
super
Cobra

Object

Brush off your ace piloting skills because you're about to take off on a hair-raising adventure: air surveillance of unfriendly territory. This means an 11,000 mile obstacle course through ever-changing terrain... over craggy mountain tops, around tall city buildings, through long jagged tunnels. And that isn't all! The course is just rigged with chopper-stopping weapons like igniting rockets, heavy ground artillery, fiobbynoids and flying saucers.

Every 1,000 miles of terrain brings ever-increasing challenges and ever-certain... danger. But a handsome payoff lies at the end for anyone who's got what it takes.

Setting the Console Controls

1. Place the cartridge firmly into the cartridge slot at the top of the Atari 400 unit; on the left-hand side of the Atari 800 unit; or on the side of the Atari 1200XL unit.
2. Press the ON/OFF switch to ON.
3. Press down the SELECT button to choose a one- or two-player game.
4. To begin playing, press down the START button or the FIRE button on the joystick controller.

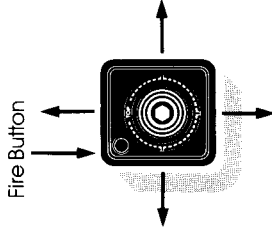
The Space Bar

Any time during the game, you may press the "space" bar on the console to freeze the action. Simply press the space bar again to restart.

The Joystick Controllers

Plug the joystick controllers firmly into the Atari 1200XL unit. For the Atari 400 and 800 units, plug the controllers into the jacks labeled "No. 1" and "No. 2."

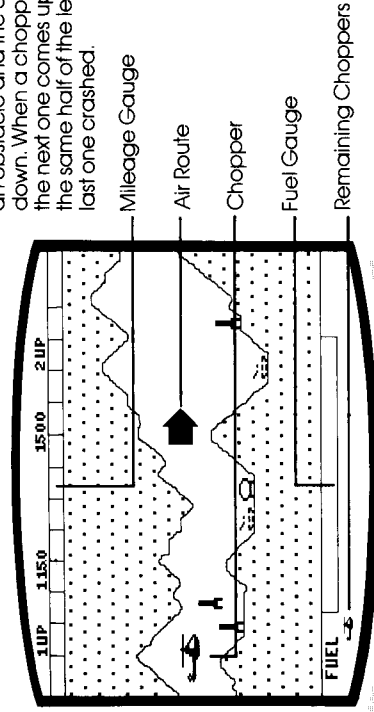
For one-player games, use the LEFT controller. Use the joystick to fly your chopper up, down, or to the right. Move the joystick left to "hover." Press the FIRE button to fire your missiles and to drop bombs. Each press of the FIRE button alternately fires either one missile or drops one bomb.



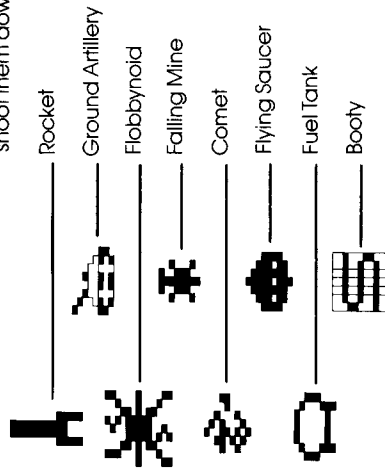
Playing

You'll start the game with five choppers. The first appears in action while the remaining ones wait "on deck" at the bottom of the screen.

As soon as you press START, begin to fly your chopper down screen to the right. The object is to avoid the obstacles that border around the chopper's air route in order to gain mileage. Hit an obstacle and the chopper goes down. When a chopper goes down, the next one comes up and begins at the same half of the level where the last one crashed.



In addition to gaining mileage, try to shoot down for points the weapons scattered throughout the course. You'll find six different types of weapons: rockets, ground artillery, flobbynoids, falling mines, comets, and flying saucers. The type of weapons you'll find and whether they're activated or not will differ, depending on the level at which you're playing. Just remember: dodge their fire, don't run your chopper into them, and try to shoot them down for points.



Fuel Tanks

The yellow bar at the bottom of the screen is your fuel gauge. Keep an eye on it because if your fuel runs out, your chopper is out of luck. You can partially replenish your supply by hitting a fuel tank with missile fire or a bomb. As the fuel depletes to a dangerous level, you'll hear a warning sound. This tells you to fly to a tank quickly and get more. With each new chopper and with each new level, you'll get a full supply of fuel.

The Obstacle Course

Notice the band at the top of the screen. Each block in the band represents 1,000 miles of the obstacle course—or one game level. There are 11 levels in all; each level has two sections of terrain. Every time your chopper enters a new level, its corresponding block turns red.

Survive one level (with at least one remaining chopper), and you'll hear a brief musical tune and see "mileage cleared." In a moment, you'll cruise into the next level and a different section of the obstacle course.

Each level shows not only a different air route, but also displays different combinations of active and inactive weapons. Here's a rundown of what you'll encounter in each game level:

Level 1: Rockets and ground artillery both active.

Level 2: Rockets and ground artillery both active.

Level 3: Rockets inactive, ground artillery active, flobbynoids appear as obstacles.

Level 4: Rockets inactive, ground artillery active, flobbynoids appear as obstacles.

Level 5: No rockets, ground artillery active, falling mines active.

Level 6: Rockets inactive, ground artillery active.

Level 7: Rockets inactive, ground artillery active, comets appear as obstacles.

Level/8: Rockets inactive, ground artillery active, flying saucers appear as obstacles in first section and shoot in the second.

Level/9: Rockets active, ground artillery active.

Level/10: Rockets active, ground artillery active.

Level/11: Here's where the booty lies. Rockets and ground artillery both active.

The Booty

When you reach Level 11, the object is to pick up the booty by swooping down and landing on it. If you can accomplish this, there will be a slight pause in the action. After a brief musical tune, you'll go back to Level 1.

End of Game

The game ends when you run out of choppers.

"Press Button to Continue": When you see "Press button to continue," simply press the FIRE button and the game restarts at the same level where the last chopper went down. Score resets to zero.

Reset Button: Press the RESET button to begin at Level 1, starting with choosing a one- or two-player game.

Two-Player Games

The left player goes first; players alternate turns after each one loses a chopper. The left player's score is at the top left side of the screen. The right player's score is at the top right side of the screen.

Scoring

Hitting a rocket 50 points

Hitting a fuel tank 50 points

Hitting ground artillery 100 points for the first in each level; 200 points for the second in each level; 300 points for the third in each level; this system repeats itself for hitting additional ground artillery.

Hitting a flobbynoid 100 points

Hitting a falling mine 50 points

Hitting a comet 100 points

Hitting a flying saucer 100 points

High score for all games played while the unit is ON appears at the top center of the screen. Once you turn the unit OFF/ON and begin again, the previous high score is reset to zero.

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