SPORTSTATION

CHAPTER SEVEN

TROUBLESHOOTING



NOTICE: The term VGM refers to the video game machine.



CAUTION: This VGM uses complex electronic components that are *very sensitive to static electricity.* Observe the following precautions before handling VGM electronics. Failure to do so may void your warranty and could damage electronic assemblies.

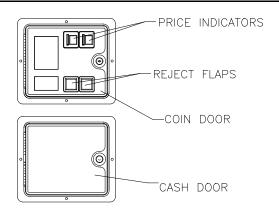
- Before servicing electronics, turn off AC power to the VGM. Wait for capacitors to discharge.
- Before touching or handling electronic assemblies, discharge static electricity on your body. To
 discharge this static, begin by connecting the line cord to a grounded outlet. Don't turn on the
 VGM! Next, touch the safety ground stud of the power supply chassis.
- Store electronic assemblies in an anti-static area. Use anti-static bags to store or transport VGM circuit boards. Transport the hard drive in its shipping container.
- Don't remove or connect electronic assemblies when cabinet power is on. Otherwise, you'll
 damage electronic assemblies and void the VGM warranty.
- After you complete maintenance or service, replace ground wires, shields, safety covers, etc. Install and tighten ground and mounting screws.

Coin Mechanism and Pricing Troubleshooting Table

	SYMPTOM	CAUSE	REQUIRED ACTION
•	VGM (video game machine) accepts currency or tokens,	Improper settings at Pricing Menu	From Coin Options Menu, choose PRICING OPTIONS MENU. Verify that units and credits are set correctly.
	but number of credits per coin or bill is incorrect.	Incorrect pulse width on bill validators	 Consult bill validator manufacturer's literature. Adjust pulse width on validator to long setting. Retest validator operation.
		Faulty wiring	 Check that cabinet wiring is correct for this VGM. Assure that coin meter and coin switches connect properly to control input wires.
		Faulty coin mechanism	 Verify that coin mechanism works correctly by testing it in working VGM. If mechanism is bad, replace it.
•	VGM won't accept currency or tokens.	Improper currency	Unlock and open cash door. Empty cash box. Inspect revenue for counterfeit currency. Check vault. Remove any items that block path from mechanism.
•	VGM won't start. Audio and video are present.	Faulty coin mechanism	Unlock and open coin door. Check each mechanism for proper mounting. Remove mechanism. Clear currency path. Reinstall mechanism and latch it. Enter Menu System by pressing and holding TEST MODE switch inside coin door. From Main Menu, choose CONTROLS TEST. Use tests to confirm operation of coin switches. Verify that mechanism is level after doors close.
		Tilted coin mechanism or VGM	Repair or replace coin door if it is bent or damaged. If necessary, adjust cabinet leg levelers to keep mechanisms vertical.
•	Coin indicators don't light	Burned-out bulb	 Burned-out bulbs may appear white or darkened. Check continuity with DVM. Replace burned-out bulb with same type.
		Open fuse circuit	 Check fuse continuity with DVM. If fuse is blown, replace fuse with same type. If fuse isn't blown, check wiring.



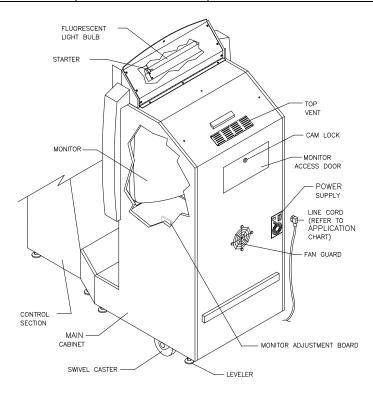
CAUTION: Don't remove or install any connector when power is turned on. Installation under power will damage the circuit boards or hard disk drive and void the warranty.



Typical Coin Mechanism Mounting

VGM Startup Troubleshooting Table

S	YMPTOM	CAUSE	REQUIRED ACTION
doesn't	ppears completely	Power problem	 Check that VGM power switch is on. Inspect electronics to see if fans are turning. If not: Is power supply connected to its power cable? Is power supply turned on? Plug VGM into AC power outlet. Verify presence of AC line voltage.
No audi No illum		Improper line voltage switch setting	Turn off VGM power. Unplug AC line cord. Check line voltage switch. If necessary, set it to agree with local AC line voltage. Retest VGM.
No vide	No illuminationNo video display	Open fuse	 Turn off VGM power. Examine AC fuse on power supply. Examine DC fuses inside coin door vault. Replace faulty fuses with identically rated parts. Turn on VGM power. If fuse opens again, check DC wiring harness and connectors.
		Faulty wiring	 Remove line cord. Test line cord, power plug, and IEC connector for breaks or damage. Verify continuity of each wire in cord. Install cord at power chassis. Press connector firmly to seat it. Check other cables in same manner. Assure that cabinet wiring harness connectors fully seat in corresponding power supply and board connectors. Inspect wiring for breaks or damage.
		Faulty circuit boards	Turn off power for one minute and turn VGM on again. Power On Self-Test checks electronics.



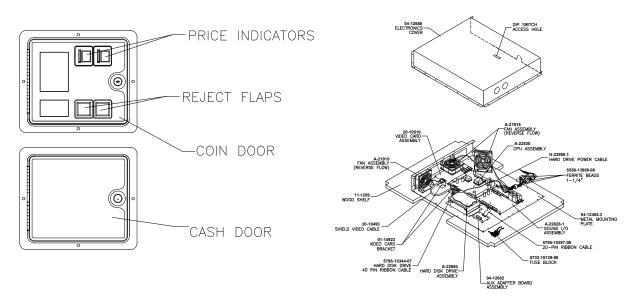
Typical Location of Power Supply and Line Cord

VGM Startup Troubleshooting Table, continued

SYMPTO	n CAUSE	REQUIRED ACTION
VGM (video game appears non-fund Currency acceptor indicator is illuminated)	r price	 Inspect circuit boards under low-light conditions. LEDs glow if processor circuits receive voltage. Fan should be turning. These indications prove presence of DC from power supply. Still, voltages or signals may not be normal. Turn on VGM power. Using 20-volt DC setting on digital voltmeter, measure DC voltages at power connector pins. Using 2-volt AC setting on digital voltmeter, measure same DC voltages as above. Any reading indicates ripple or noise. In that case, service power supply.
	Faulty wiring	Turn off VGM power. Assure that wiring harness connectors attach and fully seat onto mating board connectors.
	Improper jumper or DIP switch settings	Verify that circuit board jumpers are set as
	Faulty circuit board	Run power-up self-test sequence. Note errors or failures during tests. Compare LEDs with LED indicator status charts. Note discrepancies.



CAUTION: Don't remove or install any connector while power is turned on. Doing so will damage circuit boards or hard disk drive, and void warranty.



Front View Of Coin Door

Interior View Of Electronics

VGM Startup Troubleshooting Table, *continued*

	SYMPTOM	CAUSE	REQUIRED ACTION
•	VGM (video game machine) doesn't start. VGM accepts currency or tokens. Audio and video are present.	Faulty coin mechanism	 Unlock and open coin door. Check each currency acceptor to assure proper mounting. Verify that each release latch is closed and locked. Does mechanism accept and reject currency correctly? Test mechanism with good and bad coins. Inspect to see if external acceptor indicators (Pricing, Flashing Arrows, etc.) are lit. Verify that each acceptor operates properly by placing it in working VGM. Replace bad parts.
		Faulty switches	Enter Menu System by pressing and holding TEST MODE switch inside coin door. From Main Menu, choose CONTROLS TEST. Use tests to confirm operation of each switch. Assure that no loose parts or wires are caught in switch contacts. Check for continuity in each suspect switch connection (Common to Normally Open or Common to Normally Closed). Replace faulty switches (bent levers, broken actuators, etc.).
		Faulty wiring	Assure that no wires are caught in hinges, latches or switch contacts. Check wiring continuity from circuit board connectors to acceptors.

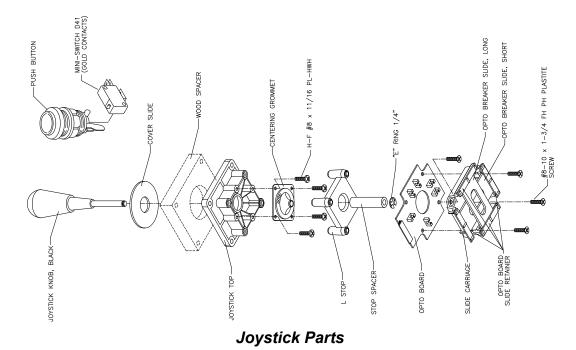
Interior View of Coin Door and Cash Door

Audio Troubleshooting Table

SYMPTOM	CAUSE	REQUIRED ACTION
No audioVideo is present	Improper volume setting	From Main Menu, choose VOLUME LEVEL. Check that Attract Music is on (enabled). Verify that all volume levels are set well above zero. If necessary, change levels to make VGM audible.
VGM (video game machine) appears to operate normally	Faulty SIO Board	 From Main Menu, enter Diagnostics Menu. Select SOUND SUBSYSTEM TEST. Test checks entire sound system. Run power-up self-test sequence. Note errors that VGM finds during tests. Compare Sound I/O Board (SIO) LEDs with LED indicator status charts. Note discrepancies. Verify proper operation of SIO Board by placing it in working VGM. If board is faulty, replace it.
Constant low hum from all speakers.	Faulty wiring	 Check that cabinet wiring is correct for this VGM. Verify that cabinet wiring provides separate wires (not common return) for each speaker. Check connection of all cabinet ground wires.
	Faulty power supply	Using 2 Volt AC setting on digital voltmeter, measure voltages at speaker terminals. Any reading indicates ripple or noise. In that case, service power supply.
Audio is distorted, muffled or has missing frequencies.	Faulty or improper speaker	 Turn off VGM power. Remove grilles and check speakers. Assure that speakers are full range (100 to 10,000 Hz response) and rated for at least 20 watts. Woofers must be rated for at least 40 watts. Verify proper speaker operation by connecting speaker in question to working VGM. If speaker is faulty, replace it.
	Faulty wiring	Multiple-speaker installations: Check for reversed wires at one speaker. Weak low frequencies and thin or hollow sound quality is symptom of incorrectly phased speakers. Sound tests may not detect this condition, but you can hear it during VGM operation.
Dead sound channel	Faulty speaker	 From Main Menu, choose SOUND TEST. Recheck speakers with audio signals provided by test. Verify proper speaker operation by connecting speaker in question to working VGM. If speaker is faulty, replace it.
	Faulty circuit board	 From Main Menu, enter Diagnostics Menu. Select SOUND SUBSYSTEM TEST. Test checks entire sound system. Run power-up self-test sequence. Note errors that VGM finds during tests. Compare circuit board LEDs with LED indicator status charts. Note discrepancies. Verify SIO Board operation by connecting board to working VGM. If board is faulty, replace it.
	Faulty wiring	Verify that cabinet wiring is correct. Assure that all speakers connect to audio wires. Check for broken or shorted wires.

Joystick Troubleshooting Table

SYMPTOM	CAUSE	REQUIRED ACTION
Players complain that joystick operates erratically or unreliably	Faulty switch	Enter game Menu System by pressing and holding TEST MODE switch inside coin door. From Diagnostics Menu, choose SWITCH TEST. Operate joystick in question. Check for proper readings of up, down, left and right.
Game starts normally	Faulty switch wiring	 Check for wires caught in door hinges, latches or switch contacts. Verify that harness connectors are attached and fully seated. Assure that joystick switches connector properly to control input wires. Check joystick cable ground connections. Check that cabinet wiring is correct for this VGM (video game machine).
	Faulty mechanical parts	 Inspect joystick for: Missing, loose or damaged parts, torn rubber T-band, etc. Replace bad parts.
	Dirty optos	Clean dust out of optos with swab and cleaner. Don't apply cleaner directly into opto. Never use solvents!
	Faulty joystick fuse	Check fuses on I-40 Joystick Interface Board inside player control panel. Each joystick has its own fuse.
	Faulty joystick electronics	 If joystick fuses are okay, install joystick in working VGM (video game machine) and retest it. If joystick still doesn't work, replace it.
	Faulty I-40 Joystick Interface Board	 If joystick works in second VGM, I-40 Joystick Interface Board may be bad. Replace board and retest joystick.



Video Troubleshooting Table

	SYMPTOM	CAUSE	REQUIRED ACTION
•	Monitor appears non- functional Audio is present	Power problem	Verify connection of AC Power to video monitor. Inspect CRT neck in dim light. Glowing filament near CRT base proves that some monitor circuits receive power. Still, voltages or signals may not be normal.
•	VGM (video game machine) controls operate normally	Faulty wiring	Turn off VGM power. Verify that video signal and Remote Adjustment Board connectors seat properly on Video Monitor Board. Assure that video cables connect to circuit boards. Assure that no wires are caught on chassis or mounting brackets.
		Improper monitor adjustments	Check that BRIGHTNESS (intensity) and CONTRAST are set above their minimum levels.
		Faulty monitor circuitry	Examine AC line fuse on Video Monitor Board. If fuse is faulty, replace it with identical fuse. If fuse is good: Verify that video monitor operates correctly by placing it in working VGM. If monitor is bad: Check monitor power supply. If power supply is good: Check monitor horizontal output transistor and related circuitry.



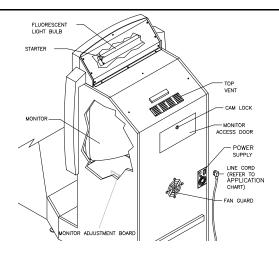
WARNING: HIGH VOLTAGE. VGM monitors generate and store potentially lethal high voltages. Avoid touching any part of the monitor until power has been off for some time. A picture tube can maintain a hazardous charge for up to several days. Only qualified technicians should service monitors. Turn off the power, unplug the VGM and discharge the CRT before attempting service. Even properly discharged tubes can revert to a highly charged state, *without reapplication of power*.



WARNING: In normal operation, the monitor doesn't require isolation from AC line voltage. During bench servicing, you may need to operate the monitor outside the cabinet. If you do, *isolate the monitor from line voltage with an isolation transformer.*



CAUTION: Don't operate the monitor without the Remote Adjustment Board.



Typical Cutaway Rear View

Video Troubleshooting Table, continued

SYMPTOM	CAUSE	REQUIRED ACTION
 Game screens don't appear No audio Power-up self-test runs 	Improper components	Verify that hard disk drive is correct for this VGM (video game machine). Label on drive records manufacturer name, assembly number and program version. Verify that circuit boards are correct for this VGM. Label on each board records manufacturer name, assembly number and hardware version. Verify that ROM instruction set is correct for this VGM. VGM set only has one ROM. Label on ROM records assembly number and software version.
	Hard drive problems	 Turn VGM on. Immediately look under hard drive. Hard Drive Activity LED flashes if drive is operating properly. Allow VGM to load normally. Note and record any error messages that occur during self-test. Remove hard drive and install it in working VGM. If symptom recurs there, hard drive is faulty. Replace it.
Blotches of color appear on screen	Picture tube aperture mask is magnetized	Remove diskettes from room. Demagnetize monitor with external degaussing coil. Take care not to magnetize neighboring VGMs. Monitor may be on or off for this procedure.
White areas in center of screen appear tinged with color Object edges have fringe of one or more colors	Picture tube purity or static convergence is out of alignment	 Turn on VGM (video game machine). Press and hold TEST MODE to enter Menu System. At Main Menu, select Monitor Tests Menu. Run through Crosshatch, Red, Green and Blue screens to find clearest display of problem. Display screen with greatest problem. Display Crosshatch Screen. Locate purity and static convergence ring magnets on back of monitor neck. Watch screen in mirror. Adjust magnets to minimize problem. Follow instructions from monitor manufacturer. Display Crosshatch Screen. Touch up adjustments while watching screen in mirror.
Background of Attract Mode screens seems out of sync Words on screen read OK	Someone set DIP switch for resolution lower than VGA	VGM only outputs VGA video. Press and hold TEST MODE to enter Menu System. At Main Menu, select DIP Switch Test Menu. Locate DIP switch bank U12 on the Sound I/O Board. Turn off switch 2. Reenter Attract Mode and check screens.



CAUTION: Don't operate the monitor without its Remote Adjustment Board.



WARNING: HANDLE FLUORESCENT TUBE AND CRT WITH CARE. If you drop a fluorescent tube or CRT and it breaks, it will implode! Shattered glass can fly eight feet or more from the implosion.

Video Troubleshooting Table, continued

	SYMPTOM	CAUSE	REQUIRED ACTION	
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•	White areas at screen edges appear tinged with color Dots at screen edges appear oval or cylindrical	Picture tube dynamic convergence is out of alignment	Have service bureau dynamically reconverge monitor. This procedure requires removing and repositioning yoke. Service bureau must follow instructions from monitor manufacturer.	
•	Video tears or rolls, or has black bar down middle of screen	Faulty wiring	Check connectors and cables for wiring continuity. Video cables connect graphics card to circuit boards, and then to video monitor. Assure connection of all cabinet ground wires, especially at video monitor chassis.	
		Faulty monitor circuitry	 Check video monitor operation by connecting it to working VGM (video game machine). Assure that video monitor is correct type for this VGM. Video monitors with wrong resolution can't lock sync. 	
		Improper sync signals	 Check to see if Video Board puts out type of sync that your monitor requires. Verify that jumpers are set correctly for monitor. If necessary, add or remove video sync jumper at Sound I/O Board jumper block J10. With no pins connected (or pins 2 and 3 connected), board outputs positive sync. With pins 1 and 2 connected, board outputs negative sync. 	
		Electromagnetic fields	Move cabinet far away from machines, appliances, or competitors' VGMs.	
•	Missing colors	Faulty wiring	Check connectors and cables for wiring continuity from circuit boards to video monitor.	
		Faulty monitor color drive circuitry	Verify that video monitor operates correctly by connecting it to working VGM.	
•	One color is dimmer or brighter than others Whites appear tinted everywhere on screen	Maladjusted color bias pots	Turn on VGM (video game machine). Enter Monitor Tests Menu. Watch Color Bars screen in mirror. Adjust three bias pots for best colors. (Most monitor neck boards include these pots.) Also check White Screen. Touch up controls. If whites still seem tinted, have service bureau rejuvenate picture tube.	
•	Picture is dim or faded	Maladjusted BRIGHTNESS pot or subnormal picture tube emission	Watch Color Bars screen. Adjust BRIGHTNESS and CONTRAST pots for greatest number of grays. You'll find these pots on Monitor Remote Control Board, behind coin door. If pots have no effect, have service bureau rejuvenate picture tube.	
•	Picture is too narrow	Maladjusted WIDTH pot	Enter Monitor Tests Menu. Watch Crosshatch Screen while adjusting WIDTH pot for best picture. You'll find this pot on Monitor Remote Control Board, behind coin door.	
•	Picture is too short	Maladjusted HEIGHT pot or damaged vertical circuit	Enter Monitor Tests Menu. Watch Crosshatch Screen while adjusting HEIGHT pot for best picture. You'll find this pot on Monitor Remote Control Board, behind coin door. If pot has no effect, service vertical output circuit.	
•	Picture seems shifted to one side	Maladjusted HORIZONTAL POSITION pot	Enter Monitor Tests Menu. Watch Crosshatch Screen while adjusting HORIZONTAL POSITION pot for best picture. You'll find this pot on Monitor Remote Control Board, behind coin door.	

•	Keystone-shaped picture	Shorted turns in yoke	1. 2. 3.	Substitute working yoke. Have service bureau converge monitor. Retest monitor.
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Software Update Troubleshooting Table

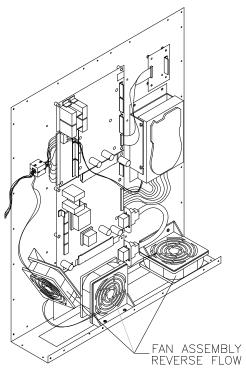
	SYMPTOM	CAUSE	REQUIRED ACTION
•	Update didn't work After update procedure, You skipped steps or performed them out of sequence.	Return update components to kit, reinstall original parts in cabinet, and try process again.	
	screen reports lower than latest version	Installation error may have damaged device.	 Inspect for bent or broken pins. If you have another kit, try it. Ask your distributor to check your floppy disk.
•	No Attract Mode screens Board indicators illuminate, but screen is completely	Mismatched boot update version and hard drive.	Once you've updated disk drive, CPU instructions must be at correct version to make use of new data stored on disk. Be certain that boot ROM device resides in proper socket.
	blank	You may have installed devices in wrong sockets.	 Install disk ROM. Only use upgrade socket for hard disk drive updates. During game play, upgrade socket must be empty. Load ROM contents onto drive. Remove ROM from game.



NOTICE: Someday, software updates for your VGM (*video game machine*) might become available. These upgrades may improve your VGM's performance or add new VGM features. Such upgrades tend to appear sometime after the factory first releases the VGM. Contact your distributor for information about updates.

Miscellaneous Problem Troubleshooting Table

	SYMPTOM	CAUSE	REQUIRED ACTION
•	Marquee lamp is intermittent or non-functional VGM (video game machine) starts and plays normally	Faulty fluorescent tube	 Remove fluorescent tube from its sockets. If you find cracks or darkened ends, install new lamp. Clean tube. Check continuity of both fluorescent tube filaments. Verify that fluorescent tube operates by placing it in working VGM.
		Faulty lamp fixture	 Verify that lamp pins make good connection with socket contacts. Check ballast for continuity.
		Faulty wiring	 Measure fluorescent lamp AC voltages. Check wiring and connector continuity from AC power chassis to lamp assembly. If you find faulty wiring, repair or replace it.
•	VGM operates normally Cabinet becomes warm after several hours of use	Obstructed fan	 Check bottom and rear of cabinet for blocked airflow. Move VGM away from sources of heat. Turn off VGM power. Remove dust from vent holes with high-power vacuum cleaner.
		Faulty wiring	Check fan wiring and connectors. If you find faulty wiring, repair or replace it.
		Faulty fan	 Check operation of all fans, including power supply fan. If fan is faulty, replace it.
•	Error messages appear on screen	Faulty hardware	 Check any assembly (RAM, ROM, Battery, etc.) identified in error messages. Call your authorized distributor for help with unresolved screen messages.



Fan Location and Mounting