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**CAPCOM'S CRUSHING 3-D ROBOT FIGHTER *TECH ROMANCER*[™]
COMES TO THE SEGA DREAMCAST**

Capcom Entertainment today announced the arcade hit, **Tech Romancer** will release April 2000 for the Sega Dreamcast game console. **Tech Romancer**, a satire of famous Japanese robot animes, is a crushing 3-D fighter featuring monstrous mechanoids battling in beautifully rendered three-dimensional worlds. Graphically stimulating and insanely whimsical, this fighting game features an original animation movie, multiple hidden characters, and VMU mini games. Capcom, the king of fighting games, continues to use its gameplay expertise to achieve amazing success in the 3-D fighting arena. The original concept for **Tech Romancer** was created by Mr. Shoji Kawamori & Studio Nue, designers of the acclaimed Macross (Robotech) series.

***Tech Romancer** introduces a number of revolutionary developments:*

- In a new twist in Fighting gameplay, giant robots battle in huge environments, dwarfing city landscapes and crushing buildings. The action is reminiscent of classic Japanese anime, action and monster films.
- Fighters use power up items discovered in the city environments to upgrade weapons, initiate repairs and enhance agility.
- A complete original animation movie providing backgrounds of the game's robot fighters, their robot pilots and past adventures.
- Dreamcast VMU mini games for play anytime, anywhere.
- A new series of Attacks, combos and special moves include the following:
 - "Final Attack" finishing moves provide dramatic results and climactic endings
 - "Dodging Attacks" permit players to evade and then counter an opponents attack.
 - The "Steel Dash" maneuver allows characters to charge an opponent without sustaining damage.
 - "Power Breakers" create a brief opportunity to skirt an opponents defense to deliver a "Quick attack"

"**Tech Romancer** is an intense fighting game packed with visuals straight out of classic Japanese anime movies like Robotech," said Sean Brennan, Chief Operating Officer for Virgin Interactive, Capcom's exclusive European distributor. "Capcom is known for its incredible fighting games, now **Tech Romancer** takes Capcom to the next level in 3D fighting."

Tech Romancer includes four modes of play. *Story Mode* is a one-player mode where players follow the story of each selected robot pilot. *Hero Challenge Mode* is a survival mode where players fight against twelve enemies and are given a ranking based on their performance. *Versus Mode* is one or two-player game allowing players to select one of the eight robots at the beginning of each round to battle against each other or the computer. *Tatsumi Technodome Mode* allows players to unlock hidden features such as the storyline cinemas, game music, Karaoke, character bios and the original animation movie.

Robot fighters include the following cast of characters:

- *G. Kaiser* – The name literally means, ‘the king of machines.’ This fighter possesses overwhelming power and is made of a highly advanced metal, giving great strength to the armor.
- *Dixen* – The latest and most advanced mechanized weapon developed by the government, this robot is equipped with new short to mid-range weapons. This unit is also equipped with a fixed long-range cannon, capable of attacking from a distance.
- *Wise Duck* – This armored, land-based robot is equipped with heavy artillery capable of inflicting intense damage on an opponent. While this robot cannot jump, he possesses strong armor and devastating weaponry.
- *Rafaga* – This is the Air Force’s latest technological weapon. This robot has three different attack forms. Fighter Mode, the aerial version of this robot used to attack from above; Soldier Mode, designed for fighting on the ground in hand-to-hand style combat; and Spinner Mode, a combination of the soldier and fighter modes.
- *Diana 17* – A mysterious robot designed to destroy the ambition of the corrupt boss. *Diana 17* has outstanding agility in the air and fights with grace and style.
- *Twinzam V* – This robot was made from molding two aerial fighting jets into one ultra-powerful robot and has the ability to take on two different forms, each with specialized attributes.
- *Bolon* – A ‘super junk robot’, was created by a pilot who used her magical ability to make this unusual robot out of used items and scrap materials. *Bolon* uses a very unique style of attack.
- *Pulsion* – This half robot, half-alien life-form’s specialty is ‘space karate,’ an advanced form of martial arts. *Pulsion* has achieved legendary status by saving the Earth from impending doom.

-About Capcom-

Capcom Entertainment of Sunnyvale, California, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Capcom, Co., Ltd. of Japan. A leading force in the multi-billion dollar interactive entertainment industry, Capcom’s legacy spans 20 years of entertaining video gamers. Capcom develops, markets, and distributes home video games for the PlayStation, Sega Dreamcast and Nintendo 64 game machines, Game Boy Color System, and coin-operated games. Worldwide recognizable product lines include the *Street Fighter*, *Mega Man*, *Breath of Fire*, and *Resident Evil* series.

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