Cybernator FAQ/Walkthrough

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I honestly think I covered everything this time. Aside from covering every
single enemy in the game, as well as reproducing the manual and/or every last
bit of dialog from the game, I don't know of anything else left that I would
have to do on this guide. It's fun to be able to make a guide and say that
it is, as far as you can see, a complete piece of work. Maybe it isn't, maybe
I'll have to redo the whole blasted thing in the future...but as of right now,
there is nothing left for me to do that wouldn't be erroneous or a waste of
my time. Thanks for reading...I'm outta here!
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I:	Introduct	ion
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Welcome! I am Vegita, Guardian Of Destiny, and I see you want help for the Super Nintendo/Famicom game "Cybernator", made by Konami. Well, you've come to the right place, because I have played this game so many times I'm confident I could write this FAQ from memory. However, I won't (so I don't end up with hundreds of e-mails telling me how wrong I am), so you can have the most accurate information I can give!

First off, let's get one thing straight: Even though I am Vegita, I will try to write from an un-biased point of view (although I still think I'm the best at everything). Second of all, if I catch anyone copying all or part of this FAQ, ANY part of this FAQ (not counting little sentences like "First off, let's get one thing straight), I will destroy you. I will rip you limb from limb like the excessively weak individual you are, and then I will sue you for copyright infringement. Third of all, I do not own the rights to this game, the names of the characters in this game or FAQ, or have any ownership whatsoever of this game (except for the cartridge sitting in my room, that is). Those are the property of their respective owners.

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Hey folks, if you're going to write me about this game, I must insist that you put, in the subject header of the e-mail, the name of game that you are writing about. I am tired of having people write me, asking about games that I've written for, but they never tell me WHAT game they need help with. This will help me in identifying what game you are talking about, and will also help me weed your e-mails out from the Spam I constantly receive. If you do not put the name of the game in the Subject header, then I may not read your e-mail at all; I get a lot of spam, and people like trying to send me viruses, so if you don't do something that will actually help me in determining whether or not your e-mail is legitimate, you can only blame yourself.

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Note - for those of you whom are having trouble finding information on this game, try searching for it under its' original name: "Assault Suit Valken." I don't know much about the game past that, though...

Ok, folks, this is where you get to help me out - I have no idea what the actual plot of this game is! All I know is that you play the part of Jake, the Soldier drafted into the Pacific States' Marine Corp. Jake is the pilot of a Mech, a 3-Story Tall robot (rough estimate). The robot has a humanoid shape, with arms, legs, a torso, and a head. The mech is equipped with a variety of weapons (see Section V) and other accessories (see Section III), giving it full land and minor air capabilities.

Ok, onto the story of the game. There is a giant war going on around the Earth between warring governments over the last of the fossil fuels of the Earth. For some odd reason, these governments have the ability to go into space and create giant space stations and weapons of mass destruction, yet they are inable to create some sort of space-mining program. Oh well... Because of the war, Jake's group of Mechs is deployed on a variety of

missions. You control Jake in each mission, seeking to complete the mission objective(s). It is possible to fail these objectives, although I'm afraid I don't know what the outcome of losing these might be. Anyone want to help me out here?

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Cybernator

This is the part of the FAQ where I tell you about the basics of the game! Now, the title screen gives you 2 options: Start the game, and options. If you start the game, then (obviously) you're taken right to the game. But suppose you don't want to immediately go there? Well then, let's talk about the Option Screen, shall we?

_~A~	The	Option	Screen

You are given 3 selections on the Option Screen. They are:

- ~~Name Change: You delete letters with the B button and add new letters with the A button. When you are done, press start to return to the main Options Screen.
- ~~Sound Stereo/Monaural: Change the sound from Stereo to Mono (and vice versa) by pressing Left or Right on the Directional Pad.
- ~~Control Setting: There are 4 control settings, which you can alternate between by highlighting and pressing Left or Right on the Directional Pad. Sadly, you can't customize the controls, but with a little practice you can get used to the ones they have set up for you.

When you wish to return to the main screen, simply press the Start button. Now, on to the controls!

~B~ Controlling Your Character/Mech

Your Mech was designed to move like a human - it runs and jumps on its legs, and swings its arms to attack or defend (bringing the shield up). However, you shouldn't treat it as a human. Remember, you are a 3-Story Tall (rough estimate) robot! Some of your movements are incredibly sluggish, so keep in mind what is quick and easy to do, and what is not - and don't confuse the two, especially in a dire situation.

Now, as for the controls themselves...I will go off of the default setting in the Options screen, and then list the other 3 settings.

- A BUTTON
- Dash. When your Mech is on the ground (or whatever it is walking on), by pressing the A button you will propell yourself forward. Just like the shield, though, this cannot be used while in the air (or Zero gravity, unless you are locked onto the ground).
- B BUTTON
- Jump. Press this button, and your Mech jumps. Tap it lightly and you hop, press it harder and you jump higher. If you hold down the B button, your mech will use the jets installed on its back, and float upwards. If you are falling from a jump, you can use these to slow your decent

and make a more precise landing, glide to safer ground, or simply hover enough to take out any hostile enemies below.

X BUTTON

- Shield. Whenever your Mech is standing on ground and you press the X button, it will whip out a giant shield that covers the upper 2/3rds of its body. This will protect you from a lot of attacks, but stronger weaponry (large blasts, lasers, missile banks, etc) will still do minor damage. If you are hit below the shield, or in the back, then you will still take full damage. Also, you should remember that you cannot use any weapons while your shield is out, and you can't use it while flying (or in zero gravity, without locking onto ground).

Y BUTTON

- Fire Weapon. This is the button you will be using the most throughout the game. Simply put, you press it and your mech will fire whichever weapon is selected. Hold it down, and it will fire more (or constantly, depending on the weapon).

L BUTTON

- Hold. By pressing this button, your Mech will hold whatever angle the gun is at and continue to fire in it, regardless of which direction you happen to move. This is good when you are trying to take out stationary targets while dodging enemy fire.

R BUTTON

- Weapon Change. Press this button, and you change weapons. While not absolutely necessary (you can beat the game with just the Vulcan Cannon), sometimes a different gun will make a situation easier.

START BUTTON

- Pause Game/Map Screen. Whenever you press the start button, the game will pause and a small map of the surrounding area will pop up in the upper-right corner of the screen. Also, while your game is paused you can switch weapons (using the Weapon Change button).

SELECT BUTTON

- Nothing/Not Used.

UP/DOWN

DIRECTIONAL PAD - By pressing UP or DOWN, you can change the angle your arm cannon is aimed. Firing your weapon is rather...different in this game. Your mech has multiple angles it can fire at, which you can by pressing up or down. If you wish, when you are firing you can aim without having to let go of the Y button. This allows firing at up to 32 different angles of attack, which, combined with your maneuvering skills, allows you to really tear through the enemy!

LEFT/RIGHT

DIRECTIONAL PAD - By Pressing LEFT or RIGHT, you may move your Mech in the corresponding direction. This movement is used in conjunction with your Mech's flying/jumping abilities, allowing aerial movement as well. Also, you may use LEFT or RIGHT to travel in those paths while in Zero Gravity.

Now, at the option screen you can change the button configuration between the 4 defaults. The one I listed above are Default #1. Here are all 4, in an easy-to-read ASCII chart. Also, if you don't like looking things up in THAT order, there is a second chart below listing them by the moves themselves. Don't complain about filler or anything, it doesn't take up THAT much space and might very well be necessary for some poor bloke out there!

A	Dash	Hold	Dash	Shield	
В	Jump & Hover	Jump & Hover	Jump & Hover	Jump & Hover	
Χ	Weapon Change	Shield	Weapon Change	Weapon Change	
Y	Fire Weapon	Fire Weapon	Fire Weapon/Hold	Fire Weapon/Hold	
L	Hold	Dash	Shield	Dash	
R	Shield	Weapon Change	Hold	Hold	

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Weapon Change	X	R		X	X	
Dash	A	L		А	L	
Hold	L	А		R	R	
Shield	R	X		L	A	
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Note - The "Fire Weapon/Hold" command is a combination of the "Fire Weapon" and "Hold" commands. Since they are combined you cannot change your gun's angle while firing. I, personally, dislike these a lot, since it forces you to stop firing so you can readjust your targeting line, or simply makes you move more and fire less. I stick to Default 1, personally, since I have the greater freedom of control over my Mech. If I want to Hold my Firing in one direction, I have a button to do that for me without impeeding on my ability to shoot.

~C~ Other Things You Shoul	.d Know
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Here is where I list the other little tidbits of information that you should know!

- $\sim\sim$ When you are low on energy, Crea will call in and tell you that you are (in case you somehow didn't notice).
- ~~When you die, if you have any continues you can press start. The game will take you back to the last starting point of the game you were in, with however many powerups you had for each weapon.
- ~~When you get the Napalm gun, you HAVE to survive level 2 to keep it. If you die, then you lose the gun. Sorry. It sucks, I know, but there's nothin' you can do about it. Try not dying, that might help.
- ~~You can't use your Shield at the same time as a weapon, nor can you use it while flying. This goes with the dashing as well.
- ~~There is no aiming with the Punch, other than left and right. Don't try to aim up, you won't hit anything.
- ~~This game has 3 endings: 1 Good, 1 Bad, and the one you see when you die. In order to get the Good Ending you cannot fail any of your missions. Fail a mission and you will only see the "bad" ending. Although I'm not entirely sure, I believe the only missions you CAN fail are Missions 3 and 5. The reason I'm not entirely sure of this is because the messages given at the end of each mission seems a little open, almost as if there are hidden objectives in certain areas. If there are any, I'd LOVE to know about 'em. I guess that's more incentive to replay the game, eh?
- ~~Lost, or just want to see the layout of the level? Try looking at your Map! When you pause the game, this brings up a map of the close area, showing the landscape and your location.
- ~~Cheese is good. ::munch::

If you know anything else I should add in here, feel free to write me

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Here is the general walkthrough for the game. Please keep in mind that a step-by-step walkthrough for the game is hardly necessary, as you can almost-always just look at your map and see where you're headed. Due to the fact that there are multiple ways to meander through each stage, I will simply list any special places/items to keep in mind, and how to deal with the boss(s) of each stage.

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Jake's Monologue: "The job of Destroying the enemy battlecraft was assigned to our platoon. The plan was to use the Versis Battlecraft to force our way into the colony, and to destroy the ship's engine block. The plan was a difficult one and we knew that some of us would not return."

Overview: Waltz your way through this stage, destroying cannon embankments and grabbing powerups, until you work you way all the way to the right. Once there, you'll come across the Engine Bank.

Items - There are 5 Power Chips located in boxes around the area.

Hidden/Special Areas - None that I know of...

Other Notes - This stage is a cakewalk. The cannons take such a long time to actually shoot you that you can destroy them before the get off a single shot. If they do fire at you, simply dodge the blast or put up your shield. As for the other Mechs, punch the ones with shields (your fist ignores the shield and goes right through) and shoot down the ones without.

Walkthrough:

Opening Stages are usually simple tasks to deal with, and Cybernator's first round draft pick is no different than the norm. This place really doesn't even NEED a walkthrough, only a few points to worry about. Here are those points:

- 1) Learn to control your mech in a variety of situations. Tackle dashing and firing, dashing and firing, dashing and using your shield, using your shield on reflex, and alternating between shield-usage and attacking.
- 2) Blast everything. Hey, it's free points, and you practically have to LET your opponents hit you if you want to die. It's just that simple.
- 3) Hmm...do you go for the Napalm Gun, or instead opt for some points and powering up your weapons? There are enough chips to power up either of your weapons (the Vulcan Cannon and the Fist) to the 2nd level, while the Napalm Gun certainly is a nice weapon...
- 4) The boss is at the far Right of the Stage. If you get lost, use your map (not that you should end up lost in THIS stage).

----BOSS: Battlecraft Engine Bank----

Description: The Engine Bank is being raised into the Battlecraft by 2 guidewires on each side. For protection, 2 sentry guns fly on each side of it, blasting anything trying to harm it. Make quick work of the ship, before it has a brand-new engine!

Strategy: To successfully take this thing out, simply position yourself below it and fire away until both parts are destroyed. If the sentry guns present too much of a problem, shoot them down and return to blasting the Engine. Keep in mind, though, that these cannons DO come back after a period of time. Ultimately, though, these shouldn't present enough of a problem to stop you from achieving your goal.

~B~ Stage 2 - "Orbital Hideout"

Jake's Monologue: "Enemy manufacture of heavy artillery was very active. Ore mined from the moon was sent to satellite orbit to be processed. After destroying the enemy ship, we headed towards the sattelite orbit, rife with asteroids, to destroy their ore processing facilities."

Overview: Jake blasts through an Asteroid Field to gain access to an ore refinery plant. Upon arrival, he drops his Rocket Pack and takes up the fight in Zero G's, combatting his way to his battle with the Mobile Artillery.

Items

- There are 4 Power Chips, 1 Healing Chip, and 1 New Weapon in the boxes in this stage.

Hidden/Special Areas - None that I know of...

Other Notes

- The only real problems you will encounter in this stage are the stationary guns, which are hard to hit (due to the zero gravity fighting), and the Plasma Guns. Use the Hold button to lock your gun in one spot and take out the guns while maneuvering, and do whatever you can to stay out of the way of the Plasma Guns. I don't think they can be destroyed, so don't bother trying.

Another fun note - occasionally, one of the asteroids, floating mechs, or stationary guns will drop a Health Chip or Power Chip. This is VERY nice, considering you are just beginning to build up your weaponry and can use every last chip you can glom onto.

Walkthrough:

This stage starts off at a fairly high speed, sending you rocketing towards the ore processing facilities via a nearby asteroid belt. This section is played out like a Side-Scrolling Shooter, so select you Vulcan Cannon (or Napalm Gun, if you decided to get it) and blast away! Do be careful of the larger asteroids, though, as they cannot be blasted out of your way and can smash you to pieces if you're caught between them and the edge of the screen. This is instant death, and certainly won't improve your mood if you spent the time to get the Napalm Gun (which, frankly, I don't know why you WOULDN'T get it).

Upon reaching a certain distance point (whatever that may be), Jake disengages the Rocket Pack and go onward using your boosters and flight skills to traverse the null-gravity zone. There are plasma cannons hidden within the rocks, occasionally spewing forth Purple Death Rays at your mech; take care not to hit them. Also, be wary of the occasional asteroid, as a collision can still damage your craft, and the mines, which will activate themselves and

detonate when you enter their proximity. You'll probably be putting good use to the "Hold" button, as you'll want to shoot enemies while drifting around their projectiles. Keep a lookout for flak (and the occasional enemy robot), try to snag all the Chips you can without getting hurt too much, and you should do just fine. At the end of this area, the Mobile Artillery will attempt to put an end to your hard flight. Don't let him do that.

----BOSS: Mobile Artillery----

Suggested Weapon(s) - Any except the Punch. In other words, your UNsuggested weapon is the Punch!

Description: The Mobile Artillery isn't REALLY mobile - it just sits there, causing asteroids to fly about (some with cannons mounted on them). Look out for flying missiles, laser fire, debris...if you're not careful, you could get bashed and blasted to death!

Strategy: This boss is actually a lot easier if you don't worry so much about the ship itself, and concentrate your efforts on the asteroids themselves. Position yourself on the rock formation below the ship, just to the left of the ridge, and aim upwards. When a meteor is moving towards you, target it and destroy it before it gets a chance to do so. If you have the opportunity, use your shield to block the incoming shots from the asteroid-mounted cannons. Occasionally one of the destroyed Asteroids will leave a Health or Power Chip; if you feel it is worth the risk, go after it!

~C~ Stage 3 - "Raid on Arc Nova"

Jake's Monologue: "The strategic plan to attack the Arc Nova, the power nucleus of the enemy organization, has begun. Arc Nova was a fortress created by a meteor strike, and if we didn't get control of it, safety along the route between the Earth and the Moon could be guaranteed. Our plan was to gain control of Arc Nova and open up the 'Lunar Route'."

Overview: Find your way into the Arc Nova, then proceed through the belly of the beast, destroying whatever you can. Finally, stop its descent into Earth.

Items - Outside the Arc Nova: 3 Power Chips

Inside the Arc Nova: 6 Power Chips, 3 Healing Chips.

Hidden/Special Areas - This stage is full of side-areas. The more notable

ones are the missile compartments and the side-passage during the long drop (during the explosions withing the

ship).

Other Notes - This stage is a bit of a long haul, and seems daunting

at a first glance. Just remember to take out the homing mines as best as you can, shoot down the men with guns, and nab those healing chips whenever you can. Not to sound like a worrywart, but you might just

need them!

Walkthrough:

The quickest route to entry of the Arc Nova is to immediately drop down, taking out enemies and cannons while using your shield to deflect any incoming projectiles (including homing lasers, which can be a pain to simply avoid). There are enemy Mechs gunning for you as well as cannons attached to the Nova, both of which you should take out as quickly as feasible. The most irritating of the outdoor-opponents are the Homing-Laser turrets, which pop up

and down out of the Nova (and in and out of safety). The trick to dealing with these pests is to block the first shot of their laser with your shield, then immediately start firing. You don't have to block the entire laser, as only the first hit does damage.

Upon entering the fortress, you'll most likely find yourself using your Vulcan Cannon more than anything else due to its larger spread of fire. Yeah, the Napalm Gun is nice, but if you're having trouble hitting the mines that continue to explode into you, it's better to take a slightly weaker gun that CAN get the job done. The humans an their little guns are a pain to bullseye with the Napalm as well and the Fist doesn't connect low enough to be effective; thus, the Vulcan Cannon seems to be the best bet in here. Aim at a Down-Forward angle while walking and you should take them out before they even get a shot.

Soon after your entrance, you'll find yourself in "The Laser Room", a room that contains 2 rotund machines that generate large beams of energy, circle around the perimeter of the room, then do it again. The quickest way to exit this area is to use your most powerful weapon and simply blast one, hop over them as they move, then continue your fire on the same pod. After one blows up, the others' laser blows a hole in the lower half of the screen, allowing you to trek further into the 'Nova. The following area should be taken slowly (no need to rush) as you drop Humans and Floating Mines before they can harm you. I would suggest moving to the Upper-Left Portion of the area, jumping from Platform to Platform, so that you can grab the Chips up there. If you immediately drop down to the 2nd level, the screen will not scroll back up and you won't be able to capitalize on the chips' appearance. On the 2nd level, far right, you will find the Bridge of the Ship, where an enemy General will give the order to crash the Nova into Earth shortly before exiting the screen. Pick up the Health Icon on the floor, then turn and start moving towards the Southern Regions of the ship.

Deeper, you will see large bays with missiles flitting by. Considering the fact that it IS a quicker route, you can blast the safety doors above the missiles and travel along the firing shafts, ducking into the alcoves whenever an oversized death-rocket shoots past. Don't forget to nab the Chips in the boxes, too! After exiting the Tubes and moving to the far Left, you will find a sharp drop; jump and land far left, on the small platform, then immediately jump and float into the opening on the Right. Inside this hallway, you will not have to deal with the exploding jets of flame, and can pick up some power-ups as well. The hall exits next to the door to the Bay, where you will see the General loading himself into an oversized robot of his own. Follow him outside and prepare for a boss fight.

----BOSS: Arc Nova's Main Engines/General Granbia's Mech----

Suggested Weapon(s) - Any

Description: The boss for this stage is really 2 enemies in one. You have to take out the 4 Main Engines that are propelling the Arc Nova towards the Earth, but the real pain is the presense of the General Granbia in his Mech. He flies about, firing off a massive "arm" which rams you, doing substantial damage. If you manage to destroy the arm, he will manually fly his mech into you! Finally, flying into the exhaust of the engines themselves can damage you. Remember, you have to destroy those engines in under 2 minutes, or else you're done for!

Strategy: There really isn't much to say in terms of how to beat these guys. If you want to, you can simply ignore Granbia and take out the engines, completing your mission. However, if you are low on life and feel you need to

get him out of the way, I suggest you try to stay a little above or below him and fire at an angle. When he tries to position himself for another attack, move out of the way and lambaste him with whatever weapon you've got (missiles are nice and napalm is better, but your vulcan can do just fine). Remember, though, that you have a deadline, so don't cut it close! If you're down to your last minute, you'd better concentrate on those engines!

_~D~ Stage 4 - "Atmosphere Entry"

Jake's Monologue: "Because the battle with Granbia draged out for so long, I was forced to enter the atmosphere. Either I'll be trapped in the Versis Battlecraft, or this ship, and me along with it, will be destroyed. The long ten seconds to death begin now..."

Overview: As you quickly reenter the atmosphere, enemy mechs will take hot pursuit in your destruction. Blow up these enemies, nabbing powerups all the while (don't bother with the White guy, though, as he can't be harmed). After landing down on the Versis, duke it out with Genmark, a rival Mech pilot and recurring villain (1st appearance).

Items

- Power Chips are left behind by every Mech you manage to trash while reentering the atmosphere (aside from Genmark). Yay! Kill kill kill!

Hidden/Special Areas - None.

Other Notes

- This stage is a cakewalk! Switch to either missiles or your Napalm Gun (napalm, preferably) and trash as many guys as you can, building up your weaponry. If you're really good, you can net 10-12 Power Chips before you touch down on the Versis.

Walkthrough:

Uh...what walkthrough? You drop through the sky, fighting enemies, then touch down on the ground, watch some of your friends fly off (only to get killed, ::sniff::), then you fight Genmark. This doesn't need a Walkthrough! Heck, it doesn't even need helpful notes like the First Stage did!

----BOSS: Genmark----

Suggested Weapon(s) - Any.

Description: He's a rival Mech that likes to fly around and shoot large blasts at you. Because he is like you, he can walk on the ground, or take to the air and dodge your shots.

Strategy: Truth be told, Genmark is a wuss. Simply wait for him to aid his friend (whom you saved during the descent by NOT outright killing), and then blast him with whatever you've got. It doesn't take much to outlast him, but if you're not careful he CAN ace you. Since he likes to fly about the screen, trying to strafe the ground in an attempt to hit you, my preferred weapon in this bout are missiles (provided I have any left). Fire off as many as you can, then switch to your Vulcan or Napalm and blow him out off the sky.

_~E~ Stage 5 - "Twilight Persuit" ______

Jake's Monologue: "After the destruction of Arc Nova, the enemy has launched shutter after shuttle of troops to suppliment its weaken military forces in

space. The ground troups of the Federated States Army, fast becoming the strongest force on Earth, put all their effort in blocking the launch of the shuttles."

Overview: Travel through No-Man's Land to reach the enemy complex, then work your way through the twisting complex to the Shuttle.

Items

- 1 New Weapon, 5 Power Up Chips, and 2 Health Chips can be found in this area.

Hidden/Special Areas - The only hidden thing I can think of is the second Health Chip. After beating the Mini-boss, travel down and to the left of the area you fought him in. You will double back to the right and come to a wall. While you are walking to the right, fire on the wall. If all goes well, you should see a box fall from the sky into the next area. This is a Health Chip!

Other Notes

- None, really. For the 2 lower areas where you have to hover to reach a Power Chip, don't forget to dash before jumping - you'll get that much more distance out of it.

Walkthrough:

This stage starts off much akin to Stage 2's introductory phase - you zip through the skies of Earth, between giant Anti-Aircraft blasts, while smaller Missile-Ships target you. Take them out until you descend further towards the ground, then get ready to practically take on an army as you maneuver towards the Structures in the distance. My suggestion would be to Dash along, punching anything that moves. Just short of the structure is a Box, inside being the glorious Laser Weapon. Pick it up, equip it, and promptly begin collecting chips for it. It's so good a weapon, you'll want to IMMEDIATELY power it up.

The complex contain a variety of enemies, though not quite the sheer number of them that was out on the open field. Be careful as you move along, though, as the Guns on top of the structures can seriously tear up your mech. Shoot them from below and continue throughout the winding areas. If you wish, you can blow up the large brownish-containers by concentrating your guns on them. I don't remember any of them giving any Chips, but it's still fun to shoot out your enemy's foothold (for those that are standing on them). One key location, that often gets novices killed, is an area located at the bottom of the buildings. You will notice a platform below one of the larger paths, containing a lone box. I do not believe it is possible (at ALL) to fly to this platform from the Left, which is what most will do upon seeing it. No, you should move along the upper path, then backtrack to it from the Right. It is a shorter distance to jump/fly, and is infinitely better than floating halfway, realizing you can't make it, then trying to fly back and falling off of the screen (dying in the process). That's not fun, so make sure you don't play the fool.

After a short walk through the structures, the music will change and a large scaffolding walkway will extend. Above you, soon to drop upon your head, is the:

----BOSS #1: VERY Large Mobile Attack Unit----

Suggested Weapon(s) - Any.

Strategy: This boss is big, bad, and bulky. He slowly walks out, shooting lasers and dropping bombs all over the place. When he finally hits the ground, he'll walk around, trying to shoot you (while continuing to drop

bombs).

Description: Switch to whatever weapon you want to use (even the Punch is effective here) and stand directly on him, firing. When he tries to move, move with him. The only time you should move away from him is if you're about to get nailed with a bomb. He CAN shoot you if you stand a little off-kilter with him, but he won't do nearly enough damage for it to matter.

After destroying this pesk, pick up a Health Icon and (see "Hidden Areas" above) and press onward. You'll deal with a few more enemies, a couple more items, and enter a hangar. Inside, you'll find an Enemy Shuttle. Before you can react, however, it takes off, forcing Jake to don his Rocket Pack and go skyward in chase.

----BOSS #2: Enemy Shuttlecraft----

Suggested Weapon(s) - Laser, Napalm Gun.

Description: This boss is a VERY challenging one, quite possibly the worst of the game. The shuttle comes equipped with 2 mounted cannons, one on near the bottom and one near the top, that fire on you very frequently and track your movements. As if that isn't bad enough, the shuttle also has flying mechs (such as yourself) giving it armed escort! A pair of these mongrels show at a time, filling the air with a bevy of gunfire.

Strategy: The best way to take care of this guy is to first take out the mounted cannons on the shuttle, then do your best to dodge the gunfire from the other mechs while firing on the shuttle itself. To safely take down the cannons, use either your laser to take them out from a distance, or move in closer and use a different gun for more damage. The only problem with this strategy is that you need to constantly move to avoid the Turrets and the Mechs' shots. Here is where you should use the "Hold" button religiously. The ship itself has 5 points you need to destroy to ground it - 2 on each engine and the top of the shuttle. Remember that the flying mechs are just as fast as you and can aim just as well, so be careful! If they get too frustrating, drop one of 'em. They DO come back, though, so whatever damage you can while they're gone!

Jake's Monologue: "While the enemy's military was weakened, the Federated States Army put into action its final strategy to take control of the enemy capital, 'Operation Soldier Soul'. While battling divisions closed in on the enemy capital from all directions, Versis headed for the enemy anti-aircraft military base located halfway up the Alps."

Overview: Blaze across the snowfields to make your way into the cavern where the anti-aircraft guns are located. Once inside, work your way along the twisting paths until you find the guns, then travel outside and destroy them!

Items - 6 Power Chips and 5 Health Chips are located throughout the cave.

Hidden/Special Areas - The caves are ripe with various "Off the beaten path" areas, which usually have at least one Power Chip or Health Chip in them.

Other Notes

- In the caves, you can only use 3 weapons - the Vulcan Cannon, Missiles, and the Napalm Gun. Where ever you point your gun, that is where your light shines. Be careful you don't fall off the bottom of the screen, because this is instant death! Finally...aren't those bunnies cute? Aww....

Walkthrough:

The "Skiing" section is yet another shooter-like situation; however, this one puts you on the ground, blitzing across the snow, allowing you to jump and hover instead of using a full Vertical freedom of movement. When you see large puffs of snow shooting up, you'll know that something is about to pop up and attack, so get your weapons ready for a quick fight! After passing enough slope beneath your treads, you will (as usual) automatically drop the Rocket Pack and proceed on foot up the snowy precipice, entering the cave.

The cave has its moments, it really does. Your entryway is immediately met by a boss, in fact:

----BOSS #1: Drill Machine----

Suggested Weapon(s) - Vulcan Cannon, Napalm Gun.

Description: This machine appears out of the ground nearby where you are, slowly moving around. Simply touching it will cause damage to you, and it's long enough to trap you in a corner and severely hurt or kill you!

Strategy: How do you take out this boss safely? The only vulnerable part of this boss is the head of the drill, so you have to wait until it is in a position to shoot. Wait in one area until you see the ground moving where it is coming up, then rush away and fire like mad at the protruding head. If you're lucky, you'll either reflect your shots (Vulcan) back into it, or simply do enough damage to destroy it (mostly likely done with the Napalm Gun). The main problem, though, is that this villain will usually catch you with its movements, shaving your life off relatively easily. If you get caught, it could very well be Game Over for you.

Once the Drilling Machine is left to rust, you may continue your trek. In general, the higher-up in the cave you are, the safer. Sure, there are a lot of nooks and crannies to be explored, but there are also dark pits to fall into, causing immediate death. Look out for hopping robots that shoot you, as well as the powerful mines. This somewhat-linear path eventually puts you in the path of another drilling machine, this one impervious to your whims of destruction. Dash down the corridor in front of it, and when you reach the end float up onto the above platform. It will explode, leaving you to finish out the area in relative safety. Make sure you look before you leap, as those mines are still ready to burn the paint off of your mech, until you reach a conveyor belt. What's on the belt? Why, it's a series of large guns, pointed towards the sky! Oh no, the conveyor belt is moving these guns outside of the cave, where they can use their powerful blasts to take down ships! You'd better do something about that!

----BOSS #2: Anti-Aircraft Cannons/Electro-Magnetic Ship----

Suggested Weapon(s) - Laser, Missiles, Napalm Gun.

Description: There are 6 cannons constantly firing upwards, and shortly after

you enter the area the Electro-Magnetic Ship will arise from the ground. It generally floats around, dropping charges that damage you, but occasionally it will fly right into you, draining you of life. If you jump, it will force you into the path of one of the Anti-Aircraft guns, pretty much doing enough damage to kill you outright. They ARE designed to take out ships much larger than yours, you know, so why even test that theory? Don't jump!

Strategy: This is like the Arc Nova fight in the sense that you don't HAVE to worry about that other ship, you can just take out the multiple targets and be done with it. Odds are, however, that this ship will be much more of a nuisance, so you'd best take him out first. Switch to Missiles or your Napalm gun and blast it until it is destroyed. Take care when dodging the charges it drops, so you don't end up getting fried by something else (anti-aircraft gunfire, for example). When taking out the cannons themselves, use either your Napalm Gun or your Laser to inflict heavy damage on them - the Laser strikes it at multiple points, doing a lot of damage very quickly, while the Napalm Gun simply does MASSIVE damage wherever it hits. The Anti-Aircraft knows this, though, and likes to make a point of ramming you with its nose until you jump out of the way - and into the path of one of the guns. This is easily avoided, however, if you ignore him first and destroy the guns...so you had best get on that, Sparky!

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Jake's Monologue: "After joining the other platoons, we were ordered to take the National Assembly building at the center of the enemy capital. This is where this meaningless war will end... The soldiers' hopes are growing steadily. After this final battle, we will have peace again."

Overview: Travel along the streets of the enemy capital, fighting off the hordes of enemies thrown at you. Once inside the capital, face off with Gunmark again, then escape from the building into the final hangar, where you will do battle with Gunmark one final time - this time against the enemy military's biggest and baddest mech!

Items - None.

Hidden/Special Areas - None.

Other Notes - This stage is full of enemies, and there is no easy way

to traverse it. I've found that the quickest way to deal with the enemies is to fly above the streets with your laser pointed downward, blazing across anything that happens in your path. If an enemy drops a Power

or Health chip, nab it!

Walkthrough:

I don't really know what to say about this stage that's specific, really. There are 2 ways you can handle the mess o' enemies before you

- Fly above them, constantly moving right while razing the ground with whatever gun you pick (I liked my Level 3 Laser for its constant firing),
- 2) Walk along (don't dash, you'll rush into something), alternating between shielding attacks and returning a little death with your firepower.

I, personally, like the finesse of #1, but more often than not #2 is the way I survive this stage. Hey, it's up to you. Upon reaching the end of the first are, you'll enter a large building. Guess who's inside? Go on, take a gander...

----BOSS #1: Gunmark Returns----

Suggested Weapon(s) - Vulcan Cannon, Napalm Gun.

Description: Gunmark returns in a new Mech, and this one has 2 helper-drones accompanying his usual cannon. He can fly just like you, he can fire just like you, and he's a pain just like you! Add those 2 drones firing on you as well, and you've got a recipe for danger!

Strategy: If you want an easier time beating Gunmark, simply take out the 2 drones, then fly around and shoot at him with whatever gun you choose. Because he's moving so much, using the Laser isn't suggested - it's too hard to get a continuous beam on him to do any good amount of damage. Use the Vulcan Cannon (since it reflects) or the Napalm Gun (the all-purpose destruction weapon) to take him out, and move on to the evacuation sequence.

The Evacuation sequence is another fast scroller, depicting your mech as it homes in on the enemy's last position. However, there are lots of walls that irritatingly appear in front of you, forcing you to frequently train your sights on the path ahead instead of the enemies around. Here's hoping you have enough live to survive this scrape and make it to the end, where you face off against the:

----BOSS #2: Evacuation Drone----

Suggested Weapon(s) - Any.

Description: During the last portion of the Evacuation sequence, a Floating Robot will fly through, spewing lasers in your general direction. These lasers can do some serious damage, so take care when fighting this adversary!

Strategy: How should you go about dropping this guy? Stand directly on him and fire with any of your weapons. When he moves, move with him - because you are directly on him, he can't get a lock with his lasers, and will constantly be trying to move. Just keep up the damage until he's done! After blowing its circuitry, you'll move into the final hanger and face off against:

----BOSS #3: Gunmark's Revenge----

Suggested Weapon(s) - Vulcan Cannon, Laser, Napalm Gun.

Description: This is it, the final battle. Gunmark is now piloting a HUGE mech, with several damaging parts: the roving arm fires multiple shots out and can ram you; the mounted gunbank near the legs shoots 4 large blasts at you; the gun at the torso region tracks you and fires blasts; the head fires tracking blasts AND a really, really big laser at you. Finally, by flying into the wake of its exhaust (that huge glowing thing at the bottom of the screen), you'll take a lot of damage. You've gotta destroy it all in order to beat the game, so good luck!

Strategy: Immediately after taking out the Evacuation Drone, switch to your laser. As soon as you walk into the final area, start firing your laser - you'll start off doing tons of damage to the Arm-Cannon. When it takes off, fly a little lower and blast away at the mounted cannon near the legs. When it fires, move in a counter-clockwise motion to avoid the blasts, then return to firing. After taking that out, blast the legs off. You'll find that the "Hold" button is now a Godsend, especially when using the Laser.

Now for the tricker parts...fly up a bit and lure the arm down until you have a clear shot at it, then destroy it. Now the only way it can harm you is by firing on you - don't get caught in front of it when it stops moving! Now, use whatever gun you want to take out the Plasma-Shot Cannon, stopping to dodge the Arm-Cannon and blasts it's firing off at you. Once that's taken care of, you have to drop the head. You can only harm the head when it raises up - and, coincedently, when the head raises up it uses its ultrapowerful laser! Wait for it to fire the laser at you, then move up and fire on it. Look out for the Plasma Shots it fires at you, and return fire. With a little practice, you'll be able to outlast the beast and beat the game!

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Here is where I talk about the weapons of the game, the upgrades they get, where you get 'em, and how they are useful. All righty, let's rock and roll!

First off, let me talk about the Powering up of each weapon. Throughout the game, you will come across Flashing chips with the letters "P" or "H" on them. The "P" (which stands for "Power") Chips will charge up your weapon one one point. Each weapon has a number next to it - gain that number in Power Chips and your weapon gets upgraded to the next level. Every weapon (except the Napalm Gun) has 3 levels, each more powerful and useful than the previous one. Power up your weapons as quickly as possible, so you will stand a better chance against the enemy forces!

Your Mech (the Assault Suit Valken, as per the original Japanese title) starts off the game equipped with naught but the Level 1 Vulcan Cannon an his Fist (both, of course, at their weakest levels). As you progress, you can find/earn the remaining 3 weapons. Make sure you do; they'll make the trek through enemy territory infinitely easier.

_~A~ Vulcan Cannon

Where do you get it - You start the game with it.

Upgrade to level 2 - 4 Power Chips Required

Upgrade to level 3 - 8 Power Chips Required

Energy Bar Usage - Infinite Rounds with Reloading. Each round takes a small portion of the Energy Bar, and when the bar is depleted there is a small pause as you reload.

Level 1 Style - Small shot, fair amount of damage.

Level 2 Style - Larger shot, does more damage, reflects off of walls

and/or floors.

Level 3 Style - Largest shot, does more damage, reflects even longer.

The Vulcan Cannon is your basic weapon. It has infinite ammo, each shot depleting the charge bar slightly. When the bar is completely depleted (say that 5 times fast: "Completely Depleted"), there is some downtime while you reload. After that, it's another full clip of destruction!

The way the Vulcan Cannon works is simple - you fire, and the bullets spread out into a 3-level shot. The level 1 cannon is weak, but rather quick. Each bullet fired is roughly the size of a man's head, and moves across the screen in under a second. Level 2 has larger bullets that ricochet off of the ground and walls, so now you can bank shots into your enemies! Level 3 has your bullets grow even larger, do more damage, and ricochet even further. The level 3 Vulcan Bullet is roughly as large as a man! This is a great all-purpose weapon, which you can use in any situation. Besides...would YOU like to get shot by a shell as big as you are?

~B~ Punch (The Big, Bad Fist)

Where do you get it - You start the game with it.

Upgrade to level 2 - 5 Power Chips Required.

Upgrade to level 3 - 6 Power Chips Required.

Energy Bar Usage - Each Punch depletes the bar, which immediately begins recharging back to maximum. You can continue to

punch, but each attack will only do as much damage as the Energy Bar has been able to recharge.

Level 1 Style - Mech punches, throwing out a small spark.

Level 2 Style - Mech punches, throwing out a larger spark for added

range and damage.

Level 3 Style - Mech punches, throwing out a very large spark for tons

of damage and decent range.

The Punch is a basic, no-ammunition weapon. Your mech throws out its oversized fist, sending an electrical spark (as well as the fist itself) out, doing quite a nice amount of damage. However, its short range limits its practical uses, so don't think you can use this as a quick replacement for your Vulcan Cannon. You can't just punch over and over and get the same amount of damage, either - the longer you let the Punch recharge, the more damage it will do and the greater distance the spark will cover (on the higher levels).

The Punch, while having a shorter range and no aiming ability, makes up for this downfall with tons of damage per hit. If you've got the guts to get in close and slug it out, you'll be surprised just how many scrapes you'll end up surviving. The Level 1 Punch does decent damage, but has poor range on the accompanying Spark. The Level 2 Punch has added damage and range allowing you to peg things 1/4-1/3 the distance of the screen. The Spark around the fist also grows in size, giving you moderately more vertical aim. The Level 3 Punch does a ton of damage, the spark covering 1/2 the screen length, changing this melee-esque weapon into a formidable mid-range tool as well.

~C~ Missiles

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Where do you get it - Stage 2, in a box on top of an astroid.

Upgrade to level 2 - 5 Power Chips Required.

Upgrade to level 3 - 6 Power Chips Required.

Energy Bar Style $\,$ - You have a set number of clips for your missiles. When

you run out of numbers, you run out of missiles.

Level 1 Style - Missiles fly in whatever direction you aim them in.

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Level 2 Style - Missiles home in on a target, doing even better damage.

Level 3 Style - Missiles will lock onto a target, doing more damage and

tracking better than before.

The Missile is a high-damage weapon that rivals that of the Napalm Gun and the Punch. However, you have a set number of missiles to work with, and once

they're gone there's no recharging (unless you die). Every time you fire a missile, it takes down the charge bar a little. Once it's empty, you're out. You can aim with the missiles just like you can with the other 4 guns.

The missile is your last-ditch weapon. It does a lot of damage, but unlike the other guns in the game you have a limit to how many you get to use. Therefore, you are forced to spend your ammo wisely - you can't just tear through a level with them, as you'll run out very quickly. The nice thing about the missiles, other than the damage, is the fact that when you've built them up to level 2 or 3 they home in on enemies. It's not 100% effective, but you can pretty much fire and forget once you're at level 3!

~D~ The Laser

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Where do you get it - Stage 5, in a box on the ground before you reach the complex.

Upgrade to level 2 - 3 Power Chips Required.
Upgrade to level 3 - 6 Power Chips Required.

Energy Bar Usage - Continually drains the bar while in usage. Once it hits empty, your laser recharges for a brief moment before starting up again.

Level 1 Style - Tiny laser, continual damage, low power.

Level 2 Style - Medium laser, more continual damage, moderate power.

Level 3 Style - Large laser, does the most continual damage (better than average).

The Laser is simple - where ever you point and fire, a continuous beam of light is shot out. This beam will stop at walls or objects, but pass right through enemies, continually doing damage. It has a quick recharge rate, and the larger levels do a lot more damage and cover a lot more space, making it one of the best weapons in the game (if not THE best).

The Laser is a weapon I suggest you power up as soon as you get it. It starts out weak, to be sure - but once it's built up, you can take out multiple enemies with a single beam! Because it is undaunted by enemies, you can just fire right through them, through the next enemy, and scorch several annoyances at once! The level 1 Laser is roughly as big as your arm cannon itself, and does weak damage. The level 2 is significantly wider, and does average damage. The level 3 laser is as big as your shield and does better-than-average damage. Don't forget, though, that once you've got that enemy in your laser, they're taking damage very quickly!

~E~ The Napalm Gun

Where do you get it - See Codes Section.

Upgrade to level 2 - N/A.
Upgrade to level 3 - N/A.

Energy Bar Usage - Infinite Rounds, each taking a percentage of the charge bar. The bar is constantly recharging after each shot (up to 7 shots on a full bar without recharging).

Level 1 Style - Explosive blast, best damage in the game.

Level 2 Style - N/A. Level 3 Style - N/A.

The Napalm Gun is the strongest gun in the game, bar none. When fired in a gravity-controlled environment, the blast will travel a certain distance until

crashing into the ground. If you aim it upwards, it will arc up, then come right back down to Earth. It is hard to gauge just where you are aiming because of the fire trails left behind, but for the damage it does, this weapon is EASILY the best in the game.

With the Napalm gun, this game is a cakewalk. Seriously. After you get it, you can take out each of the Arc Nova's Engines with just 3 shots. It takes around 3 CLIPS of the Level 2 Vulcan Cannon to do that damage! The damage this baby does is nuts! Because it drains the charge bar a lot quicker than the other guns, you won't be able to go ballistic for long with this without having to let it recharge. However, this IS a gun you can just walk around with and feel secure. It recharges fast enough that after nearly any melee, you'll be ready for another fight with a full tank. It only has the 1 level, so don't bother picking up and Power Chips with it - you'll only be wasting them.

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~A~ Codes_____

Well, I only know of 2 codes for this game, and one of 'em isn't really a code, it is just an in-game trick! If anyone else knows any codes for this game (no counting Game Genie, Gameshark, Pro Action Replay, etc), please e-mail me at VegitaBOD@aol.com. I do NOT accept Game Genie/Gameshark/PAR codes, simply because they are not naturally in the game. I only accept REAL codes, folks.

Well, here the codes I know of:

- 1) At the title screen, where it says "Start Game" and "Options", highlight "Options" and Hold L and R. Now(while still holding L & R), press and hold up so that the cursor moves to "Start Game". While still holding all 3 buttons, press start. Now, instead of just 3 credits to get through the game with, you have 6! Yay, more continues!
- 2) When playing through stage 1, don't attack a single thing. The trick here is, get all the way to the boss without gaining any points at all (sorry, this means no powerups either). The boss has 2 parts, each worth 1400 points. If you manage to blow up just the boss and absolutely nothing else (completing the stage with just 2800 points), then when you begin Stage 2 you will have a new weapon the coveted Napalm Gun!

~B~ Revision History _____

03-15-01 (Midnight): Started writing this FAQ (including the playing through the game to get certain information, such as boss strategies and item locations).

03-15-01 (2:30 A.M.): Finished writing this FAQ.

03-15-01 (3:30 A.M.): Finished the minor spelling errors and such. All I have to do is finish the "Jake's Monologue" sections, and

I'll be completely done! Darn it, I can't write as fast

as that screen scrolls, and I don't exactly feel like playing through this game 5 times in a row just for some words! I'll do it tomorrow, when I finally wake up... 05-16-01: Minor revisions and continuity corrections. Nothing major, it just looks better and is easier to read now. 04-21-02: Yeah, it's been a while, but hopefully I won't have to reformat this FAQ again. By the way, this update consisted of me...reformatting the FAQ. I got off of work Early today. In honor of it, I added 04-23-02: some specific "Walkthrough" sections to each stage, as well as made a couple of snide remarks to some friends and added some points about the Endings. Ok, so only 2 of those have to do with this guide...so what? Oh I also (FINALLY) finished off the "Narration" sections, so now you don't have to wonder what [Section Missing] means! 03-13-03: Format revisions!

~C~ Thanks

~CJayC (CJayC@gamefaqs.com, www.gamefaqs.com) for putting this FAQ up.

- ~Al Amaloo (www.gamewinners.com) for being such a cool guy, and having a great site.
- ~Vertsk8pro@hotmail.com for giving me a heart attack with your childish "I stole your FAQ and sold it with my name on it" antics. Because of that, I now do dozens of things to make sure people don't steal my work. If they do, I know exactly what to look for to see if they took MY work or not.
- ~Uh...I can't exactly thank God for the role he's taken in my life, because that would seem like I'm trying to force my religious opinions on someone else (which I'm not). Therefore, I'd like to thank "Murray" for the role he's taken in my life (Murray, you know who you are).

~D~ NO THANKS

For the love of God, read the FAQ, folks! If anyone writes me asking how to get past certain areas, or where certain weapons are, or ways to beat bosses, I will simply refer you back to this FAQ. I have already covered all that I think is necessary, so there if you can't find your answer here then maybe it's time for you to do some thinking of your own, ok?

Also, I hate gold-diggers. I hate, hate, HATE people who say "Uh, you can do this easier if you do this. Give me credit for it." If you are kind about it and I don't actually have that information in my FAQ, THEN you get your name in it. Otherwise, I will refuse to, simply you were bossy about it. Do NOT send me 5 e-mails complaining that I didn't add you. Tough crap, you're not gettin' in for 1 measly piece of information that really isn't important! That's like submitting one single trick for one single character in Marvel vs. Capcom 2, then saying "List me 'cause I came up with it."

If you write me asking for help with the game, I'll send you a link to my FAQ. If you ask for specific help, I'll try to aid you. However, if you ask me about something that is already covered in the FAQ, I will simply refer you to

the FAQ again. I wrote the FAQ so that your questions would be answered here, not so I could repeat that FAQ bit by bit through e-mail for the next few years. If you need clarification about something in the FAQ, ask about it... but don't ask me to repeat anything.

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