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GAME OVERVIEW

OUTLAW™/HOWITZER are two games of marksmanship played with joysticks. In OUTLAW you face your opponent in a desert. Fortunately, you can hide behind cactuses to elude his bullets. You use your joystick to chase your opponent and to take aim, then to retreat out of range as he tries to gun you down first. The first to score ten hits is the winner.

In HOWITZER, your tank confronts the enemy tank across a river, which neither of you can cross. You use your joystick to maneuver your tank around the field. The trees may be picturesque, but don’t count on them for coverage! The first to score ten hits is the winner.

You can play OUTLAW or HOWITZER against the computer or against another player. To compensate for different levels of skill, each side can play with handicaps; each game has eight variations.

REQUIRED ACCESSORIES

24K RAM for cassette version
24K RAM for diskette version
ATARI 410 Program Recorder for cassette
ATARI 810 Disk Drive for diskette
One or two ATARI Joystick Controllers

GETTING STARTED

Setting up

1. Plug your joystick controllers into the first and second controller jacks of your computer console.

2. If you have the diskette version of the game:
   a. Remove all cartridges from the cartridge slots of your computer.
   b. Turn on your disk drive, insert the game diskette, and power up your computer. DOS will load automatically.
   c. Enter menu selection L (for binary load).
   d. To the "LOAD FROM WHAT FILE?" prompt, enter OUTLAW and press RETURN. (If you have more than one disk drive, indicate the drive number before the file name, e.g., D2:OUTLAW, for disk drive two.) The game will load into RAM.

If you have the cassette version of the game:
   a. Have your computer turned OFF.
   b. Insert the game cassette in the program recorder, pressREWIND, and then press PLAY.
   c. Turn on the computer while holding down the START key.
d. When you hear a beep, release START and press RETURN. The game will load into RAM.

e. TURN OFF your program recorder by pressing STOP after the game has loaded.

The first display screen

You'll see a green background dotted with cactuses. At the top of the screen is the text:

1 OUTLAW

THE "1" indicates game one, OUTLAW. Below the playing field is the text:

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SELECT ---> game

Press the SELECT key to choose OUTLAW or HOWITZER.

OPTION ---> number of players and handicaps

Press the OPTION key to choose whether to play against the computer or against another player and whether to play with or without handicaps. Your movements slow down with a handicap. Your choices are:

PLAYER VS COMPUTER (1 player; no handicaps)
PLAYER VS COMPUTER W/HANDICAP
PLAYER W/HANDICAP VS COMPUTER
PLAYER W/HANDICAP VS COMPUTER W/HANDICAP
PLAYER VS PLAYER (2 players; no handicaps)
PLAYER VS PLAYER W/HANDICAP (2nd player has handicap)
PLAYER W/HANDICAP VS PLAYER (1st player has handicap)
PLAYER W/HANDICAP VS PLAYER W/HANDICAP

Press START

After you choose your game and player/handicap combination, press the START key to begin playing.

PLAYING THE GAME

OUTLAW. Hold your joystick controller with the control button at the upper left-hand corner, toward your video screen. To move your man, move your joystick in the directions shown below. You score a point when you hit your opponent before he hits you. To take aim, press the red button and use your joystick to position the barrel of your gun for the angle of your
shot. To fire, release the button. Try taking cover from flying bullets by ducking behind the cactuses. Sometimes it works; sometimes it doesn’t!

**HOWITZER.** Hold your joystick with the red button at the upper left-hand corner, toward the video screen. To move your tank, move your joystick in the directions shown below. You can move only to your edge of the river. You score a point when you blow up your opponent’s tank before he blows up yours. To take aim, press the red button and use your joystick to position your cannon for the angle and distance of the shot—cannon pointed upward for a long, curving shot or pointed straight ahead for a short, horizontal shot. To fire, release the button. Taking cover behind the trees gets you nowhere!

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  diagonal   ^   diagonal
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 left  <----- ----> right
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 diagonal   v   diagonal
     down
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**JOYSTICK MOVEMENT**

**SCORING**

Each player’s number of hits displays at the top of the video screen with the first player’s score on the left and the second player’s or the computer’s score on the right. The first to score ten hits in the winner.

**RESTARTING AND REPLAYING THE GAME**

You can interrupt the game at any time and restart it by pressing START, selecting your game and player/handicap combination, and pressing START again.
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3. What do you especially like about this program?

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4. What do you think the program's weaknesses are?

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5. How can the catalog description be more accurate and/or comprehensive?

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6. On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being "poor" and 10 being "excellent", please rate the following aspects of this program?

   ______ Easy to use
   ______ User-oriented (e.g., menus, prompts, clear language)
   ______ Enjoyable
   ______ Self-instructive
   ______ Useful (non-game software)
   ______ Imaginative graphics and sound

7. Describe any technical errors you found in the user instructions (please give page numbers).
8. What did you especially like about the user instructions?

9. What revisions or additions would improve these instructions?

10. On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 representing "poor" and 10 representing "excellent", how would you rate the user instructions and why?

11. Other comments about the software or user instructions:

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