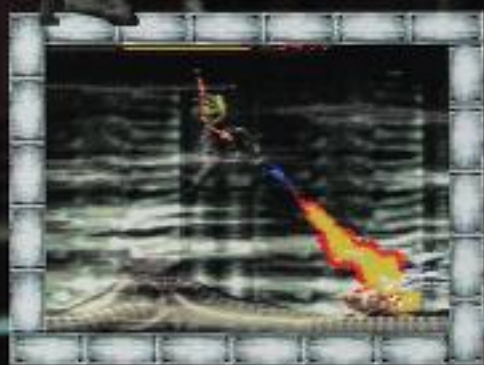


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Movie titles are sometimes a let down, probably due to the fact that the producer knows he can ride the coattails of the movie and have enough success to make it a worthwhile venture. This is not the case with Acclaim's Alien 3. In fact, it's just the opposite. In this case, if the game came out first, the movie might have done better (even though it was a sad sequel to the mighty part 2). Alien 3 is an excellent game, in fact, one of the best. I know a lot of you are probably thinking that this is just a SNES version of the Genesis Alien 3 (which is also excellent), but it's not. This time out, you'll do a lot more than just rescue hostages. At the beginning of each round, Ripley must find the terminal. Once there, you can choose one of many missions in that round, receive an objective, then choose to either accept or pass. Only after completing all the missions can you move on to the next level. This makes the game extremely long and diverse. Some missions are short and some are long (repair jobs, etc.), so you're constantly changing your strategy. 3 lives are given and you receive a password after each round. Although the





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play mechanics are well thought out, what really makes this game so good are the graphics, which are absolutely fantastic. Ripley is drawn and animated extremely well and her flames look incredibly real. The backgrounds are pure *Alien*, with well-shaded, dark, dank locales, transparent mist and acid rain. The team at Probe spared nothing when they put this one together. So, do I have any complaints? Well, not personally, but I think most beginners will have a very difficult time in the later levels as face huggers pop-out everywhere and you must instantly zap them, conserving weapons perfectly to complete the tougher missions. *Alien 3* will only be beaten quickly by advanced players. But, hey, isn't that a good point? Playing over and over makes you a better player and makes a game last, and when you've got graphics and control this good, it's worth it to fight through to the end. Overall, *Alien 3* is a top quality SNES action title with excellent graphics, control and phenomenal sound. The movie may have been a dud, but the video game is awesome.