Command Summary

M.U.L.E.™

Number of Players – One to Four

To Load – Turn on the disk drive, turn on the computer, insert the M.U.L.E. disk, then type: LOAD “EA”, 8, 1 followed by a RETURN. (See your Disk Drive User’s Manual if you need additional instructions.)

To Start – Note: Press any joystick button to skip the opening cartoon.

f3 – To select Beginner’s, Standard, or Tournament version.

f5 – To change the number of human players from 0 to 4. (If it is 0 humans, the computer plays a demonstration game).

f7 – To start playing.

Other Commands

f1 – To pause or resume play after the game has started. During the cartoon or “Choosing Your Character” the f1 key will restart the cartoon from the beginning.

Joystick Button – to speed up the computer players.

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Special Instructions:
- At least one joystick must be used to play M.U.L.E. If two or more players are playing, up to two players may use the keyboard instead of a joystick during the action rounds. The keys are:

  LEFT Keyboard Player
  Move “UP”: Q key
  Move “Down”: C key

  RIGHT Keyboard Player
  Move “Up”: ↑ key
  Move “Down”: ↓ key

  Joystick Button (Either Player): Press Both keys at the same time.

During the “Development” round players may use any available joystick. To choose a character using the keyboard press your “MOVE UP” key to rotate clockwise. Press your “MOVE DOWN” key to rotate counterclockwise. Press both keys to select the character you wish to use.

- During the “Player Status” round, each product you store for next turn will be subject to spoilage. Food spoilage is 50% (one-half) of the remainder in storage. Energy spoilage is 25% (one-quarter) of the remainder. Smithore and Crystite will only spoil if there are more than 50 units in storage. Any ore in excess of 50 units will go away due to spoilage.

The music in M.U.L.E. was written by Roy Glover.

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Additional Help for Keyboard Players:

- During the “Land Grant” phase, you may press either your “Move Up” or “Move Down” key to select a plot of land.

- To increase your bid during the “auction” rounds, press and hold your “Move Up” key. To decrease your bid, press and hold your “Move Down” key. Your character will automatically stop moving if no keys are pressed.

- To enter “Collusion” in the Tournament game, press and hold both the “Move Up” and the “Move Down” key at the same time. If you are “colluding” with another keyboard player, both sets of keys must be pushed at the same time. If you are “colluding” with a joystick player, both of your movement keys and the joystick player’s joystick button must be pressed at the same time. Timing is very critical in “collusion”, so you may want to practice the technique a few times before you get into a “cutthroat” game.

- The M.U.L.E. game design was created by Dan Bunten and Bill Bunten. Programming was done by Dan Bunten, Jim Rushing, and Allen Watson. Animation was done by Allen Watson and Jim Rushing. The music in M.U.L.E. was written by Roy Glover. The authors would like to thank the Little Rock Atari Addicts club for help in playtesting M.U.L.E.
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