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OWNER'S MANUAL



MODEL CX2600 AP



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Unpacking Your Game

Congratulations on your ATARI® Video Computer System™ game purchase. To enjoy this great new game to the fullest, we suggest you read this Owner's Manual thoroughly before beginning to play. When you unpack your game you will have:

JOYSTICK CONTROLLERS COMBAT GAME PROGRAM™ CARTRIDGE CONSOLE PADDLE CONTROLLERS

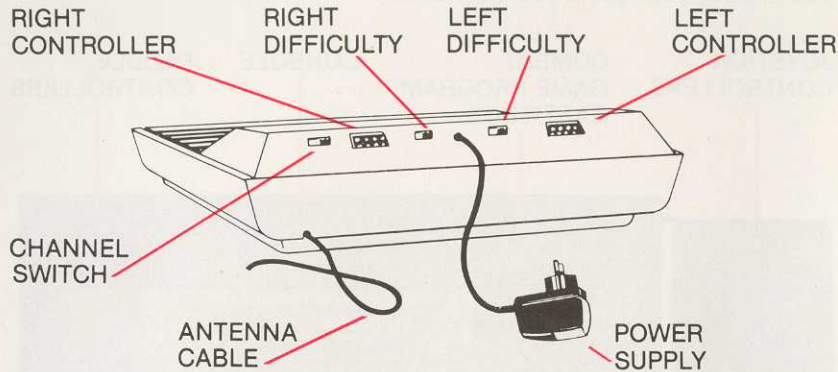


- Atari Video Computer System console unit
- COMBAT Game Program™ cartridge with Game Instruction Booklet
- Joystick Controllers (2)
- Paddle Controllers (Set of 2)
- Power Supply



Assemble Console

Assembling your Video Computer System is very easy. Simply follow these instructions:



- Disconnect the antenna cable from your television. Connect the antenna cable from your ATARI Video Computer System game to your television's antenna input.

- Attach the controllers by plugging them into the **CONTROLLER** jacks at the back of the console. The controller plugs are designed to fit only one way. Do not try to force the plugs into the jacks.

NOTE: Some games require Joystick Controllers and some games require Paddle Controllers. A few games require Keyboard and Driving Controllers, which may be purchased separately. Use the Joystick Controllers with the **COMBAT** Game Program™ cartridge.

- Insert the plug of the power supply into the back of your ATARI Video Computer System console.

- Check to see that the **POWER** switch on the console is **OFF**.

- Plug the power supply into any convenient electrical wall outlet.

- Turn on your television.

- Set the volume control of your television to minimum loudness.

- If your television has an automatic fine-tuning control, turn it off and manually fine tune for the best picture. If your television will only receive color when the automatic fine-tuning is on, leave it on.

- Set the channel selector of your television to Channel 3. The Video Computer System game is factory

set to operate on Channel 3. However, if Channel 3 is broadcasting in your area, you may receive interference. If this hap-

pens, change the channel switch on your television and on the Video Computer System console to Channel 2.

Inserting Cartridges

Please follow these simple guidelines for using the ATARI Game Program cartridges. This will ensure many hours of entertainment with your ATARI Video Computer System game.



Always turn the console **POWER** switch **OFF** when inserting or removing an ATARI Game Program cartridge. This will protect the electronic components and prolong the life of your ATARI Video Computer System game.

- Hold the cartridge so that the name on the end is towards you

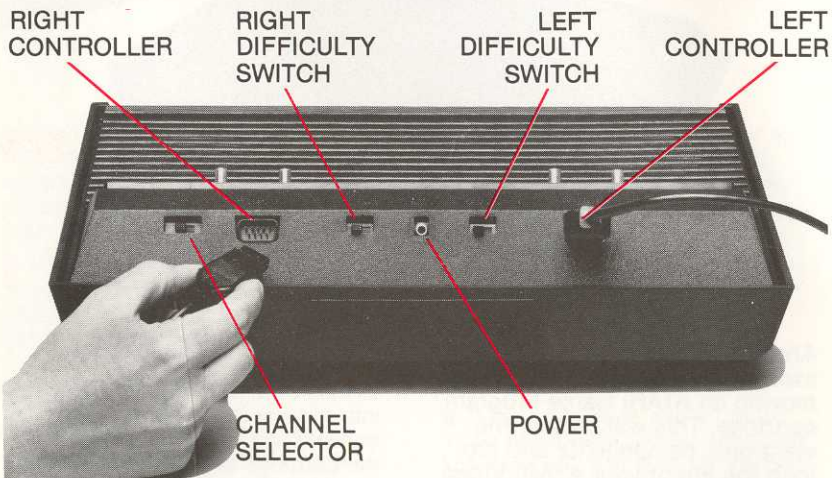
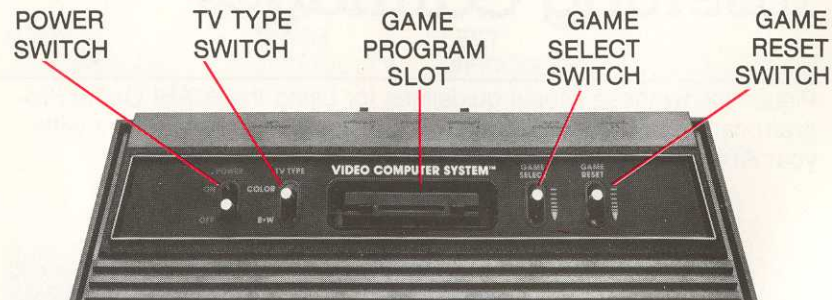
and reads right side up.

- Insert the cartridge **CAREFULLY** into the slot in the center of the console unit switch panel. Be sure the cartridge is firmly seated in the slot. Do not try to force it in.

- To remove an ATARI Game Program cartridge, simply pull it straight out of the console.

Starting Game Play

Before starting game play, familiarize yourself with the different switches on your ATARI Video Computer System.



- If your ATARI Video Computer System is attached to a color television, slide the TV TYPE switch to the COLOR position. This will allow you to play games in vivid color.
- If your television is black and

white, slide the TV TYPE switch to B/W.

- Slide the POWER switch to ON. A game playfield will appear on your television screen.

NOTE: If no playfield appears, which can happen if you have inserted the Game Program cartridge while the console is ON, slide the POWER switch to OFF and then back to ON.

- Adjust the volume control of your television to a comfortable level. The action game sounds will be heard through your television's speaker.
- Generally, the GAME SELECT switch is used to select the game or game variation that you wish to play. Refer to the individual Game Program Instruction Booklets for details.
- Pressing GAME RESET usually starts game play. However, some games may use this switch differently. Refer to the individual

Game Program Instruction Booklets for further details.

- The LEFT and RIGHT DIFFICULTY switches are usually used to handicap skilled players. The A position is more difficult than the B position. However, some games may use these switches for other purposes. Again, refer to the individual Game Program Instruction Booklets for further details.
- To watch regular television programming, you must reconnect your normal antenna to your television. First, be certain the POWER switch on the console is OFF. Then, disconnect the antenna cable from your ATARI Video Computer System game and reconnect your normal antenna to your television. Finally, remove the power supply from the wall socket and plug your television in.

Maintenance

Your ATARI Video Computer System game will bring you many years of enjoyment. In order to keep your game in good working condition, please remember the following points:

- Always turn the POWER switch on the console OFF before inserting or removing an ATARI Game Program cartridge.
- Do not try to force Game Program cartridges into the console.
- Your ATARI Game Program cartridges are protected from normal

wear and tear because they are fully enclosed. However, care should be taken not to spill liquids on them.

- Do not lift the console unit or the controllers by the connecting wires.
- Be careful not to drop the console unit, controllers, or cartridges on any hard surface.

- Do not expose the console unit, controllers, or cartridges to excessive or extreme heat.
- Always turn the ATARI Video Computer System to **OFF** and unplug the power supply from the wall outlet when not in use.

- Use of any power supply other than that designed for use with your ATARI Video Computer System can cause damage to the console unit.
- Clean the exterior parts with a soft, slightly damp cloth.

Troubleshooting

Your ATARI Video Computer System game will bring you many hours of entertainment and enjoyment. If you should experience any trouble with the game, check the following symptoms for probable cause and remedy.

Symptom

Probable Cause and Remedy

No playfield appears on the screen, or the screen is a whitish-grey color.

- Console unit **POWER** switch not turned **ON**.
- Cartridge inserted in console while the **POWER** switch was **ON**. Slide the switch to **OFF** and then back to **ON**.
- A particularly strong television station may be broadcasting on Channel 3 in your area. Change channel selector on your television and on your console to Channel 2.

LEFT or **RIGHT CONTROLLER** does not function correctly.

- Check to see that the controller is firmly plugged into the console unit at the **CONTROLLER** jack.
- Move the malfunctioning controller to the opposite **CONTROLLER** jack. If the controller still does not

Symptom

Probable Cause and Remedy

Playfield is unsteady or not receiving color.

function correctly, it may require replacement.

TV TYPE switch on console set at **B/W**. Change to **COLOR**.

Television set not fine tuned for the best picture. Make sure the automatic fine-tuning is off and manually fine tune for the best picture. (Note: If your television receives color only when the fine-tuning is on, keep the fine-tuning on.)

A particularly strong television station may be broadcasting on Channel 3 in your area. Change channel selector on your television and your console to Channel 2.

Playfield is not sharp and not steady. (Black and white)

TV TYPE switch on console set to **COLOR**. Change to **B/W**.

A particularly strong television station may be broadcasting on Channel 3 in your area. Change channel selector on your television and your console to Channel 2.

Sound is distorted or buzzing.

Television set not fine tuned. Adjust the fine-tuning controls until both the picture and the sound are clear.

A particularly strong television station may be broadcasting on Channel 3 in your area. Change channel selector on your television and your console to Channel 2.

No game sounds.

Television set volume not turned up. Adjust the volume to a desired level.

Playfield is fuzzy.

Poor antenna connection.

Television set not fine tuned for the best picture. Make sure the automatic fine-tuning control is off and manually fine tune for the best picture. (Note: If your television receives color only when the fine-tuning is on, keep the fine-tuning on.)

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