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CARTRIDGE INSTRUCTIONS

Lode Runner

by **COLECOVISION**



**Save the people. Recover the gold of the Bungeling
booty! 150 levels to conquer.**

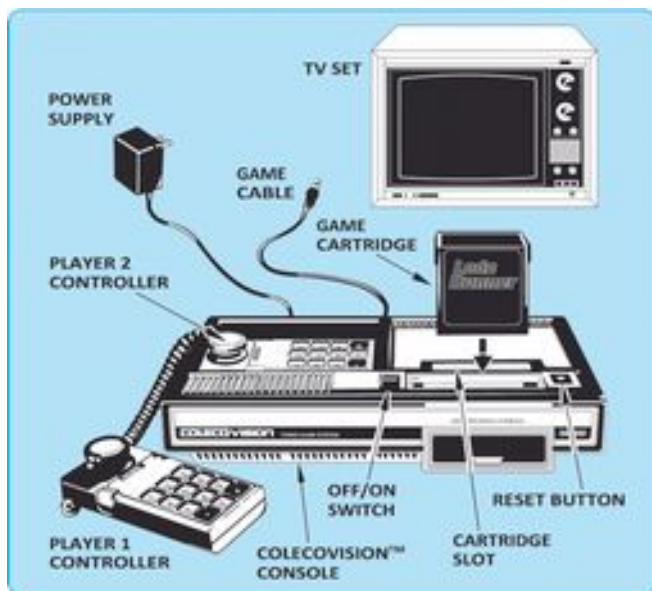
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GAME DESCRIPTION

You are a highly trained Galactic commando deep in enemy territory. Power hungry leaders of the repressive Bungeling Empire have stolen a fortune in gold from the peace loving people, and you've just discovered their secret underground treasury.

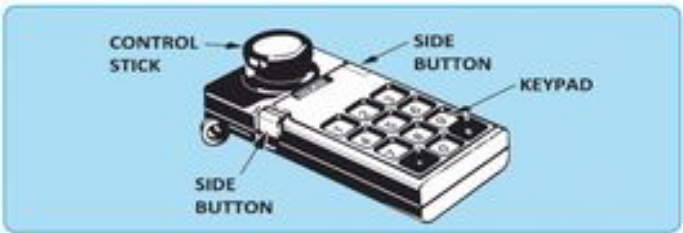
Your goal? To recover every last ingot of Bungeling booty. You'll be running, jumping, and climbing heroically, solving perplexing puzzles, and drilling passage-ways through stone floors and barriers using you laser drill pistol. You'll need more than fleet feet and good looks to get through this mission alive. You'll need your quick wits and brains!

GETTING READY TO PLAY



- Make sure the COLECOVISION™ console is connected to TV. Make sure power supply is plugged into console. Then plug power supply into a 110/120 volt AC outlet.
- TV should be on and tuned to same channel as the Channel Select switch on the console.
- To play Lode Runner™, use the controller in Port 1 (the rear jack).
- **ALWAYS MAKE SURE COLECOVISION™ UNIT IS OFF BEFORE INSERTING OR REMOVING A CARTRIDGE.** Turn **Off/On** switch to **On** after cartridge is inserted.

USING YOUR CONTROLLER



1. **Keypad:** Keypad * pauses and resumes game play. Keypad # changes game speed.
2. **Control Stick:** Push the Control Stick in the direction you want your commando to move.
3. **Side Buttons:** Press the left button to drill a pit on the floor left of your commando. Press the right button to drill a pit on the floor right of your commando.

HERE'S HOW TO PLAY

After powering on the Colecovision, the game will display the intro screen. Press the controller up or down to select the general speed of the game. The demo will play at the current selected speed to make it easier to choose the correct speed for you. Keypad # can also be used to change game speed here or while playing the game. Press any fire button to start the game.



Step 1: The goal.

The first level is displayed. Your goal? Collect all the gold ingots and then leave the screen at the top. Sounds simple enough? It would be if it weren't for those pesky Bungeling guards chasing you relentlessly. Don't let them capture you!

Step 2: Think this through.

At the beginning of each level, the game freezes until you move your commando. Take the time to plan a path through the level. Think of a way to reach those seemingly unattainable gold ingots. Try to anticipate the traps that lay ahead. You have the time, use it wisely!

Step 3: Get it done.

As soon as you move your commando, the Bungeling guards will start their chase and home in on your position. Try to evade them the best you can using the level features. You can walk on platforms, climb ladders and use ropes to cross gaps. If you're hanging on a rope, you can press down on the controller to release the rope and drop down. Your commando can fall from any height without any problems.

Step 4: Tool of the trade.

Your commando is equipped with a laser drill pistol that can drill pits through fissured bricks only (it won't work through solid surfaces). Using the left or right fire button, you can drill a new pit on the left or right side of your commando. Use this ability to evade Bungeling guards by creating new passageways for your commando. Be careful not to trap yourself into your own pit. Always make sure there's a possible exit before you jump in. You will fall through a pit if there's space or a ladder rung below it. If it's a platform, you may still move freely provided there's enough space on either sides. You can even drill new pits in the platform below.

Another use for your drill pistol is to trap guards. When a guard falls in a drilled pit, he gets stuck in it, unable to move even if there's space around or below him. He will stay in the pit for a brief time, after which he will climb out and resume his chase. A guard stuck in a pit acts as a bridge, it is safe for your commando to run over him. Other guards can also use this makeshift bridge... so be careful!

Step 5: The circle of life.

Any holes that you've drilled will fill in again after a period of time. Any characters (including your commando) will die if a platform has completely regenerated over him. When a Bungeling guard dies, a new one enters the level at the top of the screen. You can never get rid of them completely. Your best bet is to evade them using your drill pistol the best way you can!

Step 6: Stop... thief!

You're not the only one who can collect gold ingots. Each Bungeling guard can also get one at a time. They hold on to it for a while. They will eventually drop it on their own. They'll also drop it if they fall into a drilled pit.

Step 7: Need a breather? Trapped forever?

Press keypad * to pause the game. Press keypad * again to resume. Alternatively, while paused, you can press keypad # (hold the key for about 1 second) to restart the current level. You will lose a life but it can be beneficial if you're in an unwinnable

situation. You can also press keypad 0 (hold the key for about 1 second) to end the current game.

Step 8: One level done, 149 to go!

After collecting the last gold ingot, a tune will play and ladder rungs will appear on screen. These are usually necessary to reach the top of the screen and complete the level. When you do, you gain bonus points and earn an extra life. Then, the next level will be displayed and the game play resumes. Can you collect all the gold in all 150 levels?

NOTE: The Reset Button on the console “clears” the computer. It can be used to start a new game at any time, and can also be used in the event of game malfunction.

Scoring	
Action	points
Completing a level	1500
Collecting a gold ingot	250
Guard stuck in a pit	75
Guard dying in a pit	75

Each time you complete a level, you gain an extra life.

CHEATS

A number of cheats can be used while playing. Using a cheat does not alter the game play in any way. The numbers on the status screen change color though (to show that a cheat has been used).

Each cheats are entered on the keypad while playing the game. You have to press each key one after the other.

- 0, then 1: Level select
- 0, then 2: Gain an extra life
- 0, then 3: Complete current level

The level select cheat displays the current level on screen. You can change it with the controller (left/right: -1 or +1 level; down/up: -10 or +10 levels). Press any fire button to play the chosen level.

Using the "complete current level" cheat, you get neither the 1500pts for completing the level, nor the extra life.

THE FUN OF DISCOVERY

This instruction booklet will provide the basic information you need to get started playing Lode Runner, but it is only the beginning! You will find that this cartridge is full of special features that make Lode Runner exciting every time you play. Experiment with different techniques and enjoy the game!

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