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1. INTRODUCTION

I'm creating this FAQ for all those people who love to ask the same questions. I know a lot of people will use this FAQ and I'm glad to make this for you. This FAQ will list all the Upgrades found in Sonic Adventure 2, and detailed instructions how to get each item. Some of the older upgrades may not be listed yet, but I will get them as soon as I can. Even if it means I have to run through this game again! Maybe later I'll make a full FAQ for the game if anyone would like me to. This FAQ has been made for GameFAQs and brak2000.com See the Contact Me and Legal Stuff section if you would like this FAQ up on your site. This mini FAQ is dedicated to the Sonic Adventure 2 board at GameFAQs. May their great help and dedication to Sonic Adventure 2 always stay strong and help newbies in need! Now enough with the rambling and lets get on with the Upgrades!

2. VERSION

Here is a list of versions.

7/14/01 V1.8 - Quick correction about Rouge. The boots are not required to finish Mad Space.
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6/29/01 V1.6 - FAQ Completed! Will only update if there are any errors.
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IN ORDER OF STAGE

forgotten upgrades to <brak2000@hotmail.com>

/ Sonic

Location What's Needed? Upgrade What does it do? _____ | Magic Gloves | City Escape | Bounce/Flame | Pick up enemies _____ | Light Shoes | Metal Harbor | Nothing | Light Dash 1 _____ | Ancient Light | Green Forest | Nothing | Light Attack _____ | Bounce Bracelet | Pyramid Cave | Nothing | Lets you bounce _____ | Flame Ring | Crazy Gadget | Nothing | Destroy metal boxes | -----| Mystic Melody | Final Rush | Nothing | Rescue Chao _____

/ Tails \

Upgrade	Location	What's Needed?	What does it do?
Laser Blaster	Prison Lane	Bazooka	+ Firing Radius
Booster	Mission Street	Nothing	Allows Hovering
Mystic Melody	Hidden Base	Bazooka	Rescue Chao
Bazooka	Eternal Engine	Nothing	Destroy metal boxes

/ Knuckles $\$

What's Needed? What does it do? Upgrade Location _____ | Mystic Melody | Wild Canyon | Shovel Claw | Rescue Chao 1 _____ | Shovel Claw | Pumpkin Hill | Nothing | Allows digging _____ | Air Necklace | Aquatic Mine | Nothing | Infinite air _____

Hammer Gloves	Death Chamber	Nothing	Destroy metal boxes	I
Sunglasses	Meteor Herd		See hidden items	I
/ Shadow \				
Upgrade			What does it do?	
Flame Ring			Destroy metal boxes	_
			Light Speed Dash	
Ancient Light	Sky Rail	Nothing	Light Speed Attack	
Mystic Melody	Final Chase	Nothing	Rescue Chao	_
/ Dr. Eggman _				
Upgrade	Location		What does it do?	
			Upgrade Attack	-
			Rescue Chao	_
Jet Engine	Lost Colony	Nothing	Allows Hovering	_
		Nothing	Destroy metal boxes	_
Protective Armo		Jet Engine		
 Rouge \				
			What does it do?	
Mystic Melody	Dry Lagoon	Pick Nails	Rescue Chao	I
Pick Nails	Egg Quarters	Nothing	Allows digging	I
Treasure Scope			See Hidden Things	I
			Destroy metal boxes	

4. LOCATIONS

Here are descriptions of how to get each item in the game. I'll try to make them as descriptive as possible so I dont get as many emails asking. If a description isn't descriptive enough, email me at <brak2000@hotmail.com>. Then I'll have a chance to do my best and make the description easier to understand and so on.

UPGRADES IN LEVEL ORDER

Difficulty: Fairly Easy

How To Get: First of all, make sure you have the Bounce Bracelet AND the Flame Ring before you attempt to get this upgrade. Run through the level as you would in a normal run until you come to a part with 2 enemies shooting at you. Near them should be a staircase going down with a rail and an arch over it. Right before you go down that staircase, there should be 4 metal boxes imbedded in the ground. Do a bounce attack and located down in the ground should be the Magic Gloves and a spring. Grab the Magic Gloves and of course, use the spring to get out.

Item: Light Shoes
Location: Metal Harbor
Requirements: None
What It Does: Allows you to use the EXTREMELY useful Light Dash. The Light
 Dash (also seen in Sonic Adventure) allows you to dash through
 a line of rings to get over and avoid obstacles under. This is
 usually used to access shortcuts and occasionally used to
 continue on the normal path.
Difficulty: Extremely Easy - REQUIRED to finish level

How To Get: Continue through the level as normal until you come to a LONG string of rings and no other way across the water. Stop and go into the structure to see one of those things you grab and it raises you. I don't know what they are called. Anyways, at the top is a platform with the Light Shoes upgrade. Go down to the line of ring to test out your upgrade and continue on your way!

How To Get: Right before the second checkpoint, there should be 2 boosters that lead outside the enclosement. This should be a short distance after the open loop. Right before you leave, face the camera and you should see an enemy floating. Do a homing attack on the enemy, then do another homing attack on to the ledge across. The reason this is sort of tough is the horrible camera angle. Anyways, the ledge across should have a free life and the Ancient Light powerup.

Item: Bounce Bracelet Location: Pyramid Cave Requirements: None What It Does: Allows you to do the bounce attack and also allows you to bounce off the ground and gain momentum to get to high ledges. The bounce attack is another REQUIRED upgrade to complete the level. Difficulty: Extremely Easy - REQUIRED to finish level

How To Get: In my opinion, the easiest powerup on the game. Its located DIRECTLY on the path. Just proceed through the level and you most likely will spot it easily.

How To Get: Right after the second warp pipe type thing and what I believe is the third checkpoint, jump down the large step. You should be upside down when you are done with the warp pipe. Anyways, use the gravity switch straight in front of you to turn right side up. Go backwards a little bit and hit one of the two springs in the back of the room. The flame ring should be located behind some wooden boxes.

How To Get: The hardest upgrade to get for Sonic is the Mystic Melody. This is hard to explain, but I'll do the best I can. After the fifth checkpoint you should come to a large room with many splitting paths. After you take the long vertical grind, grind down the the next platform where it splits. Grind the left rail on this and you should get enough distance at the end to make it on the platform with the rocket. If you take the left path, watch as you go down for a platform at the left. Jump on it if you can and it'll lead you to the platform with the rocket. After a few tries, you should get it down easily. Take the rocket to a free guy, then continue along the path and eventually you will come to the Mystic Melody upgrade. Play the Mystic Melody at the shrine and take the warp to continue on with the level.

Item: Laser Blaster Location: Prison Lane Requirements: Bazooka What It Does: Increases the amount of space and firing radius Tails has. You can lock on to enemies with double the radius now. This is

B. Tails

another useful item when you are attempting for A ranks on the levels. Difficulty: Easy-Medium

How To Get: If you've been looking for this and not finding it, it's actually a pretty obvious upgrade. In the final room, make sure you do NOT touch the goal ring and look near the back of the room. You should see a metal door with boxes behind it. Shoot all the enemies in the room and the door should open. If it doesnt, make sure you have all the enemies near the ceiling. Jumping around while locking usually works. Once the door opens, proceed down the hall and shoot the 2 guards to open the final gate between you and the Bazooka.

How To Get: Proceed through Mission Street until you come to a large gap in the road you can't jump with a line of rings going across. Turn around, and you should see the powerup behind you. Be careful when getting it as the road will collapse, requiring you to fly after you pick it up. Fly over the large gap to continue on with the level.

How To Get: Walkthrough the level as you would normally until you come up to a very large "lower portion" of the level. This is right after you rise up by a crane type thing and shoot all the bomb throwing monkeys. From a distance, a graphic error makes it look as if an open passage is on the bottom. As you get closer you'll notice 4 metal boxes blocking the opening. Shoot these 4 boxes and jump the easy set of gaps to pick up the Mystic Melody. Once you grab it, play it at the shrine and use the crane to raise yourself on the path and to continue the level.

 Chao with. Difficulty: Easy-Medium - REQUIRED to finish level

How To Get: Continue through the level as normal until you come to a long bridge with a switch at the other end. Under the switch should be a locked door and a floating platform between you and the door. There are 2 ways to make it into the locked door that contains the Bazooka upgrade. First, you can walk across the bridge and hit the switch being careful not to blow up the path in front of you. If you accidently blow it up, you'll need to fall down to the large platform below. Near the back of this platform should be the switch. Hop onto the platform nearby to ascend back up to the now unlocked door to see an upgrade surrounded by a ring of rings.

C. Knuckles

How To Get: Make your way up the Thermal Lift type thing (thats just what I call it) and head to the left (or right, depending which way you are facing). Fly over to the lonely statue and way above his head is a picture. Dig through the Oval type shape in the center to find a secret room with Knuckles Mystic Melody. Use it on the shrine to create a warp that leads you back to the starting room.

How To Get: Look straight ahead from you and you will see the Shovel Claw. All you need to do is fly or walk across the ledge to get over to the "island" and pick up this simple upgrade.

Difficulty: Medium-Hard - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for final stage

How To Get: The first thing you need to do for this upgrade is getting the water level lowered. Walk straight forward at the beginning of the level, crawl up that central structure (water powered lift), and grab the crane lift to get up to the highest floor. Find the level 3 water switch and hit it to make life a little easier. Go down into the level again and look for a long pipe type structure with 2 caution signs plastered near the top of it. Go down the pipe and if you see a spring at the bottom, continue on. If theres only an opening and no spring, go to the other side of the level (should be kitty cornered) and drop down that one. Hop into a water and now is when the fun begins. As fast as you can, swim through the path. Soon you'll come to a small room with some wooden planks at the bottom. Quickly and carefully swim through them and swim through another pipe. Now quickly swim straight up and hope you dont run out of air. At the top is a small room with the air necklace.

How To Get: At the beginning of the level, use the hourglass to go through the door. Turn to your right in the hallway to see some crates. Break through them and located behind are the Hammer Gloves. You can now get through the 2 paths with metal crates in the main room and continue on with your hunting quest.

Item: Sunglasses

Location: Meteor Herd

Requirements: Hammer Gloves

- What It Does: Allows you to see hidden pictures and hidden items. Required to
 get most Hard Mode emblems (5th emblem for each Knuckles level)
 I recommened you pick up this upgrade right away considering it
 is fairly easy to get and comes very useful. Out of all of
 Knuckles upgrades, this one is the coolest.
 Difficulty: Medium REQUIRED for most Hard Mode emblems
- How To Get: There are actually 2 ways to get this upgrade. I would suggest using the way that seems easier for you. Straight in front of you is a circular type platform (located directly under where you fight Rouge in the next level) with 6 doors with red slashes on them. Use the nearby meteors by smashing them into the doors to find a metal box with a switch. The door you need has the meteor a fairly large distance away. You can either: A) Get a good start and smash that meteor as hard as you can into the door
 - OR you can
 - B) Softly tap one of the other meteors around and place it as well as you can in front of the door. Then you can smash it into the door.

Either way, once you open the door, break the box and hit the switch. This will remove the floor from the force-fielded walls in front of you. Fly up and over the force field walls and fall down into the newly opened area. On the bottom platform should be located the upgrade. Pop on the sunglasses by using the Y button to shuffle through your B list. Then hit B to put them on to see some hidden surprises nearby. D. Shadow _____ Item: Flame Ring Location: Radical Highway Requirements: Air Shoes What It Does: Since this is the same as Sonic's Flame Ring, I'll just copy and paste that definition here. Allows you to break metal boxes allowing you to find more hidden animals and coin boxes. This is a very useful upgrade. Difficulty: Easy-Medium - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED and may be REQUIRED How To Get: Near the beginning of the level, you should see a "staircase pyramid" type structure leading up to the highway. Hop up this making sure not to shoot the boxes. After walking a little ways you'll come up to a highway path you need to "turn" on. Instead of going the way the camera goes, go the other way. You should see a roller that you can spin under. After this should be a line of rings going to another highway. You should know what to do here, if not simply do a Light Dash across the way. Hit the spring on the path and hop into the circle to get the Flame Ring upgrade. Item: Air Shoes Location: White Jungle

What It Does: Allows you to use the EXTREMELY useful Light Dash. The Light
 Dash (also seen in Sonic Adventure) allows you to dash through
 a line of rings to get over and avoid obstacles under. This is
 usually used to access shortcuts and occasionally used to
 continue on the normal path.
Difficulty: Easy-Medium - REQUIRED to finish level

Requirements: None

How To Get: Go through the level as normal until you get to a long line of rings. Look around on the island you are on to find a wooden box. Open it up and fall down into the hole to land on a lower bit of the jungle mountain. Look around to see the Air Shoes. To get out of this area, spin under the wooden wall nearby and use the shoes for a light dash across the ring line.

How To Get: Not as hard as it seems. Proceed through the level as normal until you get to the first rocket. DO NOT take this rocket, but instead homing attack the enemy over to the ledge with the chao box. Walk over and break the chao box. Tiptoe over to the edge and get as close to the mountain as you can. A row of baddies should appear. Homing attack them and then homing attack the final one with the spring to get to the top of the mountain and the Ancient Light upgrade.

How To Get: Continue through the level as normal until you get to the part where you are continuously running up gravity pipes and jumping onto platforms with those annoying Chaos type guys attacking you. At the top of one of those you will be able to see in the distance another gravity pipe with an entire electric field around at one point. Jump at the pipe so you land above the electric field and then follow up the pipe for a platform and the Shadow's Mystic Melody upgrade.

E. Dr. Eggman

Difficulty: Easy

How To Get: Continue through the level as normal until you get to the 2nd checkpoint. In front of you should be a hallway blocked by metal boxes. Simply shoot the boxes out and continue through the "trashy" hallway to get this upgrade. See..that wasn't so hard now, was it?

How To Get: At the beginning of the level, hop onto the spinning platform

shortly in front of you. Wait on the end of it until it comes up to the platform on your left. Jump and hover over and walk down the short path to find the Mystic Melody at the end. Play it at the shrine to create a warp and continue on your way.

How To Get: When you get to the large room that appears to be a never ending circle and fairly dark, look around until you see a staircase made of the unbreakable metal boxes. It should be the only completed staircase that you can actually walk up in this level. This will allow you to hover to the other platforms and exit the room which is why it is required.

How To Get: Head past the large stock of enemies at the beginning of the level and keep an eye out on the left side for 3 doors. One should be open while the other two are closed with dynamite packs. Open the center door or the left one with dynamite in it to find the upgrade tucked away. Sometimes Sonic Team can be so sneaky!

How To Get: This is a fairly obvious one, but I will still explain it. After the second checkpoint, there will be a free fall coming up. As you fall, look for a platform with a rocket on the left side. Land on the platform and launch the rocket to blow up some "hidden" crates. Hover over to the hidden platform located directly below the other platform. It's tough to see but you'll need to try to land right between them. If you can manage that, you'll get this upgrade.

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How To Get: In the starting room, look around for a picture to crawl through. It should look like the ones you ran across in Egg Quarters and Knuckles' Death Chamber levels. Anyways, there should be 2 pictures in the room you start in. One is uncovered while the other is hidden behind some boxes way up on the top. Find the uncovered one which is a little bit lower than the covered one. Once you find it, crawl in and grab the Mystic Melody. Play it on the shrine to create a warp and continue on through the level.

How To Get: At the start of the level, go forward through the hallway while watching out for the beetle robot. When safe, continue through the next room with 2 robot enemies and through another hallway. When you get to the room with the rocket, set the rocket off and go through the wall it opens up. Located at the far end of the room is the upgrade. Please be careful as there is a trap in the center of the room waiting to crush you if you dont go around it.

Item: Treasure Scope
Location: Security Hall
Requirements: Iron Boots, Mystic Melody
What It Does: Allows you to see hidden pictures and hidden items. Required to
 get most Hard Mode emblems (5th emblem for each Knuckles level)
 I recommened you pick up this upgrade as soon as you get the
 Boots and the Melody, because it comes in handy.
Difficulty: Easy-Medium

How To Get: The first thing you'll need to do is get on the Yellow floor which I believe is floor B and the center floor. Anyways, run to the end nearest the beginning and you should see a Shrine. Obviously, play the Mystic Melody and a line of platforms will appear walk or jump across these into the door and continue to find the Treasure Scope. Put it on by cycling through your B list with the Y button and you will see a free life in the corner of the room you found it.

How To Get: This one is tough to explain, but I'll do the best I can. Here is a short walkthrough on getting it from beginning to end. At the beginning, go to one of the 3 connected platforms with the switch. The switch puts a rocket on a platform above. Climb up and use the rocket to get on a big green asteroid. Look around for a smaller asteroid (still rather large) that looks sort of like the moon. Fly down to it and look in the enclosement in the center of the asteroid to find the upgrade.

5. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q: I picked up an upgrade, but when I started my game later, I didn't have it. Why don't I have it anymore?
- A: You'll need to finish the level or finish some level so the game saves before you turn off the game or your upgrades will not save.

If you have any questions, please submit them to

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6. CONTRIBUTORS/THANKS

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Thanks a lot everyone! _____ 7. CONTACT ME _____ I'm online a lot and theres plenty ways to contact me! Website - www.brak2000.com Email - brak2000@hotmail.com MSN - brak2000@hotmail.com AIM - braktheman Yahoo - brak 2k ICQ - 52483244 When It Comes To EMAILING me I will Accept/Ignore the following I WILL Accept: Questions not covered in the FAQ Suggestions Email Saying my FAQ sucks/rocks (yes, I do also enjoy critique) Emails with good grammar and spelling (I accept crappy ones if I can read it) Emails asking to post my FAQ on their site I WILL NOT Accept: Questions covered in the FAQ Hate Mail Spam Mail Emails saying to respond if I would not like my FAQ on their site. That's just rude and an insult to anyone who writes FAQs! _____ 8. LEGAL STUFF _____ You know the deal. Please do not use this FAQ without my permission! If you email me with a request, I will usually say yes so PLEASE email me before posting this on your site or problems will occur! You may not sell this FAQ. It may be distributed as long as nothing is changed and it is not being sold in any shape, way, or form. I am in no way affiliated with Sonic Team or Sega. They get complete credit for making this wonderful game.

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