

Pitfall: The Mayan Adventure

Technical Troubleshooting

Introduction

Thank you for purchasing *Pitfall: The Mayan Adventure*. This supplemental documentation is designed as a troubleshooting guide in the event you experience technical problems while running the program. The following contains technical tips and other information that could not be included in the on-line Help file.

Customer Support Bulletins

In an effort to keep you informed of the latest product developments, Activision has created Customer Support Bulletins. These files are located on the various on-line services and contain the latest information about Activision products.

Troubleshooting

The following information is designed to help you resolve any difficulties you may encounter while running the program.

Windows 95 Troubleshooting

Activision thoroughly tests its games on a variety of systems before they are released, but it is virtually impossible to test on all combinations of software and hardware. Many of the problems you may encounter in Windows 95 are caused by device drivers for video cards, sound cards and CD-ROM drives that are not fully compatible with the Windows 95 operating system.

The following troubleshooting tips are intended to assist you in solving some of the common problems that occur with the new Windows 95 operating system. If you continue to experience technical difficulties after trying the following solutions, please contact Activision Customer Support.

Brief Pause During Game

You will experience a slight pause during gameplay when a CD audio track ends and restarts. This is attributed to how Windows 95 multi-tasks between open applications and the CD player. You will most likely experience this effect while using other applications that use the CD player. Disabling the CD audio option in the Properties Box contained in *Pitfall* will eliminate this effect during the game.

Autoplay Does Not Function

1. Make sure the CD is clean and properly placed in the CD-ROM drive.
2. Your CD-ROM driver may not be optimized for use with Windows 95. To verify this, perform the following steps:

- a) Open the Windows 95 Control Panel folder and double-click on the System icon.
- b) Click on the Performance tab.

If any of your hardware drivers are not fully optimized for use with Windows 95, they will be listed here with an explanation of the exact problem and suggestions on how to fix it.

3. Select the Refresh option located in the View pull-down menu of your main hard drive window. When the *Pitfall* icon appears, double click on it. The *Pitfall* title screen should appear afterward.
4. The AutoPlay feature may be disabled. To verify this, perform the following steps:
 - a) Open the Windows 95 Control Panel folder and double-click on the System icon.
 - b) Click on the Device Manager tab.
 - c) Click on the plus sign located next to the CD-ROM icon.
 - d) Highlight your CD-ROM drive and click on the Properties button.
 - e) Click on the Settings tab.

The Auto Insert Notification box should be checked. If it is not, then click on the checkbox to enable the AutoPlay feature.

Game Freezes Or Crashes

1. Make sure your system is at least a 486/33 with a minimum of 8 MB of RAM. Trying to run the game on a lesser machine may result in hardware and performance difficulties.
2. Disable the Sound Effects option in the Sound page of the Properties Box contained in *Pitfall*. Particular sounds may cause the game to freeze when played on certain sound cards. If an updated driver does not correct this problem, disabling the sound effects may help to decrease the chance of game crashes.
3. Do not leave the game sitting idle for extended periods of time as this may cause your system to lock up. If you are not playing the game, please exit the program and restart it later when you want to play again.
4. It is recommended that you reboot your system after experiencing a crash. This helps to ensure that you will not experience any residual effects related to the crash.

Partial Sound or No Sound

1. Make sure your sound card is 100% Windows 95 compatible. Using a non-Windows 95 compatible sound card and drivers may result in sound problems.
2. The Sound Effects option is not available when running the program in Windows NT.
3. Make sure your speakers are plugged in correctly, turned on and the volume is set at an audible level.
4. Open the Windows 95 Volume Control program to verify that none of the various channels are muted or set to an inaudible level.
5. Make sure the Sound Effects, CD Ambient Sounds and/or CD Music options are enabled in the Sound page of the Properties Box contained in *Pitfall*.
6. Your sound drivers for Windows 95 may require updating. Check the installation and setup parameters of your sound card using the Device Manager of Windows 95 to determine if this is the case. To do this, perform the following steps:
 - a) Open the Windows 95 Control Panel folder and double-click on the System icon.
 - b) Click on the Device Manager tab.
 - c) Click on the plus sign located next to the Sound, Video and Game Controllers icon.
 - d) Highlight your sound card and click on the Properties button.

If you purchased your sound card before the release of Windows 95, you may obtain updated drivers in a variety of places. Most hardware retailers have access to the most recent drivers. Additionally, most sound card manufacturers maintain a BBS containing the latest drivers for free downloading. Moreover, drivers are available on CompuServe, America Online, The Microsoft Network and other popular on-line services. A list of sound card manufacturers and their Technical Support and BBS numbers is contained at the end of this document. Please make every effort to install the latest sound drivers before calling Activision Customer Support.

Game Graphics Are Faded Or Strange In Appearance

1. Make sure your video card is 100% Windows 95 compatible. Using a non-Windows 95 compatible video card and drivers may result in display problems.
2. Make sure that your video driver supports at least 256 colors. *Pitfall* must be played in 256 color mode for optimum performance. Running the program in other video modes may result in display problems and decreased performance.

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Keyboard Controls Do Not Work

1. Make sure the Keyboard option is enabled in the Keyboard page of the Properties box contained in *Pitfall*.
2. Make sure all connections between your keyboard and computer are properly connected.
3. Certain key configurations will not allow three simultaneous key presses, which often results in not being able to perform certain game actions simultaneously. You will hear a keyboard "tick" from the PC speaker when this happens.

Gamepad Or Joystick Does Not Work

1. Make sure your joystick is properly calibrated in Windows 95. To do this, perform the following steps:
 - a) Open the Windows 95 Control Panel folder and double-click on the Joystick icon.
 - b) Select the appropriate settings in the Current Joystick and Joystick Selection drop-down menus.
 - c) Calibrate your controller.
2. Although Windows 95 contains several built-in gamepad and joystick drivers, you may need to obtain a Windows 95 compatible driver from the gamepad or joystick manufacturer.
3. The Joystick option is not available when running the program in Windows NT.

Game Too Slow

1. If your computer has a turbo button, make sure it is set to the highest MHz possible.
2. Make sure your system is at least a 486/33 with a minimum of 8 MB of RAM and has a double-speed CD-ROM drive. Running the game on a lesser machine may result in hardware and performance difficulties.
3. Make sure your video driver supports a minimum of 640x480 resolution (SVGA) and is set to 256 color mode. Running the program in a higher resolution or color mode may result in slower performance.
4. If you are running the program on a Pentium machine with a speed of less than 90 Mhz and are playing in Full Screen mode with the Sync Full to Monitor option enabled, this may result in slower performance. For better performance in this situation, disable the Sync Full Screen to Monitor option.
5. Make sure you are not running an excessive amount of background applications. Before running *Pitfall*, close any applications that are not in use.
6. If you frequently multi-task or your system is linked to a network, go to the System page in the Properties Box contained in *Pitfall* and set the Game Priority option to Real-Time. This will devote maximum processing power to the game. Remember that playing the game in Real-Time mode may affect any applications running in the background. It is recommended that you do not attempt downloading or other similar functions while playing in this mode.
7. If you are experiencing general slowdown problems, it is recommended that you play the game in Full Screen mode, which is designed for maximum display combined with maximum performance. The Full Screen option is not available when running the program in Windows NT.

Game Too Fast

1. There is a rare problem related to Windows 95 that results in the game running at twice the normal speed. To resolve this situation, reboot your system and restart the game.

Error Messages

"Requires a 486, Pentium or better processor"

Pitfall requires a 486/33 or better processor with a minimum of 8 MB of RAM. Attempting to run the program on a lesser machine may result in hardware and performance difficulties.

"Requires Windows 95 or Windows NT 3.51+"

Pitfall requires the Windows 95 or Windows NT 3.51 operating system. The game is not compatible with Windows 3.1 or other operating systems.

"Pitfall must be played in 256 color mode for optimum performance"

See Game Graphics Are Faded Or Strange In Appearance section.

"Pitfall must be played using the CD-ROM"

The *Pitfall* CD must be correctly inserted into your CD-ROM drive in order to play the game.

"Are you sure you want to give up the current game?"

Using the File Menu to start a new level or changing the level of difficulty in the middle of a game will reset the score, weapons, continues, life meter, enemies, treasure pieces and other collectables to their default settings.

Hardware Manufacturers

The following is a listing of Technical Support and Customer BBS numbers for system, sound card, video card and CD-ROM manufacturers. Activision has made every effort to ensure that these numbers are correct. However, you may want to consult the documentation for your PC, video card, sound card or CD-ROM drive for more up-to-date information about each company.

System Manufacturers

Acer

Technical Support (800) 733-2237
BBS (408) 428-0140
BBS (800) 833-8241

AST Research

Technical Support (800) 727-1278
BBS (714) 852-1872

Compaq

Technical Support (800) 652-6672
BBS (713) 378-1418

Dell

Technical Support (800) 624-9896
BBS (512) 728-8528

Epson

BBS (310) 782-4531

Gateway

Technical Support (800) 846-2301
BBS (605) 323-2224 or (605) 232-2109
Download Service (800) 846-7562

Hercules Computer Technology Inc.

Technical Support (510) 623-6050
BBS (510) 623-7449 (V.32 bis)
BBS (510) 623-7034 (9600 baud)
BBS (510) 623-7142 (2400 baud)

IBM

Technical Support Multimedia (908) 329-7131
Technical Support PS/1 PRO (800) 765-4747
Technical Support Valuepoint (800) 772-2227
Technical Support Valuepoint (213) 621-5576

Intel

Technical Support (800) 538-3373
BBS (503) 645-6275

Leading Edge

Technical Support (800) 225-2283
BBS (503) 836-3971

Micronics

Technical Support (510) 651-2323
BBS (510) 651-6837

Packard Bell

Hardware Support (800) 733-4411
Software Support (801) 579-0161
BBS (801) 250-1600
BBS (818) 773-7207

Tandon

Technical Support (805) 523-0340

Tandy Computer

Technical Support (817) 878-6875

Toshiba

Technical Support (800) 999-4273
BBS (415) 656-5159

Zenith

Technical Support (800) 227-3360
BBS (800) 888-3058

Sound Card Manufacturers

Advanced Gravis

Technical Support (206) 881-6945

ATI Technologies Inc.

Technical Support (905) 882-2626
BBS (905) 764-9404

Aztech

Technical Support (800) 886-8879

Boca Research Inc.

Technical Support (407) 241-8088
BBS (407) 241-1601

Cardinal

Technical Support (717) 293-3124
BBS (717) 293-3074

Creative Labs

Technical Support (408) 428-6622

BBS (408) 428-6660

Diamond

Technical Support (408) 736-2000

BBS (408) 524-9301

Logitech

Technical Support (510) 795-8100

BBS (510) 795-0408

Media Vision

Technical Support (800) 638-2807

BBS (510) 770-0968

Microsoft

Technical Support (206) 637-7096

BBS (206) 936-4082

BBS (206) 936-6735

Reveal

Technical Support (800) 473-8325

Roland US

Technical Support (213) 685-5141

Turtle Beach

Technical Support (717) 843-6916

BBS (717) 845-4835

Video Card Manufacturers

Actix Systems

Technical Support (408) 986-1625

BBS (408) 970-3719

Advanced Integration Research

Technical Support (408) 428-0800

BBS (408) 428-1735

Advanced Micro Technology

Technical Support (909) 598-6120

BBS (909) 594-5770

Alpha Systems Lab

Technical Support (800) 576-4275

Altech International

Technical Support (800) 882-8194

BBS (408) 946-2227

Artist Graphics Company

Technical Support (800) 627-8478

BBS (612) 631-7664

ATI Technologies

Technical Support (905) 882-2626

BBS (905) 764-9404

Atlaz Intl., Limited

Technical Support (516) 239-1854

Boca

Technical Support (407) 241-8088
BBS (407) 241-1601

Cache Computers, Inc.

Technical Support (510) 226-9922
BBS (510) 226-7486

Cardinal

Technical Support (717) 293-3124
BBS (717) 293-3074

Celerite Graphics, Inc.

Technical Support (510) 226-6390
BBS (510) 226-7851

Cirrus Logic

Technical Support (510) 435-8808
Technical Support (510) 623-8300 (west coast)
Technical Support (508) 470-3380 (east coast)
BBS (510) 440-9080

Colorgraphic Communication

Technical Support (404) 455-3921
BBS (404) 452-8238

Cornerstone Technology

Technical Support (800) 562-2552 x306
BBS (408) 435-8943

CSS Laboratories, Inc.

Technical Support (800) 966-2771
BBS (714) 852-9231

Diamond Computer Systems, Inc.

Technical Support (408) 325-7100
BBS (408) 325-7175 (14400 baud, 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop)
BBS (408) 325-7080 (2400 baud, 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop)

Edge Technology, Inc.

Technical Support (800) 438-3343

ELSA America, Inc.

Technical Support (800) 272-3572
BBS (415) 588-6286

Focus Information Systems, Inc.

Technical Support (510) 657-4586
BBS (510) 657-9451

Genoa

Technical Support (408) 432-8324
BBS (408) 943-1231

Headland (Video Seven)

Technical Support (800) 553-1850
BBS (415) 656-0503

Hercules Computer Technology Inc.

Technical Support (510) 623-6050
BBS (510) 623-7449 (V.32 bis)
BBS (510) 623-7034 (9600 baud)
BBS (510) 623-7142 (2400 baud)

Identity Systems Technology

Technical Support (800) 723-8324
BBS (214) 705-7213

IOcomm Intl., Corp.

Technical Support (800) 998-8919

Liberty Electronics USA

Technical Support (800) 497-8324

Matrox Electronics Systems Limited

Technical Support (800) 462-8769
BBS (514) 685-6008

Metheus Corporation

Technical Support (503) 690-1550
BBS (503) 690-1559

MicroStep, Inc.

Technical Support (818) 336-8991
BBS (818) 961-9992

Mirage Computer Systems

Technical Support (310) 440-1460

National Design, Inc.

Technical Support (512) 329-5055
BBS (512) 329-6327

Number Nine Computer Corporation

Technical Support (617) 674-0009
BBS (617) 862-7502

Nth Graphics

Technical Support (800) 624-7552
BBS (512) 832-1964

Oak Technology

Technical Support (408) 737-0888
BBS (408) 524-9014

Orchid Technology Inc.

Technical Support (510) 683-0323
BBS (510) 683-0327

Paradise

Technical Support (800) 832-4778
BBS (415) 968-1834

Sigma Designs

Technical Support (510) 770-0100
BBS (510) 770-0111

SixGraph Computing, Limited

Technical Support (800) 561-2892
BBS (514) 336-4169

STB Systems

Technical Support (800) 234-4334
Technical Support (214) 234-8750
BBS Phone (214) 437-9615
BBS (214) 237-9615

SuperMac Technology, Inc.

Technical Support (408) 245-0646
BBS (408) 773-4500

Swan Technologies, Inc.

Technical Support (800) 468-7926
BBS (814) 237-6143

Trident Microsystems Inc.

Phone (415) 691-9211
BBS (415) 691-1016

Tseng Labs

Technical Support (215) 968-0502
BBS (215) 579-7536

Video Logic, Inc.

Technical Support (617) 494-0530
BBS (617) 494-4960

Video Seven

Technical Support (800) 553-1850
BBS (510) 656-0503
BBS (415) 656-0503

VidTech Microsystems, Inc.

Technical Support (800) 752-8033
BBS (612) 780-3564

Willow

Technical Support (212) 402-9500

CD-ROM Manufacturers**Hitachi**

Technical Support (800) 241-6558

Mitsubishi

Technical Support (800) 344-6352
BBS (714) 236-6286

Mitsumi

Technical Support (408) 970-9699

NEC

Technical Support (708) 860-0335
BBS (508) 635-6328

Panasonic

Technical Support (800) 222-0584
BBS (201) 863-7845

Sony

Technical Support (714) 826-6410 (west coast)
Technical Support (201) 368-3774 (east coast)
BBS (408) 955-5107

Teac

Technical Support (213) 726-0303