

MAJOR STRYKER

Story, Hints and Cheat Mode!

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The Story of Major Stryker

In the year 2021, eight years after World War III nearly ended life on Earth, a new threat endangers our planet's survival: An alien attack force has used a nearby worm hole to jump millions of light years from their home worlds, to overtake Earth.

The Kreton's assault caught the Earth's planetary defense in a state of rebuilding. With global peace finally at hand, military leaders predicted little need for military force, and so Earth was caught virtually defenseless.

Fleet Commander Yoshira (pronounced yo-SHARE-ah) engaged a last chance plan to send Earth's top fighter pilot and hero of WWII, Major Harrison Stryker, through the worm hole and into Kreton space, with the mission of knocking out their headquarters and paralyzing their insidious attack. And so your mission begins...

Major Stryker is a forward scrolling action game that tests the player's battle prowess. It boasts triple parallax scrolling (three planes of graphics scrolling at a different rate) which has never been seen in an IBM PC game up to this point. Your plan is to survive and dodge the many Kreton attacks and defenses, save the captured Earthlings, and collect weapons and shields to improve your chances. In the final episode you'll have a chance to defeat the Kreton's and save Earth...one more time.

(Historical note: Harrison Stryker is related to Duke Nukum, another of Apogee's exalted champions.)

Starting the Games

You must first install the three episodes before playing. Insert Disk 1 into your disk drive then type "INSTALL" to begin the install procedure. (If you insert the *Major Stryker* disk into drive A:, make sure your DOS prompt is at A: before you type "INSTALL".)

After installation is complete, the three episodes may be played by typing "Major". Then, from within the game, you'll be able to select which of the three episodes you want to play.

Game Controls

Major Stryker can be played with a joystick, Gravis PC GamePad, or from the keyboard. You'll need to reconfigure your joystick/GamePad settings every time you play the game. Keyboard players can redefine the buttons used to maneuver Stryker's space ship and fire the weapons.

General Hints

- ★ If you have collected eight Bursts, then all future 'B' letter bonuses will become 'R' letter bonuses (Rapid Fire).
- ★ Kill all ships in a flight pattern to get an extra bonus letter and possibly an Extra Ship bonus. (The odds of getting an Extra Ship is one in six, or about 17 percent.)
- ★ The 'H' (Hover) and 'S' (Speed) bonuses are sometimes valuable, but can also be dangerous in crowded situations.
- ★ To more easily defeat the Boss Enemies (seen at the end of zones), save your game when you see one. Then when you die, restore your game and try again right away.
- ★ Enemy shots almost always move directly toward you. In other words, they enemies never try to predict where your moving and shoot to that spot.
- ★ When you get hit and your ship is flashing, use this flash time to destroy as much as possible, since your ship is invulnerable during this short period.

Secret Cheat Keys

The commercial version of *Major Stryker* includes three cheat codes that can help you get through the game. To enable these cheat codes to work, you must enter a password while the title screen is showing (the title screen shows Stryker's ship shooting toward the left and blasting an enemy ship). The password to enter is the word "CHEAT". While you're typing the letters C-H-E-A-T they will not be seen on the screen, so try not to make a mistake. Once the 'T' is typed, the message "CHEAT ACTIVE" will appear on the screen, and you may begin playing the game.

Once you're playing the game, there's one more series of keypresses to activate the cheat mode: Hold down the [Backspace] key, then press the letters 'H' and 'S' at the same time. This will bring up the message "CHEAT MODE ON". (You can press all three keys again to toggle the cheat mode off.) In effect, you need to hold all three keys down, but the [Backspace] key must be the first key you press and hold down.

Once you've toggled on the cheat mode, you can press and hold the [Tab] key plus one of the following three keys:

- ★ 'O': Adds an Option (firepower) to your ship (six max).
- ★ 'S': Adds a Shield to you ship (up to three).
- ★ 'R': Turns on Rapid Fire mode, allowing you to hold down the fire button for automatic, and very quick, auto-firing of your weapon. This is very much recommended!

For example, to add a shield, press and hold the [Tab] key, then press the letter 'S', then release both keys. Simply call the Apogee Tech Support line for additional help if needed.