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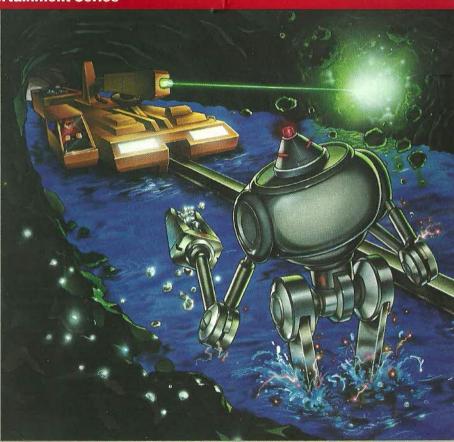


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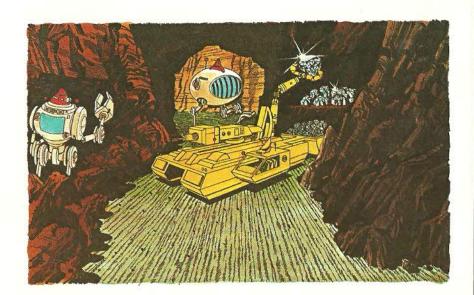
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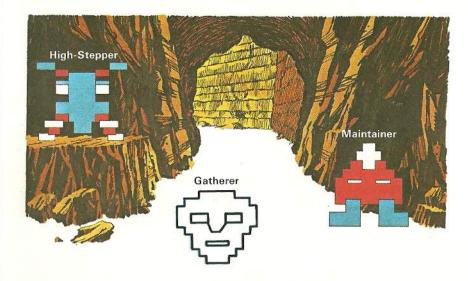
## Mine Shaft

#### **About the Game**

Trouble! This mine has been nothing but trouble! Ever since your mining car drilled into that underground stream, everything seems to have gone wrong. Your team of robot miners, which were once untiring, dependable workers, have been short-circuited by the floodwaters. The "Gatherers," the first robots to be damaged, were clearing the debris left in front of your laser-equipped mining car when the flood began. The "Maintainers," automated service and repair robots, arrived promptly only to become the next victims. The floodwaters rose to such a high level that even the long-legged "High-Steppers," whose purpose is to reach out-of-the-way places, were short-circuited.



Now that the mine seems dry again, you decide to venture back in to retrieve the lost fortune in gems. As you enter the mine, you see it is not safe. The short-circuited robots are running around aimlessly and may very well collide with your mining car. The High-Steppers and Maintainers are easily disabled using the laser drill mounted on the front of your mining car. The Gatherers, however, remain a problem. Designed to work in front of the laser, the Gatherers are made of a special metal, and cannot be disabled.



The object of Mine Shaft is to score points by collecting gems and disabling robots in each level of the mine. Each time you collect all of the gems or disable all of the robots in a given level, a door appears on the screen. You then can enter to the next level. For a maximum score, you may remain at any one level until all gems are collected and all robots are disabled before entering through the door to the next level. You cannot reenter any level that you have exited, so you may want to score as many points as possible in each level.

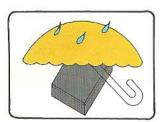
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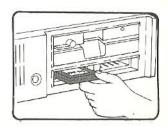
When using joystick control, refer to the testing section of your IBM PC*jr Guide to Operations* to center the joystick.

#### **How to Handle Cartridges**

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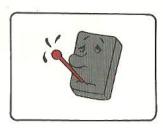


Keep them dry



Insert them with the label side up

#### DON'T



Don't get them too hot

#### How to Insert and Remove a Cartridge

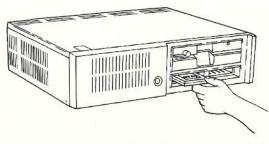
The cartridge slots on your IBM PCjr are shown below.



Switch on your IBM PCjr.

To insert your cartridge:

- 1. Hold you cartridge with the label side up so you can read it.
- Firmly slide the cartridge into either slot until it snaps into place. If it doesn't snap into place, make sure the label side is up.



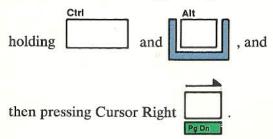
To remove your cartridge, slide it out of the slot.

You may insert or remove a cartridge at any time while the power is on. When you insert or remove a cartridge, your IBM PC*jr* behaves as if you just switched the power on.

## **Screen Display**

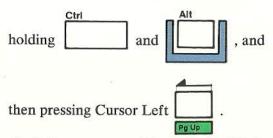
How to Shift the Screen Display

If the writing on your screen needs to be moved to the right, you can do this by pressing and



Each time you press Cursor Right while holding Ctrl and Alt, the writing on the screen moves one space to the right.

If the writing on your screen needs to be moved to the left, you can do this by pressing and

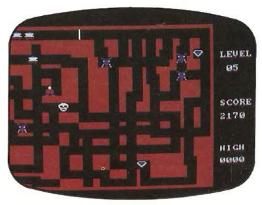


Each time you press Cursor Left while holding Ctrl and Alt, the writing on the screen moves one space to the left.

When the writing on the screen is centered, release all three keys.

#### How to Read the Screen Display

The information below tells you about the screen display in front of you. Remember that the high score is lost when the cartridge is removed or when the computer is turned off.



The level where you are located in the mine

Your current score

The high score of the games played

### **Controls**

#### **Game Options Control**

To remove/restore the sound	Press and hold s and then press Schook
Го pause a game	Press
Го continue a game	Press any key
To restart a game during play	Press and hold R and then press

Ctrl

#### **Joystick Control**

To use joystick control

Press and hold
and then press

To start a new game

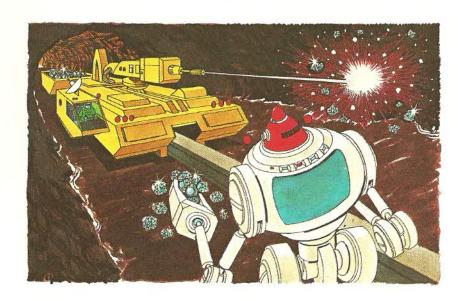
Press the joystick button or any key

To move your mining car

Move the joystick in the direction you want your mining car to travel

To fire your laser drill

Press the joystick button to fire in the direction your mining car is traveling



#### **Keyboard Control**

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To use keyboard	Press and hold	
control	and then press	
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To start a new game

Press any key

To stop your mining car

Press the Spacebar

To fire your laser drill

Press to fire in the direction your mining car is traveling



To move your mining car:

		Moves up	
Moves left	J	Moves down	 Moves right

# **Scoring Points**



To score points, you must collect the gems and disable the robots in each level. To collect gems, you must run over them with your mining car. For each gem collected, you receive 100 points. To disable robots, you must fire at them with your laser drill. For each robot you disable in level one, you receive five points. In each level that follows, the points increase by five from the previous level.

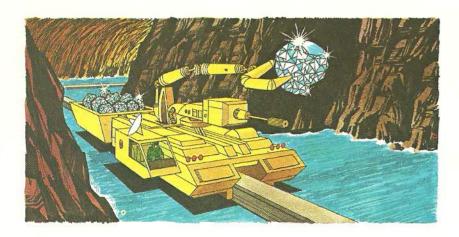
## **Helpful Hints**

Remember, to receive a maximum score, you must clear each level in the mine of all gems and all robots before entering the door to the next level. You cannot go back!

You can earn an extra mining car if you collect all the gems on a level before disabling all the robots.

BEWARE! If you disable all the robots first, the remaining gems for that level disappear.

Watch out for the Gatherers as you venture in this mine. Remember, you have no defenses against them!



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