

Virtua Tennis™ 2009



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INSTALLATION

Before you can play *Virtua Tennis 2009* you need to install it onto your computer. To do this, insert the *Virtua Tennis 2009* DVD into your computer's DVD-ROM drive. After a short while, the installation program will automatically run and you will be guided by on-screen instructions. Follow the instructions to install the game to your hard drive. If the install program does not run automatically you can run the Setup program by entering **My Computer** and double-clicking on the DVD-ROM drive that *Virtua Tennis 2009* is inserted in. Then double-click the Setup.exe program.

Virtua Tennis 2009 requires Direct X10.0 or above to be installed on your computer. There is an option to install this during installation of the game if you don't already have it installed.

Each time you wish to play *Virtua Tennis 2009* you will need to insert the DVD into your computer's DVD-ROM drive. You can start the game via the Start Menu.

● LAUNCHER SCREEN

Once the game is installed and you choose to run it you will see the launcher. You can choose to configure the video settings and controls or run the game.

The video settings will allow you to select the screen resolution the game runs in and the game quality settings. Increasing the quality settings may affect the performance of the game; if you find this is the case we suggest you lower the quality settings first and then reduce the resolution if required. The launcher will remember your video settings so you only need to do this the first time you play. Before you run the game make sure you have any controllers you wish to use connected to your computer.

Start the game by clicking the "Play" button with your mouse.

BASIC CONTROLS

The following controls are used in this game. Note that key assignments can be changed via Options (p.7).

	MENU CONTROLS	GAME CONTROLS (DEFAULT)
Cursor Keys	↑↓ Highlight menu item ←→ Change option	Move player/ Direction of Shot
Z	Not Used	Top Spin
X	Not Used	Slice
C	Not Used	Lob
V	Not Used	Change View*
Shift Key	Not Used	Instruct Partner*
Enter Key	Open Main Menu / Select	Pause
Delete Key	Back/Return	Not Used
Esc Key	Quit Game	Not Used

*Change View: Used only for Singles match played by a single player.

*Instruct Partner: Used only for Doubles match.

BASIC TECHNIQUES

SERVING

- 1 Use the cursor keys to set your start position and press a shot key to begin the Serve Gauge.
- 2 Hold the cursor keys in the direction you wish to serve. Take care as holding it too long will cause the ball to fault.
- 3 Press one of the shot keys again so that the Serve Gauge stops on Max. The closer it is to Max, the stronger the serve will be.



RETURNING SHOTS



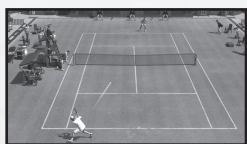
1 Approach the Ball

As the ball is returned by your opponent, try to anticipate where it will arrive in your own court and run quickly to that position. Your shot type and footing will vary depending on your position relative to the ball.



2 Press the Shot key

Press the shot key to start your swing. The length of time between starting your swing and hitting the ball will determine the shot's power. Additionally, the shot type will vary depending on the shot key used.



3 Set the Direction

After pressing the shot key, use the cursor keys to determine the shot's direction. The direction will become more extreme the longer you hold the key.

SHOT TYPES

Top Spin (Normal Shot)

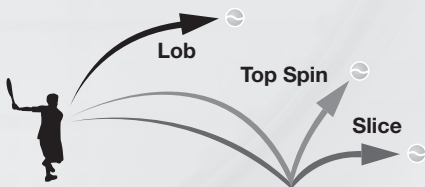
A top spin shot is a faster shot with a forward spin (vertical spin).

Slice (Defensive Shot)

A slice shot is a shot with a backspin. The ball moves slower than a top spin shot and it also bounces lower.

Lob

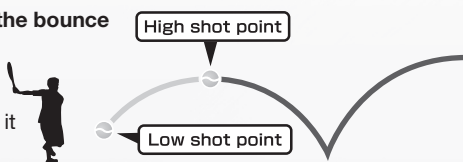
A lob shot is used to hit the ball over and behind the opponent. This is a good option if your opponent is closer to the net.



Hitting Hard-Shots

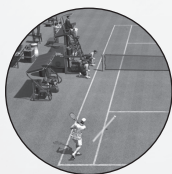
1 Aim for the peak of the bounce

By aiming for the ball while at the peak of its bounce (high shot point), you can return it with greater force.



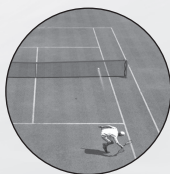
2 Anticipate the ball's arrival and swing early

Position yourself where the ball will arrive and start your swing early to build a more powerful shot. Take care, for if you fail to predict the ball's arrival correctly, your shot will be weak.



Good

A well anticipated ball is met by a powerful swing



Bad

Poor anticipation leads to a weak return or missed shots

● SIMPLE CONTROLS FOR SUPERIOR PLAY

Smash

If you're positioned such that the ball reaches you before it bounces, you can automatically volley it back. High balls sent over your head can be smashed back into the opponent's court.



Drop Shot

If your opponent is near the baseline, hit a slice shot, and aim for the front of the opponent's court. This allows you to return a Drop Shot that falls close to the net.



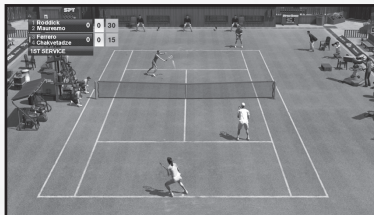
Running Shot

If you can't reach the ball in time, press the top spin button for a running shot. The momentum will cause you to lose your footing, and the shot will be weak, but the ball will be returned.



🎾 INSTRUCTING A COM DOUBLES PARTNER

Give strategic instructions to your COM partner during doubles matches. Press the Shift key to switch between the positions below. These are displayed at the top left of the screen.



BASELINE

Back of court (defensive)

NORMAL

Regular position

NET PLAY

Front of court (offensive)

TIPS ON DOUBLES

Try to keep one player in each half of the court. Shots aimed towards the center of the opponent's court will cause both players to move inwards leaving the sidelines open. Return shots with no directional input will naturally tend towards the center court.

GETTING STARTED

Press the Enter key at the Title Screen to bring up the Main Menu and select one of the following modes:




■ WORLD TOUR	Create and develop your own player character and enter competitions all around the world to climb up the ranking.
■ PLAY	Play a quick-game with your desired game settings, using famous professional tennis players.
■ My VT	View your medals and records.
■ OPTIONS	Change your game settings. See the following Options section for details.

OPTIONS

The following features are available when you access the Options screen:



Controller	Modify key assignments.	
Audio	Adjust the volume level of the background music and sound effects as well as changing the umpire's voice.	
Video	Adjust the brightness of the game from here.	

MATCH SETTINGS

You can make edits to the following match settings before you play a quick game (via **Play** from Main Menu). When you are finished with the editing, select **READY** to proceed to the next screen.

■ GAME MODE	Choose from Exhibition (Single Match), Tournament , Arcade and Games (see Court Games for details on p.14).
■ TYPE	Select Singles or Doubles match.
■ PLAYERS	Select the number of human players participating in the match.
■ COURT	Choose a court location. You can unlock new locations by purchasing court passes in World Tour (p.9).
■ GAMES	Adjust the number of games (typically six) in a single set.
■ SETS	Adjust the maximum number of sets (typically three for Women's and five for Men's) to decide the match.
■ TIEBREAKS	Turning Tiebreaks on will force the match to go into a Tiebreak game if both players reach the maximum number of games in a set.
■ SERVER	You can choose to have the server always serve from the Top, Bottom or Random end of the court.
■ AI	Adjust the performance level of your computer opponents. There are five difficulty levels within the game.

Note that the last five settings listed above are displayed when **RULES** is selected from the initial menu. (Not all settings are available in all modes.)

WORLD TOUR

Start your own career in Tennis. Train, develop and style your own player, ready to travel the world entering tournaments and moving up the world rankings to become No.1.

● WORLD TOUR PLAYERS

Select an empty slot to begin a new game or select an existing player slot to load a previously saved World Tour game.



STARTING UP

● CREATING NEW PLAYERS

- 1 Enter a name for your player with the keyboard.

- 2 At the SPT Player Registration screen, choose a Men's Tour or a Women's Tour and confirm.



- 3 Choose one of the preset models from the Custom Player screen and then use the following customisation options to create your unique player character:

DOB	Enter the date of birth (age) of your player.
Face	Edit eye colour, face, eye, nose and mouth shape.
Head	Choose hair, eyebrow and beard styles and colours.
Body	Change your player's height, weight and dominant hand.
Posture	Choose your player's standing posture and hitting forms.

- 4 Select **Ready** and confirm to proceed to the set up of your Home location (see next page).

HOME LOCATION

Choose a location on the globe to set up your Home Base, which will act as your tactical headquarters throughout your career. Rotate the globe with the cursor keys and press the **ENTER** key to confirm its location.



GLOBAL MAP

The following information is displayed while the global map is displayed and during other menu screens you will access from the global map.

Current Season



Current Week

Status Box

Current ranking, Stamina Gauge and Prize Money will be displayed.

Stamina Gauge:

Your player will be unable to perform at their best level when the Stamina Gauge is low. Pushing a player when they are fatigued can lead to injuries so make sure you give your player a rest.

HOME

Press **F1** to immediately display your Home on the global map to access the Home screen. From here you can check the tour calendar and access the other options to manage your game. Note that to make changes or view options (see facing page), first you must highlight one of the options and then press the **ENTER** key.



■ CALENDAR	Check your schedule for the entire year. Press the cursor key (left or right) to display events of previous and upcoming months.
■ REST	Select the level of rest to take from Energy Drink (Instant), Home Rest (a week) and Vacation (two weeks). Note that a fee is charged when you take an Energy Drink or a Vacation.
■ GEAR	Change your clothes and sports accessories. New items can be bought in the Tennis Store (p.13), all to make sure you look your best on court.
■ CAREER TROPHIES	See how many career milestones you've achieved by winning specified events and matches.
■ FRIENDS	Check your list of friends to find a doubles partner for your next match.

TRAINING

You can improve your skills and also define your character's Play Style by completing the training sessions in the Tennis Academy. You will practice a broad range of techniques here, including Ground Strokes, Footwork & Technique and Serve & Volley.



● TENNIS ACADEMY

The academy provides a center for the player to learn new techniques and acquire useful skills. Select **Training** from the menu (on the left), then select an area you'd like to improve your game in (**Ground Strokes**, **Footwork & Technique** and **Serve & Volley**) to display the challenges offered to you. To change your character's ability, select **Playstyles** and choose a style that best suits your game.

Experience Points System:

By completing a number of training or court games, the three sections of skills that appear in the Tennis Academy screen (while Training is selected) should start to fill up (in orange, red and purple) which represents how much experience you've accumulated from your workouts. Once the experience bar fills up to the top of each box, you're allowed to change your character's Play Style.



Changing Play Styles:

Additional styles can be unlocked by completing Tennis Academy missions.



TRAINING GAMES

A variety of surreal challenges will be available on the global map, which help you improve your game skills. As you advance, the game will become harder and the number of games offered will increase. See p.14 for details of each game.



PLAYER RANK

Your character has a player rank, which can be increased by winning certain matches. To check where you are placed in the ranking chart, press the **F4** key while the global map is displayed. When you start a new tour in the first season, you'll start from the very bottom, ranked 100th of the Amateur Ranking. To move up to the Professional level you must reach the final of the season finals.



Common Keys

ENTER - Confirm

F1 - HOME

F3 - Calendar

F4 - Ranking

COMPETITIONS

A wide selection of Singles, Doubles and mini-game competitions are scheduled throughout the year. The ranking determines which competitions can be entered. However, you may receive a rare invitation to join tournaments or matches as you advance through the tour schedule. Please note that entry into a competition will occupy one week of the tour schedule.

MATCHES

There are **Practice Matches** initiated by your Tennis Academy coach and **Charity Matches** to make money for charity by wearing specific items of clothing.

TENNIS STORE

When you have earned your share of prize money by winning competitions, access the Tennis Store from the global map to give your character a little makeover to make him/her look like a champion. Shop items you'll find at the store include rackets, shoes, apparel, court passes and more.

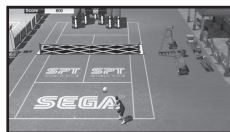


COURT GAMES

The following court games are available during **World Tour** mode as well as quick match modes you can start via **Play**.

ALIEN ATTACK

Return the ball and attack incoming aliens before they reach the barricade. This exercise helps build powerful and accurate return ground strokes.



AVALANCHE

Catch the fruit, but keep out of the path of the giant cascading tennis balls. Fast and careful footwork is required to succeed in this game.



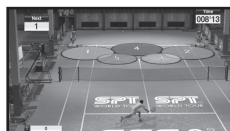
BLOCK BUSTER

Hit blocks on the other side to eliminate them. The ball will bounce back so keep the volley alive to increase your score. Note that some blocks require multiple hits to be removed.



COUNT MANIA

Aim at the numbered areas in the correct order to complete the game. This is a great exercise to improve your returns near the net.



COURT CURLING

Hit the curling stones into the target zones using a limited number of shots in various stone arrangements. Note that the multiplayer game will be played in turn-base style.



DRUM TOPPLE

Topple the oil drums stacked on the other side to knock down the red oil drums to the ground. If you need to work on your power strokes, this is an excellent exercise to practice them in.



MEAT DEFENDER

Tasty meat chops are on the court for the crocodiles at the far end. But you must stop them by returning your shots to the crocs to scare them off.



PIN CRUSHER

Knock down the bowling pins on the other side of the court with your serve. The game will be played like regular bowling so try aiming the ball at the precise point to earn your strikes.



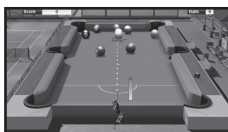
PIRATE WARS

Return the balls the pirate ships fire to eliminate them. But watch out for the cannon balls they fire, which could harm you. Accuracy in your volley will be tested in this exercise.



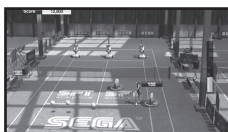
POT SHOT

Try to pot the pool balls by serving the cue ball. First adjust the position of the player by moving left and right, then set the angle of your shot.



SHOPPING DASH

Grab all of the shopping bags that appear on the court while avoiding the giant tennis balls. This is a good game to improve your footwork on the court.



ZOO FEEDER

Return the foods that are thrown by the zookeeper to feed the animals on the other side of the court. Note that not every food will satisfy their tummy.



MY VT

My VT is accessed directly from the Main Menu, and allows you to view information on all of your medals and records in various game modes of *Virtua Tennis 2009*.



■ MEDALS

Medals will be awarded for setting various statistical milestones. Challenge yourself to earn as much as you can!

■ RECORDS

Find all of your overall play records and career records of your World Tour characters.

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