

CHIMERA

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THE GAME

The airlock shuts with a dull 'thud' behind you, and you are aboard the strange, silent craft; its weapon systems primed, and centred on Earth. Your task is to discover the inbuilt self destruct mechanism which is known to exist; initiate it, and if possible, escape prior to detonation. Other details regarding the mission cannot be assimilated at this time, but some further information regarding the self destruct system is given here:-

- (i) The detonation sequence is initiated by a four stage integrated priming mechanism.
 - (ii) Each priming mechanism requires the completion of a multi-stage Disablement of Artifacts (DOA) sequence.
 - (iii) The first DOA sequence is known to require a spanner.
 - (iv) Attempts to initiate any of the priming sequences in the incorrect order will result in the termination of the operator, and cancellation of any previous missile priming orders.
- Conditions aboard this craft are known to support life; finite supplies of food and water are present.

LOADING

1. Connect your tape unit to your Atari according to the User Manual, and insert the re-wound cassette.
2. Switch OFF your computer.
3. For Atari 800 owners, hold down START, switch ON your computer and press RETURN.
4. For Atari 800XL and 130XE owners, hold down START and OPTION, switch on your computer, and press RETURN.

NOTE: Full loading instructions can be found in your Atari Manual.

PLAYING THE GAME

You can control CHIMERA's movements with a joystick inserted in User port 1 of your Atari. The following controls are also available on the keyboard:-

Space bar = HOLD GAME
(any other key to release hold)
P = PICK UP OBJECT/USE OBJECT
Reset = ABORT GAME

A couple of hints:-

Always keep a keen eye on the scrolling message indicator.

Make a map.

Not all objects are completely visible from the main display.