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Description

This is an incredibly lucky find for the lucky top bidder!

The item you are about to bid on is none other than the sought after "Snail Maze" cartridge, for use on the Sega Master System!

Until now, the very existence of this cartridge was perhaps only spoken of by men wearing fedoras and unusually long jackets. These men smoked cigarettes with sly determination, nervously flicking their eyes left and right. Their names are forever a mystery, but the object of their discussion is not!

It is my pleasure to now reveal it's existence!



Fig. 1--Snail Maze cartridge

As you can see, the cart seems to be in generally good shape. There is a bit of adhesive residue on the casing, but I didn't pursue it's removal, as I felt that I had already expended some time and energy on this project to begin with.



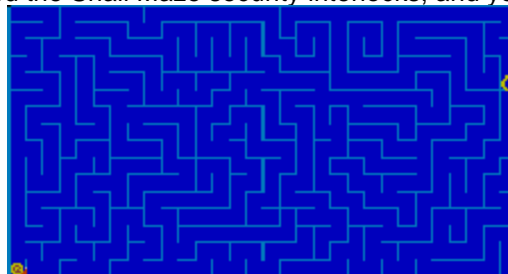
Fig.2--Snail Maze rear casing

The Snail Maze cartridge is ingenious in its design, as its hollow-core construction, once inserted into the Power Base, allows the SMS to play "Snail Maze" (a game previously only accessible when the cartridge port was closed). The foresight present in the Sega engineering team (*see figure 3*) is astounding, without which this technical feat would be difficult or impossible.

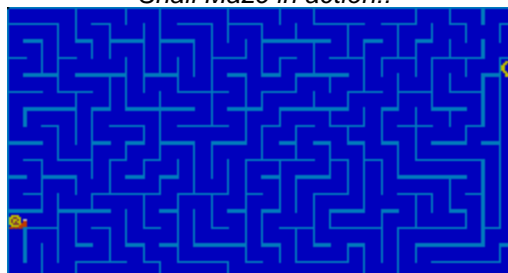


Fig 3.--Inside of casing, showing all internal components. Note Sega engineers' prescient use of philips head screws (shown, top center)--an innovation which greatly facilitated the existence of the Snail Maze cartridge.

The cart works like any other SMS cartridge, with the added benefit of a "security code". This cart requires the input of a secret code to enable it's play. This will undoubtedly come in handy when trying to prevent your friends or younger siblings from monopolizing the Snail Maze playtime. Once your friends and family have shown restraint in their Snail Maze playing habits, you may wish to share the security code with them. It's easy to remember! When you see the Snail Maze title screen (which strangely says "WELCOME TO SEGA MASTER SYSTEM"), you input the security code! Using controller one, hold "up", and press both buttons. Voila! You've correctly bypassed the Snail Maze security interlocks, and you're ready to play!



Snail Maze in action!!



As a sad note, "Snail Maze" appears to only be compatible with the original (black case, no built in games) model Sega Master System consoles. It may be possible to make the cartridge function on the models with built in games, but this would (at the very least) require additional security code hacking. It is in no way compatible with SMS 2 or the Power Base Converter.

Cartridge comes with no case or manual, rom or PCB. Cartridge DOES come with philips head screws and and a varying amount of oxygen and nitrogen molecules (depending on local atmospheric conditions). Buyer pays actual shipping.

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