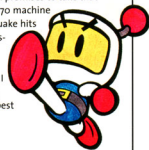


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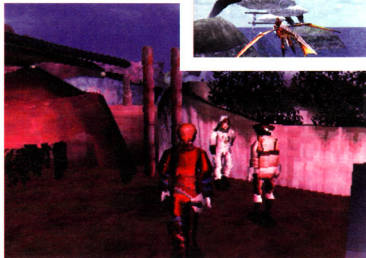
On November 22, 1994 I paid the princely sum of £650 for my import Sega Saturn, complete with Virtua Fighter 1. These days you can pick up an official machine with Virtua Fighter 2 and Sega Rally for a piffling £170! A brilliant machine with two of the best games ever for that price? It's unbelievable! New software on the horizon promises to take that same machine onto new levels of excellence: by Christmas this £170 machine will be mimicing a £1000 PC when the technically outstanding Quake hits the shops (I guarantee that you won't believe how good this translation is). And who knows what other wonders Sega will reveal? The new Sonic game, Panzer Dragoon Saga and Virtua Fighter 3 promise to push the Saturn still further! £170. With VF2 and Rally, I still can't believe it. As far as I'm concerned, if it's quality gaming you're after as opposed to quantity, the Saturn remains the very best console out there... And at that price everyone should have one!

Richard Leadbetter,
Editor



THE RUMOURS ARE TRUE...

INTRODUCING THE PANZER DRAGOON RPG!



Real-time or pre-rendered? That's the question. With Team Andromeda, we'd say real-time.

Long rumoured to be the BIG announcement at the forthcoming Tokyo Game Show in April, SEGA SATURN MAGAZINE can scoop the globe in bringing you the very first screenshots of Team Andromeda's most incredible title to date (high praise indeed when you consider the Panzer back-catalogue). As rumoured, their new title is an absolutely brilliant-looking role-playing game with huge amounts of action crammed in.

Think Panzer Dragoon. Think spectacular visuals. As you can see from our exclusive shots, Team Andromeda have done it again with 3D visuals the like of which we've never experienced before. Role-playing games are usually quite dull in the visual department, relying on combat systems and involving plot-lines to grip the player. Andromeda aim to take the best that RPGs offer and combine it with the sort of quality graphics their fans have come to expect. Having conquered the third person shooting genre with Panzer Zwei (a game that still hasn't been equalled visually by any PlayStation or N64 product), Andromeda promise to deliver the greatest RPG ever!

At the moment, specific details have yet to be released by Sega of Japan... only the name: Azel: Panzer Dragoon RPG (likely to become Panzer Dragoon Saga over here). However, it's pretty clear to see that Andromeda's game features two distinct sections woven together by a common ground of awesome graphics. The first is what is presumably the RPG exploration section, viewed from a third person perspective (behind the Dragoon Rider). The second is a Dragoon-riding extravaganza, which appears to employ multiple perspectives - not just behind the beast as in previous Panzers. At the moment, the graphics on this section appear very close to what we've seen in Panzer 1 - however, it's a dead cert that all-new sections (as well as other familiar areas) will be featured as Andromeda expand the fantastic world of Panzer Dragoon.

This certainly looks like being yet another brilliant Saturn exclusive title and we must admit to being very excited by it. That being the case, expect more exclusive news soon!



Action sequences are similar to old Panzer...

