left or right with the mouse. Select a weapon (Ben's fist or his tire iron) by clicking the right mouse button. Use the weapon by clicking the left mouse button. If at first you don't succeed--punch, punch again.

THE CAVEFISH HIDEOUT

The Cavefish are a nasty, antisocial, cult-like gang who live in a secret cave off the Old Mine Road. Living underground all their lives, the Cavefish are very sensitive to sunlight, and wear special opaque goggles that help them navigate the road using the bumps on the center line. Ben would normally steer clear of them, but they have something he wants--a ramp. He needs a ramp to jump Poyahoga gorge, and since they stole it from Ricky Myran, Ben feels justified in stealing it back.

When you're off your bike, this area works the same way the Kickstand area does. You get the flaming tattoo interface and all that. But, when you're ON your bike, you only control WHERE Ben drives. When the cursor passes over something Ben can drive to, you'll see a big yellow road sign. Click the mouse when you see the road sign, and Ben will ride off! Click anywhere else on the screen, and Ben gets off his bike and walks. Walking's pretty lame, I know, but sometimes you gotta do it.

BUY THE GAME! (Coming Early Spring, 1995)

It's the greatest game of all time! It's the game you bought your computer for! It's the entire reason you were born! Go! Now! To the software store! See that sales clerk behind the counter? The sneering one with the attitude? Go hook his nosering with your finger, pull his face down to the counter, and say in the lowest voice you can, "I want FULL THROTTLE... NOW." If it's not out yet, THAT'S NO EXCUSE! Call 1-800-STARWARS for availability.

KEY COMMANDS

CTRL-T Toggles text display on and off
+ Speed up text display
- Slow down text display

] Increase voice volume
[Reduce voice volume
' Increase sound effects volume
; Reduce sound effects volume
CTRL-C, Alt-X or Alt-Q Quit to DOS

NOTE: Pressing keys other than the ones indicated above may cause your the demo to lock up.

TROUBLESHOOTING

The Full Throttle Demo requires the following hardware to run properly:

- 486 Microprocessor or better recommended
- Double-speed CD-ROM drive
- 8 Megabytes of RAM
- Sound Blaster TM-compatible or Pro AudioSpectrum TM sound card
- Microsoft TM-compatible Mouse
- VL Bus or PCI Bus Video card recommended (see below)

Performance Issues

The Full Throttle Demo contains a preview of an exciting new addition to this genre of game in the Biker Road Duel section. Unfortunately, this part of the demo may appear somewhat slow on older computers that do not have accelerated video hardware (a VL or PCI Local Bus video card).

Joystick Control

There is currently NO support for joystick control in the demo. Please use your mouse to control Ben.

Boot Disk

The Full Throttle Demo runs in Protect Mode. Most computers with 8MB of RAM will NOT be able to run the demo immediately after exiting Microsoft Windows or with Windows-optimized startup files. If you encounter any problems running the demo, please make a boot disk. You can make a boot disk by selecting the Make Boot Disk option from the DEMO.BAT file on the demo CD-ROM. The DEMO.BAT file is located in the LUCASART directory on the CD-ROM.

Set Soundboard

USING "SET SOUNDBOARD" TO MANUALLY CONFIGURE YOUR SOUND CARD:

After selecting the "Set Sound Board" option from the install program you will be asked to choose either Express Setup or Custom Setup. If you choose Express Setup and the install program fails to configure your sound board automatically, then you should choose Custom Setup. If you have added a new sound board to your system, or changed your sound board configuration, then you will need to repeat the above instructions. From the Custom Setup Standard Menu, you can choose from the sound standards supported by the demo and manually set the Port, IRQ, DMA, and Stereo Reverse settings. You can also test your configuration for both music and sound. In some cases, you may want to select the Advanced Menu. This menu allows you to select the Music and Digital

Sound standards for the demo independently of each other. This is most useful for systems with more than one sound board, or sound boards which support more than one standard.

SPECIAL NOTES FOR SOUND BLASTER SOUND CARD USERS

If you have a SoundBlaster 16 or AWE 32 that is configured to use IRQ 10, you may have a problem getting digital sound. If this occurs, you must re-configure your soundcard to use another available IRQ channel (2,5, or 7). To do this, either run SBCONFIG.EXE (older SoundBlaster 16's) or DIAGNOSE.EXE (newer SB16's and AWE32) from the directory that your soundcard's software is installed to (usually C:\SB16).

If you have a SoundBlaster Pro or compatible with the DMA channel configured to 0 or 3, it will fail to be detected by our sound set-up utility. The card will work fine, but you must choose 'Custom Setup' to enter the Port, IRQ, and DMA channel manually.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR ADVANCED GRAVIS ULTRASOUND AND ULTRASOUND MAX USERS:

This demo does not support the Advanced Gravis Ultrasound or Ultrasound MAX sound cards. We hope to fully support these cards in the final retail product.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR ENSONIQ SOUNDSCAPE USERS:

This demo does not support the Ensoniq Soundscape sound card. We hope to fully support this card in the final retail product.

NOTE: These demos represent work in progress, and the above mentioned problems are expected to be resolved in the finished products.

WHERE TO REACH US

If you cannot resolve problems with the demo by using the above suggestions, or just need a hint, you can reach LucasArts by calling the following numbers.

At Work:

Hint Line (Must be 18 or have parents permission, \$.75/minute)
1-900-740-JEDI

Tech Support Phone
(415) 721-3333

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