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PROJECT GOTHAM RACING® 3



⚠ WARNING

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- Use a smaller television screen.
- Play in a well-lit room.
- Do not play when you are drowsy or fatigued.

If you or any of your relatives have a history of seizures or epilepsy, consult a doctor before playing.

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YOUR GOAL

Life Begins at 170

If you're ready for the ride of your life, you've come to the right place. Welcome to *Project Gotham Racing® 3*, home of more than 75 of the world's fastest, most expensive, and most desirable cars.

Your Goal

Your goal in *PGR® 3* is simple: achieve the Number One Driver ranking, which identifies you as the most skilled of *PGR 3* players. Your Gotham Career rank and your Xbox Live® TrueSkill™ rating are the ultimate measures of your driving ability.

Race in Gotham Career mode to increase your rank. To improve your Xbox Live TrueSkill rating, race against others in Online Career mode with Xbox Live. For more information, see page 18.

Kudos and Credits

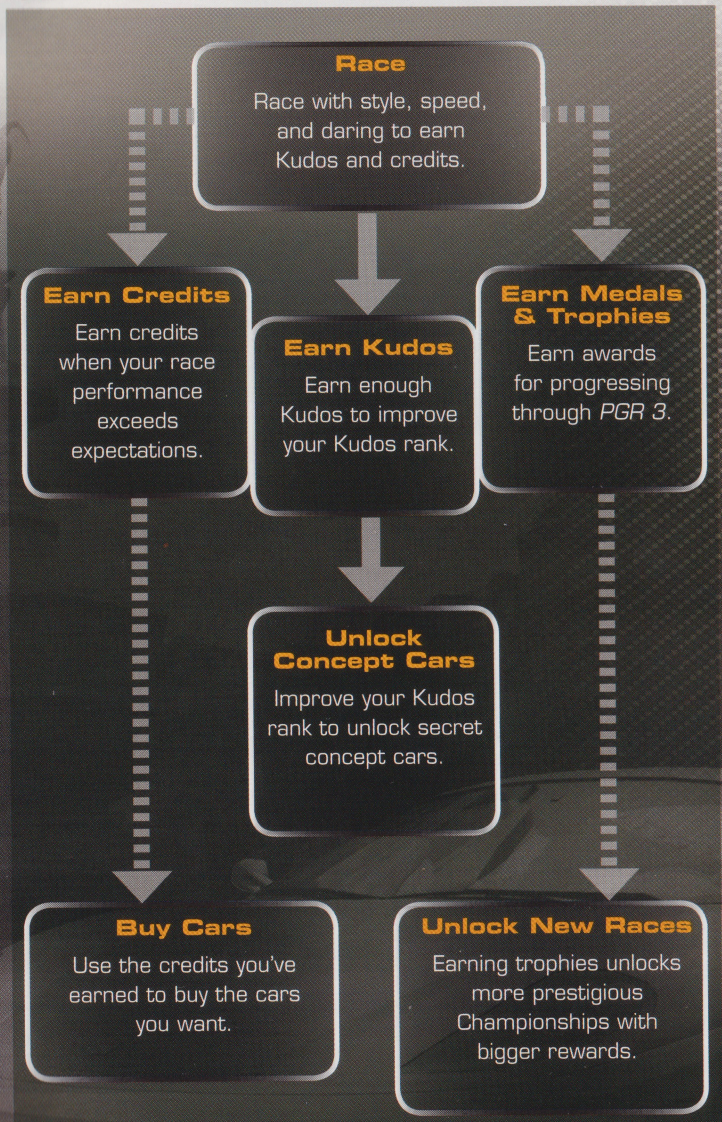
The Kudos system, which rewards you for driving with fearless style, remains the heart and soul of *PGR 3*. For more information on the Kudos system, see page 8.

When your race performance exceeds expectations, you earn credits, as well as Kudos, at the end of the race. You can use the credits you're awarded to purchase new cars that can be used for both Single Player and online play.

If You Build It...

With the Route Creator, you can build your own custom routes through any of the cities featured in *PGR 3* and then race against your friends using System Link or over Xbox Live. For more information, see page 24.

RANKING UP



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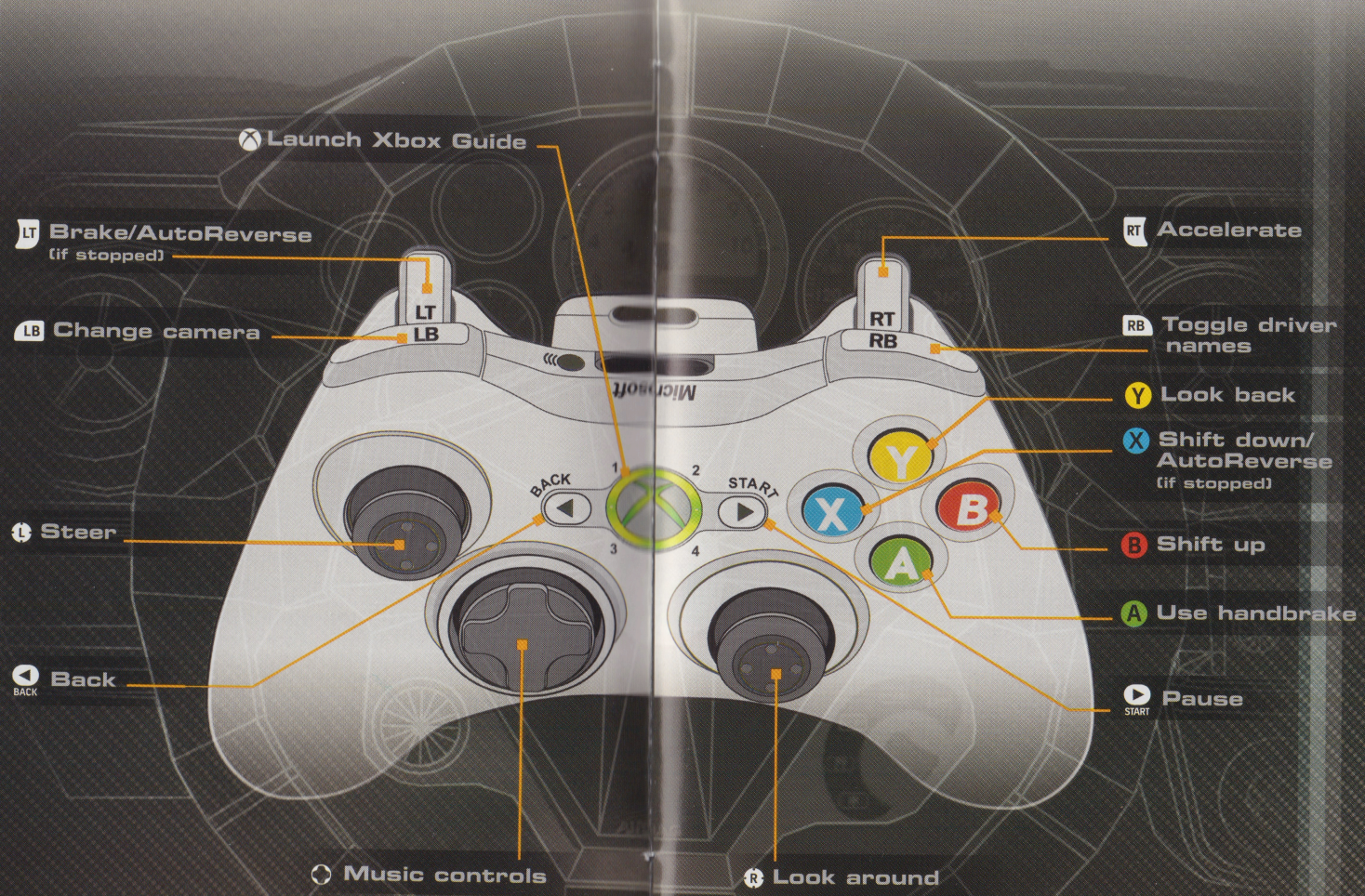

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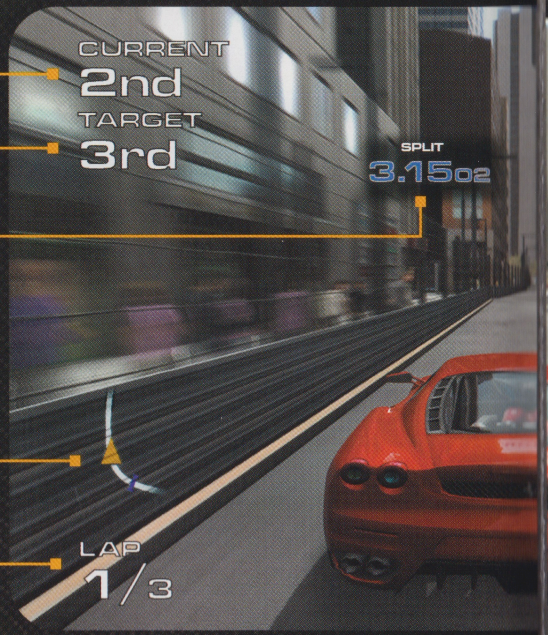

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Goal

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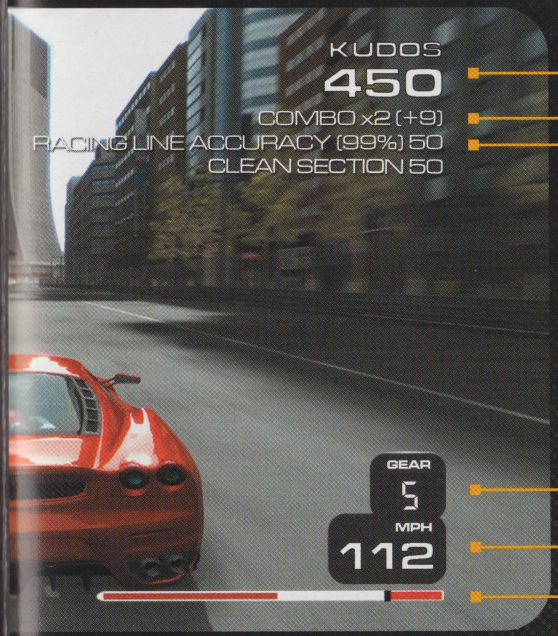
Circuit map

Lap counter

GAME SCREEN



Kudos Bank
(see page 8)

Combo Bonus

Kudos Stash

Current gear

Speed

Rev line

EARNING KUDOS & CREDITS

Kudos measure the style, speed, skill, and daring you demonstrate when racing.

How Do You Earn Kudos?

When you perform a stylish maneuver during a race, you earn a certain number of Kudos that are added to your Kudos Stash. After about two seconds, the Stash moves into your Kudos Bank. However, if you pull off another maneuver before your Stash moves to the Bank, you can earn a Combo Bonus. The more moves you can string together before your Stash moves to your Bank, the more Kudos you earn for your Combo Bonus.

There's just one catch—if you collide with an object before the Stash moves to your Bank, you will lose any Combo Bonus you might have been building. If you don't have a Combo Bonus, you'll lose your Stash.

Maximizing Your Kudos

In *PGR 3*, the more you challenge yourself, the more Kudos you can earn. For example, if you overtake an opponent while competing in a Steel medal event, you'll earn some Kudos, but you'll earn more if you execute the same maneuver while competing in a Platinum medal event.

What Do You Do with Kudos?

When you earn a certain number of Kudos, your Kudos rank increases. Your Kudos rank is like your report card—it's how you prove your worth to all of the other racers out there.

Each time your rank increases, you earn credits that can be used to purchase cars. You also unlock concept cars as you progress through the *PGR 3* ranks. For more information about earning credits, see page 11.

EARNING KUDOS & CREDITS

Xbox Live Kudos

You earn Kudos when racing on Xbox Live in exactly the same way you do in Single Player racing.

Maximizing Your Xbox Live Kudos

Obviously, racing with style and coming in first are going to earn you Kudos. But if you really want to rack up Ks, you should race against more opponents, race against cars that are better than yours, race against players with higher Xbox Live Kudos rankings, and finish with a faster time than your opponents.

Xbox 360 Achievements

In addition to Kudos, Xbox 360™ Achievements give you another way to track and recognize your progress in playing *PGR 3*.

You earn Xbox 360 Achievement badges when you reach key milestones, such as earning all Platinum medals while using manual transmission or buying every Lamborghini in the game.

You can view both the available Xbox 360 Achievement badges and the ones you've earned by choosing **Achievements** from the **Main Menu**, and then choosing **Xbox 360 Achievements**.

You can also earn Badges of Honor when playing *PGR 3*. For more information, see page 11.



Earning Style Kudos

360	Quickly spin around in a complete circle.
Air	Get all four wheels off the ground.
Clean Section	Drive cleanly through a designated section.
Cone Gate	Drive cleanly between two cones.
Overtake	Pass an opponent.
Overtake (Draft)	Draft behind a car, and then slingshot past it.
Race Line	Maintain optimal speed when cornering by starting wide and cutting the inside edge of your turn.
E-Brake Slide	Brake as you enter the corner, and then use the handbrake at the apex to break traction on the rear tires.
Braking Power Over	Come into a corner at very high speed, and then step off the gas and turn sharply while braking.
Feint Drift	Turn gently out of the corner as you approach, and then turn sharply into the corner using the car's inertia to push the tires sideways across the track.
Braking Drift	Come into the corner too fast, and then apply the brake to transfer weight off of the rear tires. Apply power and countersteer to maintain the slide.
Braking Feint	Turn gently out of the corner as you approach, and then turn sharply and brake heavily to initiate a drift.
Power Feint	Turn gently out of the corner as you approach, and then turn sharply and apply a lot of power.
Two Wheels	Get two wheels off the ground.
Combo Bonus	Link moves together before your Kudos Stash moves to your Kudos Bank.
Top Speed	Be the fastest player in a Multiplayer event, and receive a Kudos bonus at the end of the race.

Earning Credits

In addition to earning Kudos to move up in rank, you also earn credits that you can use to buy cars. The only restriction on which cars you can buy is the number of credits required, and the credits required to buy some of the vehicles featured in *PGR 3* run into six and even seven figures.

You receive credits when you complete an event. The number of credits you receive depends on the difficulty level you chose before racing. The more difficult the level, the more credits you receive.

Keep in mind that credits are cumulative. You can complete the same event numerous times and earn more credits each time you complete it. And, you can earn credits for completing both Single Player and online events.

Earning Badges of Honor

New to *PGR 3*, Badges of Honor are awarded to recognize key milestones in your racing career. You can check out your Badge status by choosing **Achievements** from the **Main Menu**, and then choosing **Badges**.

You can earn Badges of Honor in three different categories—Race Craft, Career, and Online.

Race Craft Badges

Race Craft Badges of Honor are awarded when you complete major milestones, such as 10 back-to-back victories or your first really long powerslide.

Career Badges

Career Badges of Honor are awarded to recognize your success in progressing through Gotham Career mode. You'll earn a Career Badge, for example, when you earn all Bronze or all Platinum medals in Gotham Career mode.

Online Badges

Online Badges of Honor are awarded to recognize key milestones in your Xbox Live racing career. You'll earn an Online Badge, for example, when you earn a certain number of Kudos online or when you've been on a winning streak.

GHOSTS & LEADERBOARDS

Ghosts

A Ghost, which is a replay of a previous race or Kudos event, appears as a semi-transparent image of a car that races at the same time you do. Your car can pass through the Ghost image without crashing.

PGR 3 automatically saves a Ghost of your best performance in each event, and you can always load the Ghost to race against it and challenge yourself to new heights.

Why would you use a Ghost? Race against your friends' Ghosts to learn how they drove and which car they used to set a fast lap and get the most Kudos. Then, upload your Ghost to show them who's the better driver.

With Xbox Live, you can always race a Ghost of the world's best performance for any event in Online Career mode.

Leaderboards

The Leaderboards keep track of Kudos earned both in Gotham Career mode and on Xbox Live. If you are connected to Xbox Live, you can check the Leaderboards before each race to see the top players' results (and where you rank, if you've previously completed that event).

After a race, the Leaderboards are updated automatically, so you can see how you compare to the top drivers. If you finish in the top 10, your Ghost will be automatically uploaded to the Xbox Live Leaderboards.

DRIVING VIEWS

PGR 3 features five different driving views. To switch among the views while driving, press the left and right bumpers on your Xbox 360 controller.

Chase Far and Chase Near Views

Chase Far is the default driving view in *PGR 3*. Both Chase Far and Chase Near views are helpful for beginners, because you can see how your car is responding to your driving. For example, is your tail sliding out when you take a turn quickly?

On-Car High and On-Car Low Views

On-Car High and On-Car Low are the preferred views of hardcore *PGR 3* racers. In these views, your car isn't visible, but your tachometer, speedometer, and current gear indicator are displayed on the HUD.

Dash View

As its name implies, Dash view, which is new to *PGR 3*, gives you a through-the-windshield view of the track ahead, along with a view of your car's interior and dashboard, including your gloved hands on the wheel.



GOTHAM TV

With a live news ticker and multiple channels broadcasting the hottest Xbox Live race action, Gotham TV keeps you in the know on all the record-breaking performances, white-knuckle races, and other newsworthy events going on in *PGR 3*.

The News Ticker

When you are signed in to Xbox Live, the Gotham TV news-ticker service displays a live feed of all the latest news from the *PGR 3* world. Using filters that are tuned to find the race news you care about, the news ticker will keep you apprised of your Friends' performances and alert you when Gotham Heroes, the best of the best, are competing in online races.

GOTHAM TV LIVE

GOTHAM TV

Heroes Channel

The Heroes Channel broadcasts live races featuring the world's best *PGR 3* players competing in ranked Xbox Live racing events.

Players who are showcased on the Heroes Channel are considered to be among the most elite *PGR 3* competitors on a global scale.

When watching race events on Gotham TV, you can swap between the drivers who are competing by pressing ◌.

Friends Channel

The Friends Channel helps you keep track of the human players you've identified as Friends on Xbox Live.

Select this channel to open the Xbox Guide Friends list, where you can find out what your Friends are doing online.

And, if there's a free slot in the event in which your Friends are competing, you can jump in as a spectator and view all the race action on Gotham TV. Your name will also appear in the game's lobby when the current event is complete.

Your Saved Replays/Your Saved Photos

As their names imply, these channels are the central warehouses for all of the replays you've saved and photos you've taken while playing *PGR 3*.



Gotham Career is the main Single Player mode in *PGR 3*. It is made up of 23 Championship Series events. Each Championship Series is made up of individual events in locations that span the globe. Complete the unlocked events to open up more events in the same Championship Series. Complete all of the events in a single Championship Series to unlock the next one.

Timed Events

PGR 3 features four timed events in which you race solo against the clock in your quest for victory.

Hot Lap

Race a single lap from a rolling start with the goal of completing the lap within the specified target lap time.

Timed Run

Complete the race before time runs out.

Breakthrough

Race through a series of checkpoints, and cross the finish line before time runs out. Each time you clear a checkpoint, time is added to the clock.

Time vs. Kudos

Complete a circuit before time runs out. Earning Kudos stops the clock and buys you more time to get to the finish line.

Racing Events

PGR 3 includes three classic racing modes where you'll battle it out against AI opponents.

Street Race

Race against multiple opponents while trying to achieve the target position. The target position differs depending on the medal for which you're competing.

One on One

Race wheel to wheel against a single opponent. The winner is the one who makes it to the finish line first.

Eliminator

Race against a group of cars through multiple laps on a circuit. The last car to complete each lap is eliminated from the race.

Style Events

In *PGR 3* style events, your focus is on earning Kudos by showing style and skill while racing solo.

Cone Challenge

Navigate through a series of cone gates within the specified time limit.

Drift Challenge

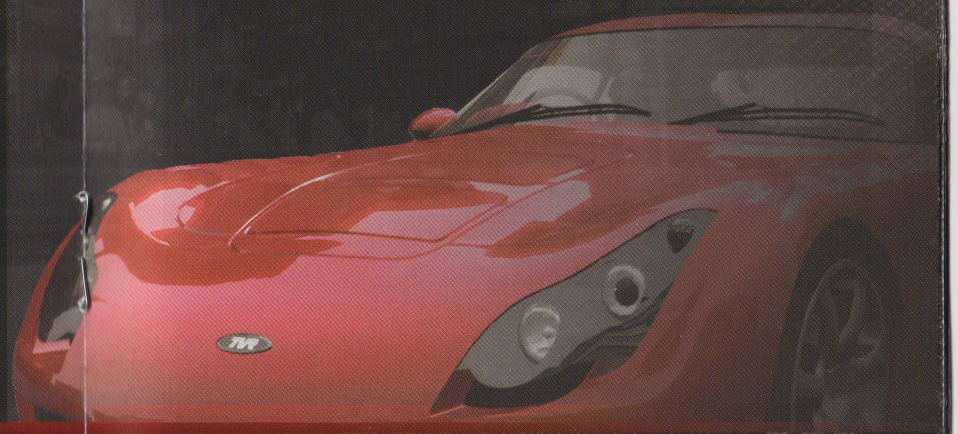
Earn a target number of Kudos by performing big drifts on a short section of track within a target time limit.

Overtake Challenge

Pass a target number of cars within the specified time limit.

Speed Challenge

Drive past the speed camera without crashing with the goal of achieving a target speed.



XBOX LIVE

Play anyone and everyone, anywhere on Xbox Live. Build your profile (your gamer card). Chat with your friends. Download content at Xbox Marketplace. Send and receive voice and video messages. Get connected, and join the revolution.

Connecting

Before you can use Xbox Live, connect your Xbox console to a high-speed Internet connection and sign up to become an Xbox Live member. For more information about connecting and to determine whether Xbox Live is available in your region, go to **www.xbox.com/live**.

Family Settings

These easy and flexible tools enable parents and caregivers to decide which games young gamers can access based on the content rating. For more information, go to **www.xbox.com/familysettings**.

PGR 3 Community Website

Another great way to connect with *PGR 3* fans around the world is to visit the official *PGR 3* community website, **www.projectgothamracing3.com**. You'll find discussion forums, screenshots, gameplay tips, and interviews with the people who created *PGR 3*.

ONLINE CAREER

The Online Career mode in *PGR 3* is where you get the chance to show off your slick style and speed skills to your friends... and a worldwide audience watching your every move over Gotham TV.

Online Championships

After you've connected to Xbox Live, you can select from among several preset Online Championship race scenarios and then choose the car in which you want to race. Xbox Live will match you up with players who have similar TrueSkill ratings and who have selected a comparable car and the same scenario.

Your TrueSkill Rating

When you play *PGR 3* on Xbox Live, your race performances and achievements are tracked and calculated to create your TrueSkill rating, which is used to determine your ranking among other Xbox Live racers worldwide.

Your TrueSkill rating is designed to be a true measure of your *PGR 3* online driving skills and is used to match you up with similarly skilled players for online competition.

As your TrueSkill rating changes, so does the name associated with it. For example, you might start out as a Newcomer, Rookie, or Novice before working your way up to the rarefied world of the Expert, Master, Gotham Hero, and Gotham Star.

Championship Logos

City



Career



Online



CITIES

Catch the sights of the world's most cosmopolitan cities as you hurtle through the streets of Las Vegas, London, New York City, and Tokyo in *PGR 3*.

Las Vegas

Fly by the fountains of Bellagio, and powerslide past the pirate ships at Treasure Island as you accelerate your way up and down one of the world's most famous stretches of blacktop—the Las Vegas Strip.

London

Most of the *PGR 3* London race routes send you zooming past famous landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus, Admiralty Arch, and the London Eye.

New York City

Cross the East River more quickly than any real-world commuter ever has as you race across the Brooklyn Bridge as though it's a long straightaway (and in this case, it is). Give your regards to Broadway as you high-tail it through Times Square.

Tokyo

Feel the freedom as you fishtail and then fly by the front of the Shinjuku police station. Make the crowds gathered around the Nishiguchi Bus Stops wish they didn't have to use public transportation as they watch you accelerate past them.

Nürburgring

While you may enjoy your sightseeing in some cities, you'll need to turn all your attention to the track when you take on Germany's Nürburgring. Nicknamed the "Green Monster," Nürburgring is considered by many to be the toughest and most demanding race track in the world.

CARS

PGR 3 sets a new standard for speed. Every vehicle in the game was chosen for its ability to meet a minimum speed bar of at least 170 mph. If it's slower than 170, why bother?

Where to Find the Cars

When you start Gotham Career mode for the first time, you have a starting number of credits you can use to buy your first car.

After you start buying more cars as you earn more credits, you can organize them into groups using the multiple available garages.

You can view your entire car collection in one place by choosing **Achievements** on the **Main Menu**, and then choosing **Cars**.

What Powers *PGR 3*

The combined price and performance stats for all of the 75-plus cars featured in *PGR 3* add up to some pretty impressive totals.

For example, in the unlikely event you could track down and then purchase the real-world versions of each of the cars included in the game, you would need to write checks for a grand total of more than $22 million dollars (U.S.).

And, what would you be getting for that kind of cash?

- More than 400,000 cc's of total engine capacity
- More than 41,000 horsepower
- 710 cylinders
- An average top speed of 196.7 mph

PLAYTIME

Playtime is the freeform game mode in *PGR 3*, where you can race almost any car on any track or build your own custom routes through any of the cities using the Route Creator.

When racing in Playtime mode, you can forget about showing off your slick moves, because you're not eligible for Kudos or credits. If you lay down a record lap time in Race Against the Clock, however, your name will be recorded on the Race Against the Clock Leaderboards.

Create Race

With Create Race, you start by choosing from among three available events: Street Race, Eliminator, and Capture the Track. You then choose a specific city and track on which to race.

For all of these Playtime events, you can choose to race as an individual competitor, or you can choose a side (red or blue) on which to compete.

Street Race and Eliminator

The Playtime versions of Street Race and Eliminator work just as they do in the Single Player and online versions (see page 16 for details), except there are no Kudos or credits.

Capture the Track

In Capture the Track, the track you're competing on is divided into a number of sections. As competitors race around the track, the player who completes the section first "captures" that track for themselves or for their side.

A Capture the Track event ends when a specified number of laps are complete (the player or side with the most captured sections wins).

PLAYTIME

Find Race

With Find Race, you can create a game for other players to find using System Link or Xbox Live.

Race Against the Clock

When competing in Race Against the Clock events, you can't earn Kudos, so your goal is simple—pure speed. Race Against the Clock lets you try out any of the cars featured in *PGR 3*, even if you haven't yet earned enough credits to buy them yourself.



ROUTE CREATOR

The Route Creator is one of the main game features available in the Playtime mode. With the Route Creator, you can build your own custom tracks that you can use in a variety of different ways.

Why Create a Custom Track?

After you've created your custom track, you can:

- Race the track against AI opponents
- Race solo against the clock
- Race against your friends with System Link or in a split-screen multiplayer game
- Host a game on Xbox Live using your track

ROUTE CREATOR

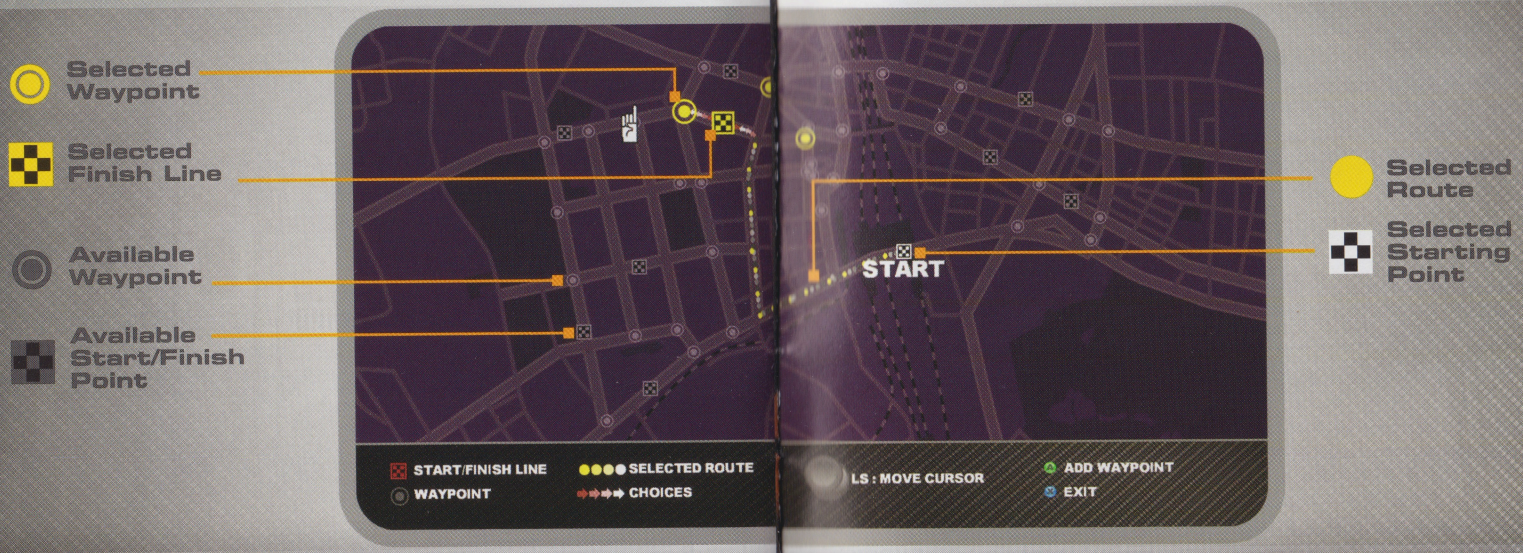
How Do You Create a Custom Track?

The idea of building your own custom track using your Xbox 360 controller might sound daunting, but the process is surprisingly simple.

To build a custom track, you start by choosing a city. Then, using ◯ or L to navigate your way around a graphical map, you select where you want the race to start and finish and which waypoints (street segments) you want to include to connect the two.

Keep in mind, too, that if you prefer to be surprised, you can choose to create a "random route," where *PGR 3* makes all the choices for you.

When you've completed your custom route, you can jump in a car and drive it to get a feel for the masterpiece you've created. And, after you've created and saved a custom route, you can always make changes to it.



MUSIC PLAYLISTS

While racing, you have your choice of nine music playlists that you can change on the fly. Each playlist features both big names and ground-breaking newcomers showcasing a different music genre.

Alternative Rock

This playlist includes tracks from well-known artists, such as **Morrissey** and the **Presidents of the United States of America**, along with bands including **Hot Hot Heat** and **Bloc Party**.

Rock

The multi-platinum selling band **Staind** is joined by hard rock newcomers **Secret Machines**, **Dark New Day**, and **Skindred**.

Electronica & Dark Electronica

These playlists includes heavy hitters, such as the **Chemical Brothers** and **New Order**, along with **Aphex Twin** and **Orbital**.

Hip Hop

Focusing on UK and Indie artists, this playlist features tracks from **The Streets**, **Kool Keith**, and **C-Mone**.

Industrial

Skinny Puppy and **Covenant**, godfathers of the genre, are featured on this playlist, along with several up-and-comers.

Bhangra

Bhangra music, which blends India's classical heritage with London's club sound, is one of the hottest music genres around. **Medieval Punditz** leads the list of featured Bhangra artists.

Japanese Pop

With its eclectic mix of infectious bubble-gum pop and bands that stretch the bounds of any genre, the Japanese pop playlist has plenty of surprises in store.

Classical

Driving to the giant brass sounds of **Beethoven** or the clock-work counterpoint of **Bach** is as refreshing as it is exhilarating. If the huge choral music of **Verdi** doesn't make you drive faster, nothing will.

YOUR MUSIC

If you want more control over the music you hear, you have a couple of options for listening to your own personal music while you're racing.

Streaming Music from a Personal Audio Player

To stream music from a personal audio player to your Xbox 360 console

1. Connect the personal audio player to your Xbox 360 console using a USB cable.
2. Configure the device to play through the USB port.
3. Go to the **Xbox Dashboard**, and select **Media**.
4. Select **Music**.
5. Select **Connected Devices**, and then select the music or playlist to which you want to listen.

Ripping Music to Your Xbox 360 Hard Drive

To rip music from a CD to your Xbox 360 hard drive

1. Insert the music CD in your Xbox 360 disc drive.
2. In the **Xbox Dashboard**, select **Media**.
3. Select **Music**.
4. Select **Current Disc**, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

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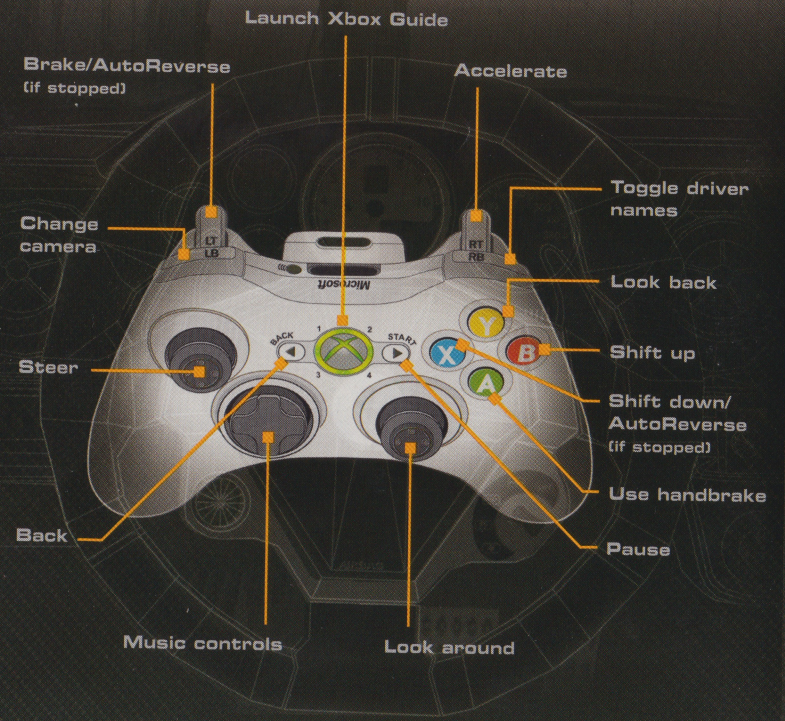

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