

**GAME BOY ADVANCE**

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**HOT WHEELS**

**BURNIN'  
RUBBER**



**INSTRUCTION BOOKLET**



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**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION - READ THE FOLLOWING WARNINGS BEFORE YOU OR YOUR CHILD PLAY VIDEO GAMES**

 **WARNING - Seizures**

Some people (about 1 in 4000) may have seizures or black outs triggered by light flashes, such as while watching TV or playing video games, even if they have never had a seizure before.

Anyone who has had a seizure, loss of awareness, or other symptom linked to an epileptic condition should consult a doctor before playing a video game.

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**Convulsions**  
**Altered vision**

**Eye or muscle twitching**  
**Involuntary movements**

**Loss of awareness**  
**Disorientation**

To reduce the likelihood of a seizure when playing video games:

1. Sit or stand as far from the screen as possible.
2. Play video games on the smallest available television screen.
3. Do not play if you are tired or need sleep.
4. Play in a well-lit room.
5. Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour.

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Playing video games can make your muscles, joints or skin hurt after a few hours. Follow these instructions to avoid problems such as Tendonitis, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome or skin irritation:

- Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour, even if you don't think you need it.
- If your hands, wrists or arms become tired or sore while playing, stop and rest them for several hours before playing again.
- If you continue to have sore hands, wrists or arms during or after play, stop playing and see a doctor.

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- Do not leave batteries in the Game Boy or accessory for long periods of non-use.
- Do not leave the power switch on after the batteries have lost their charge. When you finish using the Game Boy, always slide the power switch OFF.
- Do not recharge the batteries.
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*Grab your racing gloves, start your engines and get ready to race for the championship! For the first time on the Game Boy® Advance, unlock up to 25 authentic Hot Wheels® cars and hit the track for amazing racing action.*

*First, choose your Hot Wheels® car from one of five different categories (not all cars will be available at the start).*

*Second, take your car to the garage for some upgrades - add racing tires for better handling or a high powered engine for more speed. Don't like the color? Change it! Choose from 7 different upgrade types.*

*Now you are ready to burn rubber as you speed through sixteen different tracks, fly over jumps and careen around hairpin turns.*

***Do you have what it takes to be a  
Hot Wheels® champion?***



# GETTING STARTED

1. Turn **OFF** the power switch on your Nintendo® Game Boy® Advance. Never insert or remove a Game Pak when the power is on.
2. Insert the Game Pak of **Hot Wheels™ Burnin' Rubber™** into the slot on the Game Boy Advance. To lock the Game Pak in place, press firmly.
3. Turn **ON** the **POWER** switch. The credit screens will appear (if you don't see them, begin again at step 1).
4. When the title screen appears, press **START** to proceed to the Load Screen.

# CONTROLS



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## **BUTTON**

## **ACTION**

### **Menu Navigation**

Control Pad .....	Highlight menu selections
A Button .....	Confirm selection
B Button .....	Return to previous menu

### **Game Controls**

Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT .....	Steer LEFT/RIGHT
A Button .....	Accelerate
B Button .....	Brake/Reverse (Hold B Button for reverse)
R Button .....	Shift up (Manual Transmission)
L Button .....	Shift down (Manual Transmission)
START .....	Pause the game
SELECT .....	Toggle Course Map

# LOAD SCREEN

Choose to start a new game or load your last save.

## **New Game**

Choosing NEW GAME takes you to the Race Type menu.

## **Load**

Choose either  
CONTINUE or  
RACE TYPE.

See Saving and  
Loading on page 21.



# RACE TYPE MENU

All of the race types (game modes) and options can be accessed from the Race Type menu.

**Grand Prix** – The main one-player game. Complete each stage to unlock hidden cars and tracks. See page 8 for more information.

**Free Race** – A great place to hone your racing skills! Practice on any track you've unlocked! See page 10.

**Time Trial** – Beat the best times for each course to unlock hidden hot rides. See page 10 for more information.

**2 Player** – Choose 2 Player for head-to-head action! See page 12 for more information.





**Options** – Customize the game settings.

**Best Record** – View your best lap times.

**Sound** – Toggle the in-game sound ON or OFF.

**BGM** – Choose one of the 32 possible background songs and press the A Button to listen to it.

**SFX** – Choose one of the 44 possible sound effects in the game and press the A Button to listen to it.

# RACE TYPE (GAME MODES)

## **Grand Prix**

Grand Prix is the main one-player game. While playing through Grand Prix, you will be able to unlock new cars and additional racetracks – all of which can be used in the other game modes!

## **Cup Select**

When first starting to race the Grand Prix, only the Bronze Cup is available. Complete each stage to unlock the Silver and Gold Cups (and perhaps even more!). Press LEFT/RIGHT on the Control Pad to cycle through available Cups.

## **Stage Select**

1. Select a stage by pressing UP/DOWN on the Control Pad.
2. Press the A Button to confirm your selection.
3. After selecting a stage, you will see the next course displayed.



4. Press the A Button to head to the Garage!

Note: For more information on the Garage options, see *PLAYING A GAME* on page 14.



Note: Your remaining tries are shown on the Next Course screen. You get 3 attempts to defeat each course in a stage. If you use up all your tries, you get tossed back to the first course in the stage (after choosing to Continue).

# RACE TYPE MENU

## **Free Race**

Choose from any of the cars and tracks already unlocked in Grand Prix. This is a great place to improve your lap times and look for shortcuts!

## **Time Trial**

Try to beat the best times on any of the available courses. Select a car and make adjustments to its tuning before selecting a course. Beating certain course records will unlock hidden cars.

Hint: Sometimes a car with better handling will give you a faster lap time than a car with a higher top speed.

**Course Select (Free Race/Time Trial)**

**Best Times**



**Course Name**

**Course Map**

**Remaining Tries**

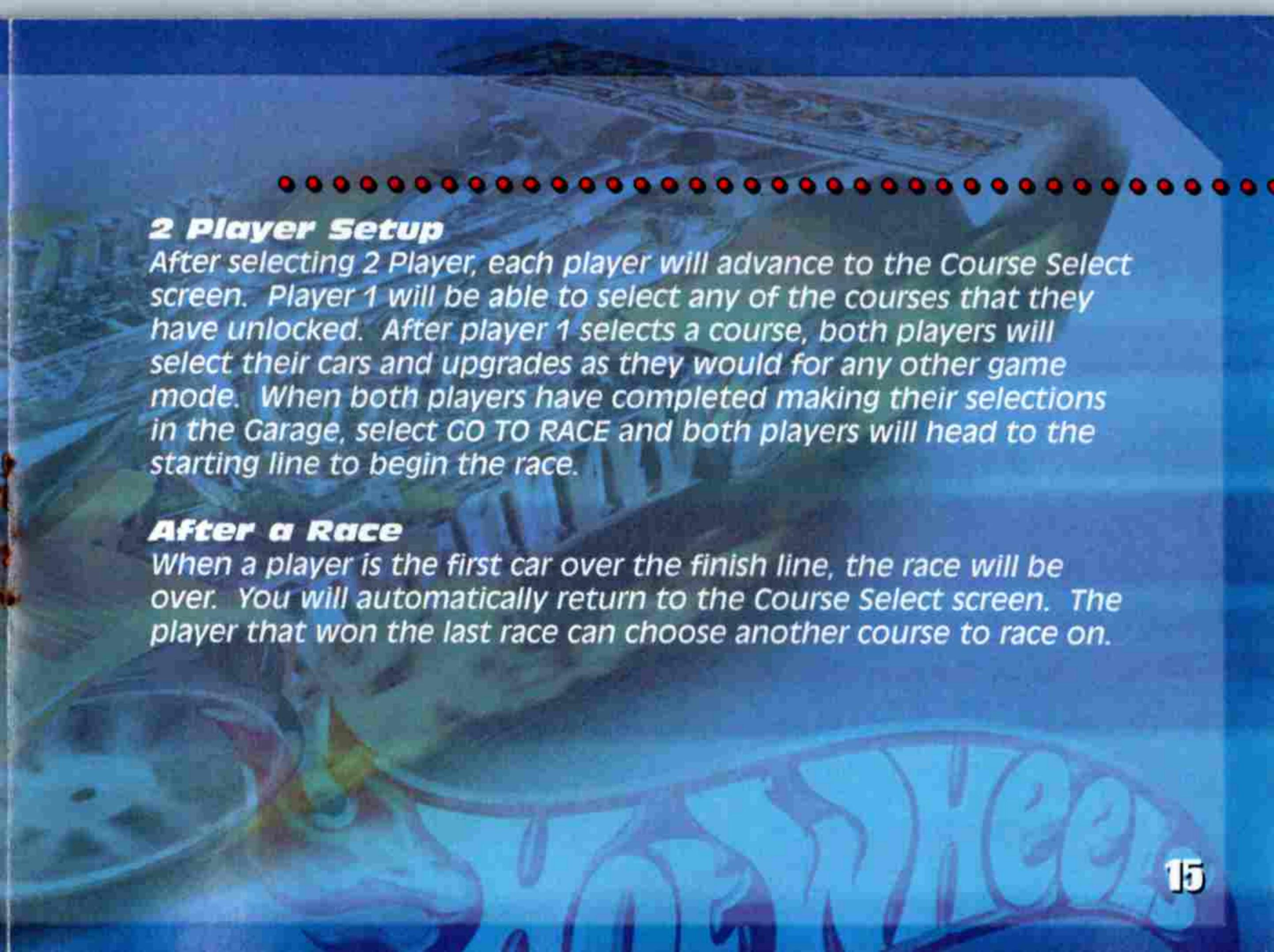
Use the Control Pad LEFT/RIGHT to cycle through the available cups and/or courses. To unlock more courses, compete in the Grand Prix mode. Press the A Button to confirm or the B Button to return to the previous screen.

# RACE TYPE MENU

## **2 Player**

In order to play head-to-head against another player, you will each need a Game Boy® Advance system and a copy of Hot Wheels™ Burnin' Rubber™. Also, one Game Link® Cable is needed to connect the two Game Boy® Advance systems together.





## **2 Player Setup**

After selecting 2 Player, each player will advance to the Course Select screen. Player 1 will be able to select any of the courses that they have unlocked. After player 1 selects a course, both players will select their cars and upgrades as they would for any other game mode. When both players have completed making their selections in the Garage, select GO TO RACE and both players will head to the starting line to begin the race.

## **After a Race**

When a player is the first car over the finish line, the race will be over. You will automatically return to the Course Select screen. The player that won the last race can choose another course to race on.

# PLAYING A GAME

Select a game mode from the Race Type menu to begin a game.

Note: For more information on Race Types (game modes), see page 8.



## **Garage**

The Garage is the place to select your car, fine-tune your ride, and save your progress.

Note: Although you begin with 5 selectable cars, you will be able to unlock more cars for a total of 25 playable cars in Hot Wheels™ Burnin' Rubber™!

**Car Select** – Choose a vehicle from the available list of cars.

First select a class and press the A Button. Next, scroll through the available cars by pressing LEFT/RIGHT on the Control Pad, then press the A Button to confirm. You can change the car's body color by pressing UP/DOWN. Each car will handle differently on the track – the following ratings will help you decide which car is right for you:

**Top Speed** – The higher the top speed rating, the faster a car will go on straightaways.

**Acceleration** – A car with high acceleration will be quicker off the line and quicker getting up to speed from stops or crashes.

**Handling** – Better handling means you can take corners faster and with more control.



# PLAYING A GAME

Finally, choose to have an Automatic (AT) or Manual (MT) transmission by pressing LEFT/RIGHT on the Control Pad. Use the R Button and L Button to shift up and down when using a Manual transmission. When done, press the A Button to continue. Press the B Button at any time to return to the previous menu.

**Tuning** – Fine-tune your car before heading to the track. Earning coins in Grand Prix gets you the money you need to purchase upgrades. Use UP/DOWN on the Control Pad to highlight the car part and press the A Button to select it.

Now press UP/DOWN on the Control Pad to select SPORT or RACE (if available). The screen will show the upgrade part, how much money you have available to spend, how much the part costs, and how much it will add to each rating.



The car parts available to upgrade are listed below:

**Engine** – Increase your top speed and acceleration by race tuning or supercharging your engine.

**Muffler** – Add this upgrade to let your engine breathe easier and give it some more top speed and acceleration.

**Computer** – Add top speed and acceleration with a computer chip upgrade.

**Suspension** – This upgrade improves your handling.

**Wheel** – Increase the car's grip on the course for better handling and acceleration.

**Brake** – Upgrade the brakes for better handling.

**Rear End** – Replacing the stock rear end will help your acceleration off the line.

**Save** – Save your progress.

**Go To Race** – Take your selected car to the track for some high-speed racing.



# PLAYING A GAME

## The Game Screen

After the 3, 2, 1 countdown ends and the starting bell rings the race is on! Be careful of accelerating too much before the starting bell or you'll burnout at the line and lose time.

Hint: If you time your RPMs just right, with the RPM gauge needle hitting the red just as the starting bell goes off, you'll get a Burnin' Rubber™ Turbo Boost!

Once the race is underway, important information will be displayed on the game screen.

**Total Time** – The total time for the race is displayed in the upper/left corner.

**Lap Time** – The lap time for each lap is displayed underneath the Total Time.



**Course Map** – A map of the course, showing all the opponents, is shown in the upper/right corner. You can toggle this on/off by pressing SELECT.

**RPM gauge** – Watch the RPM gauge when starting and when using a Manual Transmission – shift to a higher gear when the needle is in the red area.

**Laps** – Your current lap is shown in the bottom/left corner.

**Rank** – Your current rank is displayed over the RPM gauge.

**Speedometer** – Your speed is shown beneath the RPM gauge.

**Current Gear** – The gear you are driving in is displayed beneath the RPM gauge.

### **Pausing the Game**

Press START at any time to pause the game and access the following options.



# PLAYING A GAME

## **Grand Prix**

**Continue** – Return to the race!

**Restart** – Start the race over from the beginning. You will lose one of your try attempts.

**Retire** – Quit the stage and return to the Race Type menu.

## **Free Race/Time Trial**

**Continue** – Return to the race!

**Restart** – Start the race over from the beginning.

**Course Change** – Choose a different track.

**Car Select** – Choose a different car.

**Retire** – Quit and return to the Garage.

## **The Results**

At the end of a race, the Results will appear showing your lap times, total race time, and ranking. Press the A Button to advance to the Garage.



# SAVING AND LOADING

Save your progress in the Garage and load game data from the Load Screen.

## ***Saving a Game***

Save your progress any time you are in the Garage. Select SAVE and press the A Button. When the save is complete, Save Completed will appear on the screen.



# SAVING AND LOADING

## **Loading a Game**

To load a previously saved game, choose **LOAD** from the Main Menu. Select **CONTINUE** to return to your last saved game mode. Choose **RACE TYPE** to load your Garage settings for any game mode.



# COURSE MAPS

Hint: Look for shortcuts to improve your lap times! An exclamation mark "!" will appear on the game screen near each shortcut on the track.

**Backgammon Course** – Race around backgammon chips and dice.

**Bathroom Course** – Take a fast trip around the bathroom!

**Beach Course** – You'll have to dodge rocks and seashells while racing around the beach.

**Billiard Course** – Watch out for pool balls and pool sticks.

**Blue Sky Course** – It's a long way down if you wander off the clouds of this track.

**Casino Course** – Cards, chips, and slot machines, oh my!

**Desert Course** – Watch out for rocks and cactus plants on this course.

# COURSE MAPS

**Desk Course** – Race around pencils, floppy disks, ink bottles and paper.

**Dining Table Course** – Race on top of the kitchen table around cookies, glasses and silverware.

**Floral Course** – It's out to the garden on this track.

**Galaxy Course** – A long time ago, on a track far, far away.

**Hot Wheels™ Course** – Hairpin turns and highflyin' jumps!

**Jungle Course** – Race through the jungle!

**Piano Course** – A grand course on a grand piano.

**Pond Course** – Race around the pond on lily pads and around flowers.

**Snow Course** – Race around in the snow trying to dodge snow piles and keep your grip on the track.

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