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It is a period of civil war. Rebel spaceships, striking from a hidden base, have won their first victory against the Empire.

During the battle, Rebel spies managed to steal secret plans to the Empire's ultimate weapon, the Death Star—an armored space station with enough power to destroy an entire planet.

Pursued by the Empire's sinister agents, Princess Leia races home aboard her starship, carrying the stolen plans that can save her people and restore freedom to the galaxy.
## Getting Started

With your Nintendo Entertainment System turned off, insert the STAR WARS Game Pak and then turn on your Control Deck. Press START and the opening sequence of the lifepod escaping to the Tatooine Desert with C-3PO and R2-D2 aboard will begin. If you would like to skip the opening and begin play, press START again.

**Number of Players:** STAR WARS is a one player game. However, you and two friends can take turns playing as Luke, Han, or Princess Leia (after you find them).

**Game Over:** The game is over whenever you lose all of your Luke Skywalker lives or when the Millennium Falcon or X-wing is destroyed.

**Continue Yes:** The game starts again from the beginning of the level that you were in.

**Continue No:** The game will end and the title screen will appear.

You keep all of your characters, items from previous levels, and score. Luke restarts with three lives.

There are a limited number of continues available. When all of your continues have been used, the GAME OVER screen will appear the next time you run out of lives.
Luke, Han & Leia Controls

Most of the action in the STAR WARS NES game takes place using either Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, or Princess Leia during the scrolling game sections. You cannot control C-3PO, R2-D2 or Obi-Wan.

Please read about all of the player controls to understand how to use your characters. Instructions for controlling the landspeeder, Millennium Falcon, and X-wing start on page 12 of the manual. Instructions for the Select Screen are listed on page 8 of the manual.

- Climb Up ladders. Enter doors and elevators.
- Move your character left.
- Move your character right.
- Duck or crouch. Climb Down ladders.
- Select Screen.
- Pauses the game. Press again to continue.
- Fire weapon.
- Swing Lightsaber (Luke only).
- Run. Holding down the B button while walking will make your character run.
- Jump.
- Press and hold A to Jump higher.

Special Move: Long Jump: While holding down the B button, run in the direction you want to jump, then press and hold the A button to jump.

Skipping Text Screens: Pressing any button will speed up the text display in the transition screens. Pressing any button a second time will advance you to the next screen or return you to the game.
Select Screen

During any action screen, press SELECT to bring up the Select Screen.

To choose your Team Leader or Weapon:
- Use the CONTROL PAD to move the cursor and highlight the character or weapon you want.
- Press any button to choose your character or weapon and return to the game. Han and Leia cannot be selected until they have joined your party.

You cannot display the Select Screen when:
- Your character is in the air, either flying or falling.
- You are aboard the landspeeder or the Millennium Falcon or X-wing in space.
- You are in the X-wing making the final attack on the Death Star.

To Use C-3PO, R2-D2 or Obi-Wan Kenobi:
- Use the CONTROL PAD to move the cursor and highlight the character you want.
- Press A and the character will either display its message or perform its special task.

C-3PO
- His message will be displayed. Press any button to return to the Select Screen.
- His comments often steer you in the right direction.

R2-D2
- Although he cannot speak, C-3PO interprets his messages.
- After reaching the Death Star Control Room, he can display the map of Death Star hallways.

Obi-Wan Kenobi
- His messages speak the wisdom of a Jedi Knight.
- He can use the Force to resurrect Han or Leia five times.
Scoring

Your score is based on the percentage of tasks you have completed. It is not necessary to complete every section of the game before you are allowed to move on to the next level. You may even complete the game and destroy the Death Star with less than 100%. Power players should try for 100%.

Your score is updated on the Select Screen after you play through a level and successfully complete the objective. It is possible to play through several of the caves, for example, without finding any goals which count towards your score. The lower your score, however, the harder you will find it to successfully complete the game.

Tatooine

The Tatooine Desert is a desolate wilderness, populated by dangerous creatures. Accompanied by your new droid, C-3PO, you are searching for the runaway droid, R2-D2. The caves are very dangerous. You’ll need fast reflexes and perhaps a better gun to get through all of them.

This section begins with Luke aboard the landspeeder. Any damage taken while in the landspeeder will affect Luke’s energy level. There is an energy bar in the upper left-hand corner of the screen. When it reaches empty, one Luke life is gone. Guide your landspeeder to the different entrances and avoid banthas and enemy turrets.
The Tatooine Desert includes a sandcrawler, many caves, and the spaceport of Mos Eisley. Collect as many shields and extra lives as you can — they’ll come in handy later. Some of the more interesting inhabitants and items to be found on Tatooine include:
- Shields for the Millennium Falcon
  (you need these for the Asteroid Belt)
- R2-D2
- Luke’s Lightsaber
- Obi-Wan Kenobi
- Han Solo
Regardless of how much of Tatooine you have explored, once you board the Millennium Falcon you will leave Tatooine.

**Landspeeder Controls**

- Moves the landspeeder towards the top of the screen.
- Moves the landspeeder right or left on the screen.
- DIAGONAL - moves the landspeeder diagonally on the screen.
- Moves the landspeeder towards the bottom of the screen.
- Accelerates the landspeeder
- No action.

- Pauses game. Press again to continue.

**Asteroid Field**

Now aboard the Millennium Falcon, you suddenly find yourself coming out of hyperspace and right into the middle of an uncharted asteroid field. It’s the remnants of the planet Alderaan, destroyed by the Empire’s new Death Star. Maneuver the Falcon through the asteroids, avoiding as many as you can. You cannot fire in the asteroid field. Two collisions with an asteroid costs the Falcon one shield. Lose all your shields and the game is over. If you successfully navigate the field, you’ll find yourself locked in the dreaded Death Star’s tractor beam.

- Pilot the Millennium Falcon
- Pauses the game. Press again to continue.
- Not used.
**The Death Star**

Before you can rescue Leia or even think about striking a blow against the Empire, you’ll need to find a way out of the Hangar. The Death Star is a treacherous maze of hallways and elevators. Find the Control Room first. If you’ve brought R2-D2 along from Tatooine, you can use his ability to tap into the Imperial Computer Network to display a detailed map of the interior of the Death Star.

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**Tractor Beam**

You must disable the tractor beam before the Millennium Falcon is free to leave the Death Star.

**Death Star Cell Block/Hallway Two**

Princess Leia is scheduled for termination, unless you can find your way through the intricate maze of the Death Star cell block and free her.
Trash Compactor

Now that you've rescued Princess Leia, get through the rest of the cell block to the trash compactor.

The complex trash disposal system aboard the Death Star is your only exit after rescuing Princess Leia. And it doesn't smell so good either. Just ask Han...

You've made it through the machinery, only to find that an alien beast has taken up residence in the trash compactor.

Death Star Hangar

Can you make it back to the Millennium Falcon? The labyrinth of the Death Star Hangar is protected by some amazing alien life-forms in the service of the Empire. The deadly spikes should be avoided at all costs.
**Millennium Falcon Gunner**

- **Press the Control Pad** to move the targeting cursor around the screen.
- **No action.**
- **Fires Millennium Falcon lasers.**
- **Pauses game. Press again to continue.**

Fleeing the Death Star aboard the Millennium Falcon, you’ll fight wave after wave of enemy TIE fighters seeking to block your escape to the Rebel Base at Yavin.

**X-wing Fighter Pilot**

From the Rebel Base your first assignment as a member of the Alliance is to join the attack on the Empire’s Death Star. You’ve been assigned to pilot an X-wing fighter. R2-D2 will regenerate a limited number of shields — if he’s with you.

- **Not used.**
- **Press the Control Pad** to move the targeting cursor around the screen.
- **Pauses game. Press again to continue.**
- **Fire X-wing lasers.**

The assault on the Empire has begun. Run the gauntlet of Empire defenders aboard your rebel X-wing. With R2-D2 you’ll find your chances of success are significantly improved.
X-wing Controls on the Death Star

Now your mission is in its final stage. Guide the X-wing down the treacherous trench and destroy the Death Star by blowing up the exhaust port and causing a nuclear chain reaction. Your X-wing is armed with unlimited laser torpedoes. Good luck. And may the Force be with you.

Appendix A: The Rebel Alliance

Your Characters:

Luke Skywalker. His plans to attend the academy and become a fighter pilot were changed forever by the Empire. You start out with Luke as your main character — with three lives and a small gun. The number of lives Luke has remaining is displayed in the upper right of your screen. You should use Luke more than any other character since he can build up extra lives — up to seven. When all your Lukes are gone the game is over.

Han Solo — veteran space pilot, sometime smuggler. Han pilots the Millennium Falcon. If you don't have Han in your party, Chewbacca will fly you instead. Han is a stronger character than Luke — but use him wisely since he has only one available life.

Luke Skywalker

Han Solo
**Princess Leia Organa.** If you rescue her from the Death Star cell block, you’ll find she’s a pretty handy character in certain situations. Like Han, you must use her sparingly, since she cannot collect extra lives.

**Obi-Wan Kenobi** — the last of the Jedi Knights. Old Ben Kenobi, as he’s known on Tatooine, will be a very valuable addition indeed to your party. He’s the key to getting the lightsaber, and to using the Force to bring Han and Leia back to life.

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**C-3PO** — a nervous but well-educated droid. What C-3PO lacks in a taste for adventure he more than makes up for with his encyclopedic knowledge.

**R2-D2** — We recommend you don’t leave Tatooine without him. R2-D2 can regenerate your shields on the X-wing. He’s also able to tap the Imperial Computer Network on the Death Star and show you layouts of the two hallways.
Appendix B: The Empire

A selection of your Enemies

Jawas - Mos Eisley Street
Banthas - Tatooine
Sandpeople - Tatooine caves
Flying Insectoids - Tatooine caves
Womp Rats - Tatooine caves
Giant Slugs - Tatooine caves
Bounty Hunters - Cantina
Boba Fett - Mos Eisley Street
Stormtroopers - everywhere
Various Droids - scattered throughout

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- Relocate the computer with respect to the receiver
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- Plug the computer into a different outlet so that computer and receiver are on different circuits.

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How to Identify and Resolve Radio-TV Interference Problems

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Read before using your NES

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