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Castlevania® Symphony of the Night™



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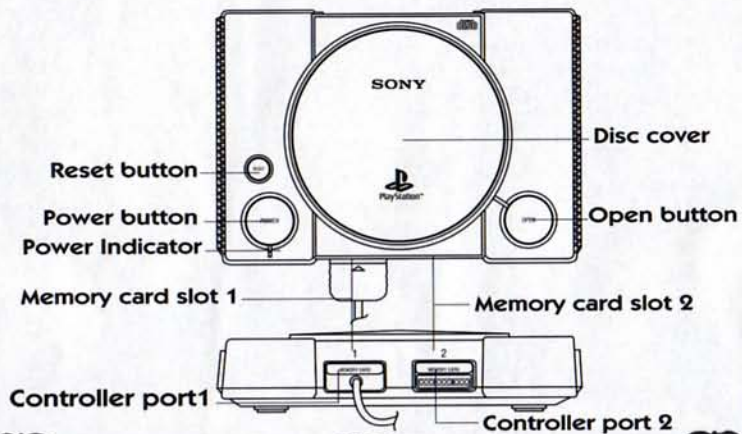


Set up your PlayStation™ Console according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. Make sure the PlayStation power is off before inserting or removing a compact disc. Insert the Castlevania® Symphony of the Night™ disc and close the Disc Cover. Insert game controllers and turn on the PlayStation™ Console. Follow on-screen instructions to start a game.

Thank you very much for purchasing Konamis Castlevania® Symphony of the Night™. Before playing please read this manual carefully to ensure correct use.

Console

Top view and front view

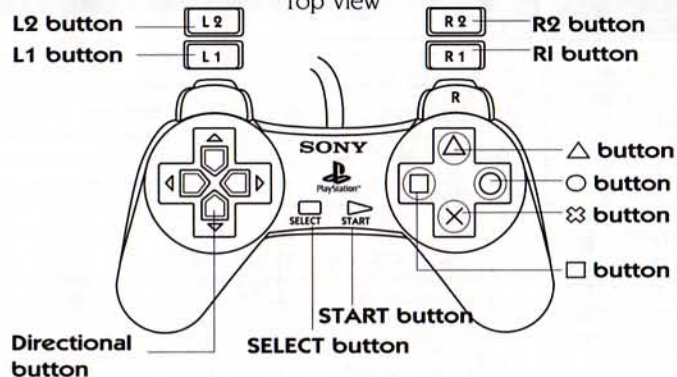


Controlling the Horror

Connect the controller to controller port 1 of your PlayStation unit. The default button settings are shown on the following pages.

Controller

Top view



The user is able to reset to the title screen by holding down the Select button and then pressing and holding down the Start button.



Richter

Controls for the "Final Stage" only. These button settings cannot be changed from the menu screen.

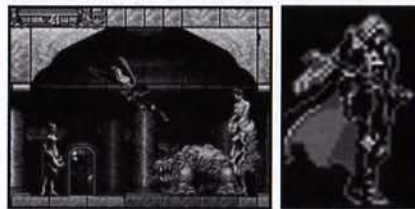


□ button	Attack with whip	
Directional buttons	Move Richter	
	↔ button	Move left/right
	⌵ button	Crouch
⌘ button	Jump	
△ button	Super attack	
⌵ + □ button	Use special weapon	
START button	Pause	
Hold down □ button + Directional buttons	Brandish whip	
⌵ + ⌘ button	Slide	
Press ⌘ button twice:	Back somersault	



Alucard

You can change the button functions of your controller from the "System" menu screen.



□ button	Use the weapon or item in Alucard's right hand	
○ button	Use the weapon or item in Alucard's left hand	
Directional buttons	Move Alucard/Highlight item on menu screens	
	↔ button	Move left/right
	⌵ button	Crouch/move elevators down
	⌵ button	Sit in chair/Save (only on SAVE screens)
⌘ button	Jump/Select items on menu screens	
⌵ + ○ or □ button	Use special weapon	
△ button	Back dash	
START button	Pause game and bring up the character status menu screen	
SELECT button	Pause game and bring up the map screen	
R1 button:	Shapeshift into bat (requires special item)	
R2 button:	Shapeshift into wolf (requires special item)	
L1 button:	Shapeshift into mist (requires special item)	
⌘ button during jump	Double jump (requires special item)	

Prologue

It was Richter Belmont, the legendary vampire hunter, who succeeded in finally ending the menace of Count Dracula, Lord of the Vampires who had been brought back from the grave by the dark priest Shaft.

However, one night 4 years later, under the glare of a full moon, Richter mysteriously vanished.

With no idea of where to begin her search, Maria Renard set out to look for him. It was then that fate intervened. Castlevania, the castle of Dracula, which is rumored to appear once every century, suddenly materialized from out of the mist as if to show her the way.

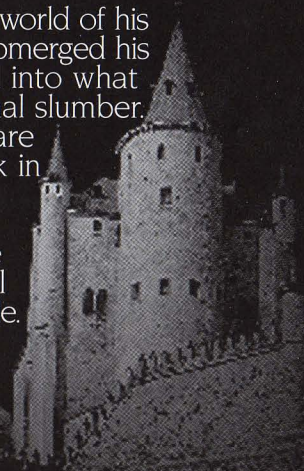


Meanwhile, powerful forces were struggling for the soul of a man named Alucard. The very same Alucard who had teamed up with Trevor Belmont to battle his immortal father, Count Vlad Tepes Dracula.

Alucard, in order to purge the world of his own cursed blood line, had submerged his vampiric powers and entered into what was supposed to be an eternal slumber. But now, he is awake and aware of the evil once again at work in his homeland.

The time has once again come for the forces of Good and Evil to engage in their ancient battle. Dracula's castle beckons you..

And no man can say who shall emerge victorious.



Characters

Alucard

(Real name: Adrian Farenheights Tepes)
Age: Estimated to be 400 years old

The offspring of an unnatural union between Count Dracula and a human woman, Alucard possesses inhuman strength and dark magical powers. His weapon of choice is a sword, and he uses a variety of them to serve his needs. He is an adept shapeshifter, commonly using the forms of wolf, bat and mist to confuse and terrify his opponents. Alucard also relies heavily on ancient relics and magical items to perform elaborate magical attacks.



Richter Belmont

Age: 24

Every generation of the Belmont clan has produced tougher, more dedicated vampire hunters—yet Richter stands above all others. Brandishing the legendary sacred whip which so many of his predecessors wielded, this hot-blooded youth pushed Dracula to the brink. Then, with an almost indestructible will to survive and emerge victorious, Richter defeated Dracula in a massive battle five years ago. However, he has been missing for a year—vanishing mysteriously under the light of a full moon.

Maria Renard

Age: 17

As Richter's sister-in-law, Maria is not a Belmont by blood, but she has the fiery determination of a vampire hunter coursing through her veins. She aided Richter five years ago in the defeat of Dracula, and has vowed to find him now that he has vanished. Shortly after beginning her search, however, the ancient Castlevania returned to the earthly plane. Fearlessly, she entered the castle alone.



Death

This evil spirit is an ally of Dracula's, which should come as a surprise to no one familiar with the Count's nocturnal activities.



Master Librarian

He is the keeper of the library in Dracula's castle. He has accumulated a wealth of knowledge over the centuries, and some special items, as well, which he will part with—for a price.

Count Dracula

(Real name: Dracula Vlad Tepes)

Age: Estimated to be 800 years old

He has been known by many names through the ages, but no matter what you choose to call him, one truth remains: he is the embodiment of all that is dark and evil. He is father of Alucard and master of Castlevania the dark castle steeped in terror and black magic. It is said to appear on the human plane of existence once every 100 years. Though Richter destroyed Castlevania and its evil landlord five years ago, it has reappeared without warning.

Lisa

Alucard's mother and Dracula's wife. She is the only woman Dracula has ever loved, yet for some reason he had chosen not to take away her human form and bring her over to the dark ranks of the vampire. She was a good, kind-hearted soul who was mistakenly executed as a witch for preparing medicine to help the sick.



Starting the game

Once the Title logo has appeared, press the START button to go to the File Select screen.

- ❶ **File Select:** Select a file
- ❷ **Name Change:** Change the name you use in the game
- ❸ **File Copy:** Copy a file
- ❹ **File Delete:** Delete a file



Playing a new game

Select an empty file from 'File Select', input your name at the Name Entry screen, then press the START button to begin. After the introductory movie is finished you will take control of Richter Belmont in a brief recap of a classic moment in Castlevania history. See page 5 for details on Richter's basic moves.

Playing a saved game

If you saved your progress onto a memory card last time you played, you can resume play from the last save location (see page 24, 'Save rooms'). Insert the memory card into the memory card slot 1 or slot 2, then select the game you wish to continue playing from 'File Select'. Use the directional button to highlight the save game you wish to use. Press the  button to load the file.



Note: Absolutely do not pull out or insert memory cards when the game is loading.

Castlevania® Symphony of the Night™ Rules

You are Alucard. Raging through you is the hunger and bloodlust of your vampire father, and the gentle, empathetic compassion of your human mother. As you have tried to come to terms with that constant internal struggle, you have recognized an outer struggle as well—the need to destroy Castlevania and bury the demons both within the castle and within your soul.

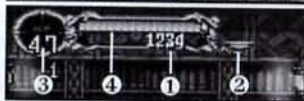
On your mission, you will discover ancient relics that will open new paths to you. Hidden weapons and magical items from a time long forgotten will be uncovered. Some weapons and items have restricted use—you must earn 'hearts' to enable them. As your quest continues, you will encounter myriad monsters and dark forces who will challenge your progress. Every victory gives you experience, which yields power and strength. Gradually, you will be able to face and defeat stronger and stronger foes. When you receive damage, you lose some of your life force. Because you are half human, you can be defeated more easily than your father. If your life drains to zero, the Start screen will reappear, and (if you have saved a game in progress) you can resume play from the last saved location.



On Screen Display

During play

- Number of hearts:**
Decreases when you use special weapons and increases when you get hearts.
- Special weapon:**
Shows the special weapon you possess.
- Player life meter:**
The game ends when this meter reaches 0.
- Magic meter:**
Goes down when you use magical attacks or shapeshift. This meter will replenish slowly.
- Name of enemy character:**
Appears when you hit an enemy (requires a special item)



Map screen

Shows the rooms you have visited in the castle and your current location. The auto map feature will display the rooms as you explore them.

- Blue** Shows rooms you have already visited.
Gray Shows rooms you haven't visited yet.
(only visible when you acquire a special item)
Red Save locations
Yellow Teleport rooms
Circle of light .. Your current location.

Character Status Menu

You can check Alucard's current status from this screen.



- HP** Life level (current / Max)
MP Magic level (current / Max)
HEART Number of hearts (current / Max)
ROOMS Number of rooms you have visited
KILLS Number of enemies you have defeated
LEVEL Current level
STATUS Shows whether you are poisoned or turned to stone, etc.
ATT (CH buttons) Shows the attack power for each button
DEF Shows your current defensive power
STR Strength level. This affects your basic attack power.
CON Constitution (how strong your body is). This affects your basic defense power.
INT Intelligence level. This affects your magic attack power.
LCK Luck. This affects critical hits and other actions.
EXP Experience points.
NEXT The number of points you need to advance to the next level.
GOLD The amount of money you have.
EQUIP Lets you equip weapons, etc. (See page 17)
SPELLS Chart showing the spells you've learned (See page 21)
RELICS Shows the the relics you possess and whether or not they are equipped. (See page 19)
SYSTEM Equipment, button, and sound settings. (See page 22)
FAMILIARS Shows the status of the familiars you can currently control (when you want to use a familiar, you select one from amongst your relics)

Relics

Relics are items that let you use special powers and effects. They are hidden in various rooms throughout the castle. There are some rooms you cannot enter unless you obtain a particular relic. When you obtain a relic, go to "Relics" in the Sub screen and check whether it is ON/OFF and what effect it has. If a relic is set to OFF it will have no effect.



Cube of Zoe

The first relic you find. When activated, this relic will allow items to appear when you destroy candles.



Leap Stone

Press the X button while jumping to execute a second jump.



Soul of Bat

Enables you to change into a bat. Consumes magic power.



Soul of Wolf

Enables you to change into a wolf. Consumes magic power.



Form of Mist

Enables you to change into mist. Consumes magic power.

* There are many other relics; these are just a few of them.

Soul of Bat	Fire of Bat
Echo of Bat	Force of Echo
Soul of Wolf	Power of Wolf
Skill of Wolf	Form of Mist
Power of Mist	Gas Cloud
Cube of Zoe	Spirit Orb
Gravity Boots	Leap Stone
Holy Symbol	Faerie Scroll
Soul of Dragon	Mystic Disk
Transform into Bat	

Special weapons

You can only possess one special weapon at a time. When you pick up a new one of these "special weapons", the old one will be tossed aside. It will remain on the screen for a moment before vanishing so that you may retrieve it if you change your mind about which item you'd like to possess. You will need to use some of your "hearts" to use these weapons. The number of hearts needed depends on the weapon.



Bottle of holy water

When thrown, fire springs up in the place it lands, causing damage.



Axe

An effective weapon to throw at enemies if you want to cause damage from a distance. Very effective against flying enemies.



Holy book

Unleashing the holy words in these books causes damage to your evil opponents.



Cross

The most powerful Special weapon, attacks all enemies on screen.



Knife

Use to attack enemies in front of you. The knife is fast but not very powerful.



Clock

Stops time for enemies. However, there are some enemies on which it has little or no effect.



Rebound stone

A special stone that rebounds from the floor or walls when it hits them.



Agunea

Strikes enemies with sacred lightning. When it hits, you can continue the attack by holding down the attack button until all your hearts are gone.



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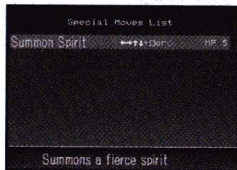
The embodiment of holy ashes created by a saint. Damages any enemies that it touches.

Special Note:

Certain weapons have an additional effect when attacking enemies. Some effects such as Fire, Ice or Poison may do additional damage.

Spells

The ancient castle has been used for dark purposes for eons. The magic contained inside it is powerful. You may learn some of the spells during your quest. Casting the spells is a trial and error process. Use the SPELLS sub-menu (in the Character Status screen) to select spells. Casting them consumes magic power, but not 'hearts'. Spells are not necessary to accomplish your mission, but they may make some tasks easier.



Status

Alucard may suffer the following effects when hit by special enemy attacks.

- Stone** Alucard turns into a statue and cannot move. Rapidly hit the Directional Buttons left and right to free him. The 'Hammer' can be used to free him immediately, but Alucard cannot use it on himself.
- Poison** Reduces Alucard's attack and defense power for a certain period. Use the 'Anti-venom' equipment item to immediately neutralize the poison.
- Curse** Alucard loses his power to attack and defend with a weapon for a certain period. Use the 'Uncurse' potion to immediately break the curse.

Selecting systems

You can reconfigure various settings by accessing the SYSTEM sub-menu (in the Character Status screen). The new settings will be saved automatically the next time you save your progress.

- Button settings** .. Change the button functions of your controller. Press the Directional Buttons left/right to change the settings.
- Window color** ... Change the color of the menu windows displayed throughout the game.
- Sound** Set the game sound to stereo or mono.

Note: Other functions will become available after you acquire certain items.

Rooms

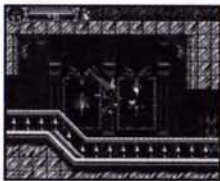
Dracula's home is a labyrinth of great rooms, ghostly corridors and twisted tunnels. When you obtain special relics, new routes and hidden rooms may become accessible to you, even rooms you've already visited. If you notice an unusual area during your mission, revisit it after discovering new relics—you may find new adventures ahead!

Final Stage: Bloodlines

Relive the final showdown between Richter and Dracula.



Marble Gallery



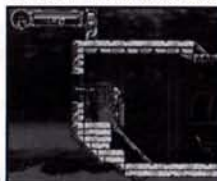
Entering Castlevania

Meet Death face-to-face, and live to tell about it.



Lookout Point

What mystery does the telescope help unravel? Look inside and see!



Long Library

This is the domain of the Master Librarian. He's willing to help any adventurer who passes through—for a price.

Buy item Buy a variety of weapons and items.

Sell gem Sell gems you've obtained to get money.

Tactics Get information to help you in battle.

Sound Test Listen to the music of Castlevania.

Enemy list Look at data on enemies you've fought.

Exit Exit.



Save rooms

These are rooms where you can recover strength and save your progress. They are located throughout Castlevania.

Save Stand beneath the cube in the center of the room and press the \uparrow directional button. When the cube has transformed into a coffin, the process is complete. If you want to save your progress without overwriting your current game press the \uparrow directional button, then the Δ button.



Note: Absolutely do not pull out or insert memory cards when saving. If the user selects "Yes" from the first "Yes" or "No" options, the game will be saved, however, if the user selects "No" from the first "Yes" or "No" options and selects "Yes" from the second "Yes" or "No" options, a new save block will be started.

