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CARTRIDGE FOR COMMODORE VIC-20

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**Object**

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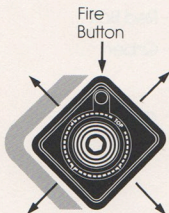
To score as many points as possible by changing the color of the cubes on the pyramid from a starting color to a destination color.

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**Setting the Console Controls**

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1. Place the cartridge firmly into the cartridge slot on the back of the unit.
2. Press the ON/OFF switch to ON.
3. On the bottom of the screen you'll see "1-Player Game." Press F3 to change to a 2-player game.
4. Select the level you want to play by pressing one of the buttons 1 through 9. If you skip this step you'll automatically start at Level 1.
5. To begin play press F1.



### **The Joystick Controllers**

Plug the joystick controller into the jack labelled "Control Port."

Turn the joystick to the right so that the four corners make a diamond shape with the fire button at the top.

The joystick moves in the four diagonal directions shown. These are the directions in which Q\*bert hops around the pyramid.

### **Playing**

You'll start the game with three Q\*berts. The first Q\*bert will appear on the topmost cube when the game starts. Remaining Q\*berts are shown to the left of the pyramid.

Try to hop Q\*bert onto every cube so he changes the entire pyramid to the destination color. The destination color indicator is on the left of the screen.

Be careful not to hop Q\*bert off the sides or off the bottom of the pyramid. If you do, he falls and you lose that Q\*bert. When this happens, the next Q\*bert will appear on the topmost cube.



Red Ball

Q\*bert

Coily

### Red Ball

When Red Ball starts rolling, get Q\*bert out of its path or it will squash him! If this happens, the next Q\*bert will appear on the cube where the last one was squashed.

### Purple Ball

Poses the same kind of danger as Red Ball, except that when Purple Ball reaches the bottom of the pyramid, it hatches Coily the snake!

### Coily

He's the snake with the perilous pounce! The only way to get rid of Coily is to lure him off the pyramid by hopping a flying disc.

Hop Q\*bert onto the exit cube. (There is only one correct exit cube for each flying disc.) Then, as soon as Coily approaches the exit cube, hop Q\*bert aboard the flying disc.

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### **Flying Discs**

When Q\*bert's in trouble, he can board a flying disc that will whisk him off to safety at the top of the pyramid. The number of discs and their placement to the sides of the pyramid will differ, depending on the level and round.

Just make sure Q\*bert boards the flying disc from the correct exit cube or else he'll fall off the pyramid.

### **Ugg**

Ugg appears on the lower portion of the pyramid and travels sideways and upwards, ready to jump on Q\*bert. If he does, the next Q\*bert will appear on the cube where the last one was jumped.

### **Slick**

Slick can't catch Q\*bert, but he changes the cubes' colors so Q\*bert's got to retrace his tracks. If Q\*bert stops him, however (by running into him), you'll earn bonus points.

### **Green Ball**

Green Ball can't catch Q\*bert either. But if Q\*bert catches Green Ball, all the characters except Q\*bert freeze for a moment, Q\*bert can continue to hop, and you'll earn bonus points.

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**End of Round**

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The round ends when you complete the pyramid. As long as you have a Q\*bert remaining, a new pyramid will appear with a new destination color.

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**Round Progression**

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As you progress from round to round, Q\*bert's speed, the speed of the other characters, and the frequency of the other characters' appearances will increase.

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**End of Game**

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The game ends when you run out of Q\*berts. To play the same game level press the Fire Button or F1. To choose a different game level press F3, then refer to SETTING THE CONSOLE CONTROLS.

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**Two-Player Games**

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In the two-player game, players alternate turns. Your turn ends when you lose a Q\*bert.

### **Scoring**

Q*bert changes cubes to destination color . . . . .	25 points
Q*bert changes cubes to intermediate color . . . . .	15 points
Q*bert catches Sam . . . . .	300 points
Q*bert catches Green Ball . . . . .	100 points
Q*bert lures Coily off pyramid . . . . .	500 points
Extra points for unused flying discs . . . . .	50 points for each disc
Bonus points . . . . .	1000 points for completing the first round; amount increases 250 points for each successive round, up to 5000 points
Bonus Q*berts . . . . .	One for the first 8000 points you score; thereafter, one every 14,000 points

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