



CARE FOR YOUR GAME CONSOLE.

These notes have been compiled for your information and are based on our observations over a number of years of modifying and repairing these entertainment systems.

The most fragile part of all game consoles is the laser assembly. Some manufacturers have more robust units than others, but as a general rule, this part of your console will eventually fail. The failure may be progressive (i.e. failed boots, game stalls, etc) or may occur without warning.

Prolong your laser assembly life by:

1. Don't play DVD movies thru your console. It is a game console, not a DVD player. You can pickup DVD Players for \$50.00 from many discount stores.
2. Bali Games - Remember, these games are purchased for a couple of dollars. At these prices the seller is still making an earn so you can bet that the media he is using is the absolute cheapest media that he can source (he is not that concerned with repeat business). Cheap media makes the laser work harder. If it works harder it get warmer. The warmer the laser gets, the shorter it's lifespan. If you do have BALI games, copy them onto the best media that you can source. The difference between rubbish media and good media is usually \$0.50 per disk. The extra money will be well worth it. Also, it's best to assume that about 10% of the BALI games you acquire will be duds.
3. Keep your media clean. Scratches or fingerprints make the laser work harder. If it works harder.....
4. Some consoles can fail if they receive an unexpected read error. To minimize this try and avoid rebooting, resetting, or opening the optical drive tray mid boot. It is much better to allow an incorrectly selected game boot to the sign-on screen rather than ejecting it mid boot.

Sometimes it's nice to store your game console in the entertainment centre, right next to that 500W PMPO Amplifier. If this is the case, then make sure that there is adequate ventilation around your console to ensure that any generated heat is adequately dissipated.

When not being used for gaming, game consoles work as great passive vacuum cleaners. The ventilation holes are there to maintain airflow, unfortunately this is also where dust collects. If these areas become blocked, then no airflow happens. This is never good.

All electrical equipment should have some sort of power protection in place. Game consoles are no exception. Surge protectors are a cheap and good alternative to no protection at all.

We really should not need to mention it, but you'd be surprised as to how common this is - Game Consoles do not bounce very well. The controller leads are somehow attracted to your legs, so be careful when walking near or around a game console.