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# Instruction Manual



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# Installing and Servicing Your

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# **New Game Package**

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1 Main Printed Circuit Board (PCB)

1 PCB Cage (FCC Required)

1 Set Legs, Bolts, & Spacers

1 Connecting Wire Harness

1 Eight-Way Joystick

**6** Player Button Assemblies

1 Marquee

1 Control Panel Overlay

1 Plex Control Cover

1 Set Side Graphics

1 Set Play Instructions & Function Labels

1 Service and Installation Manual

Note: Replacement accessories available through your exclusive Romstar distributor.

POWER REC	UIREMENTS	MONITOR REQUIREMENTS
+5 VDC	7 amp minimum	Vertical Mount Raster Scan
+12 VDC	1 amp minimum	Negative Composite Sync

# **Recommended Tools and Supplies**

ROMSTAR **new game** package.

Phillips and Slot Screwdrivers

Socket Set

Enthusiastic Attitude

Wire Cutters and Strippers

Pliers or Channel Locks

Planning and Careful Thought

Electric Drill

3/32" • 1/4" • 7/16" Drill Bits

1/4" Plex Bit

1-3/16" Chassis or Sheet Metal Punch

1 1/4" Plex Hole Saw

Glass of Water and a Snack

Small File

Razor Knife and Sharp Blades

Straight Edge

**Patience** 

Common Sense

Painting Supplies (if you do your own painting)

Paint Brush and Paint (don't forget

the primer)

Paint Roller and Pan

Sand Paper

Putty Knife and Wood Putty

A Good Night's Sleep

Staple Gun and Staples

Soldering Iron and 60/40 Resin Core

Solder

Vacuum Cleaner

Assorted Fastening Hardware

Shrink Tubing: 3/32" • 1/8" • 3/16"

Masking Tape

3 1/2" OR 4" Wire Ties

Spray Window Cleaner and Rags (baby diapers work GREATI)

# **Dip Switch Tables**

#### **Optimize Your Profits**

Thorough Research shows that two and a half minute games both satisfy players and also keep the quarters flowing.

If games aren't running about two and a half minutes long, then collections probably aren't at their peak. You'll want to tailor your game to your location. The trick is to adjust a few DIP switches. (See the chart in this book.) It's easy!

#### Dip-Switch Bank A

Adjustme	nt	Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Game Style	e	Table	off							
		Upright *	on							
Picture		Normal *		off						
		Invert		on						
Test Mode		Normal *			off					
		Test			on					
Attract So	unds	on *				off				
		off				on				
Coin 1	1Coin	1Credit *					off	off		
•	1Coin	2 Credit					on	off		
	2Coin	1 Credit					off	on		
	2 Coin	3 Credit					on	on		
Coin 2	1 Coin	1 Credit *							off	off
	1 Coin	2Credit							on	off
	2 Coin	1 Credit							off	on
	2 Coin	3 Credit							on	on

<sup>\* —</sup> Factory Setting

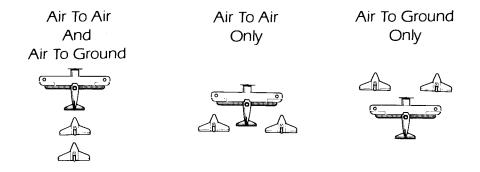
#### Dip-Switch Bank B

Adjustment	Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Difficulty									
Fe	w Enemies — Few Shots	off	off						
Ma	ny Enemies — Few Shots *	on	off						
Fe	w Enemies — Many Shots	off	on						
Mai	ny Enemies — Many Shots	on	on					Щ	•
Bonus	100,000/400,000			off	off			\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	)
200, 000/400, 000				on	off			=	)
300,000/400,000				off	on				
400,000/400,000				on	on			۲	•
Number of Planes 3						off	off	C	•
4						on	off		•
5						off	on		
	6					on	on		

<sup>\* —</sup> Factory Setting

# Game Operation TOKIO

- ‡ Hit Red Planes And Capture Them To Gain Fire Power.
- ‡ Press Both Fire And Formation Buttons **Together** To Launch Captured Planes As Powerful Missiles.
- ‡ Capture 2 Or More Red Planes And You Can Change Formations And Types Of Fire Power.



- ‡ Destroy Big Battleship By Hitting 3 Engines With **Air To Ground** Missiles.
- † Only 4 Extra Fishters Can Be Used At One Time
  —Others Are Stored For Future Use.



### **Installation Procedures**

#### Something To Think About

Your final product will be a new game.

You have made a wise decision to transform a game that has seen better days in the all important cash box into a **new game**. This is by far the most cost effective alternative to maximize the return of your initial investment. All you provide is the cabinet with a power supply and a monitor. Oh yes, you will need a touch of elbow grease. And that's it! We provide the rest. The end result is . . . a **new game** at a very low cost.

**Fact:** Spend a little time on the cabinet's appearance (i.e. marquee, control panel and cabinet graphics). With a little paint, some wood putty and new lights, you will raise the profits of any game. . .especially with the introduction of a **new game** package.

The **new game** look should always apply to the inside of your game as well as the outside. A few wire ties and shrink tubing on your harness; some fastening hardware on your subassemblies and a sweep with the ol' vacuum cleaner will ensure that unnecessary *glitches* do not occur.

Remember: You are creating a new game.

If you have any questions or just need some advice on any of your **new game** transformations, don't hesitate in giving a member of our technical staff a call.

# Let's Get Our Hands Dirty

#### Preparing the Original Game for the New Game

Remove the following:

- 1. Main logic board(s)
- 2. Control panel
- 3. Monitor plexiglass

- 4. Monitor Bezel
- 5. Marquee
- 6. Graphics

I would recommend painting your cabinet to give it a fresh new look. (If it is geographically inconvenient to make use of our facilities, you may consider having an auto body shop take care of your painting needs.)

If your cabinet has wood grain sides; remove old graphics and adhesive (adhesive may be removed with **lacquer** thinner.

If you intend to use your original plexiglass, be sure it is in mint condition or it should be replaced.

Thoroughly clean out your cabinet.

## **Time To Install Your New Goodies**

# Before You Start...Remember DO NOT Do This Work With The Power On!

#### Logic P.C.B. Cage

Mount the logic cage securely (away from power supply).

- A Mark and drill pilot holes (3/32").
- B Place the logic cage (bottom) over the holes and secure it with the supplied wood screws.
- C Install the P.C.B. into the logic cage. Use feet and spacers supplied and adjust them so that the screws will go through the slots int he cage bottom.

**Note:** Leave the cage cover off until you have attached the entire wire harness and have tested the game for proper operation.

#### **Wire Harness**

Attach the wire harness connector to the main logic board. **CAUTION:** Sometimes the connector is not keyed and it is very easy to install it reversed on the logic board. Even if it is keyed, always **triple check** to be sure the wire inputs were connected correctly to the connector and the connector to the logic board.

#### **Connecting the Wire Harness to the Existing Wires**

When you hook up the control panel, power supply, monitor or other subassemblies that remain in the game cabinet to your new wire harness, try and use their existing secondary connectors.

- 1. Cut the original wire approximately three inches from the original connector. Strip off about one half inch of insulation.
- 2. Solder the new wire designated for that position to the original wire you just stripped.

Warning: DO NOT JUST TIE THE WIRES TOGETHER. THIS CAN CAUSE NAGGING INTERMITTENT PROBLEMS THROUGH LOOSE CONNECTIONS OR OXIDATION OR BOTH. Always take the time to do it right.

- 3. Melt shrink tubing around all your in-line wire connections. Do not use electrical tape. Tape could unravel over a period of time due to the cabinet heat and cause you a great deal of trouble.
- 4. Use wire tie wraps, and secure the cable to the cabinet whenever it seems necessary. Remember this is a **new game**, not a sloppy conversion.

#### **Power Wires**

- Connect the wires that are designated for your power supply. You will need a supply of +5V, +12V & ground. Your **new game** package may not require all of the voltages that were used in the original game. Tie off any unused wires.
- 2. You will notice that you probably have more than one wire for each voltage. It is a good idea to use all wires supplied (double up if it is necessary). This will help to ensure that you don't overload the edge connector pins and cause them to "burn".

#### **Monitor Wires**

You will be connecting the wires designated for the RED, GREEN & BLUE video guns along with the SYNC & GROUND wires.

#### **NOTE...**CONCERNING SYNC:

Your **new game** only calls for one sync wire connection, this is called **composite sync** (horizontal and vertical tied together). This composite sync is also **negative**. Most monitors have supply positions for both negative and positive sync. You can check your monitor manual or call our technical department for assistance.

#### **Speaker Wires**

Find the two wires that are designated for the speaker and hook 'em on up.

#### **Coin Door Wires**

- 1. Connect the designated wires to the coin switches and meter.
- 2. You can connect your door lamps to the unused -5V power supply. Some games have separate power outputs for the coin door lamps.
- 3. Be sure to clean and lubricate your old coin mechanisms. Keep the money coming in.

#### **GUESS WHAT?**

You are almost done with the electrical connections of your **new game**. All you have left is the control panel wiring. But we are going to hold off on that for right now. We have a few other things we need to do first. So why don't you go ahead and get yourself a drink of water and stretch your legs. When you return, we can take a fresh look at your progress and then move forward.

### **Smoke Test**

#### What Test?

Don't worry. All this means is that you are ready to apply power to the system for the first time and you pray that there will be no smoke from a simple oversight. You are just about ready to power up the logic board. But first we need to recheck your work.

- 1. Carefully inspect the game for loose power wires, exposed connections and extra fastening hardware.
- 2. Make sure the logic board, board cage, monitor and power supply are securely fastened in place.
- 3. **Double check** the connectors to be sure they are wired and connected properly.
- 4. Set the dip switches on the logic board to the factory recommendations. (Refer to page 5.) Also, be sure you set the dip switches for "DEMO WITH SOUND". This will enable you to hear as well as see that your new P.C.B. is functional.

#### Time to Apply Power:

- 1. Look and smell for smoke. (TURN OFF IMMEDIATELY IF ANY IS NOTICED)
- 2. Listen for game sounds.

If after one minute you have not heard any sounds:

- A) Check for proper dip switch settings.
- B) Adjust volume control and check speaker connections.
- C) Check the +12V power supply to the logic board.

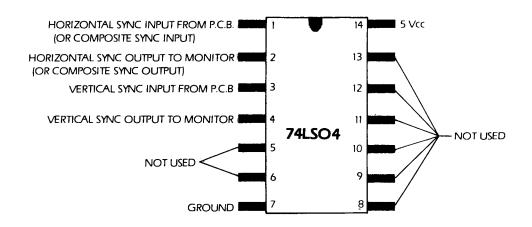
**NOTE:** If you do get sounds, but they are a little fuzzy, switch the wires around on the speaker.

3. How is the monitor image?

#### A) Is the picture in sync?

If your picture has the top and bottom halves of the screen reversed and it will not stop rolling, change your sync polarity on the monitor. (Positive to negative).

If your monitor does not have dual polarity positions for sync, then you will need to reverse the sync yourself by installing a simple one I.C. circuit between the logic board and the monitor. (The following illustration shows a hookup for both **composite** and **separate** syncs.



#### B) Now how's your picture?

- It it centered?
- Is it too bright or dim?
- Is it in focus?

Check your monitor manual for these adjustments. If your screen looks "off", then your **new game** transformation may have been in vain. So let's take the time to make the monitor look great.

#### C) Is the picture upside-down?

Dip switch 2 on switch bank A should solve your problems.

# **Control Panel Assembly**

- 1. Remove the buttons, joysticks and wire harness and put them aside fro now. Do not remove the original panel overlay until the new holes have been drilled.
- 2. Mark positions on the panel for the new holes.
  - **ROMSTAR** supplies a clear 1/8" thick piece of plexiglass with every **new game** package to cover the control panel. We feel that your **new game** investment is well worth protecting...and the control panel is the first place to show wear and tear.
  - You will need to cut this piece to size. Use the control panel as a template.
  - Use a razor knife to score the plexiglass **deeply**. Then use a pair of pliers to break away the extra plexiglass.
- 3. Now drill the holes in your panel that you have marked off for the *buttons*, *joystick* and *bolts*.
  - Hint: For best results, use a chassis or sheet metal punch for button holes.
- 4. Drill the same holes on your plexiglass panel protector. Once again use your panel as a template.
  - **Hint:** To avoid chipping while you are drilling the holes, place the plexiglass securely on a soft wood surface and use a plexiglass drill bit and hole cutter.
- 5. The holes are now all cut. Smooth them out on your panel and plexiglass with a fine toothed file.
- 6. Remove the original graphics overlay from the panel. Clean up the panel and install your **ROMSTAR** graphics.
  - **Make It Easier:** Peel the top half of the protective backing off of your graphics. Start from the center and smooth out your overlay. Make sure you have about an inch extra coming off the top. *No bubbles please.* Now peel off the bottom half and do the same as you did for the top.
- 7. Adhere the instruction and function labels.
- 8. Install the Plex Control Cover over your completed **new game** panel. **Note:** Be sure to bolt the plexiglass securely to the panel.
- 9. Mount the joystick and the buttons to the panel and wire them up. (Use the existing Panel wiring if possible)

# Marquee Installation

Using the original marquee as a template, Center your **new game** marquee graphics and score the new marquee deeply to fit the cabinet. Break off the excess with pliers.

**Be sure** the light behind the marquee works. Everything should **always work** on a new game.

Take your time ... Don't forget this is going to be a new game.

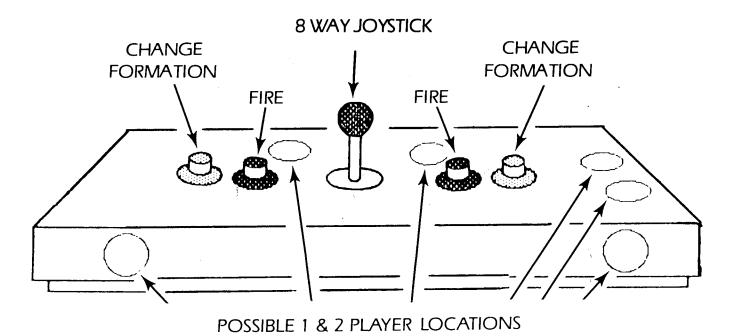
# Side Graphic Installation

- 1. Be sure sides of game are clean and free of old adhesive, dust, etc.
- 2. Mark position of decal with eraseable pen or pencil (centered on upper half of cabinet).
- 3. Peel off top 1/4 of decal backing and apply to cabinet with a smoothing motion (use a soft rag). Continue peeling off backing and smoothing.
- 4. Remove any small bubbles with a pin or razor blade (pop theml)

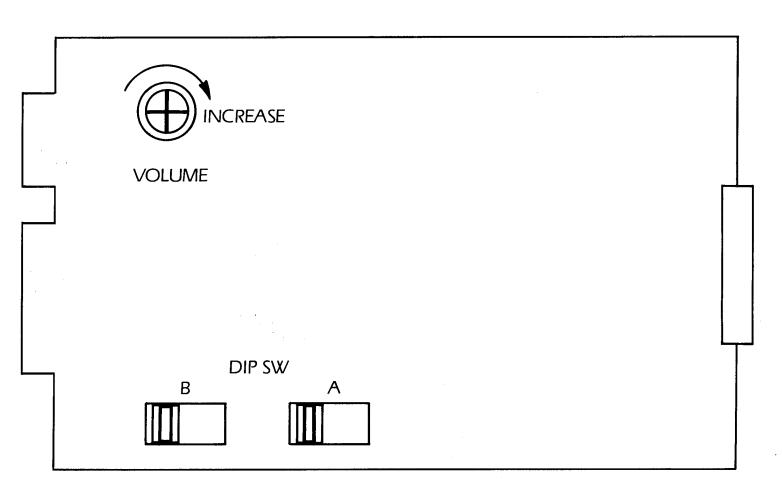
# **Finishing Touches**

- 1. Check the game inside and out for any imperfections. Secure any loose wiring or fastening hardware.
- 2. Make sure the coin door is tight and the coin mechs are well adjusted. A game is no good to anybody if you can't get a coin into it.
- Once again go over every step of this new game transformation in your mind.
   Be sure everything is correct and to your liking.
- 4. Power up the game.
  - A. Check all the coin switches. (Does the coin meter work?)
  - B. Play your new game.
  - Are all the player controls working?
  - Are the game sounds present?
  - Is the volume level proper?
  - Are the dip switches set properly?

Well, that's about it. Good Luck.



# **Control Panel Positions**



**PCB Layout** 

#### WARRANTY, REPAIR AND RETURN POLICY

- \*45 DAY FULL PARTS WARRANTY.
- 2. \*60 DAY FULL ELECTRONICS WARRANTY (SEE RMA BELOW).
- 3. MINIMUM \$40.00 SERVICE CHARGE FOR ALL NON-WARRANTY REPAIRS OR RETURNS.
- 4. **ANY** UNAUTHORIZED NON-FACTORY REPAIR OR ATTEMPTED REPAIR VOIDS WARRANTY.

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#### TOKIO WIRE HARNESS (G)

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WIRE COLOR	COMPONENT SIDE			SOLDER SIDE	WIRE COLOR			
Black	Ground	1	Α	Ground	Black			
Red	Video Red	2	В	Video Ground	Brown			
Green	Video Green	3	С	Video Blue	Blue			
Gray	Video Sync	4	D	Not Used				
White	Speaker (+)	5	Ε	Speaker (-)	Black			
	Post	6	. F	Post				
	N/U	7	Н	N/U				
Pink	Coin Switch	8	J	N/U				
Yellow	Coin Meter	9	К	N/U				
	N/U	10	L N/U					
Tan	Service	11	M	Slam Switch	Red			
Brown	1P Select	12	2	2P Select	Gray			
Green	1P Up	13	Ρ	2P Up	Green			
Blue	1P Down	14	R	2P Down	Blue			
Yellow	1P Right	15	S	2P Right	Yellow			
Violet	1P Left	16	T	2P Left	Violet			
	N/U	17	J	N/U				
	N/U	18	>	N/U				
	N/U	19	W	N/U				
	N/U	20	X	N/U				
Red	1P Fire	21	Υ	2P Fire	Red			
Orange	1P Formation	22	Ζ	2P Formation	Orange			

#### **TOKIO WIRE HARNESS (G)**

WIRE COLOR	COMPONENT SIDE			SOLDER SIDE	WIRE COLOR
Black	Ground	1	Α	Ground	Black
Black	Ground	2	В	Ground	Black
Black	Ground	3	C	Ground	Black
Black	Ground	4	D	Ground	Black
	N/U	5	Ε	N/U	
	N/U	6	F	N/U	
	POST	7	Н	POST	
	N/U	8	J	N/U	
	N/U	9	K	N/U	
	N/U	10	L	N/U	
	N/U	11	M	N/U	
	N/U	12	7	N/U	
	N/U	13	Р	N/U	
	N/U	14	R	N/U	
Red	+5VDC	15	S	+5VDC	Red
Red	+5VDC	16	Τ	+5VDC	Red
Red	+5VDC	17	U	+5VDC	Red
Red	+5VDC	18	V	+5VDC	Red

#### **TOKIO WIRE HARNESS (H)**

WIRE COLOR	CONNECTION	
Black	Ground	1
Black	Ground	2
Black	Ground	3
Black	Ground	4
Red	+5VDC	5
Red	+5VDC	6
Red	+5VDC	7
Blue	-5VDC	8
Yellow	+12VDC (unreg)	9
	Key	10
Yellow	+12VDC	11
Yellow	+12VDC	12

+12VDC (unreg) and +12VDC may be wired together.

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SUBJECT: "Tokio" Coin Switch Jumper

If you wish to use your "Tokio" conversion without a coin meter, a small wire jumper must be installed across the points of J7 located near IC 60 (the large brown SIP IC near the "G" connector)

METER HOOK-UP: Connect 1 lead of the meter to terminal 9 of the "G" connector and the other lead to terminal 9 (+12VDC) of the "H" connector.

The coin meter is activated by the voltage (0+6VDC) dropped from the +12VDC through a resistor.

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